

June 23, 2020



Dear Neighbors,

This week the Board of Supervisor's **met in person** for the first time since March. With **social distancing and face masks**, it was **exciting to be in the same room** with my colleagues! I am pleased that the County continues to **adjust our procedures** to serve our residents, while at the same time **protecting our staff** and observing COVID-19 precautions. Yesterday, **Chairman Jeff McKay** announced some **exciting news**. While at the beginning of this pandemic, Fairfax County Health District had **one of the highest percentages** of the statewide positive cases, **we now have one of the lowest**. In addition, our **positive case trend is holding relatively steady**. This is because of the **care our residents are taking** and the significant work of our Health Department. I encourage you as the **County continues to reopen** to continue to **practice social distancing** and **wear face masks** when not able to do so.



At the meeting we discussed the **large volume of calls** coming in to the **County's Coordinated Services Planning (CSP) '222' number** for help during this pandemic, particularly on the **Spanish language line**. Please know that if you have **experienced long wait times**, the County is **working to increase staffing** on these important support lines. Additionally, the County is pivoting to **improve our multi-language resources and capabilities**. Information on the County website has been **significantly improved** and you will see **more outreach efforts** in the future. If you have questions or needs during this time, **call the CSP at 703-222-0880**. Operators are available in **multiple languages** to provide **answers and assistance**. We also now have **two staffers** in my office who **speak fluent Spanish** and **one who speaks fluent Greek**. Please call our office if we can help!

I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some **important updates in our community**.

Due to COVID-19 and the **economic crisis** we are in, many in our community have been **unable to pay their rent**. It is disturbing that in the **midst of a global public health crisis**, that there are many who must also **fear losing their home**. The Board recently supported the **Governor's request to further extend the moratorium on evictions** by sending a letter to the **Chief Judge of the Fairfax County General District Court**. Unfortunately, the Courts **will not be able to support this extension** and eviction proceedings have returned.

The Board and County staff are **working to keep as many people** out of the eviction process as possible. Below, is information outlining what you **need to know on evictions** and the resources available. If you or someone you know is **unable to pay their rent**, please **share this information** with them.

I am also hearing from our **Mount Vernon District Police Captain Ruck** that **thefts of items in cars** are on the rise. You can help and **protect yourself and your neighbors** simply by **locking your vehicles** at all times. We invite you to **join us** in our **"Lock It or Loose It" campaign**! Please **share the flyer** with your neighbors.

Finally, I would like to invite you to join us for the **North Hill Groundbreaking on Friday, July 31 at 11 a.m.** This exciting project is **35 years in the making** and a significant **County investment in affordable housing** on the Richmond Highway corridor, while also creating a **12-acre park**. More information on the **project and the groundbreaking** can be found on the [project webpage](#). Read the latest [community update](#).

Three Additional Meeting Highlights:

1. Authorized the **Mount Vernon Governmental Center** and the **Laurel Hill Golf Club** (moved from Lorton Library) as a **satellite in-person absentee voting location** for the November 2020 elections.
2. Endorsed **11 new Yield to Pedestrians** in Crosswalks \$100 - \$500 Violation Fine signs in the **Mount Vernon District**.
3. Added **\$20 million to the Fairfax RISE: COVID-19 Small Business and Non-Profit Grant Program**.

You can read more about the **latest COVID-19 information** and **upcoming community meetings** below.

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 July 14, 2020 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.rodriquezcabrera@fairfaxcounty.gov.

All presentations and recognitions were postponed.

To view the July 14, 2020 Board Package [click here](#).

Administrative Items

Item 2: Approved an **additional six months** for commencement of construction for SEA 83-V-083 for SEJ Management and Investment Company to **December 31, 2020**. The project an **upgrade to the 7-Eleven** located at 9402 Richmond Highway in Lorton. *The full item can be read on pages 26 - 35 of the Board Package.*

Item 3: Endorse the **installation of Yield to Pedestrians** in Crosswalk **\$100-\$500 Violation Fine signs** at the **114 locations** across the County.

Locations in the **Mount Vernon District**:

- Mount Vernon Hwy. (Rt. 235) and Sunny View Dr.
- Richmond Hwy. (Rt. 1) and Belford Dr.
- Richmond Hwy. (Rt. 1) and Belvoir Rd.
- Richmond Hwy. (Rt. 1) and Buckman Rd.
- Richmond Hwy. (Rt. 1) and Collard St./Popkins Ln.
- Richmond Hwy., (Rt. 1) and Holiday Inn Express
- Richmond Hwy., (Rt. 1) and Hybla Valley Center
- Richmond Hwy., (Rt. 1) and Janna Lee Ave.
- Richmond Hwy., (Rt. 1) and North Kings Hwy.
- Richmond Hwy., (Rt. 1) and Sacramento Dr.
- Riverside Rd. and Rampart Dr.

The full item can be read on pages 36 - 52 of the Board Package.

Item 11: Authorized the advertisement of a **Public Hearing** on amendments to the County Code related to **County employees and personnel administration**. This amendment adds **additional protective categories** to the existing County Code to **prevent County government employment discrimination** on the basis of pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or status as a veteran. The hearing will be held on **July 14 at 4:30 p.m.** *The full item can be read on pages 171 - 176 of the Board Package.*

Action Items

Item 3: Approved an **additional \$20 million** for the **Fairfax Rise grant program** to help **small businesses and non-profits**. In May the Board **allocated \$25 million** to the program and **received 6,280 applications** for help. Through a lottery system, **just over 2,000 businesses** were able to move to the second phase of the process. **71% had identified themselves** as women-owned, minority-owned, or veteran-owned businesses. The **additional funds will expand the program** to more applicants who have already applied. *The full item can be read on pages 135 - 138 of the Board Package.*

Board Matters

Audit Committee Work - June 2020

The Board of Supervisors has received the **Auditor of the Board's Quarterly Reports for June 2020 & March 2020**. The reports include study areas, recommendations and managements' concurrences. [Read the March and June 2020 Quarterly Reports...](#)

Action

- *Adopted the Auditor of the Board's June 2020 & March 2020 Quarterly Reports and approve the attached Audit Committee Work Plans for the prior and upcoming quarters.*
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Public Hearings

Uncodified Ordinance to Provide a Method to Assure Continuity in Fairfax County Government During the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Emergency by Temporarily Approving Outdoor Dining and Outdoor Fitness and Exercise Activities Subject to Certain Conditions

Approved an ordinance to **temporarily expand the use of outdoor dining** and **outdoor fitness** and **exercise activities** subject to certain conditions, thereby temporarily **suspending the need for individualized approvals** for such activities, and thus enables County agencies and deliberative bodies to **devote their limited resources** to maintaining continuity in government. In June, the Board had adopted an **emergency ordinance to temporarily permit these activities** when the County moved into Phase One of the Governor's reopening plan. This ordinance **replaces the Board's emergency ordinance**. *The full item can be read on pages 160 - 171 of the Board Package.*

Amend the Fairfax County Code by Adopting Article 3 to Chapter 7 Relating to Establishing Voter Satellite Offices for Absentee in Person Voting

Approved **14 satellite locations** to open **October 14** for **in-person absentee voting** for the **November 3 general election**. In anticipation of **increased voter turnout** for the November 2020 Presidential Election, the fourteen voter satellite offices are an **increase in locations** from the nine in 2016. For the November 2020 Presidential Election, the voter satellite offices are scheduled to operate **October 14 through October 31**, weekdays and Saturdays. The **weekday hours** of operation shall be from **1 p.m. to 7 p.m., and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays**, however, if in July and August absentee ballot activity indicates a review is warranted, the **Fairfax County Electoral Board may consider revising the weekday hours of operation** of the voter satellite offices. Locations in the District are the **Mount Vernon Governmental Center** and the **Laurel Hill Golf Club** (moved from Lorton Library) *The full item can be read on pages 112 - 221 of the Board Package.*

Amendments to the County Code, Chapter 3, County Employees to Add

Additional Protective Categories

Approved amendments to the County Code related to **County employees and personnel administration**. This amendment adds **additional protective categories** to the existing County Code to **prevent County government employment discrimination** on the basis of pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or status as a veteran. These amendments bring County Code in alignment with **General Assembly's 2020 SB 868**, however, many of these **protections were already in place** in Fairfax. *The full item can be read on pages 225 - 230 of the Board Package.*

Amendments to County Code, Chapter 41.1, Relating to Animal Control and Care

Approved amendments to the County Code relating to **animal control and care**.

Changes include:

- Permitting wildlife rehabilitators, exhibitors and other individuals **with valid permits** from Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to **possess wildlife in the County**.
- Revising the **definition of wild or exotic** animal.
- Revising **rabies control provisions**.
- Revising provision related to **traveling animal exhibitions**.
- Removing provisions related to **ethanizing wildlife** at the County's animal shelter.
- Updating the **animal shelter's fee schedule**.

The full item can be read on pages 231 - 267 of the Board Package.

Upcoming Land Use Cases

Board of Supervisors

July 28, 2020: The Applicant, **Aventon Holdings LLC**, proposes to amend the proffers approved pursuant to RZ 2000-MV-046 in order to permit application of **remaining multifamily residential units** available under the Comprehensive Plan for this area. The proposed **multifamily building** will be **seven stories** and contain up to **379 multifamily units**, including **44 workforce dwelling units**. The proposed building design **compliments the existing multifamily structures** to the south of the Property, while being respective of nearby single-family uses. It also promotes a **contemporary urban design** adjacent to the **Huntington Metro Station**. [Project zoning webpage...](#)

COVID-19 Updates

[Is It Safe to Go to the Pool or Beach?](#)

[COVID-19 Supply Donations Still Needed to Help Our Community](#)

["Connect with County Leaders" Podcast: County Executive on Phase Three of Coronavirus Operations](#)

[Several County Facilities to Provide In-Person Services in Phase Three](#)

[Food Benefits for School-Age Children During the Pandemic](#)

[Joseph Willard Health Center - Supporting the Fairfax Community During COVID-19](#)

[Health Department Encourages Residents to Get Tested for COVID-19](#)

[5 Things To Know about the County's Response to the Coronavirus](#)

[Leaving Home? Know the COVID-19 Risks Before You Go](#)

Fairfax County Eviction Actions

- A diverse cross-agency team has been created to **support efforts to prevent and intervene** during the eviction process.
- This team is **proactively making contact with the current eviction cases** and as legally feasible, communicating with those in the eviction process on **how to get housing assistance** from community based organizations who have received the CARES Act Basic Needs funds.

- Additional efforts are made to reach those who are **vulnerable and Spanish speaking** that might not have internet access.
- Additionally, the team will be working on ensuring **information on available resources** is shared on the court's website, posted at the court house, and that additional information on resources can **accompany eviction documents**.

Federal and State Eviction Policies

- A **federal moratorium** has been placed **until July 25 on evictions, late fees, and other penalties** that apply to **all federally insured mortgages** (Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, FHA, HUD, VA) and properties participating in a **covered housing program** (like Section 8 vouchers).
- To help borrowers and renters who are at risk of losing their home due to coronavirus, **Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac will extend their single-family moratorium** on foreclosures and evictions **until at least August 31, 2020**.
- In Virginia, **you can request a 60-day continuance** from the Judge.
- More **federal and state protections** can be found [here](#) and find out if you are covered by federal protections [here](#).

Housing Resources

- For **assistance with rent** (or utilities and food), please call [Fairfax County Coordinated Services Planning](#) at 703-222-0880. The **line is multilingual** and [Fairfax County doesn't ask for immigration status](#).
- Find out if you are covered by the **Federal Eviction Moratorium** or other protections.
- Search [this database](#) to see **if your residence is covered**.
- [Stay Home Virginia](#), provides **resources for renters, homeowners, landlords and the homeless**.
- For **FCRHA residents**: If you are experiencing difficulties in meeting monthly rent payments, you should **contact your assigned housing specialist**.
- [Virginia Poverty Law Center](#): Call the **Eviction Helpline**, 833-NOEVICT (833-663-8428) in **English and Spanish**.
- [Legal Services of Northern Virginia](#): Call 703-778-6800 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday.
- Your **rights as a tenant** during the outbreak can be found [here](#).

Fairfax County Government Operating Status

- The community is still encouraged to take advantage of our **assistance from a distance** offered **online or by phone**.
- However, **some government buildings are now open** for **in-person services**.
- **Services include**: tax counters, building permits, plans and inspections, zoning permits and applications, health clinics, and the [Community Services Board](#) which provides services for behavioral health, substance use disorders and developmental disabilities.

Phase 3

The Governor's Office has published a [comprehensive FAQ on Phase 3](#). Guidelines for businesses can be found in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Domestic and Sexual Violence Services

- [Teletherapy](#) is **now available**.
- If you live with a partner who **threatens your safety**, you are probably concerned about your **child's safety**, too. It's best to **plan before a crisis**. [More information...](#)
- [Learn how](#) to manage feelings of **frustration and anger** to keep your family safe.

How You Can Help

NV Rides, a collaborative of **community-based volunteer driver programs**, needs volunteers to drive vulnerable seniors. **All drivers and riders are asked to wear masks** and observe physical distancing protocols. [Learn more...](#)

Grow a Row FC is seeking volunteers to join its **community-wide effort** to grow fresh produce for **Food for Others and its food pantry partners**.

- How to participate: **Dedicate a row of your garden** or a container to growing food to donate. **No amount is too small**.
- **Take your donation** to [Food for Others](#) or to a drop-off in Falls Church.

Other News

- Fairfax County **real estate bills** are being **mailed out this week**. The **due date** for the first installment real estate bill was extended by the Board to **August 28**.

COVID-19 Case Information Chart (as of July 15)

(courtesy Hunter Mill Supervisor Walter Alcorn's Team)

7/15/2020	FXHD	NOVA	VA	MD	DC
COVID-19 STATISTICS					
Population	1,186,168	2,524,874	8,535,519	6,045,680	705,749
Day to Day Change in Diagnosed Tests Reported	1,920	4,159	14,107	14,019	4,028
Today's Cases Reported	80	241	1,084	756	80
Today's Hospital COVID-19 Census		226	1,081	447	95
Today's Deaths Reported	2	7	15	7	3
Cumulative Tests Results Reported	102,810	241,143	842,124	680,088	137,944
Cumulative Cases Reported	14,781	34,370	73,527	75,016	11,026
Cumulative Hospitalizations Reported	1,769	3,614	6,905	11,625	
Cumulative Deaths Reported	516	993	1,992	3,341	571
COVID-19 Beds Open			3,543		
Hospitals with PPE Needs	0	0	0		
COVID-19 METRICS					
Cumulative Tests Per Capita	8.7%	9.6%	9.9%	11.2%	19.5%
FXHD and NOVA Daily Cases %VA	7.4%	22.2%			
FXHD and NOVA Cumulative Cases %VA	20.1%	46.7%			
Cases 7-Day Moving Average	58	167	879	-	-
Most Recent 7-Day Test Positivity Rate Reported	6.0%	6.6%	7.2%	4.5%	2.8%
% COVID-19 Hospitalized to Total Bed Capacity		6.9%	6.6%	4.1%	3.8%
Total Beds Occupied to Total Bed Capacity		74.4%	78.5%		78.7%
Cumulative Cases Per 100,000	1246.1	1361.3	861.4	1240.8	1562.3
Cumulative Hospitalized per 100,000	149.1	143.1	80.9	192.3	
Cumulative Deaths per 100,000	43.5	39.3	23.3	55.3	80.9

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Darkened boxes are statistics/ratios that cannot be determined because the needed information is not provided by the source website or is not applicable. 7-Day Test Positivity Rates are most recent reported.

NOVA 7-day Test Positivity Rate is a weighted average of the Test Positivity Rates of the NOVA jurisdictions.

DC information lags FXHD, NOVA, VA and MD information by one day.

Chart Data Resources

- Fairfax County Health District (FXHD)
- Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NOVA)
- Virginia Department of Health (VA)
- Maryland Department of Health (MD)
- District of Columbia (DC)

Visit the [County's COVID-19 Dashboard](#) for more information and to see **cases by zip code**.

District Information & Upcoming Events

The Arden Groundbreaking

July 20 at 9:30 p.m.

Please **join us virtually** for the [The Arden](#) groundbreaking, a **126 unit multifamily new development** located one block from the Huntington Metro, closed and began construction. The groundbreaking ceremony will be hosted on **July 20, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.** and may be **viewed virtually** on [Wesley Housing's Facebook page](#).

Residences at North Hill Groundbreaking

July 31 at 11 a.m.

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LOCK IT OR LOSE IT



Mount Vernon
District Station



Let's work together to prevent crime!
Below are some tips to prevent vehicle theft.

- Keep your vehicle doors locked at all times.
- Never leave the keys inside the vehicle.
- Do not leave valuables inside your vehicle.
- If you have something of value in your vehicle, hide it from plain view.
- Report suspicious activity! You know your community best.

For immediate emergency assistance, call 9-1-1!
Otherwise, please use our non-emergency number at 703-691-2131.

Visit our Website

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