



The Newsletter of the Hollin Hall Village
Citizens Association (HHVCA), with Information
for Association Members & Residents

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Upcoming Events

- **Supervisor Storck's Summer Palooza, June 7, 11 – 3, Mt. Vernon Govt Ctr**
- **Beltway Toll Lane Public Meeting, June 9, 6 pm, West Potomac HS**
- **VA Democratic Primary Early Voting: May 2 – June 14, Mt. Vernon Govt Ctr; Primary June 17**

CELEBRATE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 5, 5-8 pm

Mt. Vernon Park (8042 Fairfax Rd)

Join us for National Night Out, the annual neighborhood-based crime prevention event, hosted by Mount Vernon Park and HHVCA's Neighborhood Watch.

Meet our county's first responders and tour their vehicles.

Entrance to the Park for this event is free and all HHV residents are invited. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy live music, glitter tattoos, a food truck, and frozen treats.

COUNTY 2026 BUDGET APPROVED; STORMWATER FUNDING INCLUDED

The County's Fiscal Year 2026 budget was passed at the Supervisor's May 6 meeting. The budget provides funding of \$ 5.7 billion for county operations from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

The proposed budget requested an increase of the property tax rate to \$1.14 per hundred dollars of assessed value. However, the approved budget reduced the 2025 rate of \$1.125 per hundred dollars to \$1.1225, a reduction of a quarter penny. But given the rise in assessed values, our property tax bills are likely to rise. The car tax and the stormwater fee were maintained at last year's levels.

The County made tradeoffs to balance the budget. While the school system requested an increase of \$248 million for their 2025 funding, their budget was increased by \$119 million.

The County will also levy a 4% tax on food and beverage purchases and increase the tax

on temporary lodging from 4 to 6%.

Most notably for our neighborhood, the budget includes funding of \$100,000 to study stormwater runoff issues in HHV and neighboring Wellington and Tauxemont. HHVCA has been a leader in encouraging the County to recognize and address stormwater runoff problems in our area. The problems are caused by long-ignored aging and inadequate stormwater infrastructure and the increase in new and infill development without consideration of stormwater management. HHVCA has reached out to County staff to arrange for a meeting to inform neighbors of the scope and timeline for the effort. We'll let you know when the community meeting gets scheduled.

MT VERNON AT HOME PROVIDES INDEPENDENCE, COMMUNITY

Now in its 18th year, Mt. Vernon at Home is a non-profit organization that makes it easier for those who wish to age in

place to find a supportive community. Director Kathy Dismukes offered an update at HHVCA's Winter Meeting, noting that MVAT volunteer-provided services include transportation to medical appointments and errands, tech help and classes, handyman services, book groups, walking groups and more. The group alerts members to upcoming social, cultural, and educational events and hosts social gatherings. Find out more about joining, volunteering or donating at <https://www.mountvernonathome.org>.

COUNTY NEEDS YOUR INPUT ON PARKS, RECREATION

The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) is seeking community feedback on our park and recreation needs. County parks and recreation programs are what make the County a great place to live. The results of the Needs Assessment project and survey will help guide park improvements, including the 2026 bond, for the next 5 years. The Needs Assessment is an important decision-making tool for the Park Authority. Here's how you can help:

Take the online survey: The survey will take about 10-15 minutes to complete. It is available in [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Korean](#), [Vietnamese](#), [Arabic](#), [Mandarin](#) and [Cantonese](#) through Sunday, June 15, 2025: [Parks Count - PublicInput](#).

Share the project and online survey: Please take a moment

to share the online survey with your networks, neighbors, friends, and family. There are downloadable communications guides to share information about the 2026 Needs Assessment in e-mail communications, newsletters, and social media.

Communications guides are available in [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Korean](#), [Vietnamese](#), [Arabic](#), [Mandarin](#) and [Cantonese](#): [Parks Count! Our Parks, Our Future | Park Authority](#).

Questions? Reach out to the project team at parkscount@publicinput.com

PHASE II SCHOOL BOUNDARY MEETINGS SCHEDULED

The County School System's review of school boundaries is entering Phase II of a three-phased process. During this phase, the School Board staff will meet with residents in May/June 2025 to present its Phase I findings and receive further input from residents. School Board Staff will hold a second meeting with residents in Fall 2025; and then develop a final scenario. On conclusion of Phase II, the process will enter the Approval Stage and a recommended scenario will be presented. The School Board will then hold public meetings in Winter 2025/2026 to consider the recommendations and make a decision.

The first of the two Phase II meetings was held on May 29 at Whitman Middle School. If you were unable to attend, additional meetings at different locations will be held. Please consult the link for dates and locations.

More detailed Information related to the study can be found at <https://www.fcps.edu/about-fcps/maps/2024-2026-boundary-review>

PAUL SPRING STREAM RESTORATION MOVES FORWARD

Fairfax County's plans to realign and re-shape the Paul Spring stream channel to improve stormwater flow, reduce erosion, and protect existing utilities and roads are continuing to evolve. County Project design will start in late spring 2026, with a Conceptual Design and public Design Review Meeting tentatively scheduled for September 2025. Construction is tentatively scheduled for the winter of 2026. The availability of the Conceptual Design, as well as the public meeting date and location have yet to be determined and will be announced on the HHVCA website and social media. See FFX County's project website at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/stormwater/plans-projects/paul-spring-branch-sherwood-hall-stream-restoration>.

ADDING BELTWAY TOLL LANES

VDOT wants to put toll/HOV lanes on the southern section of the Beltway (I-495) from Springfield to the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge. To that end, VDOT is conducting an environmental study that will develop alternatives to address transportation needs in the corridor.

Several community meetings have been held. The next meeting, when VDOT's

preferred alternative will be revealed, will be held at several locations. A close-to-home meeting will be held on June 9, 2025 at West Potomac High School starting with an open house at 6 PM and presentation at 6:30 PM.

More information: <https://www.vdot.virginia.gov/projects/northern-virginia-district/i-495-southside-express-lanes-study/>.

SUMMER CONCERT TIME

Free concerts, exploring different musical genres, will begin at Grist Mill Park on Friday evenings and at Fort Hunt Park on Sunday evenings. The National Park Service-sponsored concerts at Fort Hunt Park begin on Sunday June 1, and the Grist Mill concerts begin Friday June 6. These concerts will continue through August. Bring your own chair or blanket.

The scheduled acts and showtimes can be found at:

<https://www.nps.gov/gwmp/planyourvisit/forhuntconcerts.html>

and

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/mt-vernon-nights>

TURN DOWN LIGHTS FOR MIGRATING BIRDS

Fairfax County is asking residents to reduce outdoor lighting from 11 p.m. through 6 a.m. until May 31 when the peak spring bird migration ends. An estimated 100 to 160 million birds migrate through Northern Virginia each spring and fall between their winter and summer homes, mostly at night, using the stars to navigate.

Artificial lights can turn their journey into a confusing and dangerous trek. Led by the Northern Virginia Bird Alliance, the "Lights Out for Birds" campaign is supported by local organizations Nature Forward, Friends of Huntley Meadows and DarkSky NOVA. More info at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/help-migrating-birds-spring-turning-unnecessary-lights>.

MV GOVT CTR OFFERS NATIVE PLANT INSPIRATION

Like the idea of adding native plants to your landscape but don't know where to start? Natives support birds and insects and provide beautiful alternatives to invasive plants like burning bush, barberry and ivy. Native plants thrive in our climate and soil, whether your yard is shady or sunny. Planting natives is one of the easiest ways to make your yard more welcoming to birds and pollinators and reduce the need for pesticides, fertilizers and mulch.

The Mt. Vernon Government Center is a good nearby source of ideas. Their new native plant garden, located behind the Government Center, offers beautiful examples of native plants in the landscape.

COUNTY RESPONSE TO HHVCA ON STALLED CONSTRUCTION

In January 2025, HHVCA sent a letter to Supervisor Storck requesting help on getting the ball rolling on two properties in HHV - one "under construction" at 2106 Shenandoah Road and the other empty and slated for teardown at 1600 Lafayette Drive.

We received a response on April 18th that provided little information toward resolution of these issues. HHVCA will follow up with the Supervisor's office to press for action on moving these projects along.

HHVCA's letter and the County's response can be found at [HHVCA.org](https://www.hhvca.org)

TREE SAVERS BREAK FOR SUMMER

Thanks to all who participated in our work day on May 6 to clear the trees of ivy along Fairfax Road and Paul Spring Parkway. We will resume our work in the fall. For more information contact Dorothy Keough at dorothy.keough77@gmail.com.

COUNTY, MILITARY CELEBRATE 250th ANNIVERSARIES

Did you know 2025 is the 250th anniversary of Fairfax County, the Army, the Navy and the Marine Corps? All are celebrating their semiquincentennials in 2025 as America celebrates the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. To kick off the festivities, George Washington's Mount Vernon has opened the "Patriots Path," a depiction of an 18th century Continental Army encampment on the estate grounds. Find more 250th events at <https://va250.org>

EARLY VOTING UNDERWAY FOR DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY JUNE 17

In this primary, Democrats are voting for a Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General. There is no Republican primary this year. In November, we will vote for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and all members of the Virginia House of Delegates.

Early voting in the primary began on May 2 and will continue through Saturday, June 14. You can vote at Mt. Vernon Government Center, 2511 Parkers Lane on Weekdays from 1:00 – 7 pm and on Saturdays, June 7 & 14 from 9:00 – 5:00

COUNTY “WASTE WIZARD” OFFERS RECYCLING TIPS

Fairfax County has a new website that offers tips on what can be recycled or belongs in the trash. From furniture to metal and appliances, the County’s “Waste Wizard”

calculator tells you where you can recycle it or dispose of it. More info at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/residential-materials>

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