

September 14, 2021



At Tuesday's meeting, the Board approved the additions to the **previously approved Historic Overlay District for Wellington at River Farm**. From the first announcement a year ago, **I led dozens of conversations** with AHS Board members, elected officials and community leaders about protecting and **preserving River Farm's beauty and public access**. The AHS Board split has made reaching a consensus for any action difficult and **I have encouraged them to seek mediation** to resolve their differences.

Without a **clear agreement** that River Farm will be protected and preserved long term, the community and I would **not support any change**. I continue to believe that a **mutual agreement with NOVA Parks** could achieve everyone's goals.

We accepted the **County's first-ever greenhouse gas reduction plan - [Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan](#)**, or CECAP. This plan is a **roadmap to move our community to carbon neutrality by 2050**. To realize this goal, CECAP calls on **every County resident, business, and organization** to take action and outlines dozens of recommended activities to help us move the needle toward a **carbon-free future**. I initiated the CECAP process in my **first Fairfax Green Initiative Board Matter** and I **thank County staff for working with the community** to make this plan a reality.

During public comment, we **listened to many of you** share your comments, with the majority speaking in favor of the **proposed Disposable Plastic Bag Tax**. After careful consideration, the Board did **adopt a 5-cent tax, effective January 1, 2022**, that will be **"Part of the solution to plastic pollution."** While the Board is adopting this new tax because we have serious plastic pollution and global warming issues, **I don't want anyone to have to pay this fee** and encourage residents to increase use of their **own bags and boxes, or choose not to take one at all**. [Here is a link to more information and FAQs...](#)

The Board recognized **retiring County Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Joe Mondoro** for his many years of **service and dedication to the residents** of Fairfax County. Joe has been a **stalwart and incredibly knowledgeable CFO**, always able to breakdown complicated issues for everyone to understand. I am **deeply thankful** to him for the support and guidance he provided, including being a **leader in our environmental efforts** across County departments and agencies.

I also shared the recent loss of **Adeline "Addy" Krizek and Reg Smith**. Addy, beloved mother of Delegate Paul Krizek, **co-founded Christian Relief Services Charities**, worked for the Red Cross and **United Community**. In 2019, she **received United Community's Gerry W. Hyland Humanitarian Award** for her many years of service to our community. **Reg Smith and his wife Liz** have been long time Mount Vernon residents, living in the **Tauxemont community** where the entire neighborhood **misses seeing him** walking up and down the street every day. In his prime, **Reg volunteered his time** to help District candidates.

Additional Meeting Highlights:

1. The Board of Supervisors affirmed the selection of **Jai Cole** as the **Executive Director of the Park Authority**. Jai brings more than two decades of leadership experience with **award-winning recreation and park agencies** and will begin her position immediately.

2. Approved a plan amendment to **permit townhomes on a 1.9 acre lot** at the corner of **Silverbrook and Southrun Roads** in Lorton.
3. Approved a waiver to **permit construction of 2 single family detached homes** on the east side of **Lukens Lane** and north side of **Old Mill Road** in Mount Vernon.
4. Approved expedited and concurrent processing for the **WMATA Huntington Metro CDP/FDP** and SSPA Plan Amendment PA-2021-5.

You can read more about COVID-19 updates, **upcoming community meetings** and information below.

Respectfully yours in public service,



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

The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors September 14, 2021 meeting**, including items of particular interest to Mount Vernon residents. For additional information, please go to the [County's Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule](#). You may listen to highlights from the Board meeting on your computer or listen directly on iTunes. Subscribe to the podcast, or choose a program and listen in.

Para recibir la información de **nuestro boletín electrónico en español**, o **para hablar con un hispanohablante**, comuníquese con **Nick Rinehart** a su preferencia, por teléfono al (703) 780-7518 o por correo electrónico: nicholas.rinehart@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The Board also recognized and designated:



September as Suicide Awareness Month



September as Hunger Action Month



September 15 - October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month

To view the **September 14, 2021 Board Package** [click here](#).

Administrative Items

Item 12: Authorized the **Department of Housing and Community Development** to accept grant funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, in the **amount of \$265,626** to be used to continue **Continuum of Care Planning activities**.

Authorized public hearings on:

- Proposed amendments to Fairfax County Code Section 82-5-32 - Removal, Immobilization, and Disposition of **Vehicles Unlawfully Parked** on Private or County Property. The proposed amendments will **increase fees for trespass towing**.
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Action Items

Item 1: Approved the **BOS regular meeting schedule for CY 2022**. *The full item can be read on pages 148 - 149 of the Board Package.*

Item 5: Approved \$150,000 of the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) **Stormwater funding in FY 2022** to **support additional projects** selected through the existing **Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District (NVSWCD)** administered Conservation Assistance and Virginia Conservation Assistance Programs. *The full item can be read on pages 239 - 241 of the Board Package.*

Item 7: Authorized the **Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT)** to apply for funding in the amount of **approximately \$3 million** from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation's (DRPT) **Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP)**. The TRIP program provides funding to transit agencies for the purpose of **improving the regional connectivity** of urbanized areas and **increasing ridership** by supporting the deployment of **zero and subsidized (reduced) fare pilot programs**. Staff is proposing to **subsidize low-income rider fares by 50 percent**. It is expected that this reduced fare program will **aid families recovering from the economic impacts of COVID-19** and **help restore Fairfax Connector ridership**. *The full item can be read on pages 261 - 263 of the Board Package.*

Item 11: Authorized the **Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT)** to apply to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) for FY 2022 to FY2027 **regional transportation funding**. Mount Vernon District projects include **\$180 million for the widening of Richmond Highway and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) projects**. *The full item can be read on pages 808 - 820 of the Board Package.*

Item 13: Authorized the Department of Transportation to apply for **funding in the amount of \$3.2 million** and adopted the project endorsement resolution for **VDOT's FY 2023-2024 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Funding Program**. Four projects are included in this request, including an **\$800,000 grant request for Mason Neck Trail (Pohick Bay Park Entrance to Route 1)**. *The full item can be read on pages 311 - 317 of the Board Package.*

Supervisor Storck Board Matters

CECAP Final Report Board Matter - Joint with Chairman Jeff McKay

The planning phase for the **Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan (CECAP)** has culminated and the final report delivered for our **consideration and acceptance**. The Report executive summary is included with this Board Matter. The full Report is available on the [CECAP webpage](#).

When the planning process was first approved by the Board in September 2019, CECAP was envisioned as a **community-driven process** focused on **reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions** in Fairfax County. Only 5 percent of emissions in the County are attributable to government and school operations. In order to **address the remaining 95**

percent of emissions, it was vital that **community members be heavily involved** in and able to take **ownership of the plan**. As such, the CECAP Final Report includes **community-developed goals, strategies and actions** to achieve emissions reductions including an overall goal to be carbon neutral by 2050. [Read more...](#)

Action

Accepted the CECAP Final Report and directed OEEC, with support of relevant County agencies, to prepare a community implementation plan to guide both short-term and long-term strategies, actions and recommendations described in the Report. The short-term implementation should focus on CECAP recommendations to initiate public outreach and education, build on existing initiatives and programs relevant to CECAP and consider the proposed legislative items. The short-term implementation plan will be brought for review to the Board's Environmental Committee early in 2022.

6th Annual Tour de Mount Vernon

It's that time of the year again – the **6th Annual Tour de Mount Vernon Community Bike Ride will be on October 23**. This year we will be riding in the **northern portion of the Mount Vernon District**, beginning and ending at the **Woodlawn & Pope Leighey House**. Again this year, there will be a **20-mile short ride and a 35+ mile long ride**, so riders of all levels are welcome. Riders will roll past Mount Vernon Estate, Gristmill, Fort Hunt Park, River Farm, Gum Springs, the National Museum of the US Army, and Fort Belvoir. This event continues to grow with the help of our partner, **FABB - Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling**. Last year due to COVID-19 we had to cap the ride at 250 riders and many were turned away. **This year, all are welcome!** We will again have a **rolling start and encourage safe COVID protocols** to keep everyone safe. This event is focused on encouraging community members to explore the many treasures of the Mount Vernon District. Additional information and the registration portal can be found by visiting the [Mount Vernon District webpage](#).

Action

Directed the Office of Public Affairs to publicize the 2021 Tour de Mount Vernon.

Motion for Expedited and Concurrent Processing WMATA Huntington Metro CDP/FDP and SSPA Plan Amendment PA-2021-5

The Huntington Metro Station serves as the **southern terminus of Metro's Yellow Line** and provides the only direct connection for some communities to the Metro System. Consistent with the **Embark Comprehensive Plan Update**, the Huntington Metro Station will also serve as the connection point for the **future Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system** proposed for Richmond Highway.

On January 26, 2021, the Board authorized the consideration of Plan Amendment PA-2021-00005, to evaluate a **plan option for the future redevelopment of the 30-acre Huntington Metro Station** with mixed-use up to 1.5 Floor Area Ratio (FAR) (1.8 million square feet (sf)), including: public facilities for Huntington Metrorail Station, 360,000 sf office/retail use, and 2,250-2,350 dwelling units on subject parcels in low, mid, and high-rise buildings between 55 and 200 feet in height. **This Plan Amendment study is currently in process.**

WMATA's proposed redevelopment of the Huntington Metro Station is not happening in a vacuum. The Huntington Metro Station lies **adjacent to the Huntington Club property** and will require detailed coordination with that project to ensure viable interconnectivity. [Read more...](#)

Action

Approved:

- *Expedited processing for WMATA's future rezoning case (including CDP and concurrent FDP for the affordable housing and transportation infrastructure components), which will be submitted shortly, so that they can be considered concurrently with the Plan Amendment study; and*
- *Concurrent processing of site plans associated with the future rezoning of the Huntington Metro Station, at the Applicant's risk.*

Public Hearings

RZ 2021-MV-004 (Marie J. and Paul L. Charles)

Approved a waiver to **permit construction of 2 single family detached homes** on the east side of **Lukens Lane** and north side of **Old Mill Road** in Mount Vernon.

Decision Only: Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment Re: Historic Overlay Districts – State Code Revisions

Approved a Zoning Ordinance amendment to **grant the Architecture Review Board (ARB) additional authority** to hear and decide applications for any proposed subdivision—including any subdivision plat, plan, or construction plan—of any parcel or parcels within an **HOD whose district-specific regulations require such ARB approval**. Of the 14 HODs in the County, this amendment only **applies only to the Wellington at River Farm HOD**. The proposed amendment would **require ARB approval of any proposed subdivision** in the Wellington at River Farm Historic Overlay District (WHOD).

I have been **very involved with these additional protections** for the HOD since **Senators Scott Surovell** and **Adam Ebbin** and I first discussed this option **six months ago**. Thanks to **Senator Scott Surovell** who went the extra mile to get the SB 1457 passed by the General Assembly, this new Board action grants the Architecture Review Board (ARB) **additional authority to protect River Farm** from development.

Proposed Plan Amendment 2020-030, 8708 Silverbrook Road, East of the Intersection of Silverbrook Road and Southrun Road

Approved a plan amendment to **permit townhomes on a 1.9 acre lot** at the corner of **Silverbrook and Southrun Roads** in Lorton.

Proposed Amendments to County Code to Reflect Amendments to State Anti-Discrimination and Fair Housing Statutes Enacted During the 2021 Session of the General Assembly to Change Status as a Veteran to Military Status as a Protected Class, Adding a Definition of Military Status to Art (the Fairfax County Fair Housing Act), Adding the Accessible Parking Language from HB 1971 to Art., and Deleting Extraneous Language from Art.

Approved amendments to Chapter 11.1 of the county code to reflect amendments to state **anti-discrimination and fair housing statutes** enacted during the 2021 General Assembly to change status as a **veteran to military status as a protected class**, add **definition of military status** and **accessible parking language** and delete extraneous language.

Consider Amendment to The Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia – Chapter 4 (Taxation and Finance) to Add a New Article 30 to Establish a Disposable Plastic Bag Tax

Approved an amendment to the Code of the County of Fairfax to establish a **five cent plastic bag tax** in grocery stores, convenience stores and drugstores. **Plastic pollution is a significant problem** in Fairfax County and **disposable bags are one of the chief contributors**. These bags clog up our waterways and threaten the health and life of our wildlife. **Plastics are forever**, they don't break down like other, natural materials and therefore their environmental impact is substantial. 75% of all plastic ever produced is now waste, and, as of today, **one-third of all plastic waste ends up in nature**. Here in Mount Vernon this is very **evident in our rivers, streams and storm drains**. The timing on this implementation is important as until January 2023, **retailers will be able to keep 2-cents** from each fee collected to **help promote the program and off-set costs**. Beginning January 2023, that discount decreases to 1-cent. I know many of you will have questions. This tax will help to **curb the use of disposable plastic bags** in our community. This is just one more step in our **County and community efforts to reduce our carbon footprint** and our goal of carbon neutrality by 2040 and 2050, respectively. [Learn more and read the FAQs...](#)

Board Appointments

Mount Vernon residents were appointed or reappointed to the following:

- Childcare Advisory Council - **Scott Stroh**
 - Affordable Housing Advisory Council - **Gary Russell**
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District Information & Upcoming Events

- **Draw Redistricting Maps Online for the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors**
- Early Voting Begins Sept. 17 for the Nov. 2 General Election
- Fairfax County Community Aims for Carbon Neutrality by 2050
- Active and Thriving Community Grant Program – Application Deadline Extended to Sept. 21
- New Park Authority Executive Director Named
- Fort Belvoir SM-1 Nuclear Power Plant Decommissioning and Dismantlement project - Community Meeting September 28
- Ways You Can Help Fight Hunger in Fairfax County
- Health and Safety Podcast
- NVTAs Transportation Priorities Survey - Closes September 17!
- Countywide Strategic Plan Survey - Closes September 24!
- Springfield to Quantico Enhanced Public Transportation Study - Public Information Meetings - September 21 and 23

Save-the-Date! Mount Vernon District Virtual Senior Safety Summit Coming October 1, 2021!

Detectives Release Video from JannaLee Ave Homicide

Detectives are **asking for the public's help identifying the individuals** pictured in surveillance footage that may be related to the fatal shooting of **Tafari "Trey" Nadhim**, 30, of Maryland. On July 8, Mr. Nadhim was **found deceased by a community member** in the **7800 block of JannaLee Avenue**. Detectives determined that Mr. Nadhim was **attending a block party on July 4** in the nearby neighborhood. At some point in the evening, Mr. Nadhim was involved in a **verbal dispute and was shot between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. on July 5**.

During the investigation, detectives found **video surveillance of a man walking** behind a row of apartments **displaying a firearm** 100 to 200 yards away from where Mr. Nadhim was discovered. The man was followed by a **group of two men and one woman**. Further investigation through **social media accounts** identified the same woman from this group was attending the Fourth of July block party.

Detectives would like to speak to the individuals seen in the videos as they believe they may be involved or have information about the fatal shooting of Mr. Nadhim. [Watch the video...](#)

If you can identify anyone in the video, **please contact detectives** at our Major Crimes Bureau at 703-246-7800, option 2. **Tips can also be submitted anonymously** through Crime Solvers by phone – 1-866-411-TIPS (866-411-8477), by text – Type "FCCS" plus tip to 847411, and by web – [Click HERE](#). **Download our Mobile tip411 App "Fairfax Co Crime Solvers"**. Anonymous tipsters are **eligible for cash reward** if their information leads to an arrest.

Survey to Name New Lee District Community Center

In May 2020, Fairfax County purchased the **Mount Vernon Athletic Club** with plans to establish a **multi-service center** to meet the immediate needs of neighborhoods in the **Buckman Road area** on the west side of Richmond Highway. When it **opens in late 2021**, the center will provide recreation, youth programs and other **equitable, accessible and effective resources for the Hybla Valley area**. Take the survey today!

[English...](#)

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National Voter Registration Day event at Sherwood Hall Public Library

September 28 is National Voter Registration Day, which is a nation-wide effort to register voters ahead of **critical state and local elections in 2021** and midterm elections in 2022. In Fairfax County, the League of Women Voters will mark the day by holding **voter registration and information events** at most Fairfax County Public Library branches, including **Sherwood Hall Library**. The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax area (LWVFA) is a **101 year old non-partisan organization** dedicated to empowering voters and strengthening democracy.

Every eligible American voter should have the option to **exercise his or her right** to be heard at the ballot box, and National Voter Registration Day is the right day to **start by getting registered**. If you have not yet registered to vote, have moved since you last voted or have **questions about when and where to vote** you can [visit the website](#) or come to **Sherwood Hall Library on September 28**.

VAX NOVA VETS

The Northern Virginia Veterans Association and the Dulles Area Transportation Association have been awarded federal funding for a joint project to **provide veterans who are disabled or over age 65 transportation to COVID-19 vaccination appointments**. The program offers **round-trip, no-cost taxi service** to COVID-19 vaccination appointments for **eligible veterans, including those who need wheelchair accessible transportation**. The program has expanded and is **now also offers free transportation to medical appointments**. This includes rides to appointments at the **VA Hospital in Washington, DC**. Veterans who live in the following areas may be eligible for this program: Alexandria, Arlington, **Fairfax, Fairfax City, Falls Church**, Manassas, Manassas Park and Prince William.



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RIBBON CUTTING

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*Join Supervisor Dan Storck, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
and the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services
for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the*

**Opening of the South County Teen and Senior Centers
at the historic Original Mount Vernon High School**

Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 5 p.m.

8333 Richmond Highway
Alexandria, VA 22309

The event will be held rain or shine.

Registration is preferred, but not required.
RSVP and find program and parking details at:
<https://bit.ly/SouthCountyOpening>

Contact 703-324-4600 for more information.

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Tour de Mount Vernon is Back!

Join me for our **annual community bike ride** on **Saturday October 23, at 8:30 a.m.**, starting and ending at **Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House**. The Tour de Mount Vernon brings cyclists on a **fun ride through the northern and central portions** of the Mount Vernon District including a **scenic route through Fort Belvoir**. The route will consist of paved roads, paved trails and will have several challenging sections. **Ride monitors and Fairfax County Police** will be on hand to help with directions and keep everyone safe. [Learn more and register to](#)

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