



Mount Vernon Advisor
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March 2018



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Dear Neighbors,

As we begin this budget season, **TEAM Mount Vernon** is focused on **improving our local bottom line by driving new economic growth** along the Richmond Highway corridor. Join me and Mount Vernon School Board

Member Karen Corbett Sanders on **Monday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m.** at Whitman Middle School for the **Mount Vernon District Budget Town Hall**. We will be joined by, County Executive Bryan Hill and County Chief Financial Officer Joseph Mondoro to **inform our community about the proposed budget, listen to your feedback and further explain the budget process**. You can also provide input during the **budget public hearings** at the Fairfax County Government Center on April 10, April 11 and April 12. **Sign up to speak [here](#)**. Or, by **sending written testimony to clerktothebos@fairfaxcounty.gov**.

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Over the coming months, the County, again, struggles to fund the **services and programs** our constituents have come to expect, while balancing **full funding for our schools** and **promised staff pay increases**, with a smaller tax base than needed. These continued challenges makes it crystal clear that **increased economic and business development** in the region is critical to maintaining these budget levels in future years. To address these issues in our area, I initiated, with my Lee District partner Supervisor Jeff McKay, the **Richmond Highway Economic Development Team**, comprised of key organizational

stakeholders and drivers of economic revitalization for the corridor. With a laser focus on **driving new quality businesses to the Richmond Highway corridor**, the new Economic Development Team will not only **improve the lives of Mount Vernon and Lee District residents**, but ripple effects will be felt throughout the entire County.

The Economic Development Team will meet regularly over the next year to **drive faster revitalization and growth to create a healthy, successful 21st Century for our communities**. Some of the activities the Team will be engaged in include:

- General marketing of our communities and the Richmond Highway corridor.
- Targeted marketing to specific industries that would be a good fit for the corridor.
- Recruitment and head-hunting by sector sales to drive the most economic development.
- Package revitalization opportunities within a Community Business Center (CBC) or specific location.
- Enhance community engagement, education and outreach.
- Engage the business community, including property and business owners, to gain support.
- Encourage additional County investment, coordination and advocacy.

I look forward to working with the Economic Development Team to create the **best future for our communities** and our corridor. And, as always, welcome any feedback from you!

Keep an eye out for our exciting District office sponsored activities this month! We will be hosting the [Teen Job Fair](#) at **South County High School on Saturday, March 17**. Registration is open! Then, leash-up your canine pal and join us for the [3rd Ides of Bark](#) on **Sunday, March 18 at Grist Mill Park**. This event is **free** and features **K-9 demonstrations, games, prizes, gift baskets, food, fun** and over 40 vendors!



Finally, on March 9 TEAM MVD welcomed its newest member, 7 lb. baby girl **Sophia Charlotte Miessler Mereen**. Mom (Allison), dad and baby are all doing well.

See you around the District!

Respectfully yours in public service,

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



Learn more about our County budget process

February 2018 Activities:

- Phone calls: 1176
- Meetings: 37
- Hosted meetings: 48

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 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Second Saturday Each Month.
Lorton Library: 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



Mount Vernon District Staff: Allison Miessler, Donna Slaymaker, Christine Morin, Supervisor Dan Storck, Camela Speer & Tae Choi

MV District Office: 12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Walk-ins and by appointment



The Ides of Bark!

Here's the ultimate event
for you and your four-footed friend!

Sunday, March 18, 2018
1-4 p.m.
Grist Mill Park
4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy, Alexandria

4th annual festival for dogs and their owners

Games • Prizes • Food • Fun
Vendors • Health Assessments
Free Admission!

Demonstrations by the
Fairfax County Police K-9 Unit

License your dog with Fairfax County.
\$10 (Cash or Check)
owners must show proof of
a current rabies shot.

Sponsored by Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck

Inclusion and ADA
Support 703-324-8727.
TTY: Va Relay 711.

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks

Recognizing Exceptional Board Authority and Commission Appointees

We have many **District residents** who put forth great effort in **servicing our community** and I believe they deserve special recognition. This month I would like to introduce you to **Dr. Larry Zaragoza**, our **District representative on the Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC)** and a member of our District Environmental Advisory Committee.



Larry is well qualified to represent us on environmental issues. He is currently the **Associate Branch Chief** of the Community Involvement and Programs Initiatives Branch within the Superfund Program at the **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**. He has worked mainly on technical issues such as developing policy; engaging in technical and scientific reviews; and and coordinating with federal, state and other agencies. He holds a **Doctorate in Environmental Science and Engineering from UCLA** and his first job was with the EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, North Carolina, where he was the first biologist in the office.

As an environmental scientist, Larry is pleased that his technical advice is appreciated and **helps shape local environmental decisions**. He sees volunteering as a way to give back to the community where he lives and hopefully help to make it a better place. He encourages others to do the same.

Larry lives in the **Wessynton Community** with his wife, Karen, and 16 year old son, Matthew. He also volunteers as a Scoutmaster; enjoys being outdoors, camping, hiking and just enjoying nature.

Thank you, Larry, for working hard to protect our environment to make our community a great place to live.

In the News in Mount Vernon District



Recently the **Mount Vernon Police Officers** began wearing body cameras as part of the **body-worn camera pilot program** in the County. **Officer Seth Masterson** pictured with **new body-worn camera** in front of his tie - *that's it, its that compact*. Police Chief Edwin C. Roessler Jr. proposed the pilot program in December 2016 and it was **approved by the Board of Supervisors late last year**. I am a **strong supporter and advocate** for this program. [NewsCenter highlights four things you should know about the program.](#)

The **Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce** recently announced that at least **\$12,000** will be awarded to **local graduating seniors pursuing further education in business**. Students may apply [online](#) by or calling 703-360-6925 to request an application. The **application deadline is Friday, April 27**. Those applying for the scholarships must plan to pursue further education in a business-related field and live in the Mount Vernon or Lee Districts. For the past fifteen years, the Chamber has **invested in the future by awarding more than \$190,000 in scholarships** to graduating high school students.



Photo Credit: Steve Hibbard Connection Newspapers

It was my honor to join the **Nelly Custis Chapter**, DAR Chapter for Mount Vernon, in their **90th anniversary celebration**. Chapter members have **contributed immense amounts of energy, support, and history** to our understanding of the community, Nelly Custis and the Washington family. I was especially pleased to welcome the group, **share highlights of the major initiatives** in the Mount Vernon area and to present a proclamation to Natalie Ardoline, Nelly Custis Regent.

Are you, or do you know a college student, looking for a **summer internship in local government**? Join our **dynamic TEAM MVD** working for the residents of the Mount Vernon District. Get an up-close look at **how local government works**, learn about **constituent** issues and how to resolve them, all while gaining **valuable real-world work experience**. If you would like to be considered, please **send your resume and a cover letter** outlining your interests to mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov by April 16.

Upcoming Events & Meetings

March

thru Mar		<u>March Library Events</u>	Mount Vernon District Libraries
13	7:30 p.m.	<i>Monthly South County Federation Meeting</i>	South County HS
14	7 - 9 p.m.	<u>Mount Vernon Memorial Highway Trail Meeting</u>	Mount Vernon HS
15	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	<u>FREE Tax Relief Workshops for Older Adults and People with Disabilities</u>	Mount Vernon Governmental Center
16	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	<u>FREE Tax Relief Workshops for Older Adults and People with Disabilities</u>	Hollin Hall Senior Center
17	1 - 3:00	<u>Teen Job Fair</u>	South County HS
17	6 - 8:00 p.m.	<i>St. Patrick's Day Dinner</i>	Pohick Church
18	1 - 4:00	<u>Ides of Bark</u>	Grist Mill Park
19	7:00 p.m.	<u>Mount Vernon District Budget Town Hall</u>	Whitman MS
20	9:30 a.m.	<u>Board of Supervisors Meeting</u>	County Government Center
21	8 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	<i>Community Partnership Forum</i>	GMU Arlington
22	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	<u>DMV 2 Go</u>	Sherwood Hall Library
22	6:30 - 10 p.m.	<u>Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training Begins</u>	Fort Belvoir
22	7:30 - 9 p.m.	<i>Lost Towns of Fairfax County - Mount Vernon Region</i>	Mount Vernon Governmental Center
28	8:00 p.m.	<i>Monthly Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations Meeting</i>	County Government Center
30		<i>8th Annual Fair Housing Art & Writing Contest Deadline</i>	

April

3	7:30 a.m.	<u>Entrepreneurship 101: Starting a Business in Fairfax County</u>	Fairfax County Economic Development Authority
7	9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<i>Little Hunting Creek Cleanup</i>	Little Hunting Creek
7	6:30 - 11:30 p.m.	<i>LCAC 2018 Spring into Action Gala</i>	Harbour View
until 8		<u>Mount Vernon Memorial Highway Trail Comment Deadline</u>	<u>Comment form</u>
12	7:30 - 11 a.m.	<i>Economic Summit Outlook 2018</i>	Belle Haven Country Club
14	8 a.m. - 12 p.m.	<u>Secure Document Shredding Event</u>	I-95 Landfill
14	1 - 3:00 p.m.	<u>Teen Job Fair</u>	Mount Vernon HS

14	6:00 p.m.	UCM Give From the Heart Gala	United States Patent and Trademark Office
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Honoring Women's History

Resident Historian Irma Clifton discusses the stories of the Women of Fairfax County included in the Jamestown 400 Legacy Book ***Fairfax County Stories 1607-2007***.



Women's History in Mount Vernon

The **Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association** is dedicated to recognizing the contributions of the suffragists who expanded our democracy to its proper place in history with a **national memorial** that will be built in **Occoquan Regional Park**. This land is part of the historic prison grounds where the Silent Sentinels were jailed and tortured. Monument elements will tell the complete suffrage story. The memorial will be a cornerstone of the redeveloped park, which includes a waterfront banquet facility opening this spring and an enhanced marina. The memorial is **scheduled to be dedicated on August 26, 2020**, the centennial anniversary of the 19th Amendment. **To learn how you can help make the memorial a reality by donating or volunteering, please call 703-201-3171 or [visit](#).**

The **Workhouse Prison Museum** is another location that offers great insight into the **Women's Suffrage Movement**. The Workhouse Prison Museum is located in Building W-9 at the Workhouse Arts Center, and is open to the public (free admission) every Wednesday through Friday from 12 - 3pm, and on weekends from 12 - 4pm. Each year, the Workhouse Arts Center offers 800 classes, 300 performances, and 100 exhibits to the general public. **Once the Workhouse Arts Center meets its goal of \$500,000 to build and install new exhibits**, the Prison Museum will move to the newly renovated Building 2 and will be renamed after the suffragist Lucy Burns - the **Lucy Burns Museum**. **To learn more about getting involved with the museum through donations or volunteering, please call 703-584-2917 or [visit](#).**

LCAC 2018 Spring Into Action Gala

The **2018 Spring into Action Gala** is right around the corner! The annual gala will be held on **Saturday, April 7** from 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at Harbour View event center. The gala will feature a silent auction, cocktail hour with an open bar and passed hors d'oeuvres, plated dinner and dessert, live music and more.

Tickets are available for purchase [here](#)! Friday, March 23 is the last day to purchase tickets.

Questions about the gala? Contact [Brandy William](#), LCAC's Director of Development.



UCM Give From the Heart Gala



Join UMC for an enjoyable evening of celebration -- and the opportunity to change lives in our community! The **Give From the Heart Annual Gala** will be held **Saturday, April 14** starting at 6:00 p.m. at the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Highlights include Emcee Adam Tuss, cocktails and a silent auction, dinner, live & reverse auctions and dancing. The **2nd Annual Gerald W. Hayland Humanitarian Award** will be presented to Joanne and Bruce Malkin for their commitment to bettering the welfare of our community.

Tickets are available for purchase [here](#)!

For event questions, email info@ucmaagency.org or call 703.403.4410.

Community Information

GET YOUR TAXES DONE FOR FREE!

Organized by the **Fairfax County Department of Family Services**, the NVACASH Coalition **helps families avoid the fees businesses charge to prepare and file taxes**. With the help of dedicated and trained volunteers, low-income families throughout Northern Virginia received over \$10.7 million in refunds last tax season. **Join your neighbors and save your dollars!** For more information in **multiple languages**, or to find the **location nearest you**, [click here](#).

Mount Vernon Memorial Highway Trail Meeting

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation will host a [community information meeting](#) to discuss the **Mount Vernon Memorial Highway Trail project** on **Wednesday, March 14**, from 7:00 to 9 p.m., in the auditorium of Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road, Alexandria. The meeting provides residents with an **opportunity to learn about the project and give feedback** before proceeding with a more detailed design. The meeting includes an open house from 7 to 7:30 p.m., a formal presentation at 7:30 p.m., and time for questions and answers. Community members are invited to give feedback on the project at the meeting or online via the [comment form](#) on the [Mount Vernon Memorial Highway Trail project page](#). **Comments will be accepted through April 8, 2018.**

Honoring our History

Is your local institution, association, organization recognizing a significant anniversary or celebration? Do you know an individual that are who has made a significant contribution to our community? If so, please let us know so that we can honor them by recognizing these major milestones! Send information to [Camela Speer](#).

George Mason University Offers Free Speakers to Community Organizations



Is your club or organization interested in having a speaker? The **George Mason University Mason Speakers program** is comprised of over 100 faculty and staff who provide lectures and guest **presentations on hundreds of topics to organizations and businesses free of charge**. Rotary clubs, retirement communities and businesses that offer "lunch and learns" have been using this service for over 20 years. Favorite topics range from "Joint Health: You Rest, You Rust" to "Forty Years of Exploration of the Surface of Mars." For more information, [visit](#) or contact [Sarah Gallagher](#) at 703-993-8761.

Sherwood Regional Library Computer Tech Lab Hours

Sherwood Regional Library is **modifying the computer tech lab hours** to better incorporate individual public training and workshops in computer literacy. **New Hours began March 5.**

[Read more...](#)

Important Safety Messages

Road or De-Icing Salt and Tree Health

The winter months can be strenuous for everyone, including trees. The common practice of applying chemical de-icing agents or rock salt to roads and sidewalks is quite detrimental to tree health. The most commonly used chemical, sodium chloride is also the most harmful for plants.

When salt is sprayed onto roads, it may travel up to 50 feet beyond the application site, affecting the nearby roots of street trees. Trees absorb salt when they take up water from the soil and from the air. Too much salt can reduce growth or cause trees to 'die of thirst' because salt prevents trees from retaining water. If soils are also compacted, salt damage may be worsened.



*Photo courtesy Bert Cregg
The Informed Gardener
www.GardenProfessors.com*

[Read more...](#)

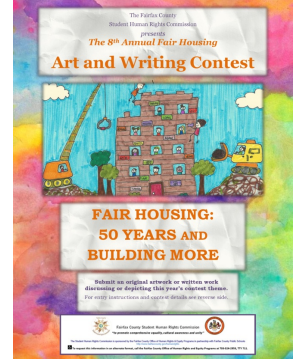
Student Human Rights Commission's 2018 Fair Housing Art and Literary Contest

WHAT IS FAIR HOUSING?

Housing discrimination denies people the right to choose the neighborhoods in which they want to live. The Fairfax County Human Rights Ordinance and **The Federal Fair Housing Act** guarantee everyone the right to rent or buy housing on a fair and equal basis regardless of their race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or familial status. In Fairfax, it is also illegal to discriminate in housing based on marital status or age (age 55+).

FAIR HOUSING ART AND LITERARY CONTEST

The **Fairfax County Student Human Rights Commission** holds this contest to **create awareness among high school students of fair housing issues and laws** and to promote the importance of providing equal housing opportunities for all. This yearly contest is open to all public high school students within Fairfax County. The entries are judged by category and the winner for each category receives a cash prize. Students may participate by **submitting artwork or a written work** based on the year's theme. This year's theme is Fair Housing: 50 Years and Building More. For entry instructions and contest details, please visit here. **Contest entries must be postmarked by March 30, 2018.**



South County Teen Job Fair

**MAR
17TH**

SOUTH COUNTY HS

**SAT
1PM
- 3PM**

2018

**LOCAL BUSINESSES
ARE LOOKING TO HIRE
YOU!**

**TEEN
JOB FAIR**

**& RESUME
BUILDING
WORKSHOPS**

SUPERVISORS STORCK AND HERRITY, ALONG WITH THE SOUTH COUNTY FEDERATION, SOUTH FAIRFAX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND CONNECTION NEWSPAPERS INVITE YOU TO THEIR 2018 SOUTH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL TEEN JOB FAIR AND RESUME BUILDING WORKSHOPS

WWW.FAIRFAXCOUNTY.GOV/SPRINGFIELD/TEENJOBFAIRS

**8501
SILVERBROOK RD,
LORTON, VA
22079**

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Boards, Authorities and Commission Members Needed

Help serve your community by serving on a Fairfax County Board, Authority or Commission. Please ask your friends, neighbors and community members if they are willing to help serve Fairfax County. Supervisor Storck has vacancies on:

Airports Advisory Commission

To advise the Board on all airports and aircraft operations affecting Fairfax County. To expand the committee's responsibilities and feasibility of establishing a countywide aircraft noise complaint center.

Commission on Aging

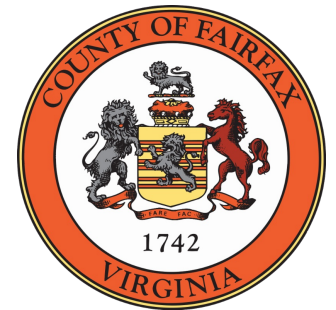
To identify and promote better understanding of the problems of the aging and to plan and promote and where it is found necessary, conduct activities to contribute to their well-being. Meetings are at 12:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month, except August.

Small Business Commission

The purpose of the Fairfax County Small Business Commission is to: (a) study, report and make recommendations on issues of concern to small businesses in Fairfax County; (b) advise and assist the Board of Supervisors, County Executive and County employees on any matter that will enhance the capability of small businesses to succeed in Fairfax County; and (c) promote and assist small businesses generally, but especially with respect to minority-owned and emerging businesses, to establish themselves, develop, and succeed in their pursuits of commercial opportunities and in their vendor relations with Fairfax County. Meetings are usually last Monday of every month @ 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 9 or 10, Fairfax County Govt. Center.

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](#).



FAIRFAX COUNTY RECYCLES



Containers, Cans, Cardboard, & Paper

Single-stream recycling allows you to collect all of these things in a single bin.

Know the No's

Be careful! Certain items are not acceptable in your recycling bin. Don't be fooled by items that may be recycled elsewhere, just not at the curb (for example: plastic bags, phones, or clothes).

Clean & Empty

Drips that remain at the bottom of a soda can are OK. A half-full can of soda is not OK to place in your bin.

Un-bagged in the Bin

No need to collect your recyclables using plastic bags. This makes it harder to process. Let your recyclables run loose in the bin!

ALWAYS put these in your recycling bin



Rigid Containers



Cans



Cardboard



Paper

NEVER put these in your recycling bin



Plastic Bags



Phones



Diapers



Food



Foam



Clothes



Cables/Lights



Wrappers

Learn more about recycling at:
fairfaxcounty.gov/living/recycling



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