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Proclamation Recognizing Larry Gray and Village Hardware in the Hollin Hall Shopping Center for serving the Mount Vernon Community for 42 Years

May 4, 2021

Village Hardware is a family owned and operated business established in 1979. The owner, Larry Gray, learned the tools of the trade as a young man working with his father in construction. He took that invaluable knowledge and hard work ethic and applied it to running his business with the simple pledge of "offering a high-quality product with personalized service." Everyone from skilled laborers to do-it-yourself homeowners have known where to go for 42 years to get advice and have their questions answered, as well as where to find the right part for just about anything.

Village Hardware is a Mount Vernon institution, a community hub that embodies all the characteristics of a local store with personalized customer service. Larry and Linda Gray and their four children have been an integral part of the community, hiring local students, sponsoring little league teams, and supporting local non-profits and schools.

Although Larry recently announced his retirement to Florida, he also planned the store's transition and the new manager, Troy Richard from Aubuchon, Inc., is friendly, welcoming, and is committed to serving the community's hardware needs. We will all sorely miss Larry Gray and his family.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, without objection I ask that a proclamation be signed by the Chairman and myself to be presented to Mr. Gray and his family, outside the board room, thanking them for their 42 years of service at Village Hardware in the Mount Vernon District.



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Thank You to LDS & Agency Partners for their Post-Disaster Recovery Support and for the creation of the Post-Disaster Recovery Process Pamphlet May 4, 2021

Over the past few years, there have been some tragedies in the Mount Vernon District, including a building collapse at River Towers, horrific fires at the Belle View Shopping Center, at the nearby South Alexandria mixed-use project, the Thieves Market, and nearby hotels. Each of these disasters required significant support from many different Fairfax County agencies during their recovery period. My office worked closely with Bill Hicks, Helman Castro, and their staff to add these projects to the Project Management Process to provide a single source of contact to the property owners and seamless customer service. Kirsten Munz and Mac Gebresillasie coordinated these efforts and helped make a stressful process much easier to manage while bringing these projects to completion. The property owners have been greatly appreciative of their additional support and customer service.

While working with these property owners, we recognized that when disaster happens, owners are typically in shock, while having to work through insurance agencies and coordinate with multiples tenants and the county. At my request, Bill Hicks and the LDS team of Harvey Clark, Kirsten Munz, Mary Mulrenan, Brian Foley, and Debby McMahon created and delivered a "Post-Disaster Recovery Process" pamphlet that can be used as guidance for future disasters. They also worked closely with three other agency partners: John Walser from the Fire Marshall's Office, Jack Weyant from the Department of Code Compliance, and Adrian Joy from the Health Department. This pamphlet now provides vital information in a concise manner to property owners who are dealing with a disaster. I strongly believe that Fairfax County is going to be more resilient because of this small, but extremely helpful pamphlet.

Thank you to all the agency partners who have been part of this tremendous effort.

POST-DISASTER RECOVERY PROCESS

Recovery and reconstruction after a disaster hits can feel overwhelming. This guide is intended to assist you through the process of rebuilding.

STEP ONE INITIAL ACTIONS:

UR TO ONE MONTH

- If the property sustains fire damage or hazardous materials are released, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department will investigate. If the property damage is caused by natural disasters or structural impacts, the Fairfax County Land Development Services (LDS) inspectors will investigate. Once the investigation is complete, the structure will be released by investigators to the occupantiowner of the property.
- If the building is unsafe to occupy, the Fairfax County Fire Official of Fairfax County Building Official will post the property to indicate the level of access permitted and to prevent unauthorized persons from entering the structure. The occupant of the property or the contractor may enter the property to begin restoration efforts. A request may be made to the fire official or building official to remove the "no trespassing" post once the property is ready for restoration.
- If the utilities have been shut off, the owner or contractor will need to contact the individual utility companies to restore service. Utilities may include gas, electricity, water and propane.
- If there are structural damages that are a danger to the public, the structure must be remediated as soon as possible as recommended by a third party structural engineer.

STEP TWO | PROPERTY ASSESSMENT:

TWO TO THREE WEEKS

- The property owner should contact the insurance company immediately to report the fire and for details on claims processing and other insurance-related requirements.
- A Fire Incident Report may be required by the insurance company. This can be requested from the County Fire Marshal.
- If the property is served by a private well or septic system, the Fairfax County Health Department should be contacted for an evaluation.



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To request this information in an alternate format, call 763-324-1780, TTY 711.



STEP THREE PROJECT SCOPE DETERMINATION:

TWO DAYS OR MORE

- Request a Damage Assessment Report from LDS to identify the scope of damage and identify the work needed to rebuild. Some reconstruction will require permits and/or building plans. The LDS Permits Applications Center can help you identify which permits will be required to rebuild.
- Even if you plan to rebuild the same structure that was damaged or destroyed, permits may be required. Submit any necessary plans and permit applications to LDS. You may need to hire a Virginia licensed registered design professional such as an engineer or architect.

STEP FOUR PERMITS AND CONSTRUCTION:

UP TO A YEAR OR HORE DEPENDING ON COMPLEXITY OF THE PROJECT

- Obtain permits and proceed with construction. A licensed contractor may be required.
- Obtain final inspections and an occupancy permit before returning to the building. Depending on the project, inspections may be required from multiple agencies including LDS, Fire Marshal's Office and Health Department.
- If the business is a food establishment, the Health Department will need to conduct an inspection prior to reopening.

The timeline to rebuild depends on a variety of factors including the amount of damage and complexity of the rebuild. When obtaining permits from LDS, property owners should provide a reasonable timeframe for the restoration to be completed. Should the property remain in a state of disrepair with no effort made to restore it, the Department of Code Compliance may receive complaints related to property maintenance or rulsance, which could result in a Notice of Violation.

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

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Fire Incident Report: https://www.liefsecourts.gov/freerse/record-requests-vfore

Fairfax County Land Development Services https://www.laffactourus.gov/ landdevelopment/ 203-324-1780, TTY 711

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Recognizing South County Football Team as Class 6C Regional Champions and back-to-back State Football Contenders

Joint with Supervisor Dan Storck and Supervisor Pat Herrity

May 4, 2021

The South County Varsity Football team entered the state championship game this past Saturday with a 24-game winning streak as the Class 6C Regional Champions; beating local rival Robinson Secondary and Madison High School to clinch their spot in the state championship game.

South County had a condensed winter football season that started two months ago with their sights on keeping their state championship title, which they won against Oscar Smith in 2019. Their journey once again brought together the Stallion nation, families, hype squad, and their alumni association. The team led by new Coach Tynan Rolander traveled to replay perennial powerhouse Oscar Smith High School of Chesapeake, losing to the Tigers 62-21. South County was led by senior Quarterback Charlie Miska, Wide Receiver Brock Spalding, Receiver Dylan Dunn, Defensive back Sam Dankah, and Linebacker Dorian Mitchell.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, without objection I ask that a proclamation be signed by the Chairman, Supervisor Herrity, and myself to be presented to the South County Boys Varsity Football team and coaches, outside the board room, to be recognized as the Class 6C Regional Champions and back-to-back State Football Contenders.



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Policy Development to Support the Joint Environmental Task Force (JET) Recommendations

Joint with Supervisor Dan Storck and Chairman Jeff McKay and Supervisor Penny Gross

May 4, 2021

This Board Matter builds on previous actions by the Board of Supervisors (Board) related to the Joint Environmental Task Force (JET) and the JET's recommendations across the energy, transportation, waste management and recycling, and workforce development focus areas within County and school operations.

The JET, which was jointly established in April 2019 by the Board and School Board to identify areas for collaboration between the two entities in energy efficiency and environmental sustainability, released its long-term and interim recommendations in a Final Report in October 2020. At the direction of the Board, staff drafted a Staff Response to the JET recommendations and presented on these recommendations at the March and April 2021 Environmental Committee meetings, outlining what it would take to implement them.

Based on Board discussion at these committee meetings, and in my discussions with each of you, Board members were generally supportive of pursuing achievement of the JET recommendations. Meeting these recommendations will require the development and implementation of new or updated policies on building and energy use, transportation, procurement, waste management and recycling, and workforce development. Based on our discussions, we have generally agreed to accept three of the four recommendations and to revise the transportation recommendation as noted below. The final overarching recommendations for Board consideration are:

- 1. Commit to being energy carbon neutral by 2040 while significantly reducing operational greenhouse gas emissions. Generate renewable energy in-county, increase energy performance standards in existing buildings, and ensure all new buildings and major renovations beginning planning and design in 2021 meet Net Zero Energy standards, unless County staff advises the Board prior to the 30% design phase why a project cannot meet the NZE standard.
- 2. Transition County and school bus fleets and non-bus fleets to electric (or other non-carbon emitting alternatives) by 2035, with the caveat that by 2035, 99% of Connector bus fleet miles traveled will be made with non-carbon emitting vehicles. In addition, no

diesel vehicles will be purchased by the County after FY 2024, unless staff informs the Board as to why. For non-bus fleet vehicles that may not have non-carbon emitting alternatives, develop a plan to mitigate vehicle emissions. To further reduce emissions from the transportation sector, work with local, state and federal governments to develop a safe, continuous and interconnected transit system, improve options for safe biking and walking, and encourage alternative transit options for students, workers and residents.

- 3. Be zero waste by 2030. Develop sustainable purchasing programs and encourage composting among county government workers and students.
- 4. Develop these goals in tandem with youth and adult workforce development objectives, to increase learning resources and green career opportunities for students and working professionals. Develop standardized green career toolkits and programs to encourage participation in the energy or environmental sector.

THEREFORE, Mr. Chairman, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD direct the County Executive to charge the Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination, with the support of relevant County agencies, to bring forward for discussion at the June Environmental Committee meeting the following items:

- Specific policy statements that support the JET recommendations across the energy, transportation, waste management and recycling, and workforce development focus areas.
- A declaration, similar to the Cool Counties Declaration, tied to the JET's carbon neutrality recommendation to express the County's leadership and encourage others to make similar public commitments.