



Mount Vernon Advisor
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March 2017



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Dear Neighbors,

The month of March marks the beginning of Daylight saving time. The sun shines on the equator for the Vernal Equinox, giving us a near 50-50 split of day and night. Of course, March is also the

best month for basketball sports fans. For social media enthusiasts, this year marks the 10th anniversary of Twitter on March 21. Join me on Twitter @DanStorck <https://twitter.com/DanStorck>.

As the saying goes, March comes "In like a lion, out like a lamb." For us, here in the Mount Vernon District, it came in like an eagle. Near the beginning of the month, an injured bald eagle was found in our community. Animal Protection Police Officers, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue and Fairfax County Wildlife Management Specialists devised a plan to rescue the eagle. This team effort was a success and we will continue to monitor and rehabilitate the eagle, and hopefully, be able to return it to good health and the wild.

As I reflect upon the Bald Eagle rescue, I am reminded of the symbolism of the Eagle that's omnipresent in the work of the Board and throughout our community. A few examples are: eagles possess vitality and they're full of life, they have keen vision, are fearless and tenacious.

The characteristics of the Bald Eagle are important as the Board of Supervisors face the challenge of the upcoming FY2018 Budget, and as Mount Vernon community members continue their active role in civic engagement and connectivity #ConnectMVD.

Please join me and the Fairfax County Park Authority for the Second **Ides of Bark Dog Festival this Sunday, March 26**, 2017 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Grist Mill Park located at 4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria, VA.

This year, participants will have a chance to win prizes, watch the Fairfax County Police K-9 showcase their amazing capabilities, and pet technicians will demonstrate proper pet care, CPR, and First Aid techniques. In addition, many local dog businesses will have vendor booths and giveaways.

With the help of many dog owners and pet-friendly vendors throughout Fairfax County, the first Ides of Bark event was hugely successful - with over 2,000 people and 400 dogs in attendance. Community leaders and volunteers hope that the return of the Ides of Bark will keep this incredible tradition going. Hope to see you there!

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/idesofbark/>

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This morning marked another important community milestone for Mount Vernon residents with the groundbreaking ceremony for the [Huntington Levee](#) project. The \$40 million project includes the construction of a new levee and pumping station to protect the Huntington community from Cameron Run's floodwaters. Fairfax County citizens approved a bond to fund the project in November 2012, which allowed the county to continue the design of mitigation measures developed by the Army Corps of Engineers in a 2009 study. Completion is scheduled for spring 2019.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/huntingtonlevee/>

Several community members were in attendance, and I was joined by former Supervisor Gerry Hyland, Chairman Sharon Bulova, and Supervisor Jeff McKay for this momentous occasion.

Also, I'm pleased to report that the Potomac Avenue Potomac Avenue Emergency Manhole Repair Project is now complete and the roadway is open. The contractor will return in 4-5 weeks to complete landscaping of the area.

Respectfully yours in public service,



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

[Save The Date:](#)
2017 Ides of Bark
(For Dog Lovers!)
Sunday, March 26, 2017
1:00am-5:00pm EST
Rain or Shine

<p>February 2017 Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phone calls: more than 1,370• Meetings: attended 40• Hosted meetings: more than 30  <p><i>Mount Vernon District Staff</i></p>	<p>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</p> <p>Office Hours Monday - Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am - 5 pm Thursday: 8:30 am - 7:30 pm</p> <p>Second Saturday Each Month. Lorton Library: 9 am - 11:30 am MV District Office: 12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. Walk-ins and by appointment</p>    
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Estate Tax Rate for FY2018



On February 28, the Board of Supervisors advertised the County Executive's [proposed budget](#) for Fiscal Year 2018, which is based on a tax rate of \$1.13 per \$100 of assessed value. \$1.13 is Fairfax County's current FY2017 tax rate. When the Board adopts a final budget on May 2, it can set the tax rate lower, but not higher, than what was advertised.

Following this [timeline](#), the Board of Supervisors will now hold public hearings and meetings, make revisions to the proposed budget, and adopt the FY 2018 budget on May 2. The FY2018 budget then becomes effective on July 1, 2017 and will last through July 1, 2018. We now have video testimony capability.

To learn more, visit the Fairfax County website at the link below.

[5 Things to Know: County Executive Proposes \\$4.10 Billion FY 2018 Budget](#)

Tuesday, March 21, 8:30 pm - FY2018 Community Budget

Supervisor Storck hosted a Budget Community meeting with the South County Federation and South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce at the South County High School media center. Supervisor Storck was joined by OMB staff, who presented a summary of the advertised budget. Karen Corbett-Sanders, Mount Vernon School Board Member, also attended and answered questions. Community members were invited to attend to ask questions and share their thoughts and concerns about the County's FY2018 budget. The most commonly asked questions were related to Pensions.

Civilian Review Panel Members Selected



On February 28, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors appointed nine Fairfax County residents to serve on the newly established Police Civilian Review Panel. The creation of this Panel was recommended by the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission in their October 2015 final report to the Board of Supervisors. The Police [Civilian Review Panel](#) will promote further transparency and openness in community policing. Panel members include, Hansel Aguilar, Kathleen Davis-Siudut, Steve Descano, Hollye Doane, Douglas Kay, Randy Sayles, Jean Senseman, Adrian L. Steel, Jr. (Chairman), and Rhonda VanLowe.

The Civilian Review Panel will serve as an independent "portal" for residents to submit complaints concerning allegations of abuse of authority or misconduct by a Fairfax County Police (FCPD) Officer. The Panel will also have the authority to request and review completed Police Department internal administrative investigations regarding a civilian complaint against an officer. The Panel may hold public meetings to review police administrative investigations and walk through with members of the community how the investigation was conducted, including findings of fact, evidence collected and witness statements. Examples of complaints and cases for the Civilian Review Panel to receive and review may include:

- The use of abusive, racial, ethnic or sexual language;
- Harassment or discrimination based on race, color, sex, religion, national origin, marital status, age, familial status, or disability;
- The reckless endangerment of a detainee or person in custody;
- Serious violations of Fairfax County or FCPD procedures.

The Board of Supervisors has appointed Adrian Steel to serve as the first chairman of the Civilian Review Panel, with subsequent chairmen selected by members of the Civilian Review Panel. Panel members will serve three year terms with a two term limit, although some inaugural members will serve for less time to allow for staggered terms. The first orders of business for the Civilian Review Panel include writing bylaws detailing how the Panel will function and training Panel members on current police practices and policies in Fairfax County. Once those items are complete, which may take a number of months, the Civilian Review Panel will begin their work of requesting and reviewing cases.

Live Streaming and Televised Board Committee Meetings



Conference Room 11, Fairfax County Government Center

At my first meeting of the Board in January 2016, I brought forward a board matter advocating for greater transparency and public communication. I'm pleased to report that as of February 21, you can now tune in to Board of Supervisors Committee Meetings on any computer or mobile device or on Cable Channel 16! Board Committee meetings have always been open to the public, but now you can watch them anywhere or anytime through the live stream or video archive.

Committee meetings serve as work sessions for the Board and County staff to share information and strategize on how the County should tackle important issues involving transportation, public safety, human services, housing, land use, the environment and legislation. Committee meeting work sessions tee up important decisions that the Board ultimately votes on at Board of Supervisors meetings.

[Committee Meeting Schedule](#) | [Watch Live](#) | [Committee Meeting Video Archive](#)

Seeking Feedback on Fairfax County's New Website Design

A modern and resident-focused website is critical for Fairfax County Government's digital business and informational future. In order to serve residents best, the County website needs to be updated and easily viewable on all devices, including tablets and phones. I am pleased to announce that a draft new website is now available for your review and feedback. Please visit:

BRILLIANT IDEA LOADING



www.fairfaxcounty.gov/using/newwebsite to take one or more brief surveys, which will be available until at least **March 19**. All feedback will be considered and factored into the next draft version of the new website. We hope to launch the complete "new and improved" website later this year.

Metro SafeTrack Surge 13



The final installment of Metro's [SafeTrack](#) emergency track maintenance program is underway and concludes on Sunday, April 9. There will be SEVERE disruptions along the Yellow and Blue Lines due to track work between National Airport and Huntington/Franconia Springfield, please see the video below provided by the City of Alexandria.



SafeTrack Surge 13

[Click here for SafeTrack Surge 13 Details](#) or go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/safetrack/>

DMV Connect



DMV AT SHERWOOD REGIONAL LIBRARY ADJUSTS DATES

The Department of Motor Vehicles and Sherwood Regional Library have agreed to change the regular dates for the DMV Connect and

Mobile DMV, citing an abundance of caution for potential parking issues with the regular Wednesday Farmers Market that begins in May. Sherwood Regional Library will now host the DMV **on the third Monday of every month**. This is a change in date. No other aspects of the DMV's operations were changed.

The two programs, DMV Connect and DMV 2 GO, began providing full DMV service to the Route 1 area on February 22. DMV Connect serves customers from 10:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the DMV 2 GO van will service customers from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every third Monday of each month, with the next date on March 20.

https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/general/#dmv_connect.asp

[See More](#)

[Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles](#)

https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/general/#dmv_connect.asp

Fairfax County's 275th Anniversary



This year, we will celebrate the [275th Anniversary of Fairfax County](#). A number of exciting events are being planned throughout the year to celebrate this exciting milestone. In particular, please mark your calendars for a June 17th history event on the grounds of the Historic Fairfax Courthouse at Main Street and Rt. 123. Join the conversation and stay connected on Facebook [@Fairfax275](#).

Local upcoming events are:

- [Historic Pohick Church First Saturday Tours](#), 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton VA 22079, Recurring monthly on the 1st Saturday. Admission is free.
- [Lecture: History of Fairfax County & George Washington's Mount Vernon](#), March 21, 2017, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Historic Fairfax Courthouse, 4000 Chain Bridge Rd., Fairfax, VA 22030. Admission is free.
- [Tributes at the Tomb at Mount Vernon](#), 12 p.m. (November-March); 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. (April-October), George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon, VA 22121. Admission is free with regular Estate admission.

[Click here](#) for a list of March 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/>

View historic maps and photos [here](#).

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

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

Horse Pasture and Waste Management Practices

Essential Horse Pasture and Waste Management Practices

Two vital tasks in managing a horse operation include pasture management and waste management. County staff have created some guidelines that you may find helpful.

Learn More

Environmental Initiatives

Fairfax County has an [Environmental Vision](#) that guides the County's sustainability initiatives and programs. The Vision was adopted by the Board in 2004 and was last updated in 2007. Currently, the Vision is going through an update that will be adopted later this summer. A [draft of the update](#) is available online.

In addition to the Environmental Vision update, the County proceeds to update its energy webpages. The [Cool Counties](#) webpage now includes information on the initiative, the most recent Council of Government's (COG) [Fairfax County regional inventory](#), and the County's progress on reducing greenhouse gas emissions. **The County has reduced its per capita emissions by 10% from 2005 to 2012!**

The County's [energy data pages](#) have also been updated as well. The pages display the amount of electricity and natural gas consumed by County facilities from 2006-2015. Graphic representations feature the levels of carbon emissions released, which are equivalent to the County's energy usage. Fairfax County has actually **decreased** its greenhouse gas emissions from its buildings by **21%** from 2006 to 2015, even though County properties have actually increased in square footage! The County continues to move forward in reducing its energy usage, and in fact, has saved up to \$1 million in utility bills from 2012-2014.

Stay tuned for more [fresh information](#) to be released later this year! Shortly, the energy data pages will be updated to include 2016 data, as well as energy narratives about specific County Government buildings. COG's next inventory, containing 2015 data for the Fairfax County's region's carbon emissions, will be released later this year too.

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:

- **Advisory Social Services Board** Monitor the formulation and implementation of social welfare programs
- **Athletic Council - Alternate (only if Principal seat member cannot attend)**
Advise the Board on allocation, use, management and future planning of County athletic resources
- **Barbara Varon Volunteer Award Selection Committee**
Reviews nominee applications and selects the recipient of the Award
- **Oversight Committee on Drinking and Driving**
To inform the Board appropriately about drinking and driving related conditions which impact public safety and mobility
- **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.
- **Childcare Advisory Council**

To advise the Board and the Office for Children on programs and policies related to child care.

- **Human Services**

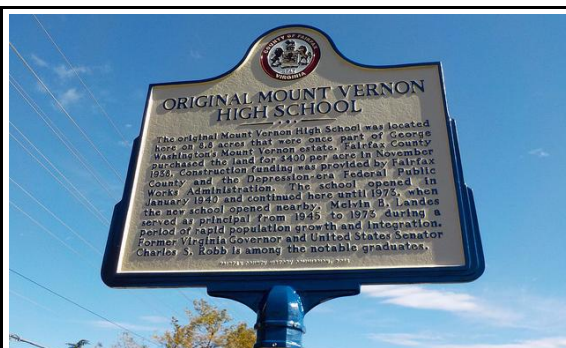
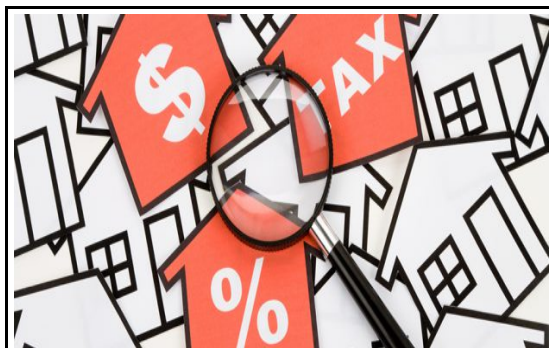
To review human services needs and assess the effectiveness of the human services delivery system; to report annually on the conditions and effectiveness of the human services delivery system; to develop a more effective and efficient human services delivery system;

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](#).

Real Estate Tax Calculator

Historical Highway Markers



Learn more about what your real estate tax dollars pay for with this [new tool](#):

This educational tool helps illustrate where tax dollars go to meet the [priorities set by the Board of Supervisors](#) and the community for county programs and services. Find out more [here](#)

Enjoy taking this **online visual history map tour**, which takes you to 48 historical highway markers in Fairfax County. The local story map includes each historical marker's name and text, a map of it's location, and images related to the maker. There are several nearby markers, to include many in the Mount Vernon district. [View Map...](#)

FUN-DRAISING TO BRING THE GREEN TO THE WOLVERINE GREEN!

It's time to build the native Virginia habitat. When you ride for the Wolverine Green and you'll help buy the foliage that will bring the Wolverine Green alive, making it the ultimate outdoor classroom.
Planting begins on Earth Day, April 22!

Sponsor Packages Available. Contact Cindy Anderson for details: ride4thefunofit@gmail.com.



7:00 AM Biker check-in begins.

8 AM Ready, Set, Ride! Walkers Welcome! Each lap around Fort Hunt Park is 1.25 miles. Riders are encouraged to do a minimum 10 laps or 12.5 miles.

Be sure your bike is in good working order, tires pumped, bicycle helmets required. Bikers must sign waiver. No headsets permitted.

Day-of registration is available for a fee. All riders are encouraged to register in advance in order to effectively fundraise.

BIKE-A-THON



March 25
8-10 AM
Fort Hunt Park

Register & create your individual fundraising page at piggybackr.com/wpbikes. Minimum fundraising goal \$50.

**Inova Mount Vernon Hospital
and AARP Virginia
are proud to present:**



Inova ACTIVE

**A community group for
active people aged 60 and over**

March Presentation



The Ideal Doctor Visit:

***How to get the most
out of your appointment***

It's easy to feel rushed at a doctor's appointment or unsure about the instructions you've been given.

But with a little planning and preparation, you can become your own best advocate.

Join internal medicine physician, **Rev. Iris Keys, MD**, who will lead this important discussion.

Wednesday, March 29

12 noon – 1:30 p.m.

Inova Mount Vernon Hospital
Engl Conference Center, 2nd Floor
2501 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306

What is Inova ACTIVE?

ACTIVE means **Adult Community That
Is Very Energetic**

Be part of this new monthly age 60+ community group who meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Join us for lunch and hear from medical professionals and community members, to help you stay energetic and active!

Cost: \$5

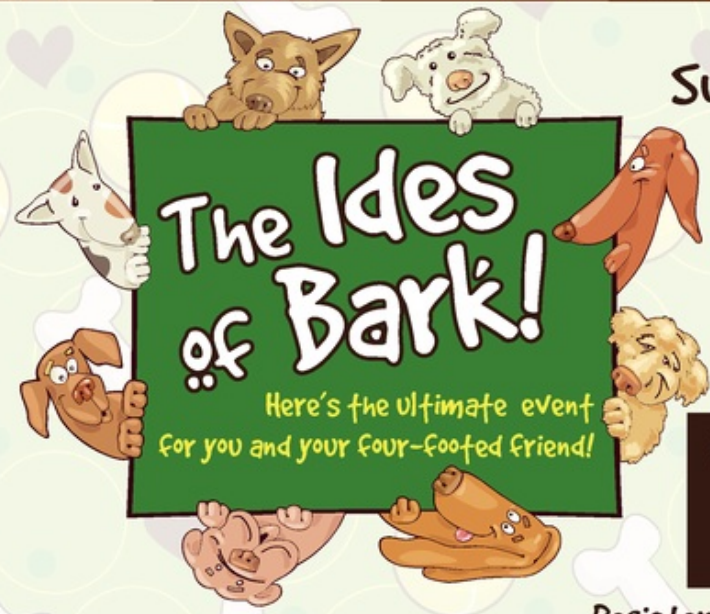
(cash or check only – payable at the door)

To Register:

Go to: <http://states.aarp.org/active>
or call: (703) 664-7261

**Space is limited to the first 50
respondents; call today!**

AARP Virginia



The Ides of Bark!

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

Sunday, March 26, 2017

1-5 p.m.

Admission is FREE!

Grist Mill Park

4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy., Alexandria

Games • Prizes • Food
Fun • Vendors
Health Assessments

Demonstrations by the
Fairfax County Police K-9 Unit

Register your dog with Fairfax County.
Fee is \$10 (Cash or check). Owners must show proof of a current rabies shot.



Supported by Mount Vernon District Supervisor
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www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks
Inclusion and ADA Support 703-324-8563. TTY 703-803-3354.





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).

Workhouse Arts Center



Workhouse

ARTS CENTER

SPRING CLASSES

Spring classes start soon at the Workhouse Arts Center! Our Spring-Summer catalog is now available and is filled with creative adventures for all ages and skill levels. Whether you're interested in painting or ceramics, drawing or music - even photography, culinary arts, or youth arts camps - there's something at the workhouse that's just right for you!

YOUTH ARTS SUMMER CAMP

Summer will be here before you know it! Youth Arts Camp at the Workhouse provides unique arts education opportunities for campers - everything from theater to glass, fiber arts to computer game design, and more. Book early as our camps fill up quickly each year!

For more information about classes, camps, exhibits, and performances, please visit <http://WorkhouseArts.org>

