

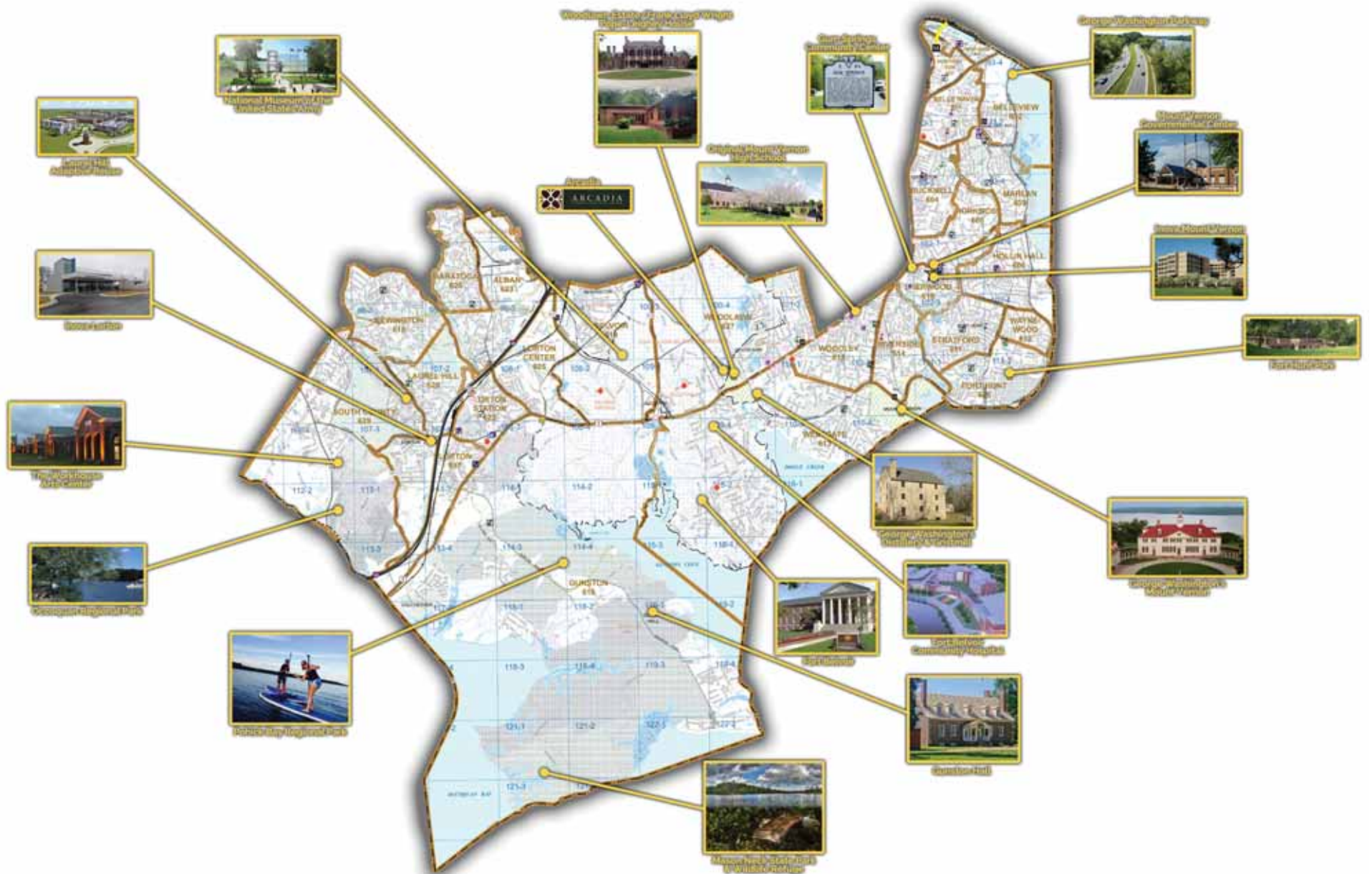
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Kayaking at Belle Haven Marina is one of life's simple pleasures, says Alison Sigethy, a die-hard kayaker at the marina.

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The Mount Vernon District abounds with history, heritage, recreation, art and community engagement. Spend some time this fall enjoying all the District has to offer.

A Place To Live, Work, Learn and Play

BY DAN STORCK
SUPERVISOR, MOUNT VERNON DISTRICT

Welcome to the Mount Vernon District! For those of us who live, work, learn and play in the District, this is a wonderful place to live. From our incredible history and heritage — the Mount Vernon Estate and the Workhouse Arts Center for example — to the exciting revitalization of Richmond Highway and the new amenities coming to Lorton — the Lorton Community Center and South County Police Station and Animal Shelter — no matter where you live in the District, the future is bright!

Even if you are new here, you likely know that Fairfax County has one of the best school systems in the country, but for us it goes beyond that. Life-long learning is important to many of our residents and I am proud to say we are bringing more opportunities through our future partnerships at Original Mount Vernon High School (OMVHS) with the Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) and Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). In addition, the synergy created by collocating Teen and Senior



Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck at the Mason Neck State Park Eagle Fest.

Top 10 Places and Events

- ❖ George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate
- ❖ Workhouse Arts Center Brewfest (Sept. 14) & Fireworks (June 2020)
- ❖ Tour de Mount Vernon – Oct. 19
- ❖ Woodlawn Plantation and Pope Leighey House
- ❖ George Washington's Grist Mill and Distillery
- ❖ Fort Hunt Park
- ❖ Mason Neck State Park
- ❖ Occoquan Regional Park
- ❖ Pohick Bay Park
- ❖ Arcadia Farm

Centers, the Library, Neighborhood and Community Services, and the Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC) in the new Lorton Community Center will provide many more active and passive learning activities for residents of all ages and abilities.

Fairfax is the safest community of its size in the country, with our Police force actively engaged in our neighborhoods and communities. National Night Out was a great example of residents and Officers coming together to build relationships, trust and community spirit! The new South County Po

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How County Has Changed

BY SHARON BULOVA,
CHAIRMAN
FAIRFAX COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



**Sharon
Bulova**

When I was first elected to the Board of Supervisors in 1987 the Braddock District was called Annandale. Fairfax County's population (now 1.15 million) was approximately 746,600. There was no VRE (Virginia Railway Express Commuter Rail System) nor was there a Springfield Franconia Metro Station or a Fairfax County Parkway. When I took office as a freshman Supervisor in January 1988, Fairfax County was, for the most part, a rapidly growing suburban bedroom community. Tysons was still just a shopping mall.

I will be retiring at the end of December, after serving 31 years on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors — 11 years as Chairman and 20 years before that as the Braddock District Supervisor. What I have come to understand over these many years is that the one thing you can be certain of is that things will change. Indeed, a lot has changed over that span of time.

During the past decade while I have had the honor to serve you as Chairman, Fairfax County has:

- ❖ Navigated the financial crises caused by the Great Recession with the County's coveted triple A bond rating by all three rating agencies still intact;
- ❖ Welcomed Metro's Silver Line to Tysons and Reston, with a station at Dulles Airport to open next year;
- ❖ Ushered in new land use plans for Tysons and other aging commercial and industrial areas of the County in need of revitalization;

❖ Reengineered our police policies to include more transparency and de-escalation tactics with a focus on the sanctity of life;

❖ Created Diversion First, a program for people with mental illness or developmental disabilities, experiencing an encounter with law enforcement to receive treatment instead of incarceration;

❖ Updated the County's Environmental Vision to include a new focus on Energy Efficiency and Climate;

❖ Strengthened collaboration between the Board of Supervisors and the School Board in the areas of budget development, land use planning and joint environmental initiatives;

❖ Reduced homelessness by nearly 50% employing a Housing First strategy to put a roof over homeless individuals' heads and connecting them to resources needed to help them get back on their feet;

❖ Lastly, and most importantly, our Board, in partnership with the School Board, established One Fairfax, a social and racial equity compact, to ensure that all residents of Fairfax County have access to equitable opportunities for success.

I have been deeply honored to serve the residents of Fairfax County for these many years. I will really miss this job! Jurisdictions throughout the country look to Fairfax County as a leader and innovator, and I am proud, working with my colleagues on the Board and our excellent County staff, to have led our county to where it is today.

Fairfax County is an awesome place, with a culture of engagement, acceptance of different cultures and backgrounds and a willingness to work together to resolve conflicts. Fairfax County is poised for many exciting opportunities ahead. I am confident the next Board of Supervisors, in partnership with members of the community, will continue the positive momentum we are known for.

About the Gazette

As your local, weekly newspaper, the Gazette's mission is to deliver the local news you need, to help make sense of what is happening in your community, to advocate for community good, to provide a forum for dialogue on local concerns, and to record achievements, milestones and events in the community and people's lives.

Here in our Newcomers and

Community Guide, we include details of how to vote in the upcoming elections, information on local and regional fairs and festivals, plus tips and tidbits from the community.

We invite newcomers and longtime residents alike to let us know how we're doing and let us know what is going on in your part of the community. If you have questions or ideas, send us an email. We invite you to send letters to the editor or to send an email with feedback about our coverage.

We want to know if someone in your family or your community published a book, started a business, became an Eagle Scout, raised money for a good cause, accomplished some feat like running a marathon, supporting a cause or having art included in an art show. We publish photos and notes about personal milestones and community events, including births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, awards and obituaries.

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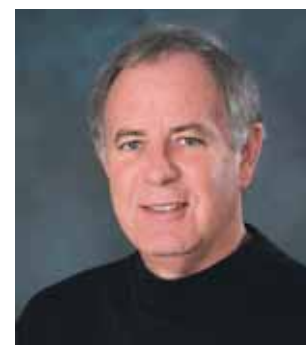
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Rex returned to his roots in Mt. Vernon where he and his wife, Doris, raised their four children, and where Rex embarked on a second career in Real Estate.

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Alison Sigethy is a die-hard kayaker at the marina.



Dockmaster Chip Johnston helps teens get out to the open water.

PHOTOS BY MIKE SALMON/THE GAZETTE

Marina Caters to the Waterman in Everyone

Cove right off the marina is sheltered for beginners and veteran sailors.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE GAZETTE

Boating in Mount Vernon is as popular as ever and the Belle Haven Marina is the boating Mecca for many in this part of Alexandria. With Labor Day approaching, it's a busy place during the good weather, and a windy day is good for the sailing community.

"Go down river, don't go up because the way the tide is," said dockmaster Chip Johnston to a group of teenagers getting on a "Flying Scot," the model of beginner sailboats available for rental at the marina. Johnston is a veteran of the facility where he has been giving sailing lessons for over 20 years, and knows everyone there. "Boating here is fantastic through the fall," he said, "lots of bass boats."

Belle Haven Marina is a spot just south of Old Town Alexandria, off the George Washington Parkway. The main office is in a trailer on the premises, spots for about 100 boats, and 35 more that are kept in moorings off shore in the cove. The fishing for catfish and bass is good there in the cove, and it's tidal waters, so anyone launching a boat, or keeping one on the docks should know their way around the waters.

Alexandria resident Alison Sigethy is a kayaker at the Marina and has been coming for years. "I love the connection with the water, feels very free," she said. Sigethy had lessons in Maryland years ago, right across the river, and has met many people at the marina since she's had her boat



Boats of all sizes fill the docks year round.

Details

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there. "It's a very friendly marina," she said.

There are sailboat rentals for the Flying Scots or Sunfish, and canoe, kayak and Jon Boat rentals as well, with a minimum of two hours.



A group of teenagers that had taken lessons at the marina in the past get situated on a rental Flying Scot boat.

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My Community

To the Editor:

in 2013 when my son encouraged me to move to Alexandria after my husband died, I looked at several apartment and condominium complexes in the Belle View and Huntington areas. I was leaving a large house in New Hampshire on an acre of land near the Piscataqua River that separates New Hampshire and Maine. In Virginia, I visited a lovely retirement village in Mt. Vernon — but I didn't feel ready to live only with people who were all around my age.

To my great delight, a cousin recommended Montebello, a condominium community for people of all ages, with four tall buildings on a high hill near the Richmond Highway and the Huntington

Metro.

Montebello has trees, grass, flowers, and wooded walking trails.

It has a cafe I can visit when I want to be with other people — the monthly condo fee doesn't include a required visit to the restaurant, but it does cover the cost of having other people mow that lovely grass! Like one of the other communities I first saw, Montebello has many interest groups — book groups, a music club, art club, indoor and outdoor pools, a bowling alley, tennis courts, and a great fitness center. I feel lucky to live here.

Carole Appel
Alexandria



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Residents can sign up for the Community Fire and Rescue Academy.

Learn about Firefighting

Want to learn more about the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department? Want to participate in a fun-filled, eight-week program that will show what firefighters and paramedics do every day?

Residents can now apply to the Community Fire and Rescue Academy (CFRA). The CFRA is open to persons 18 and older who live in Fairfax County. Each session will cover different aspects of the organization, providing an in-depth overview of the department and

its uniformed and civilian workforce. Program topics include: fire suppression, emergency medical services, training, recruitment, special operations, and other interesting topics.

CFRA Application will be accepted until Sept. 13. The Academy will begin Sept. 26, and will meet for eight consecutive Thursdays, from 6-9 p.m. and ending on Nov. 14. To learn more about the program and to sign up, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fire-ems/cfra.

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DISTRICT

Our office is here for you! Did you know you can contact us with any County concerns or issues, and we can connect you with the answers? Here are just a few ways we can help:

- Connecting you with County services.
- Sharing information about important issues in our community.
- Communicating meetings and events happening near you.
- Answering questions about property, roads, taxes, public safety, health & human services, solid waste, recycling and more.

There are many ways to **CONNECT WITH TEAM MVD!**

Stop by: Mount Vernon Governmental Center
2511 Parkers Lane, Mount Vernon, VA 22306

Keep informed! Sign up for the Mount Vernon Advisor and follow us on social media!
Visit: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/>
Call: 703-780-7518 (TTY 711)
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Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:30am-5pm; Thursday: 5pm-7:30pm
 Second Saturday Each Month: Lorton Library: 9am – 11:30am • MV District Office: 12:30pm – 3pm
 Walk-ins and by appointment

We also have Community Use Rooms Available. To reserve: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/community-meeting-rooms>

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FAIRS & FESTIVALS

September 2019

MONDAY/SEPT. 2

Herndon Labor Day Festival. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Great music, a craft show, food, 12 wineries and micro-brews and culinary demonstrations. Visit herndon-va.gov/recreation/special-events/labor-day-festival for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 7-8

Burke Centre Festival. 9:30 am-5 pm at Burke Centre Conservancy 6060 Burke Centre Parkway Burke. Festival includes an Arts & Craft Fair, festival food vendors, amusement rides, pony rides, musical entertainment provided by local and nationally recognized performers, nature shows, after-hours Wine Garden. Visit www.burkecentreweb.com/special-events/1918-Burke-Centre-Festival for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 14

Dulles Day Plane Pull. At Dulles International Airport, Dulles. The 2019 Dulles Day Family Festival & Plane Pull is a full day of excitement with airplane and auto exhibits, the children's zone and bus pull, varied displays and activities, vendors, food and entertainment. Visit www.planepull.com for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 28

Reston Multicultural Festival. 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Lake Anne Plaza, Reston. The Reston Multicultural Festival celebrates all the entertainment, dress, food, and cultural treasures from all over the world that are all here in Reston. Rain or shine. Free. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com/attend-shows-events-exhibits/reston-multicultural-festival for more.

Farmers Markets

Vendors will offer seasonal plants, produce, baked goods, meats and more; all sold by local growers and producers. Some area markets also include seasonal events and entertainment.

FARMERS MARKETS 2019

WEDNESDAYS

Oak Marr Farmers Market. 8 a.m. - noon. Wednesdays, May 1- Nov. 13. Oak Marr Park & RECenter, 3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/oak-marr for more.

Wakefield Farmers Market. 2-6 p.m. Wednesdays, April 17-Oct. 30. 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/wakefield for more.

THURSDAYS

Annandale Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Thursdays, May 2-Nov. 7. Featuring a master gardener plant clinic on site to answer questions about plants and landscaping. 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/annandale for more.

Herndon Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thursdays, April 18-November 14. Vendors sell a variety of products including pastries and vegetables. Old Town Herndon, 700 Block of Lynn St, Herndon. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/herndon for more.

Fairfax's Government Center Farmers Market. Thursdays, May 3-Oct. 26. 2:30-6:30 pm. Fairfax



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PERSIAN DANCERS CELEBRATE THE NOWRUZ FESTIVAL 2018 AT TYSONS CORNER CENTER.

Persian New Year Celebration 2020

The Nowruz Festival celebrating the Persian New Year will include entertainment from musicians, dancers, artists, costumed characters, and traditional players. About 55 street vendors will be offering traditional and exotic foods, as well as jewelry, crafts, and other traditional Persian products. Has previously taken place in March at Tysons Corner Center. Visit www.nowruzfestival.org for details.

October 2019

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 10-12

Fairfax's Fall for the Book Festival. 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Enjoy literature and hear authors give readings at the Fall for the Book Festival. Visit www.fallforthebook.org for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 5

Taste of Annandale. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tom Davis Drive in central Annandale, between Columbia Pike and John Marr Drive. The fifth annual Taste of Annandale will showcase local restaurants during a daylong family-friendly celebration aimed at building community spirit,

engaging young people, and promoting local businesses. Other activities include a 5K; multicultural music, dance, and other live entertainment; a chili cook-off; and much more. Visit tasteofannandale.com for more

THURSDAY-MONDAY/OCT. 24-28

Washington West Film Festival. Screening events in Reston, Arlington and other local areas. For tickets and schedule visit wwfilmfest.com.

November 2019

FRIDAY/NOV. 29

Reston Holiday Parade at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St. Reston. Holiday parade with tree lighting, sing along, and more. Visit www.fxva.com/event/reston-holiday-parade-tree-lighting-sing-along-%26-more/22348/ for more.

December 2019

SUNDAY/DEC. 1

Great Falls Celebration of Lights at Village Field. 3:45-6:30 p.m. Celebrate the beginning of the season with a Christmas Tree Lighting. Enjoy hot chocolate and seasonal music. Visit celebrategreatfalls.org/event/celebration-of-lights/ for more info.

SATURDAY/DEC. 7

Living Saviour's Holiday Bazaar at 5500 Ox Road Fairfax Station. Event is 9: a.m-3 p.m. This is a family event with free admission. Shop a variety of vendors including small business and homemade arts and crafts. There will also be a Silent Auction with proceeds benefiting local hypothermia shelters this winter. Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/living-saviors-third-annual-holiday-bazaar-tickets-64259195985?aff=ebdssbdestsearch for more.

April 2020

APRIL 18-25

Historic Garden Week. This eight-day statewide event provides visitors with a unique opportunity to see elaborate gardens with more than 2,000 flower arrangements created by the Garden Club of Virginia Members. Visit www.va.gardenweek.org for more.

May 2020

Great Falls Artfest on the Green. On the Great Falls Village Green. Great Falls Studios Spring Art Show and Sale under the big tent and a few little tents, too. This annual event is a show and sale highlighting Great Falls Studios members both at Great Falls Grange & Schoolhouse and in the working studios in Great Falls Village Centre. Visit www.greatfallsart.org/artfest/

Great Falls Annual Charity Golf Tournament. Hidden Creek Country Club. 1711 Club House Road, Reston. Join for a morning or afternoon round of golf and support three Great Falls elementary schools. Opportunities for sponsorships and volunteering are available. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 28-31

Herndon Festival 2020. Thursday, 6-10 p.m.; Friday, 5-11 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-11 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Northwest Federal Credit Union, 200 Spring St., Herndon. Four day outdoor festival with three entertainment stages, two fireworks displays, Kid's Alley with children's art area, arts and craft show and more. All ages. Visit www.herndonfestival.net for more.

THURSDAYS/MAY-AUGUST

Take a Break Concert Series. 7-9 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza, 11404 Washington Plaza W, Reston. On Thursdays, take a break with this outdoor concert series. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com/take-a-break for a weekly lineup.

FRIDAYS/MAY-AUGUST

Herndon Friday Night Live! 6:30 p.m. 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Listen to great music on Friday nights during the summer. Visit herndonrocks.com/schedule.php for more.

June 2020

Springfield Days. South Run Park, 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. Springfield Days is a community-wide celebration that includes a 5K run, "Pet Fest" and car show. Visit www.springfielddays.com for more.

Cardboard Regatta. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Featured during Springfield Days, witness the cardboard boat creations race along Lake Accotink's shoreline at 2 p.m. \$4 vehicle fee. Call 703-569-0285 or email julie.tahan@fairfaxcounty.gov. Visit www.springfielddays.com for more.

Vintage Virginia Wine and Food Festival. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. A fun-filled day with food, musical entertainment and more. Visit www.vintagevirginia.com for more.

Lake Anne Chalk on the Water Festival. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Chalk on the Water is a two-day street-painting festival where participants will create street art. Festival goers can purchase a "plot" of brick space on the plaza and paint

FAIRS & FESTIVALS



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The whirl and twirl of rides by Cole Shows Amusement Company attracted crowds during the Fairfax County 71st 4-H Fair and Carnival held at Frying Pan Park in Herndon.

Fairfax County 4-H Fair and Carnival

Enjoy old-fashioned family fun with carnival games, rides and tempting foods. Friday features the free Big Truck Night event from 5-7:30 p.m. "No Horn" hour is from 5-6 p.m. Tractor Pull at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Stop by the 4-H Fair throughout the weekend as exhibitors display their winning entries and get their farm animals ready to show. Try a turn at farm chores, watch stage entertainment and enjoy horse and livestock shows. In August at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Admission to the 4-H Fair and Carnival is free; \$10 per car parking fee on Saturday and Sunday. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park/4-h-fair for details.

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to their hearts delight whatever flows from their imagination. Visit www.chalkonthewater.com.

Taste of Reston. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Carnival games and rides with a family fun zone. Visit www.restontaste.com for more.

Love Your Body Yoga Festival. Yoga studios and wellness centers of Northern Virginia will be offering classes, services, and information on ways to care for your body, along with live entertainment and activities for children. Donations to participate in classes benefit Cornerstones. Presented by Beloved Yoga. www.belovedyoga.com.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 5-7

Celebrate Fairfax! Festival. Friday, 6 p.m.-midnight; Saturday, 10 a.m.-midnight; and Sunday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Musical performances, rides, games and food. Call 703-324-3247 or visit www.celebratefairfax.com/.

JUNE-AUGUST

Reston Concerts on the Town. Fridays, 7:30-10 p.m. Reston Town Center Pavilion. Bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets and enjoy live music in the Pavilion Saturday nights. Free. Rain or shine. Presented by Reston Town Center, Boston Properties, and Reston Town Center Association. Alcohol permitted at restaurants only. 11900 Market Street, Reston. Visit www.restontowncenter.com/concerts.

Great Falls Concerts on the Green. Sundays, 6-8 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre Green. Come out with your picnic baskets and chairs for an entertaining evening of free, live music! 776 Walker Road, Great Falls. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org/concerts-on-the-green/.

Arts in the Parks. Wednesdays & Saturdays, 10 a.m. Performance venues include Burke Lake Park Amphitheater, E.C. Lawrence Park Amphitheater, Mason District Park Amphitheater, and Frying Pan Farm Park Visitor Center. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid-friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/arts-in-the-parks for more.

July 2020

Herndon 4th of July Celebration. Bready Park at the Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. A family-fun event featuring games, arts and craft activities, bingo, food face painting, balloon artists, and fireworks. Visit www.herndon-va.gov/recreation/special-events/4th-of-july for more.

Great Falls 4th of July Celebration & Parade. 5K Walk Run, Blood Drive, Little Patriot Parade, and floats, horses, antique cars and pets making a loop in the Main Parade. Fireworks start after dusk. www.celebrategreatfalls.org/4th-of-july-celebration-parade/

Vienna 4th of July Festival and Fireworks Show. Live musical entertainment, arts and crafts for kids, antique and classic car show and fireworks. Visit www.viennava.gov for more.

Fairfax's Independence Day Celebration. In the Downtown Fairfax Historic District. Independence day parade, historical tours, games, entertainment and fireworks. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration


Obon Festival. Highlighting Japanese culture at Ekoji Buddhist Temple, 6500 Lakehaven Lane, Fairfax Station. Visit www.ekoji.org for more.

JULY-AUGUST

Braddock Nights Concert Series. Fridays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield or Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Listen to musical performances in the great outdoors. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/braddock-nights for location and schedule.


August 2020

Fairfax County 4-H Fair and Carnival. At Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Enjoy old-fashioned family fun with carnival games, rides and tempting foods. Friday features the free Big Truck Night event from 5-7:30 p.m. "No Horn" hour is from 5-6 p.m. Tractor Pull at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Stop by the 4-H Fair throughout the weekend as exhibitors display their winning entries. Admission to the 4-H Fair and Carnival is free; \$10 per car parking fee on Saturday and Sunday. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park/4-h-fair for details.



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Living in Mount Vernon District

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lice Station and Animal Shelter will enable even greater community engagement in Southeastern Fairfax County.

WHILE A DECADES LONG PROCESS, the revitalization of the Richmond Highway corridor will bring Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), higher density urban living with ecologically sensitive, walkable, livable neighborhoods. A focus on community development, preservation of existing community character, urban design and a variety of transportation modes will bring new residents, businesses and partnerships to the corridor. My Strategic Economic Development Team (SEDT) is working hard to bring the best commerce partners to the region, while my Tourism Task Force is working to enhance and grow our tourism market and our Embark Housing Advisory Committee keeps us grounded in the need for more affordable and workforce housing.

The District is rich with parks and recreational opportunities. Put on your walking shoes and head to River Farm, Huntley Meadows (OK, not technically in the District, but very close) or Fort Hunt Park. Spend the day paddling on one of the many rivers and creeks at Pohick Bay Park, Dyke Marsh, Occoquan Regional Park or Mason Neck State Park. Ride some of the best bike trails in Northern Virginia at Laurel Hill Park and Meadowood, or use the many trails along our roadways for your daily commute. To find your adventure, checkout our parks page on the Mount Vernon District webpage: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/.

If site-seeing and history are your interests, visit George

Washington's Mount Vernon Estate, the Woodlawn Plantation or Historic Pohick Church, to name a few. If arts and culture inspire your creative spirit, spend a day at the Workhouse Arts Center visiting over 70 artists working in their studios, learning about the historic Lorton Prison, attending a concert or theater performance or joining your partner for ballroom dancing. Shopping at Farmers Markets, listening to free summer concerts and strolling along the river are all part of the experience in our corner of the county. I hope this small sampling of all that is available to explore in the Mount Vernon District encourages you to take the time to find the many experiences awaiting you.

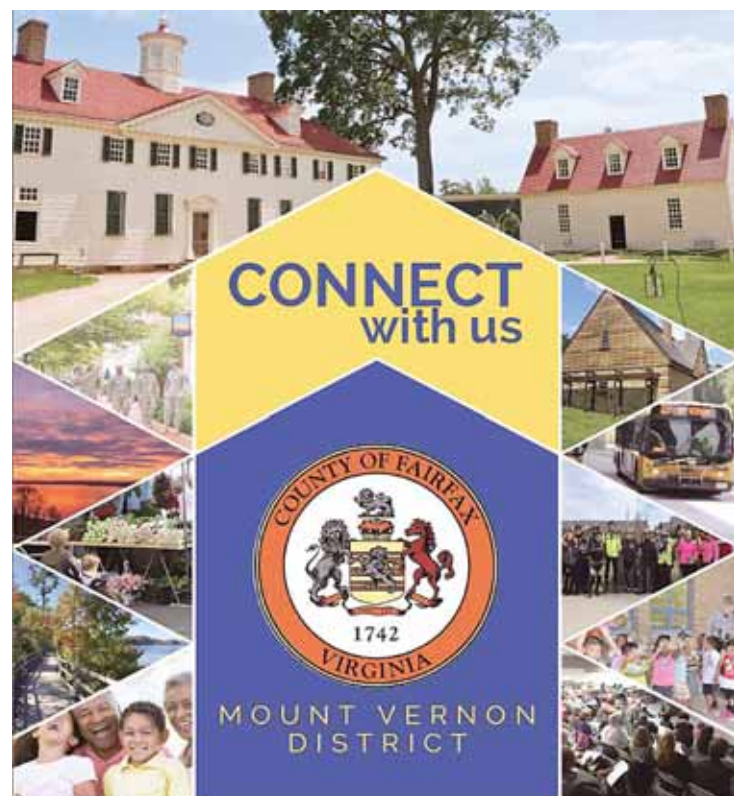
PRESERVING OUR ENVIRONMENT by addressing climate change, energy efficiency and resiliency planning will continue to be a focus as Fairfax engages in these important world-wide issues. The initiation of a Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan (CECAP), the Joint County and School Boards Environmental Task Force (JET) and accelerated County initiatives to mitigate climate impacts, as guided by my Fairfax Green Initiatives Board Matter, are important to the health and wellbeing of all our people, places and property. Watch for more about how you can get involved and make a difference, one person at a time!

My number one priority is always you and our office is here to help! I strive to engage deeply and frequently with the people of Mount Vernon. TEAM MVD provides timely constituent service as we continue to build the ideal community in which to live and thrive. We are committed to per-

formance standards that ensure we are a responsive, transparent and informative office. We are here to answer your questions and will respond to your communications within two business days or less.

Have a question about road construction, snow removal, trash collection, stormwater runoff or voting precincts? Email us at MTVernon@FairfaxCounty.gov. Want to book a community room for a meeting, or not a fan of email? Call us at 703-780-7518. Need a document notarized or just want to visit your District Governmental Center to see local government in action? Stop by our office at 2511 Parkers Lane, Mount Vernon. I also have extended office hours on Thursdays and the second Saturday of each month, walk-ins and appointments are always welcomed.

TEAM MVD will also be hosting several signature events throughout the fall. Join us on Sept. 20, at 1 p.m. at the South County Center for the dedication of that building as the Gerry W. Hyland Governmental Center. Our 4th Annual Tour de Mount Vernon Community



Connect with TEAM MVD

Bike Ride will take place on Oct. 19, at 8:30 a.m. at the Workhouse Arts Center. More information and registration can be found here: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/tour-de-mount-vernon-2019>.

On Nov. 16, learn how to lessen

your environmental impact at the 2nd Annual Environment Expo. And, finally, join us to celebrate the holidays at the Mount Vernon District Holiday Open House on Dec. 5. More details on all these events will be available on our website and in our newsletter.

If you haven't figured it out already, you have chosen a great place to live, educate your children, grow your career and engage with your neighbors. Welcome to the Mount Vernon District, where history, heritage, outdoor living, educational opportunities and public safety come together to support our exciting future! Visit our website (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon) to sign up for our newsletter, follow us on Facebook and Twitter and learn about the myriad of District projects, important topics, area activities and upcoming events in your new community.



Tour de Mount Vernon at the Workhouse Arts Center

About the Gazette, a Connection Newspaper

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people who are in a photo.

We also publish notes about news and events from local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees and anniversaries are welcome. It is especially important to us to let people know about events ahead of time in our calendar of events. We appreciate getting notice at least two weeks ahead of the event, and we encourage photos.

Your community Connection newspaper is one of 15 papers published by the independent, locally owned Local Media Connection LLC, serving the suburbs of Metropolitan Washington in Northern Virginia and Potomac, Md.

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Enjoy and Save Dyke Marsh

GLEND A C. BOOTH,
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FRIENDS OF DYKE MARSH

For respite from suburbia's hubbub, newcomers may need what Henry David Thoreau called, "the tonic of wildness." The Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve on the Potomac River's Virginia shoreline, just south of Alexandria, can offer some of nature's restorative elixir.

This national park preserve is one of the last tidal wetlands on the river. Tidal, freshwater marshes less common than tidal, are saltwater marshes. In 1959, Congress designated Dyke Marsh as a preserve "so that fish and wildlife development and their preservation as wetland wildlife habitat shall be paramount." Today, it has at least 300 known species of plants, 6,000 arthropods, 38 fish, 16 reptiles, 14 amphibians and over 230 birds. Like all wetlands, Dyke Marsh provides ecological services: flood control, water quality enhancement, storm buffering, fish nursery, shoreline stabilization and passive recreation. Newcomers today can see two restoration projects. Over half of the marsh was hauled away by dredgers from 1940 to 1972, which destabilized the whole hydrologic system, two U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) studies confirmed. Said USGS: "Analysis of field evidence, aerial photography, and published maps has revealed an accelerating rate of erosion and marsh loss at Dyke Marsh, which now appears to put at risk the short-term survivability of this marsh." It will be gone by 2035 without action, USGS scientists concluded.



A crane lowers a marine mattress into the river to support the breakwater.

The armor stone breakwater under construction in the south marsh is the first phase of restoration and stabilization, designed to replicate a protective promontory removed by dredgers. The breakwater would "redirect erosive flows in the marsh, particularly during strong storms and would re-establish hydrologic conditions that would encourage sediment accretion," says the National Park Service's restoration plan.

Another restoration effort is underway as well. Many of the upland areas of the marsh, especially along the trails, are overrun with

invasive plants, like much of Northern Virginia's habitat. Invasive plants usually outcompete native plants that native insects and other wildlife need to survive. University of Delaware entomologist Douglas Tallamy explains, in his book, "Bringing Nature Home:" "When a plant is transported to an area of the world that contains plants, animals and diseases with which it has never before interacted, the coevolutionary constraints that kept it in check at home are gone, as are the ecological links that made that plant a contributing member of its ecosystem." Tallamy urged, "In order to let nature take its course, we must first recreate nature."

In 2018, FODMers and National Park Service staff planted over 3,500 native trees and plants. Keeping the invasives out until the native plants are well established is now the challenge. A dedicated cadre of volunteers is tackling the invasives. More people are welcome. We hope newcomers and long-termers will come out, enjoy nature's tonic and help us save and restore Dyke Marsh. Visit www.fodm.org.

PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED



A tiger swallowtail butterfly nectars on the blossom of the native hairy leafcup plant.

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Dates and Deadlines for Election Day

❖ On or About Sept. 20: Absentee Voting begins at the Office of Elections, 12000 Government Center Pkwy., Conference Rooms 2/3, Fairfax

❖ Oct. 15: Voter Registration Deadline. In-person: 5 p.m., online: 11:59 p.m.

❖ Oct. 29: Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail, 5 p.m.

❖ Nov. 2 Final day to vote absentee in-person, 5 p.m.

❖ Nov. 5: Deadline to return your ballot to the Office of Elections, 7 p.m.

❖ Nov. 5: Election Day, Polling Places open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Fairfax County Office of Elections,

Hours: Monday-Wednesday, Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

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When you register to vote in Virginia, you DO NOT register to vote by party. Virginia is an Open Primary state which means that any registered voter in Virginia can vote in either a Democratic or Republican primary. When both parties are holding a primary election, you will be asked which primary you want to vote in when you check in to vote with your photo ID. Note, you may only vote in one primary.

Voter ID Requirements:

Per Virginia law effective July 1, 2014, all residents must provide valid photo identification when they vote in-person. Please consult the VA Department of Elections for



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the most up to date information regarding acceptable forms of voter photo ID.

Many types of photo ID are acceptable for voting in Virginia. You only need to show ONE acceptable photo ID to vote.

Photo IDs can be used to vote up to one year after the ID has expired. Acceptable forms of valid identification: Virginia driver's license, Virginia DMV-issued photo ID, United States passport, Em-

ployer-issued photo ID, Student photo ID issued by a school, college, or university located in Virginia, Other U.S. or Virginia government-issued photo ID, Tribal enrollment or other tribal photo ID, Virginia Voter Photo ID card

If you get to your polling place without acceptable photo ID, you can vote a provisional ballot.

You will be given instructions on what to do so your vote can count.

Offices on the Ballot, Fairfax County

❖ Member Virginia Senate, vote for one in your district

❖ Member House of Delegates, vote for one in your district

❖ Commonwealth's Attorney, vote for one

❖ Sheriff, vote for one

❖ Chairman Board of Supervisors, vote for one

❖ Member School Board at Large

❖ Member Board of Supervisors, vote for one in your district

❖ Member School Board, vote for one in your district

❖ Soil and Water Conservation Director Northern Virginia District

❖ School Bonds Referenda

Registration and Voter Photo ID Opportunities

The Office of Elections is open during normal business hours to provide residents the opportunity to register to vote or obtain a free voter photo ID if needed. The Office of Elections also provides residents opportunities to attend offsite events throughout the year.

Upcoming Voter Photo ID Events

❖ Sept. 7 and Oct. 5, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306

❖ Aug. 27, 3 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., Burke Lake Gardens, Thursday, 9608 Old Keene Mill Rd., Burke, VA 22015

❖ Sept. 10, 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., Leewood Healthcare Center, Tuesday, 7120 Braddock Rd., Annandale, VA 22003

❖ Sept. 11, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., Arleigh Burke Pavilion, Wednesday, 1739

Kirby Rd., McLean, VA 22101

❖ Sept. 16, 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m., Chesterbrook Residences, Monday, 2030 Westmoreland St., Falls Church, VA 22043

❖ Sept. 20, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., The Virginian, Friday, 9229 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA 22031

❖ Sept. 23, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads, Monday, 3440 South Jefferson St., Falls Church, VA 22041

❖ Sept. 24, 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., Sunrise at Reston Town Center, Tuesday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., 1778 Fountain Dr., Reston, VA 20190

❖ Sept. 24, 2:30 p.m. until 5 p.m., Hunters Woods at Trails Edge, Tuesday, 2222 Colt Necks Rd., Reston, VA 20191

❖ Sept. 25, 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., Tall Oaks Assisted Living, Wednesday, 12052 North Shore Dr., Reston, VA 20192

❖ Sept. 26, 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., The Crossings at Chantilly, Thursday, 2980 Centreville Rd., Herndon, VA 20171

❖ Sept. 28, Noon until 4 p.m., Reston Multicultural Festival - Lake Anne Plaza, Saturday, 2310 Colt Necks Rd., Reston, VA 20191

❖ Oct. 1, 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., The Woodlands Retirement Community, Tuesday, 4320 Forest Hill Dr., Fairfax, VA 22030

❖ Oct. 5, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., 2019 First Baptist Church of Merrifield Harvest Festival, Saturday, 8122 Ransell Rd., Falls Church, VA 22042

❖ Oct. 5, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306

❖ Oct. 7, 10:30 a.m. until Noon, Heatherwood/Burke Health Care, Monday, 9642 Burke Lake Rd., Burke, VA 22015

Candidates, General Assembly

House of Delegates District 34

Kathleen J. Murphy (D), incumbent,
Gary G. Pan (R)

District 35

Mark L. Keam (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 36

Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum, incumbent, unopposed

District 37

David L. Bulova (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 38

L. Kaye Kory (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 39

Nick O. Bell (R)
Vivian E. Watts (D), incumbent

District 40

Dan I. Helmer (D)
Timothy D. "Tim" Hugo (R), incumbent

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John M. Wolfe (I)
Rachel D. Mace (L)

District 42

Kathy K. L. Tran (D), incumbent
Steve P. Adragna (R)

District 43

Mark D. Sickles (D), incumbent
Richard T. Hayden (R)

District 44

Paul E. Krizek (D), incumbent
Richard T. Hayden (R)

District 45

Mark H. Levine (D), incumbent,
unopposed

District 46

Charniele L. Herring (D), incumbent,
unopposed

District 47

Patrick A. Hope (D), incumbent,
unopposed

District 48

Richard C. "Rip" Sullivan (D),
incumbent, unopposed

District 49

Alfonso H. Lopez (D), incumbent
Terry W. Modglin (I)

District 53

Marcus B. Simon (D), incumbent,
unopposed

District 67

Karrie K. Delaney (D), incumbent,
unopposed

District 86

Ibraheem S. Samirah (D), incumbent,
unopposed

Virginia State Senate

District 30

Adam P. Ebbin (D), incumbent,
unopposed

District 31

Barbara A. Favola (D), incumbent,
unopposed

District 32

Janet D. Howell (D), incumbent
Arthur G. Purves (R)

District 33

Jennifer B. Boysko (D), incumbent
Suzanne D. Fox (R)

District 34

J. C. "Chap" Petersen (D), incumbent,
unopposed

District 35

Richard L. "Dick" Saslaw (D),
incumbent, unopposed

District 36

Scott A. Surovell (D), incumbent,
unopposed

District 37

Dave W. Marsden (D), incumbent,
unopposed

District 39

George L. Barker (D), incumbent
S. W. "Dutch" Hillenburg (R)

School Bond Ballot Question

This is the text of the public school bond question that will be on the Nov. 5, 2019, general election ballot:

Shall Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money, and issue capital improvement bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$360,000,000 for the purposes of providing funds, in addition to funds from school bonds previously authorized, to finance, including reimbursement to the County for temporary financing for, the costs of school improvements, including acquiring, building, expanding and renovating properties, including new sites, new buildings or additions, renovations and improvements to existing buildings, and furnishing and equipment, for the Fairfax County public school system?

Candidates, Fairfax County

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Jeffrey C. McKay (D)
Joseph F. Galdo (R)

Commonwealth's Attorney

Steve T. Descano (D)
Jonathan L. Fahey (I)

Sheriff

Stacey Ann Kincaid (D)
Christopher F. De Carlo (I)

Board of Supervisors, District Representatives

Braddock District
James R. Walkinshaw (D)
S. Jason Remer (R)
Carey Chet Campbell (I)

Dranesville District

John W. Foust (D) incumbent
Ed. R. Martin (R)

Hunter Mill District

Walter L. Acorn (D) unopposed

Lee District

Rodney L. Lusk (D) unopposed

Mason District

Penelope A. "Penny" Gross (D) incumbent
Gary N. Aiken (R)

Mount Vernon District

Daniel G. "Dan" Storck (D) incumbent, unopposed

Providence District

Dalia A. Palchik (D)

Springfield District

Linda D. Sperling (D)
Patrick S. "Pat" Herrity (R) incumbent

Sully District

Kathy L. Smith (D) incumbent
Srilekha R. Palle (R)

School Board

School Board At-Large (vote for three)

Abrar E. Omeish
Cheryl A. Buford
Priscilla M. DeStefano
Rachna Sizemore Heizer
Vinson Palathingal
Ilryong Moon, incumbent
Karen A. Keys-Gamarra, incumbent

Braddock District, School Board

Zia Tompkins
Megan O. McLaughlin, incumbent

Dranesville District, School Board

Anastasia S. Karloutsos
Ardavan Mobasheri
Elaine V. Tholen

Hunter Mill District, School Board

Laura Ramirez Drain
Melanie K. Meren

Lee District, School Board

Tamara J. Derenak Kaufax, incumbent

Mason District, School Board

Ricardy J. Anderson
Tom L. Pafford

Mount Vernon District, School Board

Pamela C. Ononiwu
Steven D. Mosley
Karen L. Corbett Sanders, incumbent

Providence District, School Board

Andrea L. "Andi" Bayer
Jung Byun
Karl V. Frisch

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School Improvement Projects In 2019 FCPS School Bond

New Construction (Locations to be Determined)

- ❖ Fairfax/Oakton Area elementary school (construction) \$ 35,330,490
 - ❖ Silver Line elementary school (planning) \$ 2,007,500
- New Construction Subtotal: \$ 37,337,990

Capacity Enhancement (Additions and other modifications)

- ❖ Relocation of 1 Modular Addition \$ 2,000,000
 - ❖ West Potomac High School Addition (construction) \$ 22,298,143
 - ❖ Justice High School Addition (construction) \$ 14,595,641
 - ❖ Madison High School Addition (construction) \$ 19,543,731
- Capacity Enhancement Subtotal: \$ 58,437,515

Elementary School Renovation

- ❖ Hybla Valley (construction) \$ 27,302,053

- ❖ Washington Mill (construction) \$ 28,727,060
 - ❖ Braddock (construction) \$ 33,039,232
 - ❖ Fox Mill (construction) \$ 28,379,862
 - ❖ Oak Hill (construction) \$ 33,497,669
 - ❖ Wakefield Forest (planning) \$ 1,172,318
 - ❖ Louise Archer (planning) \$ 1,728,657
 - ❖ Crossfield (planning) \$ 1,416,325
 - ❖ Mosby Woods (planning) \$ 1,717,009
 - ❖ Bonnie Brae (planning) \$ 1,615,034
- Elementary School Renovation Subtotal: \$ 158,595,219

Middle School Renovation

- ❖ Cooper (construction) \$ 49,660,553
 - ❖ Frost (construction) \$ 53,468,723
- Middle School Renovation Subtotal: \$ 103,129,276

Project Subtotal \$ 357,500,000
Bond Cost \$ 2,500,000

REFERENDUM TOTAL \$ 360,000,000

School Board

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Springfield District, School Board

- Laura Jane H. Cohen
- R. Kyle McDaniel
- Elizabeth L. Schultz, incumbent

Sully District, School Board

- Stella G. Pekarsky
- Tom A. Wilson, incumbent

Soil and Water Conservation Director Northern Virginia District

ginia District

- Vote for Three
- C. Jane Dudik
- Chris E. Koerner
- Christopher A. Bowen
- Edward F. McGovern
- Jonah E. "Jet" Thomas
- Monica A. Billger
- Gerald Owen "Jerry" Peters Jr., incumbent

Changes on Board of Supervisors

Fairfax County has an elected Board of Supervisors consisting of nine members elected by district, plus a chairman elected at-large. The law requires that districts be of approximately equal population and that the supervisors (other than the chairman) be residents and qualified voters of their districts and be elected only by voters living in those districts. All voters in the county may vote for the chairman.

All seats on the Board are on the ballot in November, and in December, the new members will be sworn in. Chairman Sharon Bulova, John Cook (Braddock), Cathy Hudgins (Hunter Mill), and Linda Smyth (Providence), did not seek reelection. Jeff McKay (Lee) is giving up his district seat to run for Chairman.

The Board elects the vice chairman annually from among its members at its first meeting in January.

Board members are elected for four-year terms.

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