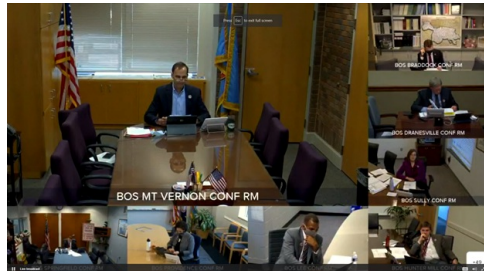


November 17, 2020



Tuesday's Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting was once again **held virtually due to the Governor's new COVID-19 restrictions.**

The Board received a presentation on from the **Secretary of the Board of Elections Kate Hanley** on the **Election Year 2020**. Secretary Hanley noted the many successes throughout the year, including **record voting numbers**, and thanked the **many departments and agencies involved in the process**. It was noted that while voting options and locations were **increased for the 2020 season**, more should be added for future elections. I requested that in future elections, **all satellite offices have the same hours** to avoid confusion and the **continued use of ballot drop off boxes**.



#### **Additional Meeting Highlights:**

1. Appointed [Christopher Leonard](#) as **Deputy County Executive** for Health, Housing and Human Services.
2. Held a public hearing to receive **citizen comment on the Board's Proposed Legislative Program**.
3. Approved an **interim agreement with Alpine-X** for additional testing for Fairfax Peak.
4. Approved temporary County-operated **Hypothermia Prevention Shelters**.
5. Approved a **temporary increase in compensatory time** that can be carried over at the end of 2020 and 2021 for County employees.

I presented a Board Matter to begin the process to **create a Historic Overlay District for River Farm**, and to expedite the process. This action will help **preserve River Farm as a community treasure**. On that note, please **join us in the community effort** to save River Farm, an amazing site along the Potomac River near Mount Vernon with great importance to our region's rich history. **We need to keep River Farm open to the public for all to enjoy!** Sign up for email alerts and get involved at the [NEW Save River Farm website!](#)

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

Respectfully yours in public service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Storck".

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

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The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors November 17, 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.rodriuezcabrera@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:diego.rodriuezcabrera@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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To view the November 17, 2020 Board Package [click here](#).

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## Administrative Items

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**Item 3:** Advertised of a **public hearing** on the **FY 2021 Mid-Year Review** to amend the current appropriation level in the FY 2021 Revised Budget Plan. **Public hearing will be held on January 26, 2021.** *The full item can be read on pages 38 - 39 of the Board Package.*

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## Action Items

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**Item 2:** Approved revisions to personnel regulations to **temporarily increase compensatory time hours** that can be **carried over at the end of 2020 and 2021**, and to clarify when the **12-month period begins** to use paid family leave for **birth and adoption/foster care placements**. *The full item can be read on pages 76 - 118 of the Board Package.*

**Item 4:** Approved a **memorandum of understanding** between the Board of Supervisors and the **Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority** to implement a **joint MS4 program**. MS4 is the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. The County's MS4 permit **requires the county to prevent the discharge of pollutants** (often called "non-point source" pollutants) such as engine oil, fertilizer, pet waste and trash **from the stormwater management system into waterways** to the maximum extent practicable. The permit also **prohibits non-stormwater discharges into the storm drainage system**, such as from sanitary sewer connections or illegal dumping. It also requires **storm event monitoring and assessment** of the effectiveness of stormwater controls being used in the county. **Annual reports submitted to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)** summarize the efforts of government agencies, non-profit agencies and private organizations in **managing stormwater runoff and limiting non-point source pollution** to the maximum extent practicable. *The full item can be read on pages 133 - 153 of the Board Package.*

**Item 5:** Approved **interim agreement with Alpine-X LLC** for the proposed **Fairfax Peak Development** at the I-95 Lorton Landfill to allow for **additional on-site research and feasibility studies**. This agreement however **does not establish any land use rights or entitlements**. *The full item can be read on pages 154 - 192 of the Board Package.*

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## Board Matters

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### Establishment of a River Farm Historic Overlay District

The **community surrounding River Farm** has expressed interest in the consideration of the **establishment of a Historic Overlay District (HOD)** for River Farm and **I agree that it is appropriate for the County to consider this**, due to its historic, cultural and potential archaeological significance in Fairfax County. A November 12 memo sent by the **Department of Planning & Development**, in response to my October 20, 2020 request for **analysis of options** related to establishment of an HOD for River Farm and **other options for preservation**, staff conclusions showed an HOD as the **most sure way for a public entity to preserve the site**.

By my motion and resolution, I ask that the Board direct staff to **analyze a map of the property for inclusion** within the potential River Farm HOD. The **potential boundary consists of the entirety of the property** located at Tax Map Parcel number 102-2 ((01)) 20. **Amendments to both the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Ordinance map and text would be required to establish a River Farm Historic Overlay District.** To expedite the review and analysis of the River Farm HOD proposal, this Board item includes both a **resolution and a motion**. The resolution is **required by statute** for the Board to initiate amendments to the Zoning Ordinance map and text. The resolution and motion include authorization of 1) Comprehensive Plan Amendments, and 2) Zoning Ordinance Text and map amendments to **establish boundaries and regulations for a River Farm HOD**. [Read the full Board Matter...](#)

### **Actions**

*Adopted the November 17 River Farm Historic Overlay District resolution authorizing proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Ordinance to create an HOD for River Farm—a process which will include, but is not limited to, the following:*

- *Preparing a staff report that will analyze and provide recommendations on the historic, architectural, cultural, and archaeological significance, as well as the boundaries for the potential historic overlay district. This report will be coordinated with all appropriate Boards, Authorities and Commissions.*
- *Drafting and advertising public hearings on a proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for any map and text changes that may result from this process.*
- *Drafting proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to establish boundaries and regulations for the HOD along with appropriate use regulations, if recommended by the report, and advertising those amendment for public hearings before the Planning Commission and the Board.*

*Directed this action be performed on an expedited basis with public hearings scheduled for the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors as soon as possible.*

*Authorized the County Executive, Bryan J. Hill, or his designee, to act as agent for the County for all matters concerning this matter.*

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## **Public Hearings**

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### **Receive Comment from Citizens on the Proposed Legislative Program to be Presented to the 2021 Virginia General Assembly**

The Board heard **comments from residents** regarding the **County's legislative program** to be presented to the **2021 Virginia General Assembly**. The Board heard from several concerned residents regarding **environment and climate change issues**.

### **Consider Adoption of an Uncodified Ordinance to Provide a Method to Assure Continuity in Fairfax County Government During the COVID-19 Emergency, by Approving Temporary County-Operated Hypothermia Prevention Shelters and Authorizing a Streamlined Process for Approving Temporary Use Modifications in Response to the Emergency**

Approved an ordinance to allow the County to **identify and mobilize additional and larger facilities** for use in the Hypothermia Prevention Program this year. In this area, space in the **Gerry Hyland Government Center has been identified** to provide additional hyperthermia prevention shelter space.

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### **Board Appointments**

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

- **Stephen Keat** (Economic Advisory Commission)
- **Melody Thorson** (Small Business Commission)
- **Kendal Vahovius** (Advisory Social Services Board)

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## **District Information & Upcoming Events**

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## We Want Your Input on the Richmond Highway BRT!

### BRT Station Design Survey - Provide your feedback through December 18!

We encourage you to **review the two station design concepts and take a survey to tell us what you think!** At the link above, you can walk through the draft concepts and view slides from the virtual meetings on November 4 and 5.

### Public Engagement Survey - Provide your feedback through 5 p.m. November 20!

TEAM MVD wants to **ensure that everyone has the opportunity** to see the BRT station design concepts and **provide input and feedback**. Please complete a **brief engagement survey regarding Richmond Highway projects** and how you would like to learn more! **Additional community meetings will be held based on the results of the survey.** [Take the survey...](#)

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## COVID-19 Updates

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[Gov. Northam Announces New Statewide Measures to Contain COVID-19](#)

[Video: Update on COVID-19 in Our Community and Key Tips to Stay Healthy This Holiday Season](#)

[Don't Bring Coronavirus Home for the Holidays: Plan Now for Safe Return from College](#)

[6 Things to Know About COVID-19 Vaccination Plans](#)

[Evictions on Hold Through Dec. 31; Resources Available for Residents](#)

[Community Health Workers Part of Equitable Response During COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

[REV Initiative Provides Scholarships to COVID Impacted Workers](#)

[4 Things You Need to Know about COVID-19 Today](#)

[Guidelines for a Safe and Relaxing Thanksgiving During COVID-19](#)

[Rebuild VA Grant Program Increases Scope of Eligibility and Awards](#)

[Fairfax County Gives Businesses More Tools to Operate Through the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

[3 Things To Know about COVID-19 Symptoms in Children](#)

[Time and Teamwork are Key to Contact Tracing Work](#)

[A Shot at Prevention: COVID-19 Vaccine Planning Underway](#)

[How Outdoor Workers Can Protect Against COVID-19](#)

[Nearly 3,000 Volunteers Have Helped Fairfax County During COVID-19](#)

[Equitable Access to COVID-19 Testing in the Fairfax Health District](#)

### **As of Sunday at midnight, by order of the Governor, the following measures are in effect:**

- **Reduction in public and private gatherings:** All public and private in-person gatherings must be **limited to 25 individuals**. This includes outdoor and indoor settings.
- **Expansion of mask mandate:** All Virginians **aged five and over are required to wear face coverings** in indoor public spaces. This expands the current mask mandate, requiring all individuals aged 10 and over to wear face coverings.
- **Strengthened enforcement within essential retail businesses:** All essential retail businesses, including grocery stores and pharmacies, must adhere to statewide guidelines for **physical distancing, wearing face coverings and enhanced cleaning**. Violations will now be enforceable through the Virginia Department of Health as a Class One misdemeanor.

- **On-site alcohol curfew:** The **on-site sale, consumption, and possession of alcohol is prohibited after 10:00 p.m.** in any restaurant, dining establishment, food court, brewery, microbrewery, distillery, winery or tasting room. All restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms must close by midnight. **Virginia law does not distinguish between restaurants and bars**, however, under current restrictions, individuals that choose to consume alcohol prior to 10:00 pm must be served as in a restaurant and remain seated at tables six feet apart.

You can read the **full press release** [here](#) and when available the amended executive orders will be [here](#).

[County COVID-19 information...](#)

**Mask up, Virginia!**  
**You may not know you're sick.**

- Not everyone with COVID-19 feels or looks sick.
- We all need to wear cloth masks to stop the spread.
- You can help save lives.

**VIRGINIA'S HEALTH IS IN YOUR HANDS.**  
Do your part, stop the spread. [vdh.virginia.gov](http://vdh.virginia.gov)

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