



Mount Vernon Advisor
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Dear Neighbors,

November is a very special time of year with Thanksgiving celebrations and the holiday season just around the corner. It is a time to be thankful for the blessings in our life and a time to help the less fortunate in our community, whether that help comes through volunteering or donations.

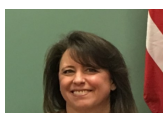
This edition of the Mount Vernon Advisor lists some great opportunities to get involved. Remember, anything you contribute helps make the holidays a happier time for those in need.



The **2017 Virginia elections** saw citizens from all over Virginia turn out in high numbers on Election Day to participate in our democratic process and elect a new governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general. In our district, we welcome Delegate-Elect Kathy Tran who replaces 24 year veteran Dave Albo. Delegate-Elect Tran also holds the distinction as the first Asian American elected to the Virginia Assembly. No matter which candidates you supported in this election, the opportunity to vote is an inalienable right that is the strength of our democracy. I hope that you were able to go out and cast your ballot.

I am proud to say that we had 183 riders from all over Fairfax County and the Metro area in attendance at the second annual **Tour de Mount Vernon**, marking another year of great success! Our scenic 35-mile ride was marked by the historical and cultural richness of our District. We rode through the Workhouse Arts Center, Gunston Hall, Mason Neck State Park and the Pope-Leighey House. With all that exercise, riders built up an appetite and we served 25 gallons of hot sweet potato chili while the cyclists mingled with officers from the Fairfax County Police Department. I would like to extend a special thanks to the 35 volunteers who gave their time and talents to organize this event and make it so successful. Sue Bernstein, our ride coordinator, and the Fairfax County Office of Public Private Partnerships (OP3) did a great job of organizing and supporting the ride. I'd also like to thank Spokes Etc., Wheel Nuts Bike Shop and La Prima Catering for their generous donations and support.

Please help me welcome Camela Speer as our **new Director of Communications**. The experience Camela gained in her previous positions with the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTa) and the Workhouse Arts Center have enhanced her knowledge of the Mount Vernon District and its unique assets. In addition, she brings a



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passion for the community and environmentalism. During her 20+ years living in Lorton, she and her husband Wes built a sustainable, energy efficient house, founded the South County Youth Lacrosse Program and have been very engaged with Fairfax County Schools. Camela has two children, Slayton (20) and Keighan (19), and enjoys running, biking, reading and the outdoors.



Please join me on Thursday, December 7 from 6:00-8:00pm for our **Holiday Open House**. Enjoy an evening of refreshments, get to know our staff and tour the office. As a highlight, we will be showcasing artwork from Bryant High School students. Please RSVP at <http://evite.me/kFeQBtXUkk>.



This past week several very important events took place at the **Board of Supervisor's (BOS) meeting** that I would like to share with you. As you may know, I have been a strong proponent for several of these initiatives. Below are the top 5 things you need to know from the BOS meeting:

1. New County Executive Bryan Hill appointed.
2. Original Mount Vernon High School Master Planning Team selection Public Hearing scheduled for December 5, 2017 at 4:30pm.
3. One Fairfax Policy approved to consider equity in decision making.
4. Police Body Cameras Pilot approved at Mount Vernon Police Station.
5. Resident Curator Program approved for the Stempson House in Lorton.

And, finally, please save the date for the **31st Annual Town Meeting** on Saturday, February 3, 2018 (Super Bowl Saturday) at 7:45 am at Mount Vernon High School. See you there!

Respectfully yours in public service,

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

October 2017 Activities:

- Phone calls: 961
- Meetings: 33
- Hosted meetings: 37

Stay Connected:

Mount Vernon Governmental Center
2511 Parkers Lane, Mount Vernon, VA 22306
703-780-7518 (TTY 711) 703-780-1491 (fax)
mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov

Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday, Friday:
8:30 am - 5 pm
Thursday: 8:30 am - 7:30 pm

Second Saturday Each Month.

Lorton Library: 9 am - 11:30 am
MV District Office: 12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Walk-ins and by appointment





Mount Vernon District Staff: Allison Miessler, Donna Slaymaker, Christine Morin, Supervisor Dan Storck, Camela Speer & Tae Choi

Huntington Club Condos to be Redeveloped



Supervisor Dan Storck pictured with Huntington Club community leaders Lloyd Tucker, Ross Irwin, and Rodger Stephens.

here in the Mount Vernon District! The Huntington Club Board spent a tremendous amount of time and made a huge commitment to moving this forward to help create a unique opportunity for their residents.

An exciting and dynamic new future is planned for the Huntington Club Condominiums that will yield a new mixed-use community in our district.

In an overwhelming 87.7% vote, the club's owner's association voted to terminate its current organizational structure to allow for redevelopment as a mixed-use community, including approximately 1,000 condominiums, 500 apartments, 65 townhomes and over 500,000 square feet of office and retail space in the city of Huntington. The redevelopment is projected to take place over 10 years.

This is the first time in the country a condominium association has voted to terminate itself and redevelop into a mixed-use community, and it is happening right

Covanta Fairfax Restoration Update

The **I-95 Energy/Resource Recovery Facility**, operating as **Covanta Fairfax** is expected to reopen and be fully operational by mid-late December 2017, after a large fire forced the facility to shutdown earlier this year. The facility processes more than 3,000 tons per day of municipal solid waste for Fairfax County and Washington, D.C.



Since February 2017, Covanta has been working with the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue, and the community to develop improved systems, operating procedures, and a reopening plan. In the next few weeks, final tests and inspections will be conducted.



I was pleased to tour the facility this week with Springfield Supervisor Pat Herrity, Senator Scott Surovell, Delegate Mark Sickles, Delegate-Elect Kathy Tran and Chairman Bulova's Chief of Staff to see

firsthand the new interior and exterior safety features. I also met with Covanta CEO Stephen Jones to review their commitment to safety as they prepare to reopen.

In conjunction with the reopening, Covanta is implementing two commitments that I insisted be made to the community:

1. Improving air quality monitoring and transparency through online daily stack emissions data.
2. Deploying new technologies, materials, and procedures to enhance fire detection, prevention, and response performance.

This spring, Covanta will host a **Community Open House**, offering tours of the facility for visitors to see the improvements. A copy of their latest status update to the community can be found by clicking [here](#).

Workhouse Arts Center Featured in L.A. Times



The **Workhouse Arts Center**, where 183 cyclists gathered earlier this month for the second annual Tour *de* Mount Vernon, was **recently featured in the L.A. Times**.

The article touches on the center's rich and fascinating history, which among other things, played an important part in women's suffrage. It is an in-depth and intriguing read that I highly recommend.

To read the article, please click [here](#).

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Gift Card Donations for Domestic Violence Victims

Domestic violence is a painful crime that unfortunately impacts many in our community. Due to the financial burden that often comes with being a victim of domestic violence, the **Victim Service Section** is seeking gift card donations for these families. These donations will help them to provide their children with gifts and needed practical items during the holiday season. This is a great opportunity to help victims of domestic violence and bring smiles to their children's faces.



HOLIDAY GIFT CARD DRIVE **Fairfax County Police Department** **Victim Services Section**

Help us spread cheer this holiday season by participating in the **4th Annual Holiday Gift Card Drive**. As the holidays approach, it's important to stop and reflect on the joy and blessings in our lives while also being aware that there are children in need. As we all know, the holidays are not always joyous for everyone.

In 2017, the Victim Service Section worked over 300 cases involving child victims and witnesses of domestic and sexual violence. Many of these children will not get to celebrate holidays this year due to the financial burden that comes with being a victim of crime. In the true spirit of the season, we ask you to please join us in brightening the holidays for our courageous children by participating in this drive.

Your generous donation of gift cards will help those families most impacted by crime bring a smile to the faces of their children who have had a tough road due to the violence they have witnessed or been a victim of themselves.

HOW IT WORKS

Now through Friday, December 15, 2017 we are seeking gift cards for our child victims (both young and teenagers) to places like **Giant, Safeway, Walmart, TJ Maxx, Target, Kohl's, local restaurants, and clothing stores.** Gift cards will allow parents to be active participants in purchasing gifts for each child and practical needed items that they would normally go without.

HOW CAN I HELP?

You can drop off or mail gift cards to:

Saly Faye

Director, Victim Services Section

12099 Government Center Parkway

Fairfax, VA 22035

Thank you in advance for your support! Your generosity will brighten the eyes and hearts of our child victims, will bring so much joy, and most importantly will make an impact this holiday season.

For more information, please contact:

Saly Faye at 703-246-2465 or saly.faye@fairfaxcounty.gov

Blanket and Coat Drive for Refugee Families

BLANKET AND COAT DRIVE

**For Refugee Families
In Jordan and Lebanon**

**Please DO NOT donate torn,
stained or damaged items.**

**Drop-off locations all over
Northern Virginia**



To find a location near you visit:

novareliefcenter.org

You can help someone stay warm this winter with your donation of new or gently used coats and blankets.

Collection Dates:

Now through Saturday, December 2, 2017.

For Questions contact:
Asif Khan | (301) 252-7553
asif.khan@hhrd.us



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Adequate Shelters for Pets

As winter arrives, please remember to provide your pets with adequate shelter! Outdoor shelters should be insulated in order to keep in warmth during these cold months. Insulation materials can include straw, cedar chips or other materials that do not hold water. Our pets depend on us to keep them warm, healthy and happy, so please make sure your shelter is up to par.

Adequate shelter means:

- Space should be suitable for each animal, considering species, age, condition, type and size of animal.
- It is safe and protects each animal from weather, injury and direct sunlight.
- Protects from heat and insulated from cold temperatures.
- Has proper lighting and is cleaned regularly.
- Allows for animal to be clean and dry, if appropriate for the animal.
- Easily maintained.

ADEQUATE SHELTER VIRGINIA CODE 3.2-6500

ADEQUATE_ MEETS STANDARD OF LAW; NOT ADEQUATE_ FAILS TO MEET STANDARD OF LAW.

EXAMPLES OF ADEQUATE



Door off center
Top opens for easy cleaning

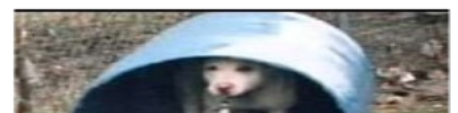


Insulated with door weather flap

EXAMPLES OF NOT ADEQUATE



Plastic uninsulated crate is not adequate





Does not provide adequate shelter as defined in the Code of Virginia

Affirmative Duty To Act
§ 3.2-6566
Each animal control officer, humane investigator or State Veterinarian's representative **SHALL** interfere to prevent the perpetration of any act of cruelty upon any animal in his presence.

Boards, Authorities and Commission Members Needed

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

- **Commission on Aging**

To identify and promote better understanding of the problems of the aging and to plan and promote and where it is found necessary, conduct activities to contribute to their well-being. Meetings are at 12:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month, except August.

- **Trails and Sidewalks Committee**

To report to the Board for the purpose of providing citizen input and oversight to planning and developing a countywide trails system. The Trails and Sidewalks Committee evaluates existing facilities for trails, sidewalks and bicycle routes and assists the county in producing maps of these facilities, and plans new facilities. Committee members also evaluate subdivision plans and site plans for trail facilities. Monthly meetings are held from 7-9 p.m. in conference room 8 at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.

- **Small Business Commission**

The purpose of the Fairfax County Small Business Commission is to: (a) study, report and make recommendations on issues of concern to small businesses in Fairfax County; (b) advise and assist the Board of Supervisors, County Executive and County employees on any matter that will enhance the capability of small businesses to succeed in Fairfax County; and (c) promote and assist small businesses generally, but especially with respect to minority-owned and emerging businesses, to establish themselves, develop, and succeed in their pursuits of commercial opportunities and in their vendor relations with Fairfax County. Meetings are usually last Monday of every month @ 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 9 or 10, Fairfax County Govt. Center.

- **Wetlands Board**

The board shall preserve and prevent the despoliation and destruction of wetlands within its jurisdiction while accommodating necessary economic development in a manner consistent with wetlands preservation. Members of the Board shall hold no other public office in the County except that they may be members of the local planning or zoning commission, directors of soil and water conservation boards, or local erosion commissions, the local Board of Zoning Appeals or the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance Exception Review Committee. Statement of Economic Interests Disclosure required. eff. 4/26/16. Meeting times varies.



Spirit of Mason Fun Ride



The Mason Cycling Club is hosting its first annual **Spirit of Mason Fun Ride in Fairfax, January 7th, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to**



2:00 p.m.

The recreational 50-mile ride will take cyclists from the campus of George Mason University to Gunston Hall, and back, in honor of the university's namesake. Mason, one of our founding fathers, made great accomplishments during the Revolutionary War and significant contributions to the United States Constitution. He was also instrumental in getting our state to ratify the Bill of Rights.

The ride will happen rain or shine and will have aid stations along the way, as well as prizes for all who finish the trek. Proceeds from the event will go to numerous causes.

Please click [here](#) for more details about the event.