

June 8, 2021



It was wonderful to **return to the Board room** with my colleagues yesterday! We held our first Board meeting **in-person** and complete with **presentations and performances** for the first time in over a year. Our first presentation was to recognize **LGBTQ+ Pride Month**, in recognition of the importance of **inclusion for all in our very diverse Fairfax County**.



As we started the meeting, I recognized **three individuals who's lives were lost** in recent weeks. **Col. Edward McDaniel Jr. and Col. Brenda McDaniel** were killed in a double homicide in front of their home in **Newington Forest**, a normally very quiet suburban neighborhood not far from last month's unrelated and targeted double homicide. The husband and wife were **both distinguished military veterans**, Edward a physician and Brenda a retired former physician, both in the **U.S. Army**. These recent incidents prompted me to bring a Board Matter directing an education awareness campaign of the [County's Lock & Talk Program](#) to provide **free gun trigger locks and locking devices for medicines**.

I also recognized **Paul Kalland of Fairfax Station** who was killed in a car accident on Route 123 in Lorton. Paul **retired two years ago as an American Airlines pilot**. He and his **wife Kathy** have been **very active in the South County community**. I know these three individuals will be **greatly missed by their family, friends and communities**.

The Board approved a new, targeted **\$25 million grant program for small businesses** most impacted by COVID-19. **PIVOT** will be **targeted based on the results** of the [Economic Recovery Framework report](#) funded by the County. The report illustrated that of the estimated **48,200 jobs lost** through December 2020, most were **concentrated in the retail, hospitality and food service sectors**. Businesses who are able to apply for funding include: **food service; retail, services and amusements; arts organizations and historical sites; and lodging**, all of whom are **critical core businesses on the Richmond Highway corridor**. This is the **third recovery program** we have offered to help our **small business community** which is vital to our future economic success. The application portal is **expected to open on June 23 and be available through July 7**.

We also held public hearings and approved the **demolition of two blight abatement properties** in the District at **7821 Belvedere Drive** and **7704 Schelhorn Road**. A third public hearing for **2506 Fleming Street** was **deferred to July 13** to allow time for additional notification to the property owners. All three properties are in **Mount Vernon area**.

Additional Meeting Highlights:

1. On the advice of legal council, we approved amendments to the County Code, Motor Vehicles and Traffic regarding operation of vehicles with **excessively loud exhaust systems** and the **inability of law enforcement** to stop and enforce this violation. However, the Board agreed **changes need to be made at the state level**.
2. Approved a proposed schedule for the **2021 redistricting and reapportionment of the Board of Supervisors' election districts**.
3. Approved a **Fairfax County Public Schools bond referendum totaling \$360,000,000** to be included on the next election ballot in November 2021.

I was proud to also bring a Board Matter announcing a **Juneteenth recognition and**

historic marker unveiling for Ona Judge. Read more about Ona, the event (YES! You're invited!) and the **students who petitioned the Governor** to get the historic marker placed at Mount Vernon below. We also have several special guest speakers, including **Virginia Secretary of Education Atif Qarni** and **Dr. Erica Armstrong Dunbar, author of the book "Never Caught"** about Ona Judge's life.

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

The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors June 8, 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 **Nick Rinehart** a su preferencia, por teléfono al (703) 619-4339 o por correo electrónico: nicholas.rinehart@fairfaxcounty.gov.

To view the June 8, 2021 Board Package [click here](#).

Administrative Items

Item 5 & 6: Approved the **Fairfax-Falls Church CSB** to apply for and accept **\$924,000 in grant funding** to:

- Support expansion of the **Crisis Intervention Team** assessment site.
- Enhance forensic **discharge planning services**.

Item 7: Approved the Health Department to accept **\$3,674,745 in grant funding for COVID-19 response activities**.

Authorized Public Hearings on:

- An ordinance amendment to **continue the Park Authority for 30 years**, until Oct. 28, 2051. Public hearing will be **July 13 at 4:00 p.m.**

Action Items

Item 1: Approved the **licensing agreements for the "Made in Fairfax" logo**, and authorized the County to pursue trademark protection of the logo. [Made in Fairfax](#) is an initiative by the County and **participating partners** to **support small-scale production businesses and "makers"** throughout the County. *The full item can be read on pages 59 - 67 of the Board Package.*

Item 2: Approved a **Fairfax County Public Schools bond referendum totaling \$360,000,000** to be included on the next election **ballot in November 2021**. I am proud that we have **consistently increased this amount** to meet **capacity and renovation needs** at our schools, these bonds historically have been strongly **supported by voters throughout the County**. These bond funds will be used for **renovations at 14 schools** across the County and for the **land acquisition for a western county high school**. *The full item can be read on pages 68 - 75 of the Board Package.*

Item 4: Approved a Capital Funding Agreement with the **Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)** for FY 2022 – FY 2027. *The full item can be read on pages 87 - 246 of the Board Package.*

Item 5: Approved a proposed schedule for the **2021 redistricting and reapportionment of the Board of Supervisors' election districts**. *The full item can be read on pages 247 - 260 of the Board Package.*

Item 6: Approved [The PIVOT Business Recovery Grant Program](#). *The full item can be read on pages 261 - 268 of the Board Package.*

Board Matters

Lock and Talk – Gun Safety and Suicide Prevention

Recently in the Mount Vernon community, we've had **multiple tragedies** that have resulted in the **loss of lives as a result of gun violence**. Coincidentally, two weeks ago, my staff participated in **Mental Health Awareness Training** provided by the County. Based on my staff's positive experience, I encourage other Board offices to take this training. As part of the training, our team became aware of a **County program to provide free gun trigger locks**.

The **Lock & Talk campaign** started in 2019 through a collaborative initiative between our **Community Services Board (CSB)** and the **Suicide Prevention Alliance of Northern Virginia** to provide **free locking devices for medications and trigger locks** that fit a wide variety of firearms. These items can be **picked up for free from a variety of locations** around the County, including the Pennino Building, the **Gerry Hyland Center**, Merrifield Center, Chantilly Office, Reston Office – Northwest Center and **Gartlan Center**.

I strongly believe that this **initiative can make a difference** and was surprised our office was generally unaware of the program. While this measure would not have changed the outcome in these recent tragedies, it highlighted the **need for more awareness and prevention** in situations where trigger locks may change the outcome.

Action

Directed the Office of Public Affairs to advertise the Lock and Talk Campaign.

Proclamation Recognizing Ona Judge and the Installment of Her Historic Marker at Mount Vernon Estate

Ona (or Oney) Judge was born into slavery at Mount Vernon and at **a young age became Martha Washington's personal attendant**. After George Washington was elected president in 1789, Judge was brought to **New York City and later to Philadelphia** to serve his household. Washington periodically sent her back to Virginia to skirt a Pennsylvania law that **might have granted her freedom** based on long-term residency. In 1796, after learning that she was to become a gift for Martha Washington's granddaughter, **Judge escaped from Philadelphia to New Hampshire**. There she **married, had three children, taught herself how to read and write**, and lived for more than 50 years, having **resisted Washington's attempts to recover her**.

Ona Judge's quest for freedom represents a **brave moment in history**. It is also a rarity that **historic records include the accounts** of her escape and subsequent life.

In recognition of her bravery, I will be **hosting the unveiling ceremony** for the Ona Judge Historic Marker at **Mount Vernon Estate on Juneteenth, June 19 at 10 a.m.** The event will **honor Ona Judge**, as well as the **5th graders at Laurel Ridge Elementary School** and their **teacher Ms. Maura Keaney** who wrote nomination letters to Governor Northam as part of the **Black History Month Historical Marker Contest** to have Ona Judge's story selected for this commemoration as a **Virginia Historic Marker**.

Action

Directed:

- *The Board give special recognition to Ona Judge by supporting the unveiling of her marker on Juneteenth, 2021.*
- *A resolution be prepared recognizing the Laurel Ridge students and teacher Ms. Maura Keaney, to be signed by the Chairman and myself, to be presented at the event.*

- OPA to advertise the Juneteenth unveiling ceremony.

Recognition of Pam Michell - Joint with Chairman Jeff McKay and Supervisors Rodney Lusk and Penny Gross

On October 1, 2021, **Pam Michell, the Executive Director of New Hope Housing**, will be **retiring from her position**. Pam has been with NHH since **November 1990** and has dedicated her career to **assisting people in need of housing solutions**.

During her tenure, Pam has grown NHH **from a program of three shelters** serving roughly 100 people a day to a **variety of services that include three year-round shelters**, three hypothermia shelters, seven permanent supportive housing programs and a host of support services **servicing approximately 450 people a day** across the region.

Pam has also been an **ever-present force along the Route One Corridor**, working to **protect our most vulnerable residents** and connect them with County and nonprofit resources. Particularly during the last year, the work of New Hope Housing was **critical in keeping all of our residents safe**.

Action

Directed:

- *Recognition of Pam Michell for her retirement and to thank her for her work.*
- *OPA to prepare a proclamation for future presentation, either out of the Board Room or at a future Board meeting, when appropriate to do so.*

Recognition of Jennifer Siciliano - Joint with Chairman Jeff McKay and all nine Supervisors

On August 11, **Jennifer Siciliano will begin a new appointment** with UVA Health, following **14 years with Inova**. Among her many accomplishments at Inova, she built a **high performing government and community relations team** and initiated a system wide strategy for **employee engagement in key legislative and regulatory priorities** including **Medicaid expansion** in the Commonwealth.

In addition to her work at Inova, Jennifer has been a **dependable and appreciated partner** of Fairfax County on many **regional and statewide Boards and Commissions**. She has served on the Virginia Chamber of Commerce Board as well as its Health Care Industry Council, the Virginia Business Council, the Northern Virginia Technology Council and LEAD Virginia. She is also a **founding member of the Community Foundation of Northern Virginia's Business Women's Giving Circle**. She has also chaired the Northern Virginia Chamber, and she served as a member of the **Fairfax County Economic Development Commission** and as a member of the Board of Directors for the George Mason Honors College Board. Most recently, Jennifer was also a member of the **Task Force for Equity and Opportunity**.

Personally, Jennifer has been a **great friend and resource for myself** and I know many others on this and previous Boards of Supervisors. She's dedicated her career to **bettering our community** and has no doubt succeed in those efforts.

Action

Directed:

- *Recognition of Jennifer Siciliano for her years of hard work and to thank her for her service to Fairfax County.*
- *Directed OPA to prepare a proclamation for presentation at a future Board meeting, when it is appropriate to do so.*

Public Hearings

Amend the Current Appropriation Level in the FY 2021 Revised Budget Plan

Amended the current appropriation level in the **FY 2021 Revised Budget Plan** to reflect coronavirus state and **local fiscal recovery funds** received through the **American Rescue Plan**.

Spot Blight Abatement Ordinance for 2506 Fleming Street

To make determinations regarding a proposed **Spot Blight Abatement Ordinance** in accordance with Virginia Code. The Blight Abatement Case concerns a **blighted, single family structure and other related structures** located at 2506 Fleming Street, on approximately a 10,712 square foot parcel of land. The blight abatement plan **proposes to demolish the structures, clear the lot, and collect costs of blight abatement**, including County overhead, from the property owner. **Deferred to July 13.**

Spot Blight Abatement Ordinance for 7821 Belvedere Drive

Approved a Spot Blight Abatement Ordinance in accordance with Virginia Code. The Blight Abatement Case concerns a **blighted, single family structure and other related structures** located at 7821 Belvedere Drive, on approximately an 18,000 square foot parcel of land. The blight abatement plan will **demolish the structures, clear the lot, and collect costs of blight abatement**, including County overhead, from the property.

Spot Blight Abatement Ordinance for 7704 Schelhorn Road

Approved a Spot Blight Abatement Ordinance in accordance with Virginia Code. The Blight Abatement Case concerns a **blighted, single family structure and other related structures** located at 7704 Schelhorn Road, on approximately an 26,064 square foot parcel of land. The blight abatement plan will **demolish the structures, clear the lot, and collect costs of blight abatement**, including County overhead, from the property.

Amendments to the Code of the County of Fairfax, Chapter 82, Motor Vehicles and Traffic

On the advice of legal council, we approved amendments to the County Code, Motor Vehicles and Traffic regarding operation of vehicles with **excessively loud exhaust systems** and the **inability of law enforcement** to stop and enforce this violation. However, the Board agreed **changes need to be made at the state level.**

Upcoming Land Use Cases

Board of Supervisors

June 22:

- **PCA 89-V-059-02 and SE 2020-MV-020, Lorton Valley Retail LLC - PCA:** Proposal to amend RZ 89-V-059, previously approved for a 125,000 square foot shopping center, to modify the governing proffers related to **hours of operation and signage**. SE: Special Exception to permit the conversion of a financial institution with a drive-through to a restaurant with a **drive-through (Popeyes)**.
- **Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment Re: Agritourism and Related Changes**

Planning Commission

June 16: Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment to new Chapter 112.1 Re: Special Permit Fees and Other Minor Revisions Flagpole Height Increase SP Fees and two others - Countywide

June 23: SSPA Plan Amendments in Mount Vernon District

- **PA 2021-00007 Mount Vernon 2550 Huntington Avenue SSPA application** - remove or modify limitations on residential development on site 2550 Huntington Avenue, Alexandria Tax Map #: 0831 01 0034D, 0034E, 0034F.
- **PA 2021-00006 Mount Vernon 2806 Popkins Lane SSPA application** - evaluate plan option for residential use at 5-8 du/ac 2806 Popkins Lane, Alexandria Tax Map #: 0931 01 0007.

Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)

June 23:

- **Pillar Church Of Dumfries, Inc., 9001 Woodlawn Road, Mount Vernon** - to amend 93-v-021 previously approved for a **place of worship** to allow the modification of site and development condition.
- **Scott T. McCain And Marie Z. McCain, 8429 Richmond Avenue, Mount Vernon** - reduction to minimum yard requirements based on error in building location to **allow accessory structure (treehouse)** to remain 2.1 feet from a rear lot line and 8.6'

District Information & Upcoming Events

FCPD PURSUIT POLICY - VIRTUAL TOWN-HALL MEETING

Thursday, June 10 @ 7 p.m.

Last week, **Chief Kevin Davis** presented to the Board of Supervisors **proposed revisions** to General Order 504.1 – **vehicle pursuits**. [Watch the presentation...](#)

On **Thursday June 10**, **Major Bob Blakley** and **members of FCPD's pursuit policy review committee** will host a **virtual town-hall meeting** to promote public awareness and **collect community feedback** about this important policy initiative.

Fairfax County is a **rapidly urbanizing jurisdiction** creating safety challenges for motorists, pedestrians and officers. The purpose of this policy is to **establish guidelines** for all officers, supervisors and commanders when making the **critical decision to initiate a pursuit, continue a pursuit, or end a pursuit**.

Discussion Topics will include:

- Increase Safety and Preserve the Sanctity of Human Life Safety of Community (motorists and pedestrians) Safety of Police Officers
- Policy Alignment with Regional Best Practices
- Policy Clarity with Supervisory Responsibility Emphasis

To join the meeting [click here](#).

Resilient Fairfax Community Kick-Off

Reminder:

Public Meeting: The first Resilient Fairfax public meeting will occur **June 15 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm**.

- [Here is the link to register for the June 15 public meeting](#)
- [Here's an article about the meeting.](#)
- [Here's a link to join the meeting directly on June 15](#)

NEW!

Public Survey: The Resilient Fairfax public survey is now live, and open through **July 2**.

The Fairfax County Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination (OEEC) has announced the opening of an online public survey to **assess climate vulnerabilities and risks** within the community. This survey, which will **remain open until 11:59 PM on July 2, 2021**, is part of the **Resilient Fairfax initiative**, a county-wide effort to increase the community's overall resilience to climate impacts.

The survey **asks respondents to share their personal experiences** with climate impacts such as flooding and preparedness for **extreme weather and temperature events**. Additionally, the survey seeks **input from respondents** on potentially vulnerable segments of the population and types of infrastructure within the county.

- **English:** [Take the survey](#)
- **Spanish:** [Realice la encuesta pública](#)
- **Korean:** [한국어 설문조사 참여하기](#)
- **Vietnamese:** [Tham Gia Khảo Sát Công Khai](#)
- [An article about the survey can be found here](#)
- [Resilient Fairfax Public Engagement Page](#)

New TOPS Transportation Program Provides Debit Card, More Options for Older Adults, People with Disabilities, and Income-Eligible Residents

Fairfax County is offering a new program called **TOPS (Transportation Options, Programs & Services)** that replaces the **previous taxi voucher programs** (Seniors On-The-Go!, TaxiAccess, and Dial-A-Ride). The streamlined program provides a **transportation debit card** in lieu of paper vouchers and offers more transportation options in addition to taxi services. To be eligible for TOPS, you must be a **resident of Fairfax County** or the City of Fairfax, plus **meet one of the following criteria**:

- Fifty years of age or older, with an annual income of \$50,000 or less per household.
- Registered user of MetroAccess.
- Recipient of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI).
- Annual income that meets the 225% federal poverty levels by household size.

Program participants are eligible for **two subsidies per year** (one every six months). Each subsidy will provide **\$100 in benefits at a cost to the participant of \$20**. These subsidies may be used for an **expanded menu of transportation options** that includes taxicabs, rideshare services (Uber and Lyft), public transportation via SmarTrip card (bus and rail), and Capital BikeShare rentals. [To apply to TOPS, visit.](#)

- If you are **already registered** for at least one of the three previous taxi programs and you have purchased vouchers in the last two years, **you will be automatically transitioned to TOPS** and instructions will be provided on how to purchase and add funds to the debit card.
- If you **currently have taxi vouchers** in hand with the expiration date of 12/31/20 or 3/31/21, you have **until June 30, 2021 to return** for an adjustment and credit to your TOPS card.

If you have **questions about the new TOPS program**, please contact Human Services Transportation Customer Service at 703-222-9764, TTY 711.

TEAM MVD is Hiring!

Passionate about your community and looking to **join a dynamic team**? Interested in making a **difference in people's lives** every day? If you live in the South Fairfax area, **TEAM MVD is looking for you!** We are looking for **motivated, engaged and outgoing individuals** to work with residents, community organizations, County staff, local businesses and other elected officials to **help everyone** in the Mount Vernon District **reach their fullest potential**. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to: **transportation and trails**, health and human services, animal control, **parks and RECenters**, housing and housing programs, homelessness, consumer protection, cable, solid waste, **recycling**, code compliance, **libraries** and special projects. If this sounds like you, check out our [job listing here](#), and submit an application today to **join TEAM MVD** and **engage, connect and uplift your community!** There is no job so rewarding as working in your neighborhood, for your neighbors and **seeing your efforts come to fruition** through those around you. Submit your resume and cover letter to MtVernon@FairfaxCounty.gov.

Fall Internship Opportunity

The **Mount Vernon District Office** of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is accepting applications for **interns for the fall**. Supervisor Dan Storck is looking for **enthusiastic, hard-working, reliable, college-level** student interns interested in government and communications. Interns will gain **first-hand work experience in local government** in Virginia's largest jurisdiction. They **must also reside in the Mount Vernon magisterial district**.

Interns assist staff aides with **constituent service work** such as drafting letters and articles, answering phone calls, issue research, social media, and other tasks as needs arise. There are **opportunities to network** with other employees at meetings and events, and **learn more about your community**. Full or part-time internships with some scheduling flexibility are available. **Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter** to mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov by May 17, 2021. For all correspondence related to this internship opportunity, please use the **subject line "Internship Application."**



COVID-19 Updates

[Lost Your COVID-19 Vaccination Card? Here's How to Get a Copy of Your Record](#)

[Health Department to Demobilize COVID-19 Testing Sites; Clinics to Offer Testing by Appointment](#)



ENVIRONMENT EXPO

Get Outdoors! Learn and Do!

June 26, 2021

8 a.m.—noon

Fort Hunt Park

Family Friendly Event including: Exhibitors, Workshops,
Live Music, Live Reptile & Owl Programs, Electric Vehicles,
Nature Walks, Junior Ranger Program, Touch-a-Truck
Recycling, History Tours, Purple Glass Monster, Food
Trucks and more!

(Event will follow COVID-19 protocols and restrictions. Pre-registration required.)



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