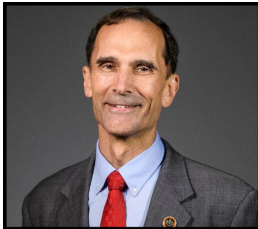


June 4, 2019

BOS BRIEF

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Get Out the Vote! Primary Elections Tuesday, June 11, 2019



As I sat through this week's Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting, I was reminded of the **importance of next week's primary elections**. With several members of our **established Board not seeking re-election**, including our leader, **Chairman Sharon Bulova**, next week's election will largely **shape the future of Fairfax County**. I strongly **urge all registered voters** in the County to take the time to vote in this **important primary**. Although this is a Democratic primary, **all registered voters in the County can exercise their voting rights for our County Board**

Chair and can vote in their District for other local candidates facing primary challengers. **Tuesday, June 11 is election day** at your regular voting precinct from 6 a.m. - 7 p.m. In addition, all District Governmental Centers and the main County Government Center are open for **in-person absentee voting this Saturday, June 8** from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. [Read more about the primary elections and how to cast your vote...](#)

The morning began with a **solemn tribute** as my fellow Board members and I expressed our **sympathy and condolences** for the victims, families, coworkers and people of the **City of Virginia Beach** after the tragedy last week. Many of you in the community have asked **how you can help** and what you can do to **honor the victims** of this tragedy. Information on **services, vigils and other memorial events**, as well as ways to **provide direct support**, can be found at www.loveforvb.com. For information on how to prepare your workplace in the event of a similar incident, view the County's "[How to Prepare](#)" [video](#).

Throughout the morning, the BOS recognized **several individuals and organizations** who use their **time and talents** to make our community the best it can be. The winners of this year's **A. Heath Onthank Awards** are exemplary examples of this, especially **Hossein Malayeri** with the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development. Hossein's **determination, expertise and unwavering focus** working with geotechnical engineers, civil engineers and construction experts for eight months **resulted in the North Hill affordable housing project** being fully engineered, financed and approved. [Read about the recipients...](#)



The BOS also recognized the **75th anniversary of the D-Day Invasion** on June 6, 1944, and honored **several heroic Fairfax veterans** of World War II (photo below).

We commended the **Office of Emergency Management (OEM)** and **resident volunteers** for their work in creating the new **Community Emergency Response Guide**. If you and your community have not yet engaged with the County's outreach to **prepare our residents for potential disasters**, I encourage you to do so. There are **many resources online**, planned workshops in each District, and [workshops can be scheduled](#) for your **individual community or organization**.

In addition, I recognized the **Mount Vernon Council of Citizen's Associations (MVCCA)** for its **50 years of service** to the Mount Vernon District. This **grassroots organization** has provided local neighborhoods with **opportunities to coordinate and advocate** with the County to improve our communities for all constituents. The MVCCA has helped

foster the civic activism that our District is well known for, with educated residents and **strong community leaders** that understand and **engage with our local government**. It is this leadership within the MVCCA that has **driven many positive changes** over the past 50 years and it will continue to be a **positive force in our community**. The MVCCA has exemplified stewardship and we are thankful for the **time and effort all MVCCA members** have dedicated to **servicing the Mount Vernon District**. Read the full Board matter below.

I also joined Supervisor Penny Gross in announcing that the **newly formed Joint Environmental Task Force** (The JET), a collaboration of the Board of Supervisors and the School Board, is **seeking nominations and recommendations** from both Boards for **residents who are willing to serve on The JET**. Deadline for nominations, which should include resumes and contact information, is **June 30**. You may send recommendations and resumes to mason@fairfaxcounty.gov, or mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov. Read the full Board matter below.

The Board day ended early, with **no public hearings**, in observance of **Eid Al Fitr**, the **Muslim festival** marking the end of the **fast of Ramadan**. We hope our community celebrated a **very Happy Eid**.

Respectfully yours in public service,



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

Please be sure to scroll to the end of this Brief to **see upcoming events and important information** in the District!

The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors June 4, 2019 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.

The Board recognized and designated:



75th Anniversary of the D-Day Invasion



June 2019 LGBT Pride Month



June 16 - 22, 2019 Safety Stand Down Week



Office of Emergency Management and Resident Volunteers for their Work in Creating the New Community Emergency Response Guide

Administrative Items

Admin 10: Approved an **extension of the review period** for the **Washington Mill ES renovation**. This is an **administrative action** as more time is needed for a full review of the project. *The full item can be read on pages 7 - 8 of the Board Package.*

Action Items

Action 1: Approved the **2019 Fairfax County Emergency Operations Plan**. The Plan is a multi-discipline, all-hazards plan that **establishes a single, comprehensive framework** for the management of **major emergencies and disasters** within the County. A **comprehensive review and revision** was conducted of the assigned emergency management roles and responsibilities. The final plan reflects comments and suggestions received from a **variety of stakeholders** and after-action items identified during **response and recovery operations and exercises**. *The full item can be read on pages 56 - 61 of the Board Package.*

Board Matters

Smart Phone Donation Boxes for Domestic Violence Shelters - Joint with Supervisors John Cook and Jeff McKay

The **Artemis House Region I Domestic Violence Shelter** opened earlier this year in Southern Fairfax County. My staff and I toured the facility and it is a truly remarkable facility with apartments that are inviting and welcoming. The **addition of 30 beds to temporarily house domestic violence victims** will empower individuals and their families to take control of their lives, providing a **safe haven and stability** at a time they are most in need of support and security. Prior to this facility, victims typically had to **leave their communities, schools and support networks** to travel across the County to receive services. We want to personally thank the **three musketeers** (as they call themselves) who worked tirelessly on this project, **Lisa Sales, Mattie Palmore, and Karen Stone**. Their focus, vision, and hard work helped bring these new services to fruition. We would also like to thank **Tom Fleetwood and Joe Meyer** whose staff members were instrumental in the site allocation, renovation process and in the day to day operations.

As you may expect, we still have **more work to do** as there are still many victims in need of our outreach and support. Recently, we became aware of a **significant need for unlocked smart phones** at our DV shelters. Victims often leave home with only the clothes on their backs, and even if they have brought their phone, it is **often controlled by their abuser**. A used phone can provide **additional security and comfort** to these individuals by ensuring they have the ability to dial 911; providing untraceable **contact with their families and workplaces**; and avoiding further alienation and loneliness as they **struggle to heal and rebuild their lives**.

We have set a **goal of 110 smart phones** for the 90 beds in Fairfax County with an additional buffer of 20 phones. This need is **strictly for smart phones** with the ability to access the internet and provide safety capabilities. In this case, **older flip phones will not work**. The donated smart phones will go directly to Shelter House, who will ensure the phones are **wiped clean of personal data** and ready for personal use. With our engaged and caring community, we know **we can reach this target in a matter of weeks**.

Action

- Directed smart phone donation boxes be placed at each County Board office and advertised in newsletters and through social media.
- Directed the Office of Public Affairs to advertise this need and the guidelines for donation.

Mount Vernon Council of Citizen's Associations 50th Anniversary

The **Mount Vernon Council of Citizen's Associations (MVCCA)** is celebrating its **50th anniversary** this year. The MVCCA is a **non-partisan and non-profit organization** of

associations in the Mount Vernon magisterial district of Fairfax County. The MVCCA operates independently of the District Supervisor, routinely taking positions on issues and **making recommendations to the County**. Over the past 50 years, the MVCCA has provided local neighborhoods with **opportunities to coordinate and cooperate** with the County to improve our communities for all our constituents.

Members of the MVCCA spend **countless hours** dedicated to the future of their communities, working to propose the **best solutions for their neighbors**. This grassroots organization has **helped shape the neighborhoods** that make up the Mount Vernon District and continues to create a unique community that **attracts residents and visitors** alike. The engagement opportunities MVCCA provides for residents give them a sense of ownership and **pride in their community**; fostering a lifelong relationship with their neighborhood and encouraging continued support for the Mount Vernon District and Fairfax County.

The MVCCA has helped foster the **civic activism** that our District is well known for, with educated residents and **strong community leaders** that understand and engage with our local government. It is this leadership within the MVCCA that has driven many **positive changes** in the District over the past 50 years and it will continue to be a **positive force in our community**. The MVCCA has **exemplified stewardship** and we are thankful for the time and effort all MVCCA members have dedicated to **servicing the Mount Vernon District**.

Actions

Directed the Office of Public Affairs prepare a proclamation signed by the Chair and myself, commending and congratulating the Mount Vernon Council of Community Associations on 50 years of service to the Mount Vernon District to be presented to their Executive Committee by July 15, 2019.

Consent to Filing of Comprehensive Sign Plan Amendment Application for Liberty in Lorton

This is a request for the Board's consent to the filing of a **Comprehensive Sign Plan Amendment** application on Board owned property within **Liberty, formerly the Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse project**, specifically Tax Map Reference 107-1((9))H1. A Comprehensive Sign Plan for Liberty, as a whole, was approved by the Planning Commission on February 23, 2017.

The portion of the project for which this Comprehensive Sign Plan Amendment application is requested is **approved for commercial uses** and is being developed by Liberty Heights LC, a development entity affiliated with Elm Street Development under an executed ground lease. This amendment application **proposes additional signage within the commercial portion of Liberty**.

Action

The Board, as owner in fee simple of Tax Map Reference 107-1((9))H1, consented to the filing of a Comprehensive Sign Plan Amendment application by Liberty Heights, LC.

The Joint Environmental Task Force (JET) - Joint with Supervisor Gross

The **Joint Environmental Task Force** (The JET), a collaboration of the Board of Supervisors and the School Board to help **identify and focus on shared issues** related to **climate, energy, and the environment**, was established in April. As Chairman Bulova stated at that time, "*Environmental issues intersect with many aspects of community life, and require a 'One Fairfax' lens in order to address comprehensively.*" Designated members of the two Boards have been meeting to **draft a mission statement** and develop a process for selecting **community membership** on The JET. The overall membership is anticipated to include **business, industry, higher education representatives, students,** and other **community members**.

While the mission statement continues to be refined, The JET is **seeking nominations or recommendations** from both Boards for **interested residents who are willing to serve on The JET**. Deadline for nominations, which should include resumes and contact information, is **June 30**. You may send recommendations and resumes to mason@fairfaxcounty.gov, or mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov. The executive committee will review submissions and **make initial selections during the summer**, and the full JET is anticipated to begin meeting in **early September**. A proposed **schedule of meetings and membership** will be circulated and published later **this summer**.

For reference, copies of Chairman Bulova's original Board Matter from October 2018, and County Executive Hill's March 2019 response are [attached](#).

District Information & Upcoming Events

Lorton Landfill Public Participation

Lorton Construction, Demolition, and Debris Landfill seeks **public comments** on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regarding the **capping and final closure** of the Lorton CDD Landfill. Lorton CDD Landfill, Inc., has applied for a modification to its solid waste permit to be authorized to install an alternate final cover system, consisting of **additional soil layers** in order to **plant trees and shrubs** on the cover, and change the post closure use of the landfill to a **passive recreational area**.

A **public hearing** will be held **Thursday, June 13 at 7 p.m.** at South County HS. Staff will be available to answer questions during an information briefing prior to the public hearing, from 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. Questions and comments made during this information briefing will not be part of the official public comments record. **Public comment will begin at 7 p.m.**

Public comments can also be submitted **until June 28, 2019**. DEQ accepts comments by hand **delivery, e-mail, or postal mail**. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. DEQ also accepts written and oral comments at public hearings. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office. [Read more and where to submit public comment...](#)

Events:

- [Summer Library Events](#)
- [June Arts Events](#)
- [Farmers Markets](#)
- [Mount Vernon Nights FREE Public Concert Series](#)
- Apr 16-June 14: [Solarize Fairfax Program](#)
- June 8: [Kingstowne Library 2nd Saturday Book Sale](#) - 10 a.m.
- June 8: [Opioid Town Hall Meeting](#) - 11 a.m.
- June 8: [Caregivers Workshop](#) - 11 a.m.
- June 9: [Ecology Walk](#) - 10 a.m.
- June 11: [Primary Elections](#) - 6 a.m.
- June 13: [Lorton CDD Landfill Public Hearing](#) - 7 p.m.
- June 15: [Huntington Levee Ribbon Cutting Celebration](#) - 10 a.m.

Opportunity to Serve

Police Civilian Review Panel

The mission of the Panel to **enhance police legitimacy** and to **build and maintain trust** between the citizens of Fairfax County, the Board of Supervisors, and the Fairfax County Police Department. You can read more about the Panel here: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecivilianreviewpanel/about-us>

To be considered for future appointment to the nine-member panel, please send a **resume or bio** with a **brief note explaining why you'd like to be appointed** to: MtVernon@FairfaxCounty.gov

You are cordially invited to the



Huntington Levee



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services cordially invite you to a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the completion of the Huntington Levee. County officials will deliver brief remarks on Saturday, June 15, 2019, at 10 a.m.

The ceremony will be held inside the new pumping station. Access to the site is available through the service entrance located at the intersection of Arlington Terrace and Mount Vernon Drive. (Use 2040 Arlington Terrace, Alexandria for driving directions.) Limited parking is available.



**Saturday June 15, 2019
10 AM at Huntington Park**

For information about the ceremony or to RSVP, please contact public information officer, Matthew Kaiser at

703-324-8455 | mkaise@fairfaxcounty.gov

[\[Click Here for Map\]](#)



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www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/huntington-levee



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DISABILITY INCLUSION CONFERENCE

Booths, panel discussions, breakout sessions and more at the Fairfax County Government Center

8:30am - 1:00pm

Hosted by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and The Arc of Northern Virginia



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