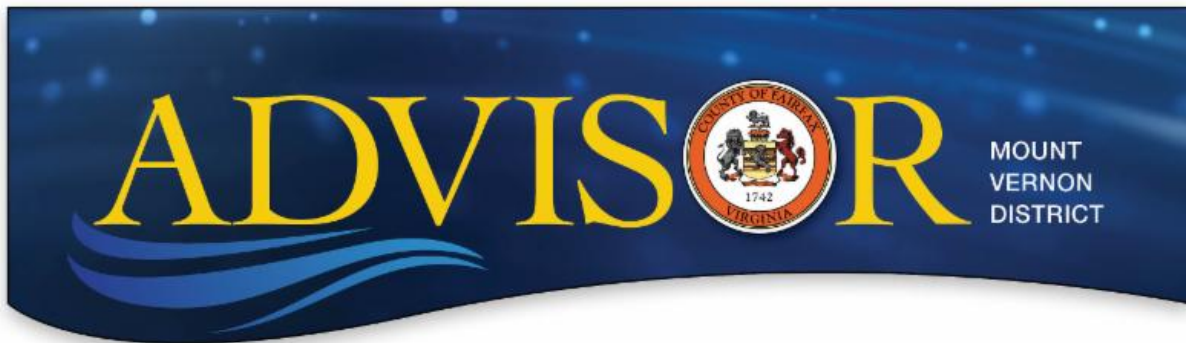


August 2019



With **torrential rains** becoming more and more common place, **flooding is a greater concern** for an increased number of residents and communities. Fortunately for the **Huntington area**, the **new levee** is up and running, doing its job to keep water out of streets and homes. This **substantial \$40M County investment** in the Mount Vernon community provides **sustainable infrastructure** well into the future, was completed within budget and won **multiple awards**. Unfortunately, the **July 8 rain event** also showed us that there are more neighborhoods that may be impacted in the future. **If your property sustained damage** during that storm, be sure to report that information to the County's [Disaster Damage Database](#). The **County's declaration of a Local Emergency has been APPROVED! Impacted residents will be able to apply to the Small Business Administration (SBA) for low interest loans to assist with their recovery.** You can read more in the **Important Safety Messages** section below.

For those of you living in a floodplain, such as New Alexandria, Belleview, Riverview and River Towers, **I have heard your concerns** and have worked with County staff to provide increased education. **Please join us for "Living in a Floodplain"**, an education session on **Monday, August 19, 2019, at 7 p.m.** at the [Mount Vernon Governmental Center](#). Learn how to **prepare for an emergency**, what to do during and after an emergency, as well as the roles of the County and the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). Information will be provided about the **New Alexandria pump station and tidal flood gates**. Share the [flyer](#) with your friends and neighbors. In addition, **if you live in a flood prone area**, be sure to sign up for the **County's Riverwatch** to get notices and alerts. As the County advances its **environmental and sustainability initiatives**, resiliency planning, especially along our coastlines, will be critical to **future preparedness efforts**.

Also coming this month are **deer management meetings**. Stop by the Mount Vernon Governmental Center on **August 22, 2019 at 7 p.m.** to learn about the County's [Deer Management Program](#) aimed at controlling this population.

At the end of the month, our students, teachers, administrators and staff head **back to school**. We wish them a **safe and happy start** to the school year. Please **be aware** of busses, walkers and student drivers entering back into our daily commutes and obey all traffic safety laws – **especially stopping for bus flashing lights and stop arms** when students are boarding busses. In addition, many students in our community need a **helping hand at back-to-school time** and multiple organizations hold **backpack and schools supply drives**. In this newsletter we have listed **some of ways you can help**.

As schools open, **Fort Belvoir** will also be making **changes at their entry gates**. A **ribbon cutting ceremony for Lieber Gate** will be held **Friday, August 23 at 10 a.m.**, with the **gate opening for access** later that day. **Walker Gate access will close indefinitely at 6 p.m. on August 23** for reconstruction of the Dogue Creek Bridge.

Respectfully yours in public service,

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



TEAM MVD meets Mount Vernon resident and astronaut Charles Bolden!

Visit our Website

National Night Out 2019



**TEAM MVD enjoyed connecting with many of you on NNO 2019.
Thank you for welcoming us into your neighborhoods!**

Transportation Hot Topics

You may have noticed **VDOT paving throughout the District** this summer. **To find out more** about VDOT paving in the community, use [VDOT's interactive map](#) to locate your street. A pop-up will appear with **details about resurfacing**, including treatment type, **location and contact information** to report concerns. [More information...](#)

To report potholes or other VDOT related issues go to [MyVDOT](#). **For downed trees**, call 1-800-367-7623.

The **National Park Service (NPS)** is conducting a **traffic study along the George**

Washington Parkway. [Learn more about the study and provide comments](#) by August 21, 2019. Supervisor Storck is **interested in receiving your comments** as well. After submitting to them to the NPS, **please share your comments** with us by [email](#).

Old Mount Vernon Road Construction

Fairfax Water is doing **pipe work** along Old Mount Vernon Road and nearby streets. After the project is complete and tested, the **roads will be repaved**. The project is expected to be **completed in September**. [Contact Fairfax Water with questions or concerns...](#)

Old Mount Vernon Road Sidewalk Construction

Construction of a **5-foot sidewalk along the west side** of Old Mount Vernon Road between Mount Vernon Highway and Westgate Drive has begun. The project should be **completed in the Fall**.

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Remaining Summer Mini meetings are August 14 and 18. [More information...](#)



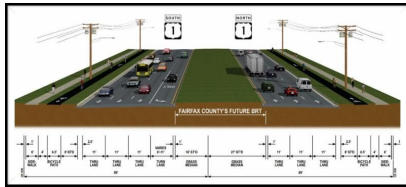
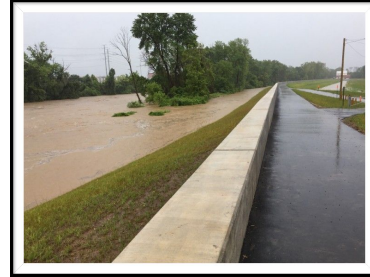
Upcoming Events

- Summer Library Events
- Farmers Markets
- Mount Vernon Nights FREE Public Concert Series
- Aug 10: FREE School Physicals - 8 a.m.
- Aug 10: Annual Cops vs. Kids Basketball Tournament - 10 a.m.
- Aug 10: Repair Cafe - 10 a.m.
- Aug 10: Kingstowne Library 2nd Saturday Book Sale - 10 a.m.
- Aug 14: Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Mini-Meeting - Station Areas: South County Center - 7 p.m.
- Aug 17: Child Safety Seat Inspections - 9:30 a.m.
- Aug 17: Liberty Movies on the Green: Princess Bride - dark
- Aug 18: Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Mini-Meeting - General Discussion in Spanish - 7 p.m.
- Aug 19:
- Aug 21: Gum Springs FREE Back to School Haircuts & School Supplies - 10 a.m.
- Aug 22: Deer Management Program Public Information Meeting - 7 p.m.
- Aug 24: Liberty Movies on the Green: Ice Age - dark
- Aug 22: GrandInvolve Information Session - 1:30 p.m.
- Aug 26: School starts for FCPS
- Aug 26: DMV2Go at Hollin Hall Senior Center - 9 a.m.
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- Aug 26: Women's Equality Day & Event
- Sept 7: South County Office of Elections Satellite Service - 10 a.m.
- Sept 8: Reduced Cost Rabies Clinic - 12 p.m.

In the News

How Did the Huntington Levee Hold Up in the July 8 Rain Event?

On Monday July 8, the Washington region experienced an **intense storm with pouring rain and dangerous flooding**. Metro stations turned into fountains, parking garages and roads became rivers, and **dozens of people had to be rescued** from rising flood waters. The storm was also one of the **first tests of the new Huntington levee**, which was designed to **protect around 160 homes** in the Huntington neighborhood from floodwaters off of Cameron Run. [Read more on Greater Greater Washington...](#)



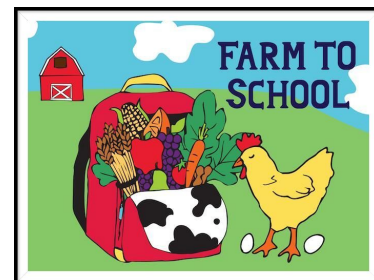
Highway Design Moves Forward; Storck Says Undergrounding Utilities Remains Goal

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FCPS Wins USDA Grant to Establish Pilot Farm-to-School Program

FCPS Office of Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) has been named recipient of a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to create a **pilot Farm-to-School** strategic plan right here at **Hollin Meadows ES**. The **\$50,000 grant** will support the development of the plan with a goal of expanding it throughout the division to **provide more students with fresh and locally-sourced food**. [Read more on FCPS News...](#)



FCPD Marine Patrol Protecting Our Waterways

Marine Patrol 1 pulled out of the docks on the **Occoquan River**, and headed out through the no wake zone to the Potomac River as it does **several times a week**, but this time was a little different. The boat is **part of the Fairfax County Police Department**, and officer Tim Judd grabbed the binoculars as what appeared to be a yellow seaplane was flying low to the water in the distance. [Read more in the Connection...](#)

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Audubon Award Winning Photo Taken at Huntley Meadows

The **winning bird entry** in the **2019 Audubon Photography Awards** wasn't taken in the jungles of Papua New Guinea or on the cliffs of Iceland. It wasn't a photo of a bird of paradise or a puffin. It was a picture of a **red-winged blackbird, taken at Huntley Meadows Park** in Fairfax County. [Read more in the Washington Post...](#)



Community Champions



Distinguished astronaut Charles F. Bolden, Jr. has spent his life serving his country. **Born in 1946 in Columbia, SC**, Bolden needed a recommendation from **Representative Dawson from Chicago** to attend the U.S. Naval Academy, because his **South Carolina delegation turned him down**. After studying at the **Naval Academy**, Bolden served in Vietnam and flew more than **one hundred sorties piloting the A-6A Intruder**. He continued to develop his flying proficiency, participating in **several test projects at the Naval Air Test Center**.

Like many other astronauts, it was Bolden's flying experience that led him to **apply to NASA**. During his time as an astronaut, he logged more than **600 hours in space** across four missions, completing several experiments and technical objectives. He **piloted the shuttles Columbia and Discovery** in 1986 and 1990, respectively, then **commanded flights onboard Atlantis and Discovery**. His final mission, STS-60 in 1994, was the **first in history** to include a **Russian cosmonaut aboard** a U.S. space shuttle. After his last spaceflight, Bolden returned to the **Marines and was promoted to major general** until his retirement in 2004.

In 2009, President Obama appointed Bolden to be the **first African American administrator of NASA**. [Keep reading...](#)

West Springfield Police Station in the Community

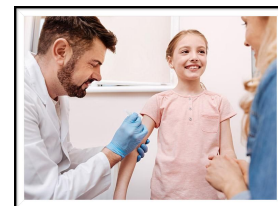
The West Springfield Station held their inaugural **Police & Faith Community (P&FC) Meeting**. **MPO Robert Urps**, the West Springfield Station Community Outreach Officer (**formerly with the Mount Vernon Station**), has spent the last four months visiting, engaging, and speaking to the staff at **houses of worship** in the West Springfield District to **build relationships** and invite representatives to **join officers** for the P&FC Meetings. On July 23, 2019, approximately **40 representatives from multiple houses of worship** met with **Captain Cory, Lt. Lee and MPO Urps** to discuss the structure of the meetings, future topics and guest speakers. The P&FC Meetings will be held **once a month** and move around the district, **hosted by different houses of worship**. The meetings are intended to **build relationships and discuss topics that affect the community** such as Safety in Houses of Worship, Active Violence Safety, Opioids, Crisis Intervention Training and more.



School News

PARENTS: IT'S TIME TO IMMUNIZE

Documentation of immunization is required for children entering **kindergarten**, children entering **seventh grade**, and for **new students transferring** into schools in the County. Fairfax County Health Department **offers school-required immunizations** at [five clinics](#). [Read more...](#)



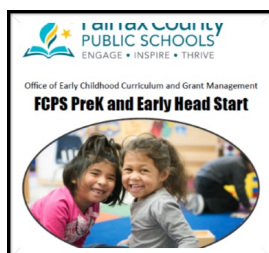
FREE School Physicals for Uninsured Children

On **August 10 from 8 a.m. - noon**, Fairfax County will provide free physicals at the South County Health Department (8350 Richmond Highway) for **new students, pre-K through 6th grade who are uninsured**. Appointments required. Read the flyers for more information ([English](#) and [Spanish](#))



GrandInvolve: Changing the World One Child at a Time

GrandInvolve recruits **older adults who are interested in volunteering** in the classroom in the County's **Title I elementary schools**. Learn about our Title 1 Schools and how to **change the trajectory of success for our students** by volunteering in the classroom at an [information session](#) on **August 22, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.** at Sherwood Hall Library.



Apply for PreK and Early Head Start

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is looking for **3 and 4 year olds** to register for **pre-K at many schools in Mount Vernon**. To qualify, families must be Fairfax County residents, qualify for **free and reduced lunch** and the students must be **3 or 4 by Sept. 30, 2019**. Spaces are available at **Mount Vernon Woods, Woodlawn, Bucknell, Belle View and Hybla Valley Elementary Schools**. Apply online or **get more information** by calling 703-

208-7900 (for English) or 703-208-7901 (for Spanish).

Looking for Summer STEM Activities for Your Kids?

Check out STEM Opportunities for Youth! Find **activities, programs and classes** at local libraries, parks, community centers and other locations throughout the county that **offer kids STEM-tastic experiences** while school is out! Details - <http://bit.ly/FairfaxSTEM>. Best of all **many programs are FREE or low cost**.



Back-to-School Backpack Drives

Good Shepard Housing 2019 School Supply Drive

Please consider helping GSH to **collect backpacks and school supplies** for the children living in GHS housing. Support from friends like you helps to address the **ongoing struggle** felt by our **low-income working families**. Shop our [Amazon Wish List](#), or purchase items at a local retail, and **drop off new donations** to Betsy at the GSH office. Alternatively, drop your donations off at [Curves Alexandria](#), who are once again acting as a **collection point for our School Supply Drive!**

Lorton Community Action Center Back 2 School 2019

Back 2 School is a crucial time for both out kids & their families. **Be a part of providing supplies & backpacks** to children & teens in the community, so parents and grandparents are not having to **forgo other essentials** like groceries or utilities. Visit our [Back2School page](#) where you will find a link to our [SignUpGenius adoption page](#) & school supply lists for all grade levels. [Donate online...](#)

Other Opportunities:

[United Community Back to School 2019...](#)

[ICNA Relief Back2School campaign...](#)

[Brandywine Living is collecting backpacks and supplies through August 26...](#)

[Gum Springs Free Haircuts and School Supplies - August 21, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.](#)

Important Safety Messages

Local Emergency Declaration Approved for July 8 Rain Event - Here's How You Can Get Help!

Regional Disaster Loan Outreach Centers (DLOCs) will open in coming days. The DLOC for the County will be located at the **Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library**. It will open on **August 13 and the hours of operation for the first week** are below. Residents can also [apply online](#) anytime. Impacted residents will be able to apply to the SBA for **low interest loans to assist with their recovery**. Information on the **SBA Disaster Recovery process** and locations for DLOCs can be found [here](#).

The DLOC will also have **information on County resources** from Cable and Consumer Services, Department of Family Services, Health Department, Land Development Services, Neighborhood and Community Services, and the Office of Emergency Management.

DLOC Hours of Operation

Aug 13 – 15: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

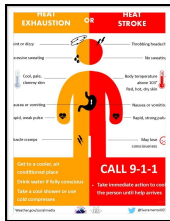
Aug 16: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Aug 17: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Aug 18: Closed

Aug 19: 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

[Additional Information...](#)



Know The Symptoms Of Heat-Related Illness

Summer is heating up with **temperatures in the 90's** and some days with a Heat Index over 100! These **conditions are potentially dangerous**, and it is important that County residents **know the warning signs and symptoms of heat illness** and the appropriate responses.

[Read more...](#)

Check out the **Office Emergency Management's [August 2019 Preparedness newsletter...](#)**

Community Information

Election Officers Needed for the Nov. 5, 2019, General Election

Fairfax County needs **hundreds of election officers** for the **Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019, general election**. Election officers are **paid \$175** for working a full day, although officers also **can volunteer their time**. Election officers must be **registered to vote in Virginia** and must attend a **three-hour training class** before they can work at the polls. For more information, watch the video below and [click here](#).



Women's Equality Day Celebration August 26, 2019

In honor of **Women's Equality Day**, a special movie screening will be held on **behalf of VAratifyERA** to include a **screening of the movie *On the Basis of Sex*** and a panel discussion by **local leaders regarding women's issues and the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)**.



When: August 26, 2019

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. (Movie run time is 120 minutes; followed by panel.)

Where: Local theatre - TBD

Confirmed Panelists: Delegates Krizek, Simon, Tran and Kory. Senators Surovell and Favola. Supervisor Storck. More to come!

More information will be posted to the [VAratifyERA Facebook page](#).

Deer Management Program & Upcoming Meetings

The County Deer Management Program is **implemented in public parks** and overseen by the Fairfax County Police Department. The program manages the **abundant local white-tailed deer population**. It has **strong oversight and regulation** to ensure that it is conducted safely. The primary objective of the program is **deer population control on public parklands**. Other goals include **human safety**, protecting human health, reducing environmental damage caused by browsing deer, conserving biodiversity and **maintaining healthy deer herds**. There will be a **public meeting** about the program on **August 22, 2019, at 7 p.m.** at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center. [Read more...](#)



Ever Wondered What Tree to Plant in Your Yard?

Trees provide **numerous benefits to properties** and the environment. Many trees can **live for generations** which makes the **species selection process very important**. When planted in an unsuitable location trees **may cause problems over time**. The typical approach to tree selection centers on its **visual appeal or desired purpose**, such as

privacy screening or shade. [Read more...](#)

Repair Cafe Returns!



Saturday, August 10, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Mount Vernon Unitarian Church – Hollin Hall, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria

A soothing place to heal your **torn, broken, tangled, and dysfunctional household items**. If it is broken, let our repair experts fix it. A **Free Market** will held in conjunction with the Repair Cafe. [Read more...](#)



Have a Used Bike You Would Like to Donate?

New signs mark the drop off sites where **residents can donate used bikes** at the **I-66 transfer station and I-95 landfill complex**. The bikes are donated to **Bikes for the World**, a nonprofit organization that ships the bicycles to people in need of transportation.

Saving the Environment

Importance of Biodiversity Video



Making Curbside Recycling Easier

[New County flyer](#) explains the **curbside bin recycling program** and the new **glass-only purple container program**, aka The Purple Can Club. **Accepted items are clearly identified** on one side of the flyer, and material that should never be placed in the bin are depicted on the back. **Placing only accepted items in the bin** (loose, clean and dry, of course), **will greatly help** the County's recycling program!

New Litter Resources and Reporting Page

The County's [new litter webpage](#) includes **volunteer opportunities**, a list of things you can do to **prevent litter**, and a way to **report litter in your community**. Reporting litter allows us to **track down the property owner or organization** responsible for picking it up. **We will investigate** and get back to you or forward your request to the responsible organization. Let us know what you saw and where you saw it by calling 703-324-5230, or by [emailing](#).



Team MVD



Mount Vernon District Staff: Anna Smith, Sally Kidalov, Christine Morin, Supervisor Dan Storck, Camela Speer, Donna Slaymaker & Abdul Shaban.

July 2019 Activities:

- Phone calls: 1342
- Meetings: 88

Stay Connected:

Mount Vernon Governmental Center
2511 Parkers Lane
Mount Vernon, VA 22306

Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday, Friday:
8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Second Saturday Each Month (except August)
Lorton Library: 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Boards, Authorities and Commissions

Help **serve your community** by serving on a Fairfax County Board, Authority or Commission (BAC). Please ask your friends, neighbors and community members if they are willing to help serve Fairfax County. Supervisor Storck has vacancies on:

Transportation Advisory Commission

The Commission advises the Board on transportation related policies and issues, in accordance with an adopted work plan approved by the Board, and/or as directed by the Board.

There are also several **At-Large positions available** as of July 1, 2019 on County BACs.

- Affordable Dwelling Unit Advisory Board (Engineer/Architect Rep)
- Affordable Dwelling Unit Advisory Board (Lending Institution Rep)
- Alcohol Safety Action Program Local Policy Board (two open)
- Civil Service Commission
- Engineering Standard Review Committee
- Human Rights Commission
- Police Civilian Review Panel
- Road Viewer Board
- Tenant Landlord Commission (3 openings - Citizen Member, Condo Owner, Landlord Member & Tenant Member)

[Click here](#) to learn more about these BACs.

Volunteering on these committees **increases citizen participation** in our District. If you are interested in serving on a county board, authority, commission, or committee (BAC), please provide a current résumé to Donna.Slaymaker@fairfaxcounty.gov. For more information, please download the [brochure](#) for a brief guide to BACs, or learn more on the County [website](#). You can also **check out the County's Volunteer Management System** for information on these and **other volunteer opportunities** near you.

Save-the-Date

**SUPERVISOR DAN STORCK & SUPERVISOR JEFF MCKAY
CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THE NAMING AND DEDICATION OF
THE
GERRY W. HYLAND BUILDING**



**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2019
1:00PM
8350 RICHMOND HIGHWAY**

RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

IN JUST 10 MINUTES
**A CAR CAN
HEAT UP BY**
**20 DEGREES &
BECOME DEADLY**

NHTSA **where's baby?**
Look before you lock.



Source: CCM, San Jose State University Department of Meteorology & Climate Science



Visit our website

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