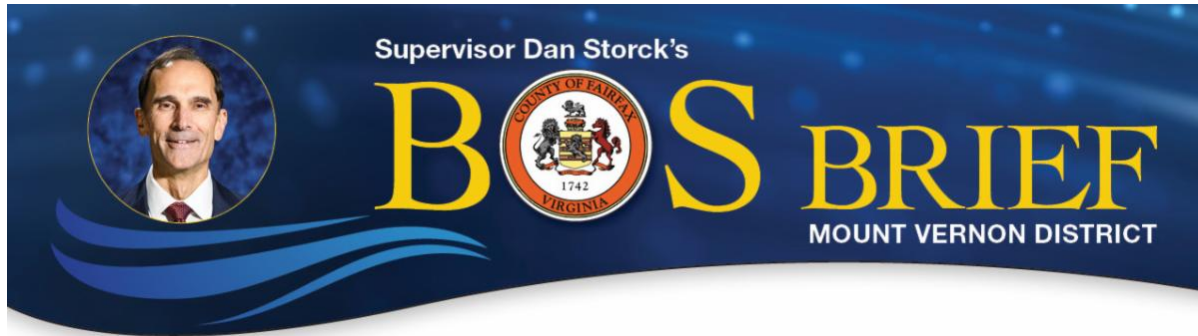


March 22, 2022



Dear Neighbors,

As a reminder, I will be hosting my **Budget Town Meeting** with School Board Member **Karen Corbett Sanders** and the **Mount Vernon Council of Citizen's Associations** TODAY **Wednesday, March 23 at 6 p.m.** via zoom. [More information...](#)

At Tuesday's Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting, I recognized the remarkable **Ada Singletary** as she **celebrates her 102 birthday**. This **lifelong resident of Gum Springs** was honored by our community with a car parade! Community members know her for **walking everywhere**, as she never learned to drive. At the **wise age of 102 Ms. Singletary's advice to young people** is, "*Put God first. Walk hand-in-hand with God and take care of yourself.*" I know you all join me in wishing Ms. Singletary **happy birthday and best wishes!**



Based on community input, I moved to **not proceed and indefinitely defer** a proposal by Verizon to change the Comprehensive Plan language for **2806 Popkins Lane** to **increase the number of units per acre** permitted. My office **worked closely** with community members and this neighborhood. While Verizon representatives wanted to move forward, the **community was not supportive**. Previously, the **Site Specific Plan Amendment (SSPA) Task Force** voted to retain the current Comprehensive Plan, while the **Planning Commission** voted for the increased residential units, with considerations for additional tree preservation.

The Board **approved an ordinance requiring containment of running bamboo** to prevent it from spreading to neighboring properties. The ordinance **goes into effect on January 1, 2023**, to allow additional time for **education and outreach** on the importance of containing this aggressive, non-native plant and methods to do so. Once effective, there will be a **complaint based system** and the County will work with property owners to identify running bamboo, **bamboo "owners" and remediation efforts**. However, this ordinance will not be retroactive, meaning if you have bamboo on your property now, you are the bamboo "owner" and it does not matter where it spread from. If bamboo spreads onto your property, you can **report this to Fairfax County Code Compliance**, who will work with the property owners to resolve the situation.

Other meeting highlights:

- Advertised a public hearing to **remove leaf collection services** for a **Waynewood neighborhood**, at the request of the residents.
- Advertised a public hearing on **Third Quarter Carryover Review** for the FY 2022 Budget.

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 March 22, 2022 meeting**, including items of particular interest to Mount Vernon residents. For additional information, please go to the County's Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule. The clerk to the board's official **Summary of Board Actions** is available the week following each meeting. Information is also available by a **video linked to the board agenda** and the **Board of Supervisors Highlights podcast**.

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

To view the March 22, 2022 Board Package [click here](#).

Proclamations and Recognitions

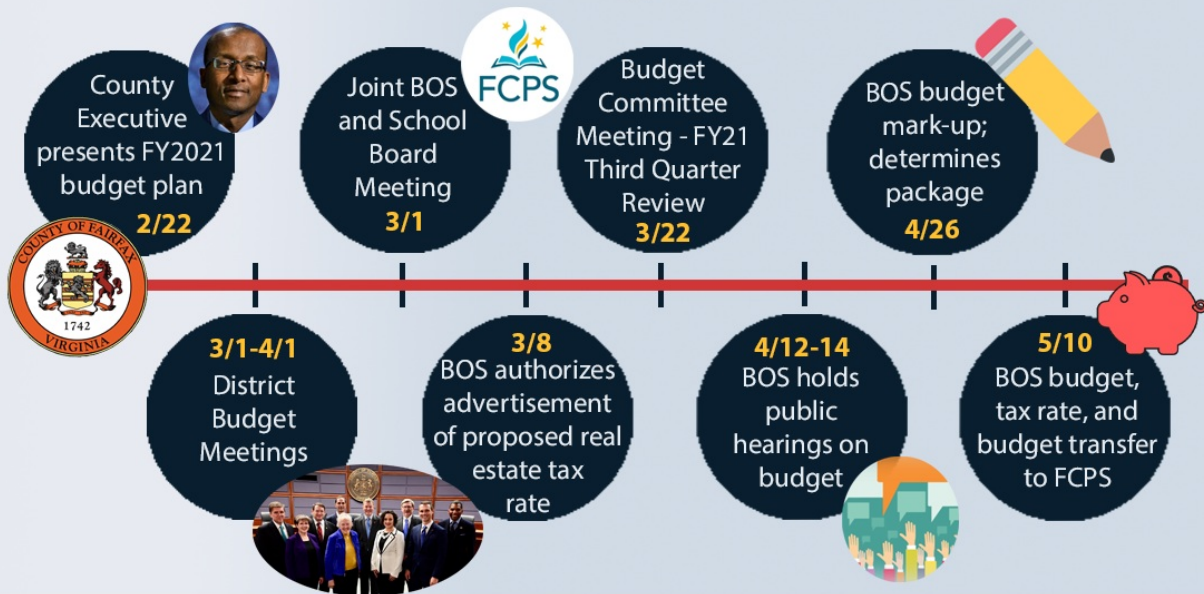


April as Child Abuse Prevention Month



April 4-10 as Public Health Week

FY 2023 Budget Timeline



Administrative Items

Item 1: Approved an extension to the Review Period for the 2232 Application for Waste Management and the **Lorton Landfill Overlook Park project**. *The full item can be read on pages 32 - 33 of the Board Package.*

Authorized public hearings on:

- Amend the current appropriation level in the FY 2022 Revised Budget Plan to encompass the **County and School's FY 2022 Third Quarter Reviews**. Public

hearing will be held in coordination with the FY 2023 Budget public hearings on **April 12 at 4:00 p.m., April 13 at 3:00 p.m. and April 14 at 3:00 p.m.** *The full item can be read on pages 44 - 45 of the Board Package.*

- De-Creation of a small and local sanitary district for the **removal of vacuum leaf collection services in a Waynewood neighborhood.** This action is being taken **at the request**, and with the **overwhelming support**, of neighborhood residents. Public hearing will be held on **May 10 at 4:00 p.m.** *The full item can be read on pages 46 - 52 of the Board Package.*

Action Items

Item 1: Authorized an **Unmanned Aircraft Systems Program** for County Department of Cable and Consumer Services (DCCS) to use drones to **capture footage to enhance Channel 16 programming.** The intended scope and purpose of the planned DCCS Unmanned Aircraft Systems Program, is specifically to **acquire video of County facilities, parks, buildings and historic landmarks** to enhance television programs that inform the public about County services. To **ensure the privacy of the public**, imagery will be recorded to ensure that individuals are not recognizable or, if anyone is recognizable, a signed County Release Form will be obtained. The imagery will be acquired by Channel 16 staff members who have been **trained through the County program** and are **FAA Part 107 licensed operators.** *The full item can be read on pages 77 - 80 of the Board Package.*

Item 2: Approved a resolution consenting to the **Virginia Railway Express** Issuance of **bonds for capital expenses.** *The full item can be read on pages 81 - 85 of the Board Package.*

Item 3: Approved a resolution approving the issuance of Industrial Development Authority Health Care Revenue Refunding bonds (**Inova Health System Project**). *The full item can be read on pages 86 - 98 of the Board Package.*

Board Matters

Recognition of Ed Ballard and his 35 years of Service to Fairfax County
- Joint with Chairman Jeff McKay and Supervisors Penny Gross and Rodney Lusk

Ed Ballard, Supervising Engineering Inspector of Site Development and Inspections Division in Land Development Services, **retired on March 11, 2022, after 35 years of dedicated service to Fairfax County.** Ed joined the County in 1987 and began his career as a site inspector and then eventually served in several progressively more responsible roles. For the last 15 years, he **supervised a team of site inspectors** providing site inspections for developments in the Mason, Lee and Mount Vernon Districts.

His **tremendous experience** coupled with his **knowledge of Codes and Regulations** were instrumental in addressing and solving many complicated field situations. Ed provided **excellent customer service** to our residents and was highly praised and admired by Board Members, as well as his supervisors and colleagues **throughout his career.** He is an exceptional individual who **contributed significantly** to the successful implementation and completion of **development projects in Fairfax County.**

Ed was a **respected supervisor and leader** who was invested in and facilitated his staff's growth and advancement. Many of his team members were promoted to different agencies in the County.

Action

Directed a proclamation be signed by the Chairman, myself, and Supervisors Gross and Lusk to be presented to Mr. Ballard at a future board meeting for his outstanding service to Fairfax County and our residents.

Adoption of Auditor of the Board's March 2022 Quarterly Report and Approval of the Audit Committee Work Plan for the Upcoming Quarter

As **Audit Committee Chairman**, I presented the Audit Committee's recommendation for

full Board approval of the **Auditor of the Board's Quarterly Report for March 2022** and the **upcoming quarter work plan**. The report included study areas, recommendations, and managements' concurrence.

Action

Adopted the Auditor of the Board's March 2022 Quarterly Report and approve the Audit Committee Work Plan for the upcoming quarter.

Recognizing County Board/School Board Joint Environmental Taskforce Members - Joint with Chairman Jeff McKay and Supervisor Penny Gross

The Joint Environmental Task Force, or JET, was **formed in April 2019** by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Fairfax County School Board. The JET's mission is to **join the political and administrative capabilities** of the County and the school system to proactively **address climate change and environmental sustainability**. The final meeting of the JET was held in January 2022.

Members attended **many meetings and spent hundreds of hours** over two years debating and developing its recommendations. In October 2020, the JET issued a **final report with recommendations** from each of the four subcommittees. The overarching recommendation from JET members was to set the County and schools goal of being **carbon neutral by 2040**, further establishing Fairfax County as a **leader in climate action**. County staff has expanded on this goal by creating the **Carbon Neutral Counties Declaration** and encouraging other jurisdictions to sign on. The JET recommendations have been accepted by both Boards and incorporated into the **County's Operational Energy Strategy**. [Read the full Board Matter...](#)

Action

Directed that proclamations in recognition of their service be prepared to be signed by the Chairman, myself and Supervisor Penny Gross to be presented to each member at a future Board meeting.

Solarize Fairfax - Joint with Chairman Jeff McKay and Supervisor Penny Gross

For half a decade Fairfax County has joined the **Northern Virginia Regional Commission** and the nonprofit **Local Energy Alliance Program** to offer **Solarize Fairfax County**, a campaign to help **make solar panels more affordable and accessible** to County residents and businesses. This year, we are pleased to partner once again with NVRC and LEAP to **offer Solarize from April 1 through June 30**.

This is an **especially important year** for our residents and businesses to consider installing solar, for several reasons. At the end of this calendar year, the **federal income tax credit for solar installations will drop** from 26% to 22%, which represents a marked decrease. Anyone interested in installing solar will need to have signed a contract and their **solar project installed before December 31 to qualify for the 26% tax credit**.

Solarize participants can receive **free, no-obligation site assessments** of their properties from a **pre-qualified vendor**. Those who decide to move forward and install solar panels receive **bulk discounts** on their purchase, **financing options**, guidance on how to make the most of the **federal tax incentive**, and more. Additionally, anyone who installs solar in Fairfax County is eligible for **County solar incentives**, which currently include a waiver for the permit application and a **five-year solar energy equipment tax exemption**. [Read the full Board Matter...](#)

Action

Directed the Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination, in partnership with the Office of Public Affairs, to proceed with the promotion of the 2022 Solarize Fairfax County campaign.

Literacy Council of Northern Virginia's 60th Anniversary - Joint with Chairman Jeff McKay and Supervisors Walter Alcorn, John Foust, Penny Gross, Pat Herrity, Rodney Lusk, Dalia Palchik, Kathy Smith and James Walkinshaw

The Literacy Council of Northern Virginia (LCNV), established in 1962, has a mission to **teach adults the basic skills of reading, writing, speaking, and understanding English** so they can better access **employment and educational opportunities** and more fully and **equitably participate** in the community.

LCNV is proud to have **served nearly 60,000 beginning-level English language** and

literacy adult learners in its 60 years. Their programs are focused on **best practices in research-based pedagogy** and provide **student-centered instruction**. This entails assessing each adult, placing him or her at the **appropriate level within the learning continuum**, gearing instruction to **personal learning goals**, and addressing **special learning needs or disabilities**. They also provide an opportunity for many working age and **retired County residents to serve as trained volunteer teachers**. [Read the full Board Matter...](#)

Public Hearings

Decision Only: Popkins Lane Proposed Plan Amendment

Indefinitely deferred consideration for this proposed Plan Amendment to **increase residential density for 2806 Popkins Lane**, as part of the South County Site Specific Plan Amendment (SSPA) process, until **such time as the property owner submits a future rezoning application** on the property to be reviewed concurrently with the Plan amendment, at which time **additional community outreach/engagement** would occur.

Decision Only: Running Bamboo Ordinance

Approved amendments to the County Code to **establish regulations on managing bamboo** to require **containment to prevent spreading** to neighboring properties. In addition to approving the amendments, the Board **set the date** for the ordinance to go into **effect as January 1, 2023**, to allow additional time for **education and outreach** on the importance of containing this aggressive, non-native plant and methods to do so.

Board Appointments

Mount Vernon residents were appointed or reappointed to the following:

- Commission for Women - **Lanita Thweatt**
 - Police Officers Retirement System Board of Trustees - **Jay Jupiter**
 - Animal Services Advisory Commission - **Gina Lynch**
 - Community Action Advisory Board - **Matthew Bell**
 - Young Adults Advisory Committee - **Mahnoor Zafar**
 - A Heath Onthank Award Selection Committee - **Wesley Speer**
 - Human Services Council - **Adwoa Rey**
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District Information & Upcoming Events

Little Hunting Creek Cleanup

Saturday, March 26, 9 a.m. to noon

The **Friends of Little Hunting Creek (FOLHC)** are looking for volunteers to clean up Little Hunting Creek! This year's **cleanup date is earlier than in the past**, and does NOT conflict with spring break. FOLHC **will supply gloves and trash bags** if you need them, and arrange for county trash pickup. It's fine to hold your cleanup another time that weekend, as long as the **trash is available for County pickup Monday a.m., March 28**. This year some site leaders may expand their effort to **remove exotic invasive vines** as well as trash. If you want to **organize or participate** in cleaning up a site, email betsy@folhc.org with:

- Your name, address, and contact info.
- Description of the site location, and the street address closest to where county trucks should pick up the trash you collect.
- Number of pairs of gloves and bags you need.

We welcome participation by **young people** looking for **community service credit**.

Shape the Future of Bus Service in Fairfax County

Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) continually evaluates bus service on Fairfax Connector and is conducting a **second round of outreach on the ten-year Transit Strategic Plan (TSP)**. We want to hear from Fairfax County residents at **two**

upcoming, online community input meetings and through an [online survey, open until April 15](#). The TSP is a county-wide review of bus service and a **plan for future service**. FCDOT encourages residents to engage and share their ideas and concerns for the future of the Fairfax Connector bus system. The TSP incorporates outreach results from short-term, **sub-area studies** that are being conducted in:

- Herndon-Reston;
- **Franconia-Springfield**;
- Centreville-Chantilly-Vienna-Tysons (CCVT); and
- **Huntington (part of the Richmond Highway BRT project)**

To enhance outreach to all communities in Fairfax County, FCDOT produced a [brochure that was translated into ten languages and mailed to every resident](#) in Fairfax County in March 2022, directing people to the [online survey](#).

Public Meeting #1 - **Monday, March 28**, 7-9 p.m.

Public Meeting #2 - **Thursday, March 31**, 7-9 p.m.

[More information and meeting links...](#)

Carbon Free Fairfax - March 31

On March 31, we will host a [Carbon-Free Fairfax webinar](#) on **"How We Experience Light"** with two very exciting guests. As part of our **Small Actions, Big Impact campaign**, we will draw attention to **lighting as an area of focus for sustainability and health** with help from Dr. Mariana Figueiro, Director of the Light and Health Research Center at Mount Sinai and the Icahn School of Medicine, and Anica Landreneau, Global Director of Sustainable Design with HOK. [Learn more...](#)

Survey for Older Adults Will Help Shape Strategic Plan for Aging Services

Fairfax County, together with the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church, wants to learn more about the **aging experience in our area** to plan for a more **aging-friendly community**. The **Community Assessment Survey** for Older Adults is being **sent out to a scientifically random sample of adults ages 50 and older**. Those who do not receive a survey will still have **additional ways to provide feedback**. You can follow the county's progress on this survey initiative and **find additional ways to share comments and suggestions** on aging online. If you **need assistance** with the survey or have questions, call 703-324-7948, TTY 711. [Learn more...](#)

EQAC Student Member Recruitment

Fairfax County's **Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC)** is seeking a **student representative for the 2022-2023 school year!** Any **current sophomore or junior** in good standing in Fairfax County who is interested is **encouraged to apply**. EQAC makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding **County environmental protection and enhancement**. Monthly meetings address **issues on a range of topics** including water quality, air quality, land use, transportation, solid waste, climate change, energy, hazardous materials, and noise, light and visual pollution. [Learn more and apply by May 4, 2022...](#)

Supporting the People of Ukraine

According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees more than **3 million residents of Ukraine have fled their country** due to the Russian invasion of their country. More than 2 million have arrived in neighboring Poland. In the past the residents and businesses of Northern Virginia have been **extraordinarily generous to those people in need**. The Northern Virginia Regional Commission is organizing a coat/blanket/socks and gloves drive. **Items can be dropped off in boxes located outside our office at the Mount Vernon District Office.**

We are asking donations for the following:

- New/Gently Used Coats
- New Blankets
- New Pairs of Sweat Socks/Heavy Socks
- New Pairs of Gloves

In addition, there are **several organizations seeking support** that have activated **local and international relief efforts**. [How you can help...](#)



Budget Town Meeting Fiscal Year 2023

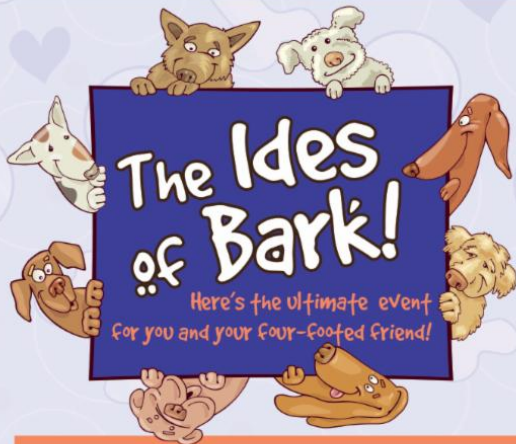
Please join **Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck**, **Mount Vernon School Board Member Karen Corbett Sanders** and the **Mount Vernon Council of Civic Associations** to learn more about the County's fiscal outlook and to share your budget concerns and priorities!

JOIN US!

Presenters:

Fairfax County Executive, Bryan Hill
Fairfax County Deputy Director, Phil Hagen
Fairfax County CFO, Christina Jackson
Fairfax County Public Schools CFO, Lee Burden

ZOOM MEETING	
<p>Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84988655218</p> <p>Telephone: USA 602 333 0032 USA 8882709936 (US Toll Free) Conference code: 711201</p>	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>MARCH 23</p> <p>6:00 p.m.</p>
<p>For more information MOUNT VERNON DISTRICT VIRTUAL BUDGET TOWN MEETING visit the link BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - MOUNT VERNON (FAIRFAXCOUNTY.GOV)</p>	



Sunday, March 27, 2022

1-4 P.M.

Admission is FREE!

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