



Mount Vernon Advisor
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Dear Neighbors,

As we wrap up the school year, I first want to congratulate the graduating class of 2017! Our students at Bryant, Edison, Hayfied, Mount Vernon, South

County, Thomas Jefferson, and West Potomac have worked hard to earn the distinction of being a Fairfax County Public School System alumni. Many of these graduates will be off to college later this summer to continue their education. Some may be entering the work force to pursue careers, vocational training, or starting their military career. Fairfax County is fortunate to have a dynamic economy with a lower than average unemployment rate. When I see these young women and men walk across the stage to receive their diplomas it reminds me of my pledge and duty to transform the Richmond Highway corridor into a place of high quality employment opportunities. They certainly deserve the best.

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Many other children and adolescents will be out of school for the summer enjoying a break. Last week, I had the honor of attending the ribbon cutting of the newly renovated Stratford Landing Recreation Association pool. The community rallied together to raise money to make the pool better than ever! It reminded me of my own start in local public service over 20 years ago when I took on the challenge of renovating my community's failing pool. It is always such a reward to see these projects strengthen our neighborhood bonds. If you are too busy working to enjoy the pool, then Fairfax County has many [summer camp](#) options to keep kids active, engaged and learning all summer long. Our fabulous [farmers markets](#) are fully stocked with fresh, local fruits, vegetables, and baked goods. Be sure to attend the free [Mount Vernon Nights Summer Concert Series](#) 7:30 pm on Fridays at Grist Mill Park and 6:00 pm on Saturdays at the Workhouse Arts Center.

Even though the lazy days of summer are soon upon us, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and I have been hard at work on several initiatives. Last week, I introduced a Board Matter with Supervisor McKay's support to combat aggressive driving in the Mount Vernon Police District. Fairfax County's finest will be out in force enforcing traffic laws

over the summer. I encourage residents to e-mail the [Mount Vernon Police Station](#) if they see any unsafe or aggressive driving. I will also host a [Senior Safety Summit](#) on June 30th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Government Center.

There has been a change of command at the Mount Vernon District Police Station and while we have been very fortunate to have Captain Shawn Martin's leadership for four years, please welcome our new Captain Anthony "Tony" Matos back to the Mount Vernon Station.



We have many upcoming events. Here are a few ways to get involved and connect. Please join us! #Connect MVD

Senior Safety Summit - June 30, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Mount Vernon Government Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Mount Vernon, VA 22306.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/event/mount-vernon-district-senior-safety-summit-june-30/>

Respectfully yours in public service,

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

May 2017 Activities:

- Phone calls: more than 1,136
- Meetings: attended more than 30
- Hosted meetings: 25

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

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 - 11:30 am
MV District Office: 12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.



Mount Vernon District Staff
Donna Slaymaker, Allison Miessler,
Christine Morin, Betsy Slaymaker, Tae Choi

Welcome back to our summer intern, VCU
student Betsy Slaymaker.

Walk-ins and by appointment



Summer Aggressive Driving Campaign



With crowded, busy roads, aggressive driving is a troubling and dangerous problem in Fairfax County and across the metropolitan region. Some of the most visible acts of aggressive driving include:

- Tailgating
- Unsafe lane changes
- Speeding
- Running red lights and stop signs

This summer, the Fairfax County Police Department will be targeting aggressive and unsafe drivers along the Richmond Highway corridor. You can help by reporting aggressive drivers to FCPDMTVtraffic@fairfaxcounty.gov

What can I do to reduce the chance of being labeled an aggressive driver?

- Allow plenty of travel time
- Maintain an adequate distance from the vehicle in front of you
- Always use turn signals
- Always come to a full stop at red lights and stop signs
- Don't run yellow lights: slow down instead
- Let other drivers merge with you
- Focus on driving; limit cell phone and stereo use

- Use horn only for emergencies
- Never engage in rude faces/gestures with other drivers/motorists
- Extend common courtesy to other drivers at all times

Honoring BZA Chair John Ribble



I was honored to thank the Board of Zoning Appeals Chairman John Ribble for his 35 years of service to the BZA. John has provided leadership and a strong commitment by serving the Mount Vernon and Fairfax County community since 1982.

Superintendent Selection

Congratulations to Dr. Scott Brabrand for his selection as the new Fairfax County Public School System Superintendent. One of the biggest decisions facing the Fairfax County School Board is the appointment of the Chief Executive of FCPS. Dr. Brabrand is a former Fairfax County Public School System employee and was formerly Superintendent of the City of Lynchburg's School System. Dr. Brabrand and I worked very closely together for many years when he was the Assistant Superintendent in charge of the Bryant, Hayfield, Mount Vernon and West Potomac pyramid schools. He is an outstanding leader who will serve our communities well.

I commend the School Board on their selection and I look forward to a



strong collaboration between Dr. Brabrand and County Executive Ed Long. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors faces a similar challenge in selecting a new County Executive, since Ed Long announced his second retirement from Fairfax County. Ed has been a passionate, analytical and dedicated public servant. I am sad to see him leave his post, but wish him all the best in his retirement. I know he will stay active and teach the craft of public administration to a new generation of public servants.

Embark Discussion with Supervisor Storck

I will be hosting 3 meetings with community members to discuss the upcoming changes to the comprehensive plan in preparation to the Embark Richmond Highway. Each meeting will take place from 7:00-9:00 pm and I hope to hear your thoughts and concerns.

6/27/2017 Gum Springs CBC - Mount Vernon District Meeting Rooms
2511 Parkers Lane

7/19/2017 Penn Daw/Beacon CBC - Huntington Community Center
5751 Liberty Drive

7/27/2017 South Richmond Highway - Woodlawn Elementary School
8505 Highland Lane

Now Hiring Communications Director

We have a full time opening on our staff for a Communications Director. This person will serve as the communications manager and coordinator in a deadline-driven environment. Responsibilities include developing, implementing, and evaluating a communications plan. Leads the generation of online content that engages the community audience and leads to measurable action. Coordinates all communications with staff team and manages the master communications calendar. Activities include print, electronic, and social media communications with constituents, homeowner associations, businesses and boards. Develops a community ambassador and brand program.

Preferred Qualifications:

Resident of the southeastern portion of Fairfax County, preferably Mount Vernon community. Bi-lingual, fluency in Spanish or other foreign languages welcomed. Strong professional writing and copy editing experience; experience with website content management; knowledge of principles and practices of marketing and public relations, and of social media best practices. Ability to multitask, work independently and meet deadlines. Ability to handle confidential information in a professional manner.

If you are interested, please send your resume and three writing samples to mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov by June 25.

Senior Summit

***Mount Vernon Supervisor Dan Storck
invites you to attend***

Senior Safety Summit Preventing the 9-1-1 Call

A Senior Health & Safety Seminar



Friday, June 30, 2017

9 a.m. — 12 p.m.

(Each agency will have an informational table available 9 – 10 a.m.)

**Mount Vernon Governmental Center
2511 Parkers Lane, Mount Vernon, VA 22306**

**Presentations by the following
Fairfax County Agencies:**

Fire & Rescue Department

Police Department

Sheriff's Office

**Department of Public Safety
Communications**

**Department of Cable and Consumer
Services**

Department of Family Services:

Health Department



Presentations will include:

- ▶ **File of Life and Yellow Dot Programs
(Fire & Rescue)**
- ▶ **How to Defend Yourself from Scams/Frauds
(Police)**
- ▶ **Mosquito and Tick Bite Prevention
(Health Department)**
- ▶ **Project Lifesaver
(Sheriff's Office)**
- ▶ **Examining Financial Exploitation of Older Adults
(Family Services)**
- ▶ **Services for Older Adults
(Family Services - Division of Adult and Aging Services)**
- ▶ **Next Generation 9-1-1
(Public Safety Communications)**
- ▶ **Cable and Consumer Services Information
(Cable and Consumer Services)**

For more information, please contact:

**Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck's office at
703-780-7518**

OR

**Battalion Chief Willie F. Bailey
Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department
703-246-3801**

School's Out for Summer!

Now that FCPS is out for summer recess, make sure your children stay active and engaged. The Fairfax County Public School System and the Fairfax County Park Authority have summer learning and activity programs so



children can exercise their mind and muscles so they are ready for a new school year in August.

Back to the Bay



I was honored to attend and speak at the Back to the Bay event on Saturday, June 10th at Mason Neck State Park. It is because of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act, the Clean Water Act and other intelligent environmental regulations government has put in place that the Chesapeake Bay, Potomac River and our watersheds are improving. This family friendly event celebrates the nation's largest estuary, the Chesapeake Bay.

There are four easy ways you can help protect the health of the Bay.

- 1). Participate in a local watershed clean up event.
- 2). Use lawn fertilizers sparingly, the excess phosphorus can cause algae blooms, robing aquatic life of oxygen.
- 3). Install a rain barrel at your home
- 4). Scoop the poop - don't let pet waste enter our watersheds; up to a third of harmful bacteria can come from dog waste.

Fairfax County's 275th Anniversary



This year, we will celebrate the [275th Anniversary of Fairfax County](#). Please mark your calendars for a June 17th highlight event named *Historically Fairfax*, on the grounds of the Historic Fairfax Courthouse at Main Street and Rt. 123. This signature event will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Join the conversation and stay connected on Facebook [@Fairfax275](#).

[Click here](#) for a complete list of May events. The Fairfax 275 website is also a great resource to find history-related events in the Mount Vernon district:

<http://www.fxva.com/275/>

Other Resources:

"Historically Fairfax" event map: Click [here](#)

Educators Corner: <http://www.fxva.com/275/educators-corner/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Fairfax275/>

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

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

Save the Date! June 17, 2017
HISTORIC FAIRFAX COUNTY COURTHOUSE



Celebrate FAIRFAX COUNTY'S 275TH Birthday!

Saturday, June 17, 2017

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Historic Fairfax Courthouse

The day's events, which are free and open to the public, will include:

- Family-friendly activities
- Entertainment
- History Exhibits
- Living History
- Performances

...and more!

Visit www.Fairfax275.org
for more information.



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To request reasonable ADA accommodations, call 703-324-5421 or 703-449-1186 (TTY).

Farmers Markets Now Open



2017 Fairfax County Farmers Markets

Wednesday

McCutcheon/MV



8:00 am – noon May 3 – Dec 13
Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane

Oak Marr

8:00 am – noon May 3 – Nov 15
Oak Marr Rec Center, 3200 Jermantowne Road

Wakefield

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm May 3 – Oct 25
Wakefield Park, 8100 Braddock Road

Thursday

Annandale

8:00 am – noon May 4 – Nov 16
Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike

Herndon



8:00 am – 12:30pm April 20 – Nov 9
Old Town Herndon, 700 Block of Lynn St.,
By the Red Caboose

Government Center

3:00 – 7:00 pm May 4 – Oct 26
*CLOSED for Celebrate Fairfax set up June
Fairfax County Government Center,
12000 Government Center Pkwy

Friday

McLean

8:00 am – noon May 5 – Nov 17
*CLOSED for McLean day set up May 20
Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road

Kingstowne

4:00 – 7:00 pm May 5 – Oct 27
In the Giant parking lot, 5870 Kingstowne Towne Center

Saturday

Burke *New Extended Season!

8:00 am – noon April 29 – Dec 16
VRE parking Lot, 5671 Roberts Parkway

Reston *New Extended Season!

8:00 am – noon April 29 – Dec 9
*CLOSED for Multicultural festival September 23
Lake Anne Village Center, 11401 North Shore Drive

Sunday

Lorton



9:00 am – 1pm May 7 – Nov 12
VRE parking lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd.



Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) EBT cards can now be used at select Fairfax County Farmers Markets!

We will match up to \$20 per market visit for FREE fruits and veggies!

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets | 703-642-0128



If accommodations or alternative formats are needed, please call 703-324-8563 at least 10 working days before an event. TTY 703-803-3354

Mount Vernon Nights Summer Concerts



In June, July and August, the Mount Vernon Nights Summer Entertainment Series is back! This series of free, public concerts features a variety of musical performances reflecting

Fairfax County's diversity, culture, and community spirit. Concerts are Friday nights at 7:30 at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, and Saturday nights at 6:00 p.m. at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton. Come early to the Workhouse Arts Center to explore its vibrant arts scene. For more information, click [here](#)

You can catch [other concerts](#) hosted at several Fairfax County parks this summer!

Summer Pet Safety

The sizzling temperatures are here! Do not leave your pets in your car, even for a few minutes. In June to September of last year we had 22 confirmed cases of dogs left in cars in Fairfax County, including one death.



Rolling down the windows has little effect on the temperature inside a car. High temps can cause organ damage and even death for our furry friends. Call 9-1-1 if you see a pet alone in a parked car on a hot day.

Pet owners are urged to remember the following tips:

On a warm day, temperatures can rapidly rise to dangerous levels. If you see an animal in distress in a parked car, contact police. Even with the windows slightly open, the temperature in a car on a 93-degree day can soar to 125 degrees in just 20 minutes and approximately 140 degrees in 40 minutes.

If your pet shows any of the following signs contact your veterinarian immediately:

- heavy panting
- glazed eyes
- rapid heartbeat
- vomiting
- fever
- dizziness
- restlessness
- excessive thirst
- profuse salivation

Take steps to reduce the animal's body temperature; apply ice packs or cold towels to the head, neck and chest, provide water and ice cubes for hydration, and move the animal into the shade or air-conditioning.

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:

- **Barbara Varon Volunteer Award Selection Committee**

Reviews nominee applications and selects the recipient of the Award

- **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.

- **Health Care Advisory Board**

To be responsible for a periodic review of a comprehensive health plan for the County; to initiate an on-going health care information process in coordination with local, regional, State and Federal agencies.

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](#).

Voter Registration & Confirmation
Absentee Ballot Applications | Voter Photo Id Processing

Staff from the Fairfax County Office of Elections will be available for assistance.

La oficina de elecciones de Fairfax County estará procesando registraciones e ID's con foto para votar, formularios de solicitud de voto ausente.

WHEN:

First Saturday of the month
10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*APRIL 1**MAY 6**JUNE 3**JULY 1**AUGUST 5**SEPTEMBER 2***WHERE:**

SHERWOOD HALL REGIONAL LIBRARY, 2501 Sherwood Hall Ln, Alexandria

Update or Register online: vote.virginia.gov



The Fairfax County Office of Elections
12000 Government Center Pkwy, 323, Fairfax VA
Email: voting@fairfaxcounty.gov
Phone: 703-222-0776 TTY: 711 

Workhouse Arts Center



Workhouse
ARTS CENTER

<http://www.workhousearts.org/event/wet-paint/>

May 19 - August 6

The Workhouse is excited to present "Wet Paint," an exhibit highlighting the works of young painters - talented, fearless, and yearning to create - who are still in school or are recent graduates. Visitors will be treated to an insider's look at what the newest generation of young artists is exploring as they tackle new and traditional subjects, techniques, and more while building their creative practices.

Workhouse Fireworks

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

July 1 5:00p - 9:30p

Celebrate Independence Day a few days early with your family at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton, VA. Enjoy art exhibits, food trucks, local craft beer and wine, live music, and a spectacular fireworks show! Live music begins at 7pm on July 1 and fireworks start at dusk, typically just after 9pm. Admission is free and you're welcome to bring blankets and lawn chairs; parking is available for a nominal fee.

SCAPE Open Art Studio

<http://www.workhousearts.org/event/scapeopenartstudio/all/>

Open Art Studio art-making sessions serve active duty and retired service members and their families, allowing participants to explore their creativity, inspire and be inspired, and grow with others. The Workhouse Art Therapist will be available for an hour after each Open Art Studio session to meet with participants to discuss artwork or other topics. All materials provided.