

September 24, 2019



After our August recess, **Tuesday's Board meeting** was rich with content and actionable items. Two key items included approval of the **Implementation of the Police Body-Worn Camera Program** and approval of the **FY 2019 Carry-over Budget and Third Quarter Budget Review**.

Tuesday's **County budget decisions** included funding for several of **my key initiatives** to support the Mount Vernon District and the greater Fairfax community. Funding was provided **renovations to the 1980's Lorton Library** which was previously not planned until 2030. The renovations were expedited, at my urging, in order to be completed in conjunction with the soon to be built **Lorton Community Center**. This will allow for a consistent architectural vision, consolidated space, complementary programming and **more than \$1.3 million in savings**. The **Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan (CECAP)**, a key component of my Fairfax Green Board Matter, is being implemented now and received **full Phase I and Phase II funding**. The **Mount Vernon District Tourism Task Force**, initiated last year, was funded \$100,000 to hire a consulting team to review and make recommendations to **enhance area tourism sites**, recreation, lodging and dining experiences. [Click here](#) to read more about this initiative.

After reviewing the findings of the **Police Body-Worn Camera Pilot**, the Board **supported full implementation of the program County-wide**. This is an investment in our **state-of-the-art police force**. Fairfax County is known for its **exceptional police department and practices**, and is the **safest community of its size** in the Country. This is just another step to **ensure transparency to build and sustain community confidence** in interactions with our police officers. I have also spoken with the Mount Vernon District Police Captain and Officers regarding this program and they are **generally supportive** and believe body-worn cameras will protect them, as well as citizens if issues arise. The **Mount Vernon, Reston and Mason District stations**, which participated in the 2018 pilot, will be the **first three stations to implement the program**.

At the Board meeting, we remembered **long-time Lorton resident and historian Irma Clifton**. Few people have given so much to **preserve the history of their community** as has Irma Clifton. The residents of Fairfax County owe Irma much gratitude for her **love of the Lorton area**, the prison and suffrage history; as well as her commitment to **preserve this important national history** for future generations.

Top 5 Things You Need to Know from the BOS Meeting:

1. Approved **full implementation** of the Police **Body-Worn Camera Program**.
2. Funding approved for **CECAP phases I & II**.
3. Funding approved for **Lorton Library renovations**.
4. Approved **Craft Beverage and Small-Scale Production Establishments** at the **Workhouse Arts Center**.
5. Designated **October 2, 2019**, as **Energy Efficiency Day**. Did you know that energy efficiency can cut U.S. energy use and greenhouse gas emissions by **50% by 2050, getting us halfway to U.S. climate goals?** [Energy efficiency tips...](#)

Respectfully yours in public service,

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

Please be sure to scroll to the end of this Brief to **see upcoming events and important information** in the District!

The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors September 24, 2019 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.

The Board also recognized and designated:



September 2019 as Suicide Awareness Month



September 2019 as Kinship Care Awareness Month



September 2019 as Hispanic Heritage Month



September 2019 as Sickle Cell Awareness Month



October 6 - 12, 2019, as Fire Prevention Week



October 24, 2019, as Polio Awareness Day



October 2019 as Disability Employment Awareness Month

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Administrative Items

Item 7: Approved “**Watch for Children**” signs to be added to **Cunningham Drive and Wessynton Way**, as part of the Residential Traffic Administration Program (RTAP). *The full item can be read on pages 74 - 85 of the Board Package.*

Actions

Item 8: Approval for **nine Project Agreements** with the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) to enable the County to receive **FY 2020 transit operating and capital grants**. *The full item can be read on pages 193 - 230 of the Board Package.*

Item 13: Authorized an **application for funding** from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) FY 2021 and FY 2022 Revenue Sharing and the **Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Programs**. The **Mason Neck Trail** is included in this request, for an **amount of \$1 million**. *The full item can be read on pages 332 - 340 of the Board Package.*

Item 14: Approved acceptance **grant funding** from the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) in the **amount of \$65,000** to update Fairfax County’s Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Strategic Plan. Among other things, this plan promotes the **use of transit** and the **reduction of vehicle miles traveled**. *The full item can be read on pages 341 - 349 of the Board Package.*

Item 18: Authorized the an application to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) for FY 2024 to FY2025 **regional transportation funding**. The funding request includes the **\$183.7 million for the Richmond Highway Widening** project and **\$71 million for the Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit** project. *The full item can be read on pages 489 - 497 of the Board Package.*

Item 20: Approved the implementation of a **Body-Worn Camera Program for the Police Department**, which is expected to **begin in May 2020** and take **three years to phase in countywide**. The **Mount Vernon Station** will be one of the first three stations for full implementation. *The full item can be read on pages 566 - 571 of the Board Package.*

Item 20: Approved a minor variation to allow **Craft Beverage and Small-Scale Production Establishments** at the **Workhouse Arts Center**. *The full item can be read on pages 598 - 609 of the Board Package.*

Board Matters

Expedited Processing for a Cultural Center

Pending Special Exception Application SE 2018-MV-007 is a request to establish a **Cultural Center at the existing Woodlawn Mansion and Pope-Leighey House** Historic property. The Applicant proposes to **add several significant uses** at the site in order to implement a new vision for Woodlawn that will support its **long-term sustainability** and increase the **public benefit** derived from this important historic property. The Applicant

has received recommendations of approval from the Architectural Review Board and the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations.

On that basis, the Applicant has requested **expedited processing** of the special exception application. The **Planning Commission hearing** is scheduled for **October 17, 2019**.

Action

Authorized expedited processing of pending Special Exception Application SE 2018-MV-007 for a Board of Supervisors hearing date of October 29, 2019.

4th Annual Tour de Mount Vernon

We are quickly approaching the **4th Annual Tour de Mount Vernon**. It's hard to believe it's been four years. Seems like just last year, we gathered at Belle Haven Marina on New Year's Eve and rode 40 miles on a brisk, cold morning. This event sure has come a long way with the help of our partner, **Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling (FABB)**. I also want to thank **FCDOT** and **Fairfax County Department of Economic Initiatives** for all their support. We are just under a month away with the ride taking place on **October 19, 2019 at 8:30 am**. This event is focused on encouraging community members to **explore the many of the treasures** of the Mount Vernon District. The starting and finishing point is the **Workhouse Arts Center** and we will ride to see **Gunston Hall, Pohick Bay Regional Park, Occoquan Regional Park, and a special surprise this year, Fort Belvoir**.

We are offering **two routes this year**, so that riders of all levels are welcome. **Additional information and registration** can be [found here...](#)

Action

Directed the Office of Public Affairs to advertise the 2019 Tour de Mount Vernon.

To Proclaim October 2, 2019, Energy Efficiency Day in Fairfax County - Joint with Chairman Sharon Bulova and Supervisor Penny Gross

Energy Efficiency Day is an opportunity to share the **transformative benefits of saving energy**. Energy efficiency is the heart of a **clean energy future**. It **saves Americans billions of dollars each year** on utility bills, supports at least **2.25 million direct jobs** and, by avoiding power plant emissions, it **cleans our air, protects our health** (avoids 30,000 asthma cases each year), and **helps address climate change**.

Action

- *Directed a proclamation be prepared with the Chair, my and Supervisor Gross' signatures designating October 2, 2019, as Energy Efficiency Day in Fairfax County.*
- *Directed the Office of Public Affairs publicize energy efficiency tips and information in recognition of this day.*

Public Hearings

Public Hearing on the County and Schools' FY2019 Carryover Review to Amend the Appropriation Level in the FY 2020 Revised Budget Plan

Approved the **FY 2109 carryover package**, which includes a **balance of \$54.56 million** after funding prior year obligations and associated reserves. Key funding items include:

1. \$4.5 million for LED Light Conversions
2. \$750,000 for CECAP phases I & II
3. \$1.5 million for Lorton Library renovations
4. \$100,000 to hire a consulting team to work with the Mount Vernon District Tourism Task Force
5. Funds to support the conversion of 235 non-merit benefits-eligible status to merit status

The full item can be read on pages 33 - 34 of the Board Package.

Permit the Renewal of a Previously Approved Agricultural and Forestal District

Renewed the **Jarvis Local Agricultural and Forestal District** located at 10808 and 10816 Harley Rd., Lorton, 22079. *The full item can be read on page 621 of the Board Package.*

Board Appointments

Mount Vernon residents were appointed or reappointed to the following:

1. Peter Sitnik (Transportation Advisory Commission)
2. John Burns (Architectural Review Board)
3. Stephen W. Kulinski (Architectural Review Board)
4. Elizabeth (Betsy) Martin (Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance)
5. Scott Stroh (Childcare Justice Advisory Board)
6. Robert R. Meier (Airports Advisory Committee)

District Information & Upcoming Events

NOTICE: Sherwood Hall Library Closing Temporarily

The Sherwood Library will be **closed from October 3-14** for a well earned building refresh, to include **new carpets and paint, a tech lab update and additional seating**. The Library staff **appreciate your patience** and is looking forward to welcoming everyone back to see the results on October 15. **Please use these nearby branches during this time:**

- Martha Washington Library (6614 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria)
- Kingstowne Library (6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria)
- Lorton Library (9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton)

Fall for LCAC

September 29, 2019, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
9518 Richmond Highway, Lorton

Help stock the LCAC Food Pantry and have a wonderful afternoon of fun with your fellow neighbors and your family! **Live music by the Magnetic Toxins** and food provided by the **Mason Neck Lions Club**. Whether you want to stay 10 minutes or 2 hours, **there's something for everybody!** [Read more...](#)

Selling Suffrage: Words and Symbols to Win the Vote – and the ERA

October 3, 2019, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Tower Club – Tysons Corner, 8000 Towers Crescent Dr Suite 1700, Vienna

Powerful arguments and compelling visual images were essential in convincing the American public to **support votes for women**. And, the suffragists had to create their own! The need to “sell” the **Equal Rights Amendment** has faced communication challenges too. **Come hear experts and advocates** describe the written and graphic messages that suffragists used to **change public opinion**, and learn how those messages connect to later campaigns for the Equal Rights Amendment. [Learn more and register...](#)

Hollin Hall Octoberfest Luncheon

October 4, 2019, noon
Hollin Hall Senior Center for Creative Retirement, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Room 112
Alexandria

Hollin Hall Senior Center for Creative Retirement, in cooperation with the Mt Vernon Chapter of AARP, will hold this year's **Octoberfest Luncheon with entertainment** on October 4th. Usher in the fall with some **Bratwurst and Kraut** on a bun while being entertained by **Conductor Owen Hammett and his Oom-Pah Band**. Lunch is **\$3 donation** for entrée, sides, dessert and beverage. **Sign up to attend** in the Hollin Hall Main Office. The **deadline to sign up is September 27**.

Take the 30-Day Plastic Free Challenge!

Do you wish we could **STOP all the litter at its source**, before it ever reaches our rivers and creeks? Well, here's something each and every one of us can do individually--**stop using single use plastic**, the source of so much of our litter problem. **Take the 30-Day Plastic Free Challenge!** Commit to 30 days from **October 1-30, 2019**, without single-use plastic bags, bottles, and straws. [Learn more and sign up...](#)

Events:

- Farmers Markets
- Sept 28: The Fairfax: Carry Forward 5K - 8:30 a.m.
- Sept 28: Child Safety Seat Inspections - 9:30 a.m.
- Sept 28: Finding Your Roots - Researching in Your Own Backyard - 9: a.m.
- Sept 29: Fall for LCAC - 1 p.m.
- Oct 2: Venture into Volunteering Fair - 10 a.m.
- Oct 3: Selling Suffrage: Words and Symbols to Win the Vote – and the ERA - 6 p.m.
- Oct 4: HOAs and Condo Associations: Sustainable Solutions to Landscaping Headaches - 9:30 a.m.
- Oct 4: Hollin Hall Octoberfest Luncheon - noon
- Oct 5: South County Office of Elections Satellite Service - 10 a.m.
- And more...

REGISTER TODAY!



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