



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



FCPS to host College Fair at GMU's Eagle Bank Arena

Approximately 220 colleges and universities will be represented from 4 to 6:30 pm on Sunday, Oct. 20th. Advanced registration is required. For more information, visit: fcps.edu/academics/academic-and-career-plans/college-education-planning/events-college-and-career-planning

Animal Shelter aiding in hurricane recovery efforts

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter has partnered with animal rescues in areas affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Homeland Trails Animal Rescue brought dogs found in North Carolina to the Lorton campus, and more are expected. To clear space, they offered free adoption of dogs larger than 45 lbs from Oct. 10-13 and an #EmptyTheShelters event before that where over 70 pets were adopted. If you are looking to adopt or foster a pet, visit: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/animalshelter/adopt



Fire stations face possible reallocation of services

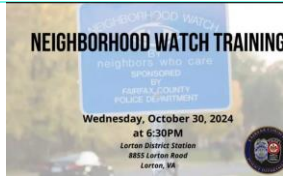
The Fairfax County Fire Department is reviewing how equipment and staff are situated throughout the County and the response time in many communities. As a possible savings in the budget, some services may be moved from local stations such as Crosspointe 41 or Lorton 19. This should not result in any drop in responsiveness, and are only a proposal at this point.

Local shopping centers near capacity

Liberty: Hangry Joe's Hot Chicken is now open, while Yafa Grille plans to open soon. A recreational sports company has signed a lease for the Dining Hall. The plan is now under 60-day review by the Virginia Department of Historic Properties. Construction has begun on F45 Fitness.

Lorton MarketPlace: Wingstop is under construction in an open retail space next to Panera. Planet Fitness will open soon next to Amazon Fresh and Five Below is now open. The only vacant space is the offices above Glory Days.

Gunston Plaza: Mount Vernon on the Move reports that two new restaurants, Naz's Halal Food as well as Nash & Smash, a Nashville-style sandwich shop, will fill the previous Senior Center location, the only vacant space.



Neighborhood Watch Training to be held in Lorton

West Springfield Police District staff will be hosting their next Neighborhood Watch training at the new Lorton Police Station (8855 Lorton Rd) on Wed, Oct 30th at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in serving your community as a member of your local watch, training is required, free to attend, and lasts 30 mins.

Mason Neck Shared Use Path project virtual community meeting scheduled

FCDOT will host a meeting on Wed., Oct. 23rd at 7 pm on a proposed path along Gunston Road from Julia Taft Way to Pohick Bay Golf Course, the final segment of a trail connecting Rte 1 to Mason Neck State Park.

Early voting expands to Lorton Community Center and other locations

For those voting ahead of Nov. 5th, additional locations are now available daily from Oct 17th to Nov 2nd.

Join us for the next SCF meeting: Nov. 12th at 7 pm on Zoom