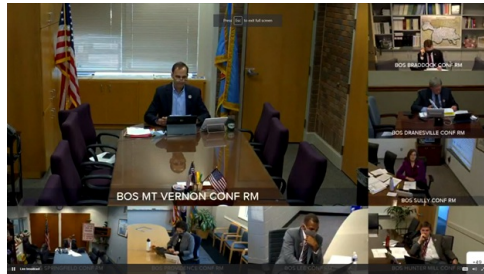


January 26, 2021



This week we kicked off the **2021 Board meeting year!** As usual we began the meeting with remembrances and a moment of silence. I recognized the **loss of my dear mother, Kathy Storck, at 93-years strong.** She died young, as late as possible and on her own terms. We also recognized Fairfax County residents **Capitol Hill Police Officers Brian Sicknick and Howard Liebengood,** who died tragically as a result of the attack on our Nation's Capitol. **Officer Sicknick was a Mount Vernon resident** and will be **remembered by friends and neighbors as a hero,** as well as for his sense of humor and rescuing Dachshunds in his spare time.



The Board also recognized retiring Police Chief Ed Roessler for his **storied 31-year career** with the County, including **eight years as Chief,** continuing to keep Fairfax County one of the **safest jurisdictions of our size.** You can read more of my comments in my [November newsletter.](#)

**Housing security is a critical element** of my work in the District. During this week's Board of Supervisor's meeting, we adopted the **2021 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Work Program,** including proposed nominations from the **South County Site-specific Plan Amendment (SSPA) process.** One proposed project has created community apprehension - the **Engleside Trailer Park and Ray's Mobile Home community** has been **nominated for an amendment** to the Comprehensive Plan, combined with surrounding properties. **I have read every letter and deeply understand residents' concerns** about being able to continue to **own their own homes** in the County. With decades in public service, **protecting affordable housing and helping families,** I'm committed to **working with Engleside/Ray's residents,** engaging with the property owner, listening to the **recommendations on mobile home policy** by the Affordable Housing Preservation Task Force and looking at all new development considerations through the **lens of One Fairfax.** We need **more affordable and workforce housing** in our County and this long-standing County process provides the means to continue our discussions and **work to find solutions that work for all.** It should be noted that **the owner of this property has the right** to redevelop this land without the approval of the County or engagement with the residents, whereas the **SSPA process provides opportunity for community engagement** and economic development. [Read my full response...](#)

I also moved a Board Matter to include consultant resources to support the **Lorton Visioning Study in the 2021 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Work Program.** The Lorton Visioning Study is intended to provide market research, **community engagement,** visioning assistance and development of **potential land use and design scenarios.**

**Additional Meeting Highlights:**

1. Authorized a public hearing on amendments to **prohibit use of plastic bags in yard waste collection.**
2. Appointed Deputy County Executive for Public Safety **David M. Rohrer** as [interim police chief.](#)
3. Requested **\$30M in additional funding** for the **Richmond Highway widening and BRT Projects** from the FY 2027 Regional Surface Transportation Program.

You can read more about COVID-19 updates, **upcoming community meetings** and

information below.

Respectfully yours in public service,



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

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The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors January 26, 2021 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.

Para recibir la información de **nuestro boletín electrónico en español**, o **para hablar con un hispanohablante**, comuníquese con **Diego Rodriguez Cabrera** a su preferencia, por teléfono al (703) 619-4339 o por correo electrónico: [diego.rodriguezcabrera@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:diego.rodriguezcabrera@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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To view the January 26, 2021 Board Package [click here](#).

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## Administrative Items

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**Item 8:** Authorized a grant application for County agencies to receive funding for **5 all-electric heavy trucks and charging infrastructure**. *The full item can be read on pages 95 - 98 of the Board Package.*

**Authorized Public Hearings on:**

- Proposed amendments to **remove Tree Commission and Geotechnical Review Board provisions** from the Zoning Ordinance and **incorporate them** into the County Code.
- A series of amendments to **prohibit using plastic bags** for the set-out and **collection of yard waste**.

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## Action Items

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**Item 1:** Approved the Board's **regular meeting schedule** for calendar year 2021. *The full item can be read on pages 99 - 103 of the Board Package.*

**Item 2:** Scheduled a vote on **updated and modernized Board of Supervisors' Rules of Procedure on Feb. 9**. *The full item can be read on pages 104 - 110 of the Board Package.*

**Item 3:** Adopted the Board's own policy on **naming County facilities** at a Board member's request. *The full item can be read on pages 111 - 114 of the Board Package.*

**Item 4:** Adopted the **2021 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Work Program**, including certain proposed **2019-2020 South County site-specific plan** amendment nominations. This adds **5 nominations (including Engleside/Ray's Mobile Homes) in Mount Vernon** from South County SSPA process, as well as amends ongoing **studies for Beacon/Groveton and Hybla Valley/Gum Springs** Suburban Neighborhood Areas, and adds a **Lorton Area Study**. *The full item can be read on pages 115 - 129 of the Board Package.*

**Item 6:** Endorsed projects submitted for the **FY 2027 Regional Surface Transportation Program** and congestion mitigation and air quality federal funding through the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, to include \$30M for the Richmond Highway widening and

## Board Matters

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### Authorization of a Special Lorton Area Study

At the October 27, 2020 Land Use Policy Committee meeting, County staff presented the anticipated 2021 work program, which **anticipated a Lorton Area Study**. This study was defined to include consultant support and services, as well as a **transportation analysis**. County staff recommended **moving the study to an active status**. This study will allow staff and the community to determine the best approach to **identify and evaluate changes** to the Comprehensive Plan regarding **land uses, densities, transportation conditions, parks, recreational areas, environmental corridors**, and other supporting infrastructure and public facilities. After conferring with County staff, it was determined that this request should **precede the forthcoming request** for funds for the adoption of consulting resources for this project and two others. Read the full Board Matter...

#### **Action**

*Authorized a special study for the Lorton Area and directed staff to prepare a Comprehensive Plan amendment that reflects the community's future vision. As part of the study, new or improved placemaking and connectivity opportunities should be considered in the context of the immediate area's many unique historic, cultural, natural, recreational and transportation assets to ensure that we take a comprehensive look at additional ways to embrace and link to these distinct places.*

### Funding for Lorton, Fairfax Center Area, and South County SSPA Comprehensive Planning Studies, and Lorton Area Study - Joint with Supervisors James Walkinshaw and Kathy Smith

In order to facilitate the **Lorton Visioning Study**, Phase III of the Fairfax Center Area Study, as well as other planning efforts that are currently listed on and proposed to be added to the **Comprehensive Plan Amendment Work Program** today, **consultant resources will be necessary** to supplement the efforts of County staff.

As part of the staff presentation at our October 27, 2020 Land Use Policy Committee meeting, **Department of Planning and Development** staff included information related to the **anticipated need for consultant resources** to support the **Lorton Visioning Study**, the third phase of the Fairfax Center Area study, and **at least two of the South County Site-specific Plan Amendments** that are proposed to be added to the work program. [Read the full Board Matter...](#)

#### **Action**

*Added a consideration item as part of FY 2021 3rd quarter budget carryover for a total of \$800,000 for these upcoming planning studies. The allocation of the funding would be as follows: \$250,000 to the Department of Planning and Development for consultant support for the Lorton Visioning, Fairfax Center Area, and Site-specific Plan Amendment work, and \$550,000 to the Department of Transportation for the needed transportation analysis for Fairfax Center Area and the Lorton Visioning studies.*

### Mount Vernon's 34th Annual Town Meeting

Once again, this year I am fortunate to have the opportunity to **continue a Mount Vernon tradition** established by my predecessor Supervisor Gerry Hyland in 1988, the annual **Mount Vernon Town Meeting**. While this year will **look different and be entirely virtual**, the Town Meeting provides a forum to **inform the Mount Vernon community** about what its government is doing for them, and even more importantly, **listen to the people discuss and debate** our future. I am pleased that Chairman **Jeff McKay**, County Executive **Bryan Hill**, Mount Vernon School Board Representative **Karen Corbett Sanders** and Health Department Director **Dr. Gloria Addo-Ayensu** will be presenting to residents. The meeting will take place the Saturday before the Super Bowl on **February 6** and will be **live on Channel 16 and Facebook, from 9 am - noon**.

#### **Action**

*Directed the Office of Public Affairs to advertise the Town Meeting on its various communications platforms.*

## 2020 Fairfax County Environmental Excellence Awards - Joint with Chairman Jeff McKay

Each year, the Fairfax County **Environmental Excellence Awards** honor **individual residents, organizations or businesses, and County employees** who advance or support the County's **environmental goals and policies**. The honorees dedicate personal time and expertise beyond their normal civic, fiscal, or professional responsibilities and they **consistently demonstrate leadership** as role models for others.

In 2020, five awardees were named by the **Environmental Quality Advisory Council** on behalf of the Board of Supervisors. Together, these honorees have **devoted countless hours** to the improvement of the **natural environment** in the County through **public advocacy, volunteerism, the implementation of programs and sustainability strategies and mentorship**.

Winners:

- Sara Holt
- Delegate Mark Keam
- Meghan Walker
- Freddie Mac
- Vickie Anglin

[Read the full Board Matter and about the winners...](#)

### **Action**

*Directed the Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination to recognize and publicize the winners.*

## 2021 Fairfax County Annual Teen Job and Opportunity Fairs - Joint with full Board

This year I am once again teaming up with **Connection Newspapers**, Fairfax County Public Schools, community chambers and organizations and my fellow Board members to bring our community **two Fairfax County Teen Job Fairs and Career-Building Workshops**. Normally, we host 5-6 fairs at local high schools. With the limitations of the ongoing pandemic, **this year's fairs will be hosted virtually** through Brazen, a professional virtual job fair platform. The virtual fairs are scheduled for **Saturday, March 13th from 2-5 p.m. and Saturday, March 20th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

The fairs will be **open to all teens in Fairfax County** looking for employment, volunteer opportunities, or tips on building their resume. **Free online booth space** will be provided to **businesses and organizations** to advertise their available positions. We will also host **resume and career building sessions** with our Chamber of Commerce partners. Beginning February 1st, both students as well as employers **may register to attend**. [Read the full Board Matter...](#)

### **Action**

*Directed the Office of Public Affairs to help publicize the 2021 Fairfax County Teen Job and Opportunity Fairs to the local community.*

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## Board Appointments

**Mount Vernon residents were appointed or reappointed to the following:**

- Airports Advisory Board – **Michael Rioux**
- Airports Advisory Board – **Robert R. Meier**
- Juvenile & Domestic Relations – **Joleane Dutzman**
- Wetlands Advisory Board - **Bert Cramer**

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## District Information & Upcoming Events

### Mount Vernon Town Meeting

February 6, 2021

9 a.m. - noon

Virtually on Channel 16 & Facebook

More information and how to participate...

## Stuff the Bus

Saturday, January 30  
Saturday, February 6  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Buses will be parked at locations** throughout Fairfax County to **collect nonperishable food donations** for area food pantries. Buses will be located in less-frequented lots – including Board of Supervisors' offices, schools, libraries and the Pennino building – to allow donors to comply with social distancing recommendations. **Locations in the Mount Vernon District include Fort Hunt ES and Laurel Hill ES.**



See the [complete list](#) of food drop-off locations, what to put on your **shopping list to donate**, and tips for donating safely at Stuff the Bus.

## Stuff the Bus Virtual Food Drive

For those who are **unable to donate in person**, monetary donations can be made by visiting the **websites of the partner nonprofits** serving our community.



## New Resources for Small Business from the COVID-19 Relief Bill

As part of the **COVID-19 Relief Bill** recently passed, the Small Business Administration (SBA) has opened a **new round of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)**, its forgivable loan program. The new legislation allocates new money for **first and second-time borrowers** and clears up some of the administrative headaches and issues with the original round. New borrowers working with community financial institutions in low-income areas **can apply as of January 11 and second round borrowers began January 13**. The PPP will **open to all participating lenders** shortly thereafter. More information on the highlights from the bill can be found on the [Fairfax County Department of Economic Initiatives \(DEI\) website](#) and full descriptions and the most up-to-date information is available at [SBA.gov](#).

## Apply Now for The Partners in Prevention Fund Capacity Building Program

The Fairfax County Department of **Neighborhood and Community Services** is now accepting applications for the Partners in Prevention Fund Capacity Building Program. **Awardees will receive funding, training, and technical assistance** to implement **prevention programs for children, youth, and families** in the community. [The Request for Proposals](#) and additional documents...



Proposals are **due on Friday, Feb. 19 by 2 p.m.** Interested applicants are strongly encouraged to attend a **pre-proposal informational meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 11 a.m.**; the meeting will be **held via Zoom** at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86381705031>, passcode 294804Hv%@. You can also **join by telephone** at 888-270-9936, passcode 926977. [More information...](#)

## 2021 WORK-SMART Series



The ArtsFairfax **WORK-SMART workshops** will focus on **building inclusion, diversity, equity, and access** into the arts sector recovery. Fairfax County **takes pride in its diverse community**, yet the leadership and programming of our arts organizations **often does not reflect our demographics**. By engaging a strong team of advisors and **designing a series of community conversations** and free workshops lead by experts in the field, we will make progress in our **vision of arts for all**.

**Join ArtsFairfax for a Community Round Table on**

## 2021 Dog License and Renewal Due February 1, 2021

- **All dogs four months of age or older must be licensed.** Licenses are good for the **calendar year** in which they are issued and **expire on December 31**. New licenses must be purchased by January 31.
- All **dog license tags are \$10**. License tags are issued **free of charge for service dogs** that assist residents who are visually impaired, deaf, or need mobility assistance.
- If you **no longer own a dog** or have **moved to a new address**, [use this site to report the status](#) of any previously licensed dog to the [Department of Tax Administration \(DTA\)](#).
- **For more information**, including how to purchase a dog license, visit: [Dog License Information | Tax Administration \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#).

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## COVID-19 Updates

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[What You Need to Know About Limited Vaccine Supply](#)

[Older Adults and the COVID-19 Vaccine in Fairfax](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccine and Vaccination Frequently Asked Questions, Part 2](#)

[What You Need to Know if You Have Registered to Get a Vaccine Appointment](#)

[Process for Scheduling Vaccination Appointments at Health Department Clinics](#)

[New Resources for Small Business from the COVID-19 Relief Bill](#)

[Vaccination Registration Begins Jan. 18 for 65+ and People with Medical Conditions](#)

[Vaccine and Vaccination Frequently Asked Questions, Part 1](#)

[School Staff and Teacher Vaccinations to Begin Jan. 16](#)

[Eviction Prevention Information Includes Resources, Dashboard and Emergency Shelter](#)

[Online COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment Registration Available Now for Adults 75+, Certain Healthcare Workers](#)

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# Mask up, Virginia!

## You may not know you're sick.

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- We all need to wear cloth masks to stop the spread.
- You can help save lives.



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