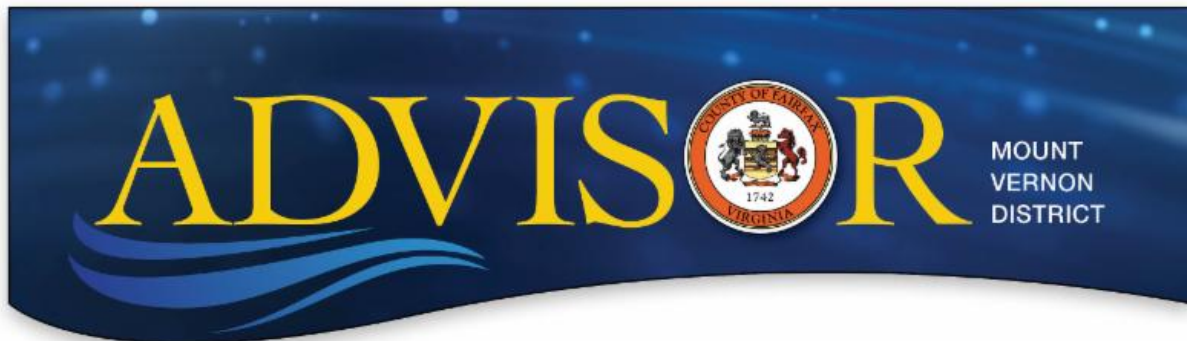


January 2020



Happy New Year and welcome to 2020! As we kick off a new year and a new decade, I am **inspired by the change** happening all around us. From a new Virginia General Assembly and **new County Board**, to exciting environmental, economic and affordable housing initiatives, **2020 is certain to be a year of change.**

Last month we said good-bye to **outgoing Board members Chairman Sharon Bulova and Supervisors John Cook, Cathy Hudgins and Linda Smyth.** I have thoroughly enjoyed working with these esteemed colleagues and will **miss their leadership and comradery.** However, I am also very excited to welcome our new Board members – **Supervisors Rodney Lusk, Walter Alcorn, Dalia Palchik and James Walkinshaw,** as well as my long-time Richmond Highway Corridor partner, **Jeff McKay, as the new Board Chairman!** This week we kicked off the year with our **annual Board retreat at the Mount Vernon Estate.**

My **priorities for the next four years** focus on continuing the great initiatives we have started in my first term. My primary emphasis will be on the **economic development** of the Richmond Highway Corridor, with a focus on making **community connections,** providing more **workforce and affordable housing,** creating **job growth** and enhancing transportation networks, while **improving our environment** and combating climate change. I look forward to my Board leadership roles on the **economic development, environment and audit committees.**

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Welcome to the next decade! Bring it on 2020!

Respectfully yours in public service,



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



*Lucy Burns Museum opening
at the Workhouse Arts Center
on January 25, 2020!*

Visit our Website

33rd Annual Town Meeting

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Fairfax First Hike



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Thanks to everyone who joined me for a **First Hike on New Year's Day** at Huntley Meadows Park! It was an exhilarating way to kick-off the new year with **health, happiness and new connections**. Special thanks to **TEAM MVD Volunteer Extraordinaire Shirley Short** for helping lead the hike! [Read more about it on the Fort Hunt Herald...](#)

County Executive Hill Talks New Year, New Board, Economic Development and Strategic Plan



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Podcast: County Executive Discusses New Year, New Board, Economic Development and Strategic Plan - Fairfax County...

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Public Safety Update

There have been **several public safety incidents** in recent months in our community. I want to assure you the **Fairfax and Mount Vernon Police Officers**, in connection with the Major Crimes Unit have **worked tirelessly and diligently** to close several of these cases and will continue to do so until all cases are closed. In an effort to provide additional information to our residents, a **community meeting is being planned** in the coming weeks. In the meantime, **here are the updates** that are available.

Groveton Road Incident

On January 6, officers responded to a man who was seen **firing a gun from his home**. The man left on foot prior to officers' arrival. The investigation led officers to the 5600 block of Norton Road where, after the extensive search, officers from our Special Weapons and Tactics team found Scott York, 53, of Alexandria and **safely took him into custody**. [Read more...](#)

Fordson Road Incident

On January 5, a man broke into a home of a **previous acquaintance** and began fighting with the residents. The man was **stabbed during the fight** and left the home. He was taken to the hospital with injuries that were originally believed to be life threatening. The

man is **now in stable condition** and **detectives are actively investigating** the circumstances that led up to the stabbing.

Sausalito Place Incident

A **man has been arrested** in connection with the homicide that occurred on Dec. 30. Jeremiah Mouzon, 20, of Centreville, faces charges of 2nd degree murder, malicious shooting and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. **Police do not believe this was a random act of violence.** [Read more...](#)

Old Mill Road and Gateshead Road Incident

A **Mount Vernon man has been charged** in connection with the murder of Micale Kebede, 31, of the City of Alexandria. Kebede's **body was found on Dec. 18** near a bridge at Old Mill Road and Gateshead Road. Malik Salam, 41, was charged on Dec. 22 with unlawful disposal of a body. Today, detectives from the Major Crimes Bureau obtained an **additional warrant for murder.** [Read more...](#)

Fairchild Drive Incident

Detectives continue to investigate the October 26 homicide of Xyqwavius Brown, 19, of the Alexandria section of Fairfax County. Preliminarily, **detectives do not believe this was a random act of violence and do not believe there is an ongoing threat to public safety.** [Read more...](#)

North Hill Park Incident

Three men from the Alexandria section of Fairfax County **and a juvenile are facing charges** related to the death and improper burial of a juvenile whose body was discovered in North Hill Park on May 23. **This was a gang related and police it was an isolated incident.** [Read more...](#)

Upcoming Events

- Saturdays: [English Conversation Group](#) - 12:30 p.m.
- Jan 11: [Kingstowne Library 2nd Saturday Book Sale + special sale on DVDs & CDs](#) - 10 a.m.
- Jan 13: [South County Federation Meeting](#) - 7:30 p.m.
- Jan 16: [DMV2GO at Sherwood Library](#) - 10 a.m.
- Jan 18: [Child Safety Seat Inspections](#) - 9:30 a.m.
- Jan 20: Holiday Hours - County Offices & Libraries Closed
- Jan 22: [Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations Meeting](#) -7 p.m.
- Jan 23: [The Demographic History of the Mount Vernon Area](#) - 7 p.m.
- Jan 27 & 29: [DMV2GO at Hollin Hall Senior Center](#) - 9 a.m.
- Feb 1: [Mount Vernon Town Meeting](#) - 7:45 a.m.

In the News



A Political Boss Who Ruled with Kindness Leaves the Stage

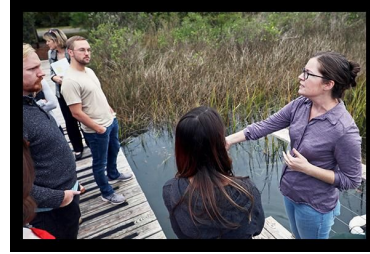
During **three decades** on Fairfax County's Board of Supervisors, **Sharon Bulova became known as perhaps the nicest elected official** in Northern Virginia, **barely raising her voice** during painful budget debates or the acrimony over a 2013 police shooting that brought shame to her **community of 1.1 million residents**. But behind the scenes, Bulova harnessed the talents of an old-school political boss, holding a **firm grip as board chair since 2009** and

patiently **laying the groundwork** for her moderately liberal influence to remain intact after she retires. [Read more in the Washington Post...](#)

VIMS Scientist Wins National Leadership Award

Dr. Molly Mitchell of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) has earned an **Early Career Leadership Award** from the US CLIVAR Program for her efforts to **develop and share sea-level forecasts** and other

planning tools with **coastal risk managers and emergency responders** in Virginia and the mid-Atlantic region. Dr. Mitchell **hails from the Mount Vernon District** and recently **presented at our Environment Expo!** [Read more Gazette-Journal...](#)



United Community Expands Early Learning Center

United Community (UC) recently expanded its Early Learning Center to **care for more infants between the age of six weeks and 7 months old**. The Learning Center, which was started by UC in 1986, now has capacity for **96 children between the ages of six weeks and five years old**. In addition to the childcare

and preschool programs, children at the center are eligible for **free vision, dental and auditory screenings**. [Read more on Covering the Corridor...](#)

Habitat for Humanity Completes Projects in Woodlawn, Groveton Areas

Habitat For Humanity of Northern Virginia has recently wrapped up **two projects in the Richmond Highway area**, providing **new homes for a senior citizen and a family of four**. One of the two projects, a complete home renovation on **Frye Road in the Woodlawn area**, touched the lives of four families and was celebrated as an example of the way



community partnerships can help address the area's affordable housing crisis. [Read more on Covering the Corridor...](#)



EVgo Electric Vehicle Fast Chargers Installed at Richmond Highway's Mount Vernon Plaza

The Volkswagen "**clean diesel**" **emissions scandal** and subsequent multi-billion dollar settlement with the U.S. government has, in a positive twist, resulted in **four electric vehicle charging stations** being installed at the **Mount Vernon Plaza shopping center**. As a settlement for **cheating on emissions tests** to sell over 500,000 vehicles in America (**16,000 in Virginia**) that did not meet pollution standards, Volkswagen established a \$2.95 billion "environmental mitigation trust." [Read more on the Fort Hunt Herald...](#)

Franconia Police Station in the Community

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The Franconia District Station officers recently visited **Lorton Station Elementary School** where they **read to all of the third-grade classes** and spent time **answering the student's questions** about what it is like to be a police officer. **Thank you officers** for your time and engagement with our students!

Transportation News

County Installs New Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons

To **enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety**, the County is working with the Virginia Department of Transportation to install **nine new Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs)** at targeted crosswalks around the County. The **flashing yellow lights**, when activated, indicate to drivers and bicyclists using the roadway to yield to those in the crosswalk before proceeding. RRFBs are a **warning device for drivers**. Pedestrians still need to watch for approaching traffic even if the RRFB is activated. In the Mount Vernon District, an RRFB will be installed on **Frye Road, north of Richmond Highway**. [Read more...](#)



Community Information

Southern George Washington Memorial Parkway Safety Study

The **National Park Service (NPS)** and Federal Highway Administration are studying the **safety at intersections** on the southern section of the George Washington Memorial Parkway and are **inviting the public to participate** in the process. The NPS wants additional public input on



which options it should pursue. **Public comment closes on January 10. View the documents and provide comment...**

Richmond Highway Draft Urban Design Guidelines Available for Review and Comment

The Urban Design Guidelines for the Richmond Highway Corridor builds on and serves as a companion document to the [Volume I: Urban Design Guidelines for Commercial Revitalization Districts and Areas](#), which includes broad recommendations and urban design ideas applicable to all CRDs and CRAs. The Design Guidelines will provide developers and investors with guidelines regarding the design, character, and function of streetscapes, parks, plazas, building forms and landscape details, as we redevelop Richmond Highway. [Learn more and comment by January 20...](#)

2020 Census Jobs - Apply Today!

Earn extra income while helping your community and being a part of history. The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting to fill **hundreds of thousands of temporary positions** across the country to assist with the 2020 Census count. An accurate count is critical to the County and the State for **future Federal funding**. [Learn more and apply...](#)



Deadline for High School MLK Essay Contest is Friday Jan 10

An annual **high-school essay contest with cash prizes** is being sponsored by Ventures In Community (VIC) in **honor of Dr. Martin Luther King** with a submission deadline of **midnight Friday, January 10, 2020**.

This year's theme is a quote from Dr. King: "*If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way.*" The contest is open to **Mount Vernon Area high school students** ages 14 – 18. Cash prizes will be given of **\$150 for 1st place, \$100 for 2nd place, and \$50 for 3rd place**. Prize-winning authors will read their essays at the **MLK Day celebration 3 pm January 18**, at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 7836 Fordson Rd.

[For more information and contest rules...](#)
Essays should be sent to [Pastor Abe Smith](#).

MLK Celebration in Mount Vernon

Join the **Mount Vernon–Lee faith community** to celebrate the life of **Dr. Martin Luther King** on **Saturday January 18, 2020 at 3 pm** at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 7836 Fordson Road, Alexandria, 22306. This annual event features some of the **area's best choirs** and the reading of **three prize-winning student essays** on the importance of Dr. King's quote, "*If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way.*" All choirs and the audience join in a **rousing finale** of the Battle Hymn of the Republic at the end. **Refreshments will be served** in the all-purpose room after the service.



Hypothermia Prevention Program Protects Those in Need

As the temperatures drop, there is **no reason anyone should be left outside** to fend for themselves in the freezing cold. The County's Hypothermia Prevention Program is **open from December to March** to ensure no one is forced to sleep outside this winter. This collaborative effort was created by the County, nonprofits and faith communities more than a decade ago. Last winter, the program **provided almost 1,200 people experiencing homelessness** in our county with a warm, safe place to sleep and a healthy meal.

Imagine what it's like to spend the night sleeping outside, behind a store, in the woods or in a car beside the road. For **those experiencing homelessness** in our County it is a

frightening and potentially life-threatening reality. If you see someone at night who is **unsheltered and you think he or she could be at risk of hypothermia**, call the County's non-emergency (police) phone line at 703-691-2131, TTY 711.



Voices of Women in America Survey Extended

Women of Fairfax County, your voice is important! The National Association of Commissions for Women wants to include the voices of **ALL women in America** in their collection of nationwide data, so please take some time to participate in the **Voices of Women in America Survey** online. [Take the survey...](https://www.nacw.org)

We want to know what is important to you. So be sure to **make your voice heard by Feb. 29, 2020.** Results will be available from the **Fairfax County Commission for Women** next summer. For questions or more information, contact your **Mount Vernon District Commissioner, Chair Lisa Sales** at (703) 624-0387.

Watch the Latest "Pocket Dad" Fatherhood Advice Video: The Value of Making Good Friends



Saving Our Environment

5 Things To Know About the County's New Solar Energy Initiative

Here comes the sun!

Fairfax County is continuing to **lead the way in advancing solar energy** by launching a large-scale renewable energy initiative to **reduce our utility costs and carbon footprint.** We're awarding contracts to solar power purchase agreement service providers to **install solar panels on county properties.** We will purchase electricity generated by the solar panels from the solar power service provider.



Here are **five important things to know** about the new solar initiative:

1. This is the **largest solar power purchase agreement (PPA)** initiative launched by a local government in Virginia to date.
2. More than **100 County buildings** are included in the first phase of this initiative, including schools and parks.
3. The County will purchase solar energy generated by **rooftop and carport/canopy arrays** placed on site at county buildings but will not be responsible for installation, maintenance, operation or decommissioning of the arrays. That responsibility will rest with the PPA service providers.
4. The contracts include **favorable electricity rates** that are fixed, as a result, this initiative could potentially yield over \$60 million in electricity cost savings over the terms of the contracts.
5. The contracts established with the solar PPA vendors **allow other local governments in the area to take advantage** of the competitive rates and reduce their own greenhouse gas emissions and energy bills.

[Read more...](#)

Team MVD



Mount Vernon District Staff: Anna Smith, Donna Slaymaker, Sally Kidalov, Supervisor Dan Storck, Christine Morin, Camela Speer & Volunteer Shirley Short.

December 2019 Activities:

- Phone calls: 1005
- Meetings: 74

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Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday, Friday:
8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Second Saturday Each Month (except August)
Lorton Library: 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
MV District Office: 12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Walk-ins and by appointment

Want to Join Team MVD? We Are Hiring!

Team MVD is looking for a **Land Use Aide**. Interested applicants should **read the [job announcement](#)** and submit a **resume and cover letter** outlining education, experience, and availability to mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov. Include "**19-02454 Land Use Aide/Community Liaison**" in the subject line. **Know someone who might be interested?** Please help us spread the word!

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