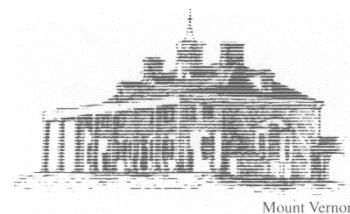




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## **Proclamation Recognizing Sherwood Regional Library on its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Supervisor Dan Storck**  
**October 5, 2021**

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors purchased the property that the Sherwood Regional Library occupies in 1964. In September 1971 at the Library dedication ceremony, it was added as the 13th public library in the Fairfax County Public Library system. The original library was 20,000 square feet and by 1989 it was so busy that the County voters supported adding an additional 16,400 square feet to the building. The new and improved Sherwood Library was unveiled in June, 1992.

The library has been a stable anchor in the community for 50 years. Library programming, technology and services have evolved with the changing demographics and needs of the community. They have been a leader in technology innovation, collaboration with neighborhood groups, other libraries, County agencies, Richmond Highway service organizations, all in service to the Mount Vernon community and citizens of Fairfax County. Sherwood Regional is the home of the wildly popular local McCutcheon/Mount Vernon Farmers' Market on Wednesday mornings from April into December and our active seniors know it as the home of Mount Vernon at Home, a membership organization that supports aging in place.

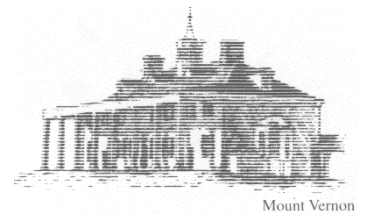
The Mount Vernon community will be celebrating this milestone on Saturday, October 16, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sherwood Regional Library. The Friends of Sherwood Library are sponsoring outdoor entertainment including a children's performer, Groovy Nate, the Mount Vernon High School Varsity Singers, and a mariachi band, Mariachi Aguila DC. Inside the library there will be a scavenger hunt, children's craft and papermaking activities, a historical display commemorating 50 years of library service and the opportunity to check out the STEM-inspired Tech Lab.

Little known fact, while my predecessor, Gerry Hyland was not the Mount Vernon Supervisor in 1971, he was the Supervisor in 1992 and was one of 200 volunteers who helped unload 15 truckloads of books - about 3,000 boxes with 100,000 volumes - from storage into the remodeled Sherwood Library and helped place them on the shelves.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, without objection I ask that a proclamation be signed by the Chairman and myself to be presented at on October 16 to the Sherwood Regional Library for 50 years of service to our community.



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**Proclamation Recognizing Pohick Episcopal Church for Hosting its  
75<sup>th</sup> Annual Pohick Country Fair**

**Supervisor Dan Storck**  
**October 5, 2021**

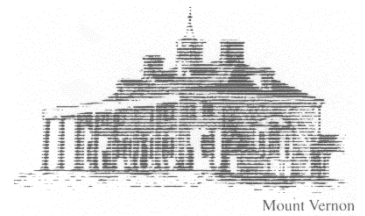
Historic Pohick Church, established in 1732 and home parish to vestrymen such as George Washington, George Mason and George William Fairfax, is hosting its 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Pohick Country Fair. The Fair is an annual day of fun, historic reenactments, games, food, music, and famous handmade apple butter that parishioners and clergy of the church have held since 1944 for the enjoyment of the local community and Fairfax County. This festival is an established community event and draws hundreds of visitors from inside and outside the County.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, without objection I ask that a proclamation be signed by the Chairman and myself to be presented at a future date to Pohick Episcopal Church, recognizing them for their 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Pohick Country Fair.



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### **To Proclaim October 6, 2021, Energy Efficiency Day in Fairfax County**

#### **Supervisor Dan Storck, Joint with Supervisor Penny Gross October 5, 2021**

Each year, Energy Efficiency Day presents an opportunity to focus on the many benefits of taking action to save energy. Many energy and climate experts use the phrase “efficiency first” when talking about ways to make a real difference, and for good reason. Energy efficiency is fundamental to our clean energy future and is critically important to the reduction of greenhouse gases as well.

By taking action to become more energy efficient, we can address one of the two biggest sources of greenhouse gases in Fairfax County – energy use in buildings. The community has established a goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050, which is ambitious, but achievable if everyone does their part.

Efficiency measures are often inexpensive, quick, and easy to implement. Everyone can embrace energy efficiency. What’s more, becoming more energy efficient can reduce utility costs for residents and businesses. When we use energy wisely, we can cut back on our overall consumption and lower our monthly bills. In fact, reducing energy waste saves U.S. consumers billions of dollars on their utility bills every year, up to \$500 per household from appliance efficiency standards alone.

Energy efficiency is also an economic driver, with millions of Americans employed in the industry. By supporting efficiency measures with clean energy policies and programs, we can help to sustain those jobs and create new opportunities for employment right here in Fairfax County.

With the recent completion of the Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan, we now have a roadmap to help us achieve our greenhouse gas reduction goals. Existing County programs like Energy Action Fairfax and HomeWise stand ready to help residents make meaningful, lasting, efficiency improvements to their homes. In fact, the HomeWise program held their inaugural demonstration event in my District just this past weekend and handed out hundreds of LED lightbulbs, weatherstrips, socket sealers, and more to County residents, completely free of charge.

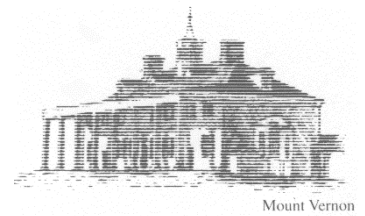
A nationwide network of energy efficiency groups and partners has designated the first Wednesday in October as the sixth national annual Energy Efficiency Day. Together the residents of Fairfax County can take steps to learn more about energy efficiency and to use energy wisely each and every day.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, we ask, with unanimous consent, that a proclamation be prepared with my, Chairman McKay and Supervisor Gross' signatures designating October 6, 2021, as Energy Efficiency Day in Fairfax County. We also ask that the Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination register the County as a participant in Energy Efficiency Day 2021 on the official website <https://energyefficiencyday.org/>, where information can be found to publicize energy efficiency tips and information in recognition of this day.



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### **Adoption of the Auditor of the Board's November 2021 Audit Committee Work Plan for the Upcoming Quarter**

#### **Supervisor Dan Storck October 5, 2021**

The Board of Supervisors has received the Auditor of the Board's Proposed Audit Committee Work Plan for November 2021. The Work Plan includes the following study area.

#### **Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) Seized & Inventoried Property Review & Follow-Up:**

The original study was originally performed in September 2017, and several recommendations were made, implementation dates were extended and have since passed. The physical and fiscal controls over seized and inventoried property are under the purview of FCPD. At the time of the previous study, FCPD staff provided an estimate of **~130,000** items stored at the main property room; actual dollar value of the items could not be determined. The inventoried items included a sundry list of seized properties, including cars, contraband, and money. This study will focus on the following areas (*but not limited to*):

- Custody, Valuation, and Disposal
- Sales/Auctions and Revenue Recognition
- Vendor Contracting (Covanta) for FCPD and Other Agencies
- Follow up and New Reporting on Seized Property

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors adopt the Auditor of the Board's November 2021 Audit Committee Work Plan for the upcoming quarter.



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**Joint Board Matter**  
**Chairman McKay and Supervisors Foust, Walkinshaw, Storck,**  
**Herrity, Palchik, Alcorn, Lusk and Smith**

**October 5, 2021**

**Resolution Condemning Organ Harvesting from People**  
**of Conscience in the People's Republic of China**

**BACKGROUND:** On June 13, 2016, the United States House of Representatives unanimously passed House Resolution 343, condemning the practice of state-sanctioned forced organ harvesting in the People's Republic of China from prisoners of conscience, primarily practitioners of the Chinese spiritual practice of Falun Gong, but also of other religious and ethnic minority groups.

In December 2018, the Independent Tribunal into Forced Organ Harvesting of Prisoners of Conscience in China, chaired by the eminent British barrister and professor, Sir Geoffrey Nice who was the prosecutor of Slobodan Milosevic at the Hague, issued an interim judgment that stated: "The Tribunal's members are all certain-unanimously, and sure beyond reasonable doubt-that in China forced organ harvesting from prisoners of conscience has been practiced for a substantial period of time involving a very substantial number of victims."

In June 2021, a group of United Nations independent experts expressed their concerns about allegations of organ harvesting carried out on minority groups detained in China, including Falun Gong practitioners, as well as Uyghurs, Tibetans, Muslims, and Christians.

The Government of the People's Republic of China and the Communist Party of China have repeatedly denied reports that many organs are taken without the consent of prisoners, but they prevent independent verification of the transplant system.

On July 16, 2019, the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted a Board Matter that was consistent with the findings and conclusions of House Resolution 363 and that expressed the Board's deep concerns about these egregious violations of the fundamental right to life. Recently, our Board has been asked by local practitioners of Falun Gong to adopt a resolution that further supports their efforts to educate and inform county residents about allegations of forced organ harvesting in the People's Republic of China.

**Motion:** Therefore, Mr. Chairman, we move that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached resolution to condemn the harvesting of organs from prisoners of conscience in China and to direct staff to conduct efforts to inform the medical community and residents of Fairfax County regarding concerns about travel to China for organ transplants.



Fairfax County, Virginia  
Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION**

**TO RAISE AWARENESS REGARDING CONCERNS ABOUT  
TRAVELING TO CHINA FOR ORGAN TRANSPLANTS.**

**WHEREAS**, the practice of Falun Gong became immensely popular in China in the late 1990s, with multiple estimates placing the number of practitioners at upwards of seventy million (70,000,000); and

**WHEREAS**, Falun Dafa was introduced in Fairfax County in 1996, with many volunteer-run practice sites both in the County and across the Commonwealth, teaching Virginians easy-to-learn, enjoyable exercises free of charge; and

**WHEREAS**, in June 2016, the United States House of Representatives unanimously passed House Resolution 343, condemning the systemic, state-sanctioned organ harvesting from practitioners of Falun Gong and other prisoners of conscience; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been little media coverage of these issues; and

**WHEREAS**, Fairfax County residents should be fully informed of the possible source of an organ before they make the decision to engage in organ transplant tourism in China, and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors desires to assist in raising that awareness.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors condemns the Chinese Communist regime's persecution of Falun Gong, harvesting of organs from prisoners of conscience in China, and use of prisoners of conscience for slave labor; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that County staff is directed to make efforts to inform the residents and medical community servicing Fairfax County about the risks of traveling to China for organ transplants to help prevent local citizens from becoming unwitting accomplices in state-sponsored forced organ harvesting from prisoners of conscience; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Governor of Virginia, Virginia's General Assembly, members of Virginia's congressional delegation and two US Senators, and the Virginia Department of Health.

Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021, Fairfax, Virginia

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## **Joint Board Matter** **Chairman McKay and Supervisors Foust, Gross, Alcorn, Lusk,** **Palchik, Smith, Storck and Walkinshaw** **October 5, 2021**

### **Funding Safer Pedestrian and Bicyclist Facilities**

**Background:** Mr. Chairman, recently, one of my constituents inquired about the possibility of constructing a sidewalk improvement project to provide safer pedestrian access to an elementary school. The response from county staff was that “We currently do not anticipate funding will be available for new projects until FY 2026 or later.” Our offices have been getting similar responses when we identify the need for a pedestrian or bike project. Obviously, it is not acceptable to be in a funding position where that is the message that is delivered.

On January 28, 2020, this Board adopted a Board Matter sponsored by Supervisors Alcorn and Lusk that, *inter alia*, emphasized the importance of making our county much safer for pedestrians and bicyclists. Their Board Matter made the case that, despite significant past commitments, many important access and safety projects remained unbuilt due to lack of funding and that some of our most vulnerable residents have borne the brunt of unsafe or limited pedestrian access. They also emphasized the importance of implementing the new tools and technologies that will be identified in the ActiveFairfax Transportation Plan, but they made it clear that focusing on solving pedestrian and bicycle safety problems should not wait until final completion of that planning process.

Our Board has repeatedly acted to expand safe bicycle and pedestrian access for our residents. We have provided leadership through adoption of the Countywide Trails Plan (last updated in 2018) and the Countywide Bicycle Master Plan (adopted in 2014). The ActiveFairfax Transportation Plan will consolidate and update the Countywide Trails Plan and the Countywide Bicycle Master Plan. Staff has been working on preparation of the ActiveFairfax Transportation Plan over the past few years and recently advised that Phase One would soon be completed but that completion of Phase Two of the planning process could take another couple of years.

The County consistently emphasizes the importance of providing safe access for pedestrians and bikes, especially near schools, parks, activity centers, transit station areas, and in revitalization zones. Our Board has demonstrated that we are aware of the benefits of providing safe access for pedestrians and bikers and we have clearly expressed our commitment to making that happen. While we cannot finish the job overnight, the purpose of this Board Matter is to take action to expedite those efforts and arrange for a “down payment” towards meeting our active transportation needs.

Mr. Chairman, I have spoken to other Supervisors about the difficult and costly challenges each of us faces as we work with residents to make our communities safer and more accessible for

pedestrians and bicyclists. Over the years, there has not been sufficient funding available to address the universe of challenges we all face. Even when we thought we could fund our most pressing needs as part of the Transportation Priorities Plan (TPP), decisions made in Richmond forced us to revise those plans and defer tens of millions of dollars of critically needed transportation projects. The TPP projects that were deferred were among projects that the Board had designated as our highest priorities. Many other much needed projects were not even included on the TPP project list because we never expected to have enough funding to cover them.

Mr. Chairman, the County has done an excellent job of addressing challenges brought on by the COVID crisis. From supporting small businesses and their employees to making additional funding available for affordable housing, and from delivering vaccinations and contact tracing to meeting demands for basic human needs such as food, rent and utilities.

During the COVID crisis, pedestrian and bike activity seemed to increase everywhere it could be accommodated. However, the increased interest also highlighted the inadequacies of our infrastructure. Due to the excellent fiscal management by the County Executive and his staff, and due to significant support from several federal sources, we believe we are uniquely situated to begin to make one-time investments in pedestrian and bike infrastructure that will have long term, meaningful impacts on accessibility and safety in our community. It is important that we take this opportunity to begin to address a universally recognized need that is a priority of this Board.

**Motion:** Therefore, Mr. Chairman, we move that the Board of Supervisors direct the County Executive to do the following:

- For consideration by the Board at the Board's next Transportation Committee meeting:
  - Compile a list of previously identified and currently unfunded pedestrian and bike projects that would contribute to pedestrian and bike access and/or safety and that can be commenced as soon as funding is identified;
  - Recommend criteria for immediate evaluation of projects to be funded with additional funding in fiscal year 2022; and,
  - Identify additional potential funding options for allocation to these pedestrian and bike projects during fiscal year 2022;
- For consideration by the Board at the Board's next Transportation Committee meeting, if feasible, or at the following Transportation Committee meeting:
  - Compile a list of previously identified and other potential projects that would improve access and safety for pedestrian and bike projects that are currently unfunded and could be commenced over the longer-term (fiscal years 2023 through 2027);
  - Recommend criteria for evaluation and selection of projects from that list; and,
  - Identify longer term (fiscal years 2023 through 2027) additional funding options for pedestrian and bike projects that satisfy the criteria discussed herein.

We further move that the goal for new funding over the approximately six-year period through fiscal 2027 shall be at least \$100 million, and shall be in addition to any funding that was previously allocated to transportation projects.



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## **Board Matter**

**October 5th, 2021**

Mr. Chairman – As we are all aware, the County is currently facing an extreme labor shortage within the Solid Waste Division of the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services.

This labor shortage is particularly pronounced amongst our county truck drivers. Public Works is currently short by approximately 25% of the drivers needed to resume regular solid waste collection in the County. The shortage is further compounded by workers who are out sick or on various other types of leave, magnifying the issue even further.

The backlog created by this shortage has meant delays as long as three weeks for pickup in some neighborhoods. The accumulation of solid waste, particularly yard debris, is creating hazards that negatively impact our environment, attract rodents, and potentially create dangerous obstacles for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.

There is no single solution to addressing this labor shortage that is impacting not just our County, but the entire region. However, there may be systemic and strategic changes that the County could adopt in order to help train,

attract and retain those with commercial driver's licenses (CDL) to our Public Works Department.

Currently, private companies in equally as desperate need for CDL holders are offering signing bonuses between \$3,000 and \$10,000 for new employees. While I wouldn't preclude the possibility of the County considering signing bonuses as a tool for filling vacancies, I believe that a comprehensive review of other strategies and incentives that the County could utilize to accelerate the hiring of CDL holders could help in both alleviating the current strain on our solid waste collection operation, and in preventing such labor shortages in the future.

With that in mind, Supervisor Alcorn, Supervisor Gross and I move:

- That the County Executive direct the appropriate staff to prepare a series of recommendations for the Board to consider for the purposes of training, attracting, and retaining CDL holders.

While I will defer to staff on the best approach for researching and ultimately presenting recommendations to the Board, I am hopeful that their review will include options for financial incentives, no-cost or prorated options for obtaining CDLs, and strategies for integrating with workforce development efforts within the county that are already underway or will be launching shortly, such as the new workforce development center in Lee District.

Thank you.