



# Mount Vernon Advisor

## BoS BRIEF

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The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors June 5, 2018 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.

## A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR STORCK

Yesterday's Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting opened with a rousing **Presentation of the Colors** by the **Army Continental Color Guard** and an element of the **Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps**. This presentation marked the Board's designation of June 9 - 16, 2018, as **Army Week** in Fairfax County. The relationship between the US Army and Fairfax County is **important and integral to both organizations**. As the **largest employer** in the County, **Fort Belvoir is a valuable partner** to the Mount Vernon District. In addition to being a good neighbor, Fort Belvoir provides a **large community hospital**, the location for the **Eleanor U. Kennedy Shelter**, and coming soon, the area will benefit from the **National Museum of the United States Army (NMUSA)**. A **special thank you to all who serve**, and their families who support them.



Next, the Board celebrated the **2018 Lord and Lady Fairfax honorees**, with Mount Vernon District **Lord Barney Barnwell** and **Lady Cathy Ledec** in attendance. The Board also recognized the contributions of the **Mount Vernon-Lee Enterprise** for its **45th Anniversary** and, more importantly, for all they do to **employ and support individuals living with disabilities**. This home-grown, grassroots organization is a **great asset** to the Mount Vernon and Lee Districts. **Thank you for all you do!**



### Top 3 Things You Need to Know from the BOS Meeting:

1. Board approved a zoning ordinance amendment to **provide residents with increased flexibility** in the use of their rear yards.
2. Board recognized the **South County High School Boys Varsity Basketball team** for winning its first state championship.
3. Supervisor McKay and I jointly moved a Board Matter to exploration of options to **paint water towers**.



I also presented a Board Matter recognizing **Richard Bierce** for his **30 years of service** to the County's **Architectural Review Board (ARB)**. Richard's knowledge as an **Historical Architect and Preservation Consultant** has been invaluable to the ARB. In a busy day at the Board, I also introduced **new Mount**

The Board also designated:



June 2018 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month



June 2018 as Fatherhood Awareness Month



June 1 - 7, 2018, as CPR/AED Awareness Week

## ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

**Admin 4:** The Board authorized a **public hearing** on amendments to the **Employees' and Uniformed Retirement Systems** to eliminate the 5 percent reduction of Social Security benefits. The hearing is scheduled for **July 10, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.**

## ACTION ITEMS

To view the **June 5, 2018 Board Package** [click here](#).

**Action 1:** The Board approved a **project agreement** with the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), to enable the County to receive **FY 2018 funding** for the **I-95 Transit and Travel Demand Management (TDM) Plan** operating assistance. The I-95 Corridor Transit and TDM Plan was developed to provide the Commonwealth with recommendations, including both operations and capital investments, to **complement the I-95 High Occupancy Toll/High Occupancy Vehicle (HOT/HOV) lanes** improvements. *The full item can be read on pages 110 - 116 of the Board Package.*

**Action 5:** The Board approved an **agreement** with the Commonwealth to use federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and state matching **funds in the amount of \$332,294 to promote Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs** in FY 2019. This funding will be used to **decrease air pollution by promoting alternative commuting modes**. *The full item can be read on pages 154 - 174 of the Board Package.*

## BOARD MATTERS

### Recognition for Richard Bierce for 30 years of service to the Architectural Review Board and Fairfax County

Since November 1987, **Richard Bierce** has been a **fixture on the Fairfax County Architectural Review Board (ARB)**, where he has served as both chairman and vice-chairman. Mr. Bierce started his **own practice in 1989 as a Historical Architect and Preservation Consultant** and worked on projects that included **assessing damage to historic properties** after hurricanes in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, **evaluating the significance of early 20th century schools** in Tampa, Florida and

restoring St. Paul's Church in Alexandria, Virginia.

Mr. Bierce's accomplishments are comprehensive, with many of his most **noteworthy works completed pro bono**. One of his first and most indelible ARB duties was to **establish, preserve and protect 13 Historic Overlay Districts** in the County. He has advocated for the **protection and care of historic buildings**, including the **Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse site**, the **Woodlawn and Arcadia partnership**, and the **Workhouse Arts Center**. With almost 50 years as a Historical Architect and Preservation Consultant, he has worked on projects throughout Fairfax County, the state of Virginia, and nationwide.

**Action**

*Directed staff to issue a proclamation to recognize Richard Bierce for his many accomplishments to be presented at a future Board meeting.*

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### **Joint Board Matter with Supervisor Jeff McKay: Exploration of Options to Paint Water Towers**

Since this Board adopted the **Embark Comprehensive Plan Amendment** in March, Supervisor Storck and I have been meeting with various stakeholders and County staff to bring it to life.

As a part of that work, my office fielded a question about what it would take to **paint the water towers** along Richmond Highway to **complement Embark**.

We are aware of the great work done in Tysons in conjunction with the Partnership on the water tower there, and we would like to **explore a similar initiative along the Corridor**.

**Action**

*Directed staff to prepare a memo to the Board outlining the steps necessary to achieve such a project, to include the approvals that would be necessary and potential funding estimates and options that might be considered.*

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS THAT IMPACT THE MOUNT VERNON DISTRICT**

### **Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Minimum Required Rear Yard Coverage Limitations for Single-Family Detached Dwellings**

The Board approved a zoning ordinance amendment to **provide residents with increased flexibility** in the use of their rear yards. It also would **clarify interpretations** regarding the calculation of the minimum required rear yard and make an editorial amendment regarding size limitations on **children's playhouses**. *The full item can be read on pages 198 - 235 of the Board Package.*

