

September 29, 2020



Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting started with a public hearing on the County and Schools' **FY 2020 Carryover Review to amend the FY 2021 Revised Budget Plan**. The Board approved the **FY 2020 carryover**, which is the allocation of **unspent dollars from the previous year's budget to this year's budget**. In Virginia, localities are required to balance their budgets annually.



One of the **largest and most important allocations** was to set aside **\$15.19 million to the County's Coronavirus Pandemic Reserve** in the General Fund. The reserve is funding set aside to accommodate the unknowns we are facing with COVID-19 and currently **totals \$25.03 million**.

**Highlights** of critical County investments in the **carryover package for COVID-19 response**:

- **40 new School Health positions** (funded by CARES Act funding and by FCPS) to support COVID-19 cases and contact investigations. Following the pandemic, these hires will be redeployed to the School Health program.
- 11 new positions to the **Coordinated Services Planning call center** to address the unprecedented increase in calls for service and to improve wait times.
- 9 positions to the **Fairfax County Public Health Laboratory** to increase the capacity of COVID-19 testing from 500 COVID-19 samples a day to 1,000 samples a day.

**Additional carryover package highlights:**

- \$8.06 million towards the **County's environmental and energy strategies**. This funding will help support our goal of reducing County energy use, for example converting 56,000 streetlights across Fairfax to LED lights and expanding Electric Vehicle charging stations at County buildings.
- \$1.9 million towards the implementation of phases 2 and 3 of the **body-worn camera program** in FY 2021. This includes a 40% increase to the **Commonwealth's Attorney's** budget with **15 new positions** in their office.
- \$1.14 million to the **Office of Elections** to support the **November 2020 election**. Funding will support the staffing necessary to process absentee ballots and to staff voting locations, the purchase of ballots and registration notices, and supplies for polling and satellite locations. The Office of Elections is run by an **independent Electoral Board**, not the Board of Supervisors. However, the BOS has approved all additional funding requests from the Electoral Board to ensure the resources are in place for this very large election year. This includes a record number of **satellite locations** that will open on **October 14**.

**Additional Meeting Highlights:**

1. Approved participation in a **regional analysis of impediments to fair housing**.
2. Approved funding for a county-wide **Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Plan**.
3. Authorized a public hearing to extend the Board's previous ordinance, and to amend it to **allow tents that are partially or completely closed**, to **expand outdoor dining and fitness options** to help businesses as the weather gets colder.
4. Approved funding for the **Turning Point Suffragist Memorial**.

You can read more about the **latest COVID-19 information, early voting and upcoming community meetings** below.

Respectfully yours in public service,



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

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The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors September 29, 2020 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.

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**All presentations and recognitions were postponed.**

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To view the **September 29, 2020 Board Package** [click here](#).

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## Administrative Items

**Item 10:** Approved a "**Watch for Children**" sign on **Evening Lane** in Mount Vernon to replace an old existing sign. *The full item can be read on pages 107 - 108 of the Board Package.*

### Authorized Public Hearings on:

- **Item 9:** To lease County-owned property to **Sigora Solar** for the **installation, operation and maintenance of solar photovoltaic panels** for the purpose of on-site electric generation at **eight locations** throughout the County, including the Lab Building at the **Noman M. Cole Pollution Control Plant** in Lorton. Public hearing will be held on **October 20 at 3:30 p.m.**

You can now **testify remotely by phone, video** and in writing, as well as providing in-person testimony.

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## Action Items

**Item 3:** Approved participation in a **regional analysis of impediments to fair housing**. This analysis will be conducted with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and **other local jurisdictions** across DC, Virginia, and Maryland. The final result will include a **regional analysis and local analysis** of each jurisdiction with **goals and strategies** to further fair housing. *The full item can be read on pages 133 - 146 of the Board Package.*

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## Board Matters

### Comprehensive Plan Amendment Authorization for 8708 Silverbrook Road

The property at 8708 Silverbrook Road in Lorton, Tax Map Parcel 98-3((1)) 3 is located at the corner of **Silverbrook Road and South Run Road**. Christopher Companies, in partnership with Tetra Corporation, is interested in developing the **1.9-acre property for**

**residential uses** in a similar manner to the surrounding Newington Commons community. Furthermore, Christopher Companies is considering **significant improvements to a nearby Newington Commons playground** and the potential for this development to become part of the Newington Commons HOA.

The adopted Comprehensive Plan for the property recommends residential use at a density of 2-3 dwelling units per acre, and the proposal **seeks up to five dwelling units per acre**. Christopher has **gathered preliminary community support** for the residential proposal and is prepared to **pursue a rezoning application**. The **South County Federation** has passed a **resolution in support** of this potential replanning effort, and I believe that there is an **opportunity to consider additional residential density** on this property, similar to the surrounding area.

#### **Action**

*Authorized a Comprehensive Plan amendment to consider a planned density of 4-5 dwelling units per acre for 8708 Silverbrook Road, with consideration for recreational opportunities with Newington Commons and other elements that would integrate the new development into the neighboring community. The Plan amendment should be reviewed concurrently with the application to rezone the property once such application is submitted.*

## **Audit Committee Report**

As the **Chairman of the Audit Committee**, I presented the audit report. The Board of Supervisors has received the **Auditor of the Board's Quarterly Report for September 2020**. The report included the following study areas, recommendations, and managements' concurrences.

### **September 2020 Quarterly Report:**

#### **FCPD Moving Citation Operations Study** - Auditor recommends:

- Staff to initiate a data driven prioritization citation coding training effort and E-Summons application to default to County codes for moving citations.

#### **Unused and Under Used Properties Study** - Auditor recommends:

- Staff centralize tracking of unused and under used parcels to assist the County's stakeholders with identifying parcels for use and real-time perpetual tracking.

**Management agreed with all of the recommendations.**

#### **Action**

*Adopted the [Auditor of the Board's September 2020 Quarterly Report](#) and approved the [Audit Committee Work Plan](#) for the upcoming quarter.*

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## **Board Appointments**

### **Mount Vernon residents were appointed or reappointed to the following:**

- **Michele Aubry** (Architectural Review Board)
- **Diane Watson** (Commission on Aging)
- **Joe Hansen** (Citizen Corps Council)

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## **Upcoming Land Use Cases**

### **Board of Supervisors**

**October 6: Alpine-X LLC**, to permit **access to the proposed indoor ski facility site** to do on-site research and conduct studies. **Located on the closed Lorton Landfill.**

### **Planning Commission**

**October 7: FPRP Development, Inc.**, to **amend comprehensive sign plan CSP 2012-MV-008**. **Staff recommends approval** of a partial Comprehensive Sign Plan Amendment allowing four additional freestanding signs located at the southern end of the historic cell block buildings to direct patrons to the retail uses. **Located at Liberty in Lorton.**

### **Board of Zoning Appeals**

#### **October 7**

- **Evan H. Farr, Trustee & Jeannie Farr** SP 2019-MV-083 Appl. under Sect. 8-914 of

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- Zoning Ordinance to **permit a reduction to minimum yard requirements** based on an error in building location to permit an accessory structure (detached studio) to remain 2.3 ft. from the east side lot line. **Located at 5758 Mallow Trail, Lorton** on approx. 15,800 sq. ft. of land zoned R-E.
- **Evan H. Farr, Trustee & Jeannie Farr**, VC 2019-MV-013 Appl. under Sects.10-104 and 18-401 of the Zoning Ordinance to **permit accessory structures** (elevated pool deck and stone barbecue grill) and accessory storage structures in the front yard on a lot measuring less than 36,000 sq. ft. **Located at 5758 Mallow Trail, Lorton** on approx. 15,800 sq. ft. of land zoned R-E.
- **Catherine Chapman**, SP 2020-MV-052 Appl. under Sect. 8-922 of the Zoning Ordinance to **permit a reduction of certain yard requirements** to permit an addition 5 ft., 10 inches (5.83 feet) from the southern side lot line. **Located at 6023 Woodmont Rd., Alexandria** on approx. 6,029 sq. ft. of land zoned R-4 and HC.

## COVID-19 Updates

[6 Things to Know about the COVID-19 Response Today](#)

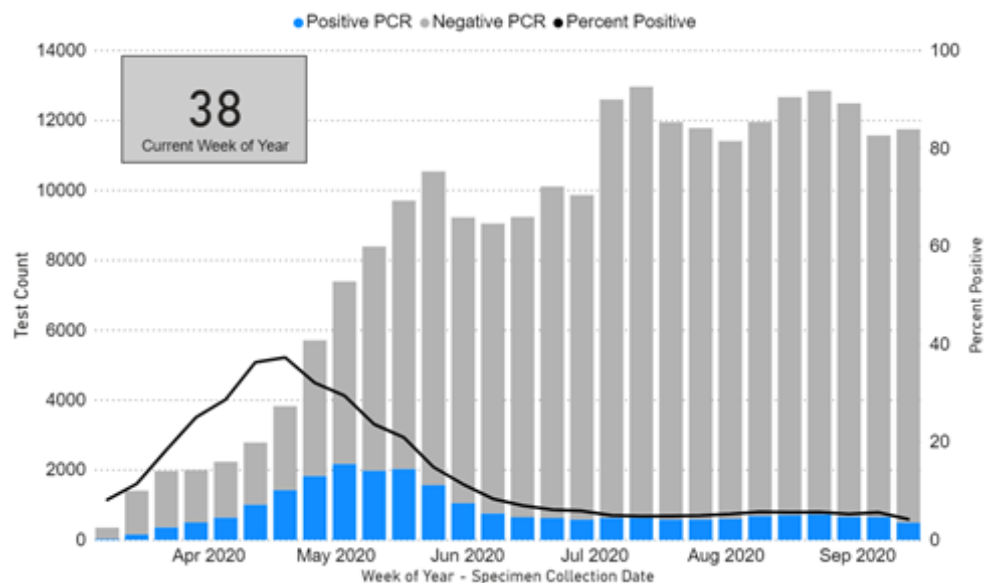
[Donate Fabric and Purchased Masks or Make One of Your Own](#)

[Small Business Grant Program Expands Businesses Eligible to Apply](#)

[Roll Up Your Sleeve Now to Keep Respiratory Illnesses Down](#)

[What to Know if You or a Family Member Is Returning Home from a Campus COVID-19 Outbreak](#)

[Fairfax County Businesses: What to Do When an Employee Tests Positive for COVID-19](#)



Fairfax County Percent Positive COVID-19 Cases

## COVID-19 Case Count

- **Case counts are relatively stable.** While there has been a small increase in COVID-19 cases **since restrictions were relaxed for Phase 3** of reopening in July, the Fairfax Health District **has not seen the surge** that other regions across the state have experienced.
- As you can see in the chart above, the **week of September 13-19** was the first week since late July that the percent **positivity rate dropped below 5%** - to about 4.2%.
- A recent Virginia Department of Health antibody study estimated that since the pandemic began, **4.4% of Northern Virginians have evidence of COVID-19 infection.**
- That said, **this pandemic isn't over and this isn't a time to relax.** Remember, the **number of cases reported is an underestimate** because many cases are never tested or reported. That said, in general we continue to do well because residents follow **masking and social distancing guidelines.**

## Data Dashboards

- This week, the Virginia Department of Health launched a **new Pandemic Metrics Dashboard**, which shows a visualization of COVID-19 community transmission by region.
- [View the County's dashboard...](#)

## FCPS

- Fairfax County Public Schools is offering **ALL students a healthy breakfast and lunch** at no cost **through December 31**. The grab and go meals are offered at **several school sites and along bus routes** throughout the County. [Grab and Go Meal Sites and Bus Routes...](#)
- Grab and go meals will be served at school sites and community locations **from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday** (excluding holidays) with both breakfast and lunch being served at the same time.
- Several **new bus routes have been added** and some **bus stop locations have changed**. Any changes to bus routes are **posted on the website by 5 p.m. each day**. [Bus Routes for Food Distribution...](#)
- If there are **bus delays while distributing grab and go meals**, the information will be posted [here](#). FCPS will **send a message to the affected school communities** if a bus route is delayed.

**New: Breakfast and lunch meals for Saturdays and Sundays will be distributed at all sites and on bus routes every Friday.**

## Long-Term Care Facilities

- During the spring, **outbreaks in skilled nursing and assisted living facilities** accounted for many of the cases and most of the COVID-19 deaths in Fairfax County.
- With aggressive interventions, **most facilities** have been able to **progress to a reopening phase**.
- **Routine testing of staff and residents** has been implemented by many facilities, along with continued testing for people who are identified with symptoms.

## Inova Urgent Need for Blood Donation + Antibody Testing

Right now, **blood usage in hospitals across our region is outpacing donations**. To keep our shelves stocked with life-saving blood to help our patients and neighbors, we need more than **250 volunteer donors every day**. Inova Blood Donor Services is currently experiencing a **critically low supply of O+ blood** and is asking the community to help. Additionally, all successful blood donations will be **tested for COVID-19 antibodies**. [For more information and to make an appointment...](#)

## George Mason University Support

- The Fairfax County Health Department has **weekly meetings with GMU**.
- We have a **team dedicated to containment** at the university for case investigation and contact tracing.
- [View GMU's COVID-19 dashboard...](#)

## Be Sure to Get Your Flu Shot!

- With the COVID-19 pandemic still in full force and influenza season now starting, it's more important than ever that **everyone do their part** to help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses.
- We encourage **everyone 6 months of age and older to get a flu shot** this year and every year.
- **Flu shot clinics through Fairfax County** and more information can be found [here](#).

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# District Information & Upcoming Events

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# COMMUNITY SHRED EVENT MOUNT VERNON DISTRICT

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Shredding helps prevent identity theft.



**WHEN: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH**  
**8:30AM-12:00PM**

**WHERE: FRONT PARKING LOT**  
**2511 PARKERS LANE**  
**ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22306**

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