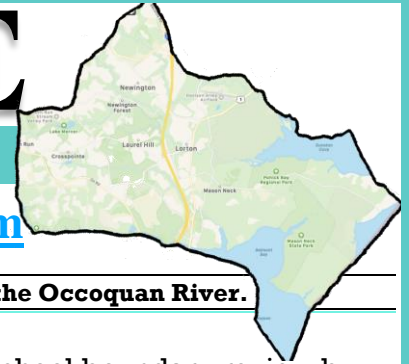




UPDATE

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

In the months ahead . . .

- February's meeting will feature a presentation on the comprehensive school boundary review by Mount Vernon School Board Rep Matteo Dunne.
- The Federation is planning in-person meetings in April at the Lorton Police Station and October at the Lorton Community Center. Future events will follow.

Local transportation issues draw attention, funding

Gunston Plaza: A 12-week traffic study was completed by VDOT and does not recommend a new traffic light at the entrance. Instead, they are considering blocking left turns exiting the shopping center, amid other possible options.

AutoTrain backup: The Federation has reached out to AMTRAK about backups on Lorton Road and is requesting a review of the updated loading process.

Pohick Sidewalk/Mason Neck Trail: The Board of Supervisors accepted a grant of \$1.25 mil and \$2 mil respectively for walkways along Pohick Road and Mason Neck. The funding was provided through VDOT from a Federal transportation grant fund.



Liberty welcomes new gym, more tenants moving forward

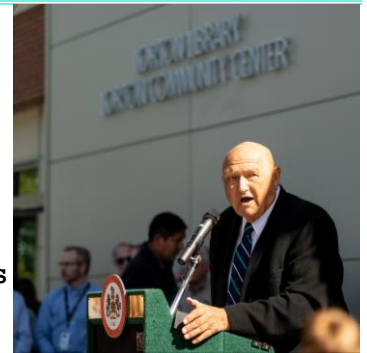
F45: The newest location for the training center will open in January at Liberty across from Ledo Pizza. Its social media presence is active and offering sign up discounts.

Sportrock: The climbing center is seeking approval to modify the old dining hall at Liberty and install two indoor climbing walls and an outdoor 'boulder.' It is currently under review by the County's Architectural Review Board (ARB).

Liberty Chapel: South County Church is looking to renovate the old prison chapel and is under review by the ARB. In December, they received approval from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources and raised nearly \$130,000 for the project.

Remembering Gerry Hyland, former Mt Vernon Supervisor

Longtime supervisor and friend of Lorton Gerry Hyland passed away on January 19th at age 88. In his 28 years on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, he served Mount Vernon and South County alike. Thanks to his efforts, today we have the Workhouse Arts Center, Laurel Hill Park and Liberty on the former prison site, the Lorton Farmers Market on Sundays at the VRE station, increased safety measures and road maintenance throughout the County, and more. We at the Federation are also grateful to support he gave us as an organization, with his letter of recommendation still on our website, as well as his help in closing the Lorton Landfill. The South County area will be forever grateful for his service.



U-Haul notes Lorton as #4 growth city in the U.S. for 2024

In a review of one-way truck rentals and returns, Lorton was rated fourth highest nationwide for city proper outside the top metro areas. The ranking is based on how well cities attract and retain residents.

See you at Mount Vernon Town Hall Meeting, Feb. 8th, at Mount Vernon High School

The 38th annual event will feature an exhibit hall from 8:30 to 10 am, followed by the presentations by county leaders, an audience Q&A, and a virtual tour of Mount Vernon District.

Join us for the next SCF meeting: Feb. 11th at 7 pm on Zoom