

General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Zoom Video Conference  
September 12, 2023 | 7:00 PM

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Nick Firth, President of the South County Federation (SCF), called the Monthly Membership meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & OFFICERS REPORT:**

A. Secretary- Ms. Angelina Fuller

There were no minutes presented or approved at this meeting.

B. Treasurer Report- Keith Shovlin

Mr. Shovlin provided the financial update as follows:

Truist Checking	\$197.31
Nuveen (TIA CREFF) Money Market Account (MMA)	Update next month
Total	Update next month

C. South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce Report- Casey Whitmarsh

Mr. Whitmarsh greeted the membership and presented the following:

1. Small Business Spotlight: One Smile Orthodontics at 6225 Brandon Ave. – Children’s Orthodontics, Adolescent Orthodontics, Adult Orthodontics. Offering a complimentary visit with a panoramic x-ray and clinical pictures, and an examination of your teeth, jaw position and bite with findings and recommendations. Call 703-451-3900.
2. Nautifest 2023- September 15 from 12-7 in-person at Fair Winds Brewery. Live music starts at 5 pm with raffles throughout the day and a 12pm release of seasonal favorite- Nautifest Marzen Lager.
3. Backlot Beer & BBQ Brawl at Fair Winds – September 30 at 1 pm. Six BBQ competitors. Tickets required that can be purchased by visiting Fair Winds website at <https://fairwindsbrewing.com/events/>.
4. Brynmore Early Education & Preschool Sneak Peek Tour: October 3 from 5:30-7:30 pm. RSVP: [https://mms.southfairfaxchamber.org/members/evr/reg\\_event.php?orgcode=SFCC&evid=77415823](https://mms.southfairfaxchamber.org/members/evr/reg_event.php?orgcode=SFCC&evid=77415823)
5. Workhouse Haunt Outdoor Haunted Trail returns! <https://insidenovatix.com/organizations/workhouse-arts-center>
6. Raise a Glass Benefit at Lorton Community Action Center on October 22 from 2-4 pm. Join LCAC for wines, food and great company to raise money for LCAC’s programs. Registration required. <https://lortonaction.networkforgood.com/events/59510-raise-the-glass-to-hope> For more information, please contact: Jessica@lortonaction.org

**III. SUPERVISORS REPORT:**

D. Supervisor Pat Herrity

Springfield Supervisor Pat Herrity not present or represented.

E. Supervisor Dan Storck

Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck greeted the membership and delivered his update as follows:

1. Back to School Community Day held August 19 at Lorton Community Center with nearly 1,500 community members in attendance.
2. Senior Safety Summit September 13 from 10-1 at Lorton Community Center. Includes an exhibit hall, lunch, speakers and prizes. Lunch provided by The Fairfax at Belvoir Woods and SevaTruck starting at 11:30 am while supplies last.
3. Tour de Mount Vernon will be held October 21. This year's ride will include the northern portion of the Mount Vernon District, beginning and ended at George Washington's Mount Vernon. Both a 24-mile short ride and 40-mile long ride are available to riders of all levels.
4. New Franconia Police Capital: Kevin Shaw. Mr. Shaw started his law enforcement journey over 20 years ago in the Franconia District and since then working in Major Crimes, Organized Crime, Special Operations, Crisis Intervention, Internal Affairs and formerly the Assistance Commander of the Mount Vernon District Station. Most recently, Captain Shaw served as the Personnel Resources Division Commander, leading the vital task of ensuring our competitiveness in hiring new police officers. His leadership has led to several record-breaking academy classes.
5. Early Voting begins September 22 at Mount Vernon Governmental Center weekdays from 1-7 pm and Saturdays (Sept. 23, Oct. 28 and Nov. 4) from 9 am -5 pm and Sunday (Oct. 29 from 1-5 pm. Early voting at Lorton Community center will begin on October 26 weekdays from 1-7 pm, Saturdays (Oct. 28 and Nov. 4) from 9 am -5 pm and Sunday (Oct. 29) from 1-5 pm.
6. Shred Event September 30 at Walt Whitman Middle School from 9 am – 12 pm. All cars must be in line by 12 pm and truck will stay until filled.
7. Lee Chapel Road Town Meeting September 13 at 7 pm. Meeting is virtual with link here: <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/41f92b2b-f0a4-4385-9fb6-e3b3f59e282c@a26156cb-5d6f-4172-9d7d-934eb0a7b275?emci=c5f94c55-a151-ee11-9937-00224832e811&emdi=73593e8c-a251-ee11-9937-00224832e811&ceid=9543237>
8. Brynmor Enrolling, Opening on October 14. Located in buildings P1 and P3 at Liberty Lorton.

F. Fairfax County Park Authority- Linwood Gorham

Mr. Gorham expressed a concern that the county executive has requested a budget request with a 7% reduction from the pervious year's request. Mr. Rumberger stated that if need be the SCF will mount a campaign to reverse any cuts out of fear that insufficient funds would be available for the planning of the opening of Overlook Ridge Park.

**IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:**

G. Virginia State Senator Scott Surovell

Minutes not available or recorded, but contact information can be found below:

1. CONTACT: [District36@senate.virginia.gov](mailto:District36@senate.virginia.gov); or 571-249-4484

H. State Delegate Kathy Tran- presented by Ben Hermerding

Minutes not available or recorded, but contact information and newsletter sign up can be found below:

1. Contact information: (703) 539-2066 and [delktran@house.virginia.gov](mailto:delktran@house.virginia.gov)
2. Newsletter sign-up: [https://secure.ngpvan.com/OP4ARiDiLOiLxE0\\_xtDRfg2](https://secure.ngpvan.com/OP4ARiDiLOiLxE0_xtDRfg2)

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Transportation- Peter Weyland, Co-Chair; Dale Rumberger, Co-Chair

Mr. Weyland presented items below:

1. Lee Chapel Road: Online meeting September 13 sponsored by Supervisors Herrity & Storck, Delegate Tran and State Senator Barker. SCF participation by Mr. Rumberger with a report next month.
2. Just one warning sign remains along South Run road warning of speeding and an additional fine. Mr. Frye of Newington Forest HOA will follow up as his HOA was the organization who promulgated the signs placement.
3. Furnace Road remains eyesore for trucks parking along the side of the road. They are leaving behind diesel oil spills, over a dozen tires, empty buckets and general trash. Mr. Rumberger will wait for the new Lorton District Commander to get moved in and acquainted with the area to discuss.

I. Public Safety- Jonathan Kiell, Chair

Mr. Kiell was not in attendance. Mr. Rumberger reminded members that September is Hurricane Preparedness Month and shared that articles can be found on both the Mount Vernon District website and the Fairfax County website.

J. Land Use- Nick Firth and Keith Shovlin, Co-Chairs

Mr. Shovlin presented the following items:

1. Liberty Update: Jack Perkins of Elm Street Development noted Hangry Joe's Hot Chicken will join other restaurants near Lidl. The first of those businesses are expected to open by the end of the month with more to follow in October. F45 Fitness just filed their construction permit and expect to begin in December with opening in Spring 2024. They are in negotiations with a restaurant to take over the former Dining Hall, with an announcement in the coming weeks. Remaining spaces have received interest from exercise studios and quick convenience eateries, both of which are well overed with existing/signed tenants. Mr. Perkins is hoping to draw a coffee shop, but none of the franchises have expressed interest.
2. Newly Opened Eateries: Sushi Kitchen will be opening in Gunston Plaza this fall and Veronica's Taqueria and Bakery is near opening in Gunston Corner Shoppes.
3. Development: Praeseum filed a minor site plan for the former Sunrise facility in February that was rejected due to parking insufficiency. Waivers were filed in June and have yet to be approved. No construction permits have been filed or approved yet.
4. New Residential: The first unit of two homes has begun vertical construction at The Villas at Newington Chase, with installed windows and a roof today. Of the eight units, six have already been sold at an asking price starting at \$800K and each months away from completion. This shows the housing market in our area continues to thrive.

K. Environmental & Parks- Larry Clark and Dale Rumberger, Co-Chairs

Mr. Rumberger presented the following:

1. There is no watering ban in effect in Fairfax County despite DEQs mention of a potential ban based on moderate drought. Nothing has been published by the Fairfax Water Authority or the Board of Supervisors.
2. Kudos provided to Lindwood Gorham and Wes Speer for their actions and efforts relative to the Nike Site garden plots. They are a smashing success both in number planted and crops growing!
3. Mr. Rumberger and Mr. Clark will submit assembled thoughts to Supervisor Storck on server building construction relative to the environment and water quality concerns.

L. Education- Wendy Henley, Chair

Minutes not available or recorded.

VI. **ACTIONS & PENDING ISSUES: No reports.**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

Candidate Forum: Next Wednesday, September 20 from 6:30-8:30 pm at Lorton Community Center in the multipurpose room. We will have twenty candidates on hand, mostly in person, each invited to speak for up to five minutes. There is room for 50 to sit in the room and 100 to view online, first preference given to Federation members. We will not have enough time to ask questions of each but have given them issues we would like to be covered. The Board of Supervisors candidates will speak first followed by State Senate, House of Delegates, and finally School Board. If there is time left, any other candidates present will be able to speak. Some candidates have conflicts so they will be speaking at times they are available, and few will be virtual. Due to the limit on time in the space we only opened the forum to candidates in our area, not the at large candidates. Our Facebook event page has the full lineup with times. If you have any questions, please comment there or on the South County Federation Facebook page. Candidates invited are competing for Mount Vernon and Springfield Supervisor, Senate in the 33rd and 34th districts, Delegates in the 15th, 18th, and 19th districts, and School board for Mount Vernon and Springfield.

Next Adopt A Highway: Saturday, October 14th, beginning at 8 am. We will meet at Laurel Hill Central Green and hopefully be able to pick up any trash hidden by the tall grass and overgrowth seen this summer. Once this cleanup is complete, we will have completed our obligation for VDOT to place the sign marking our adoption. I will post the sign up genius link to sign up and it will be sent out to those on the email. I'll need to know how many are coming by the Thursday before in order to get the supplies needed from VDOT.

Mr. Rumberger will begin to assemble the slate of officers for the next cycle (2024-2026). Anyone interested in being an officer or chair/co-chair of a committee should email [dsrumberger@verizon.net](mailto:dsrumberger@verizon.net) with questions or their intentions.

**NEXT MEETING:** October 10, November 14, and December 12.