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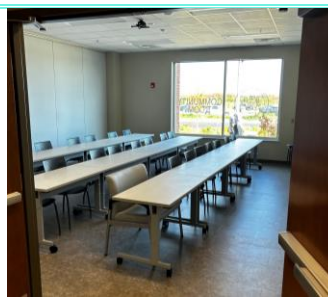
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**News to know for the area from Ox Road to Mason Neck, Fairfax County Parkway to the Occoquan River.**

## Supervisors approve new Data Center guidelines

The Board of Supervisors held a re-hearing on Sept 10<sup>th</sup> and passed updated zoning amendments for future data centers in Fairfax County. Larger facilities will now need to go through a special exception review for approval, and by-right rules are mostly removed. The Federation approved a resolution in favor of stricter regulation and now awaits the case-by-case basis of approving any such development in our area.



## Police Station Community Room now available

Supervisor Storck's office announced this month that the Community room at the new Lorton Police Station is available for use daily from 6 am to 6 pm while the station is open. Staffing issues within FCPD unfortunately don't allow later in the evening without special arrangements. The room hosted the Federation this month for our first in person meeting since the pandemic. The space can be divided into two rooms with exterior access and each with a/v capabilities. For more information, contact Supervisor Storck's office at [MTVernon@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:MTVernon@fairfaxcounty.gov)

## Church signs lease for former prison chapel

South County Church, a local Assembly of God parish that launched in 2008, is taking root after signing a lease for the former Lorton Reformatory Chapel in July. Now dubbed "Liberty Chapel" following the rebranding for the neighboring housing development and shopping center, the Church is raising funds to adapt the facility to their needs. Previously the church met at South County High School and other nearby locations. For more information, visit: [southcountycares.org/connect/chapel](http://southcountycares.org/connect/chapel)



## STEM FEST coming to Mount Vernon High School

Mount Vernon High School is hosting STEAMOLOGY STEM FEST on Saturday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 3 pm. Predominantly for elementary and middle school students, high schoolers are also welcome to help as volunteers. Sponsors and vendors will setup along with free hands-on activities related to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) subjects. Students, volunteers, and exhibitors are encouraged to register online. For more information, visit: [steamologyus.org/stemfest/](http://steamologyus.org/stemfest/).

## Overlook Ridge Park takes next step forward

A recent site visit by the Federation Parks & Environ. Committee with reps from Waste Management and the Park Authority gave a look at the new park's progress. The park is being developed on the closed construction material landfill between I-95 and Furnace Road. A revised site plan was submitted in May and is expected to be approved soon, with review by the Department of Environmental Quality to follow. This would lead to construction starting in Spring 2025 and hopefully opening in Spring 2026.



**Join us for the next SCF meeting: Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm on Zoom**