

VANTAGE VILLAGER

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Welcome to Your New Vantage Villager Quarterly Newsletter

Your Vantage Villager has a new look! We hope you find the information throughout useful and informative. If you ever have an idea for an article, or any feedback you'd like to share, please contact the editor at vantagevillager@yahoo.com. All submissions will be reviewed by the editor and published subject to space available and relevant subject matter.

Save the Date!

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Vantage Community Activities:

Spring Yard Sale

April 27, 2019

Community Picnic

September 7, 2019

Fall Yard Sale

October 19, 2019

Annual Meeting

October 21, 2019

Santa's Visit

December 14, 2019

Vantage Online

Visit us at vantagehoa.org to find minutes from Board meetings, view sample disclosure package materials, and learn about what's going on in our community. You can also send questions to the Board.

Vantage on Facebook

Join us on Facebook at facebook.com/vantageresidents. It is another way to share information with your neighbors: post about services sought or offered like babysitting or dog walking, notify neighbors of good or bad experiences with contractors, or alert neighbors to crime or suspicious activities.

Proposed Bike Trail in Huntley Meadows Removed from County Plan

On February 5, 2019 the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, by unanimous vote on a motion by Supervisor Jeff McKay, removed from the County Plan a proposed bike trail within Huntley Meadows that would have connected Telegraph Rd to Lockheed Blvd.

See the map for the now-deleted trail location.

County staff is currently working to develop an alternate route for bikes. Do you want to help determine the location of the alternate route? To get involved, contact Caleb Lester of Supervisor McKay's office at caleb.lester@fairfaxcounty.gov.



More Information About Vantage Architectural Guidelines

If you visit the Vantage HOA website, www.vantagehoa.org, you will see a page titled "Document Library". Within that page are multiple useful documents, including our "Architectural Guidelines".

When you purchased your home in Vantage, you agreed to abide by these Architectural Guidelines. These guidelines require, among other things, that homes meet a design compatibility requirement. This prevents homes from making changes that could decrease surrounding property values. While it may be an inconvenience, your Vantage HOA Board strives to make the process as easy as possible.

Should you be planning an exterior home renovation project, please visit the above-mentioned Guidelines to see if you first need Board approval. If your project qualifies as Standard (Pre-Approved), no written approval is needed.

The most common projects that require you to review the Guidelines include:

- Major Structural Alterations
- Exterior Painting
- Roof Alterations
- Shutters
- Decks and Patios
- Exterior Doorways
- Fences, Screens, and Walls
- Garage Doors
- Gutters and Downspouts
- Play Equipment over 8 feet

If you have any questions about your renovation project, first consult the Architectural Guidelines, then reach out to the Vantage Board.

Fairfax Green Initiatives

By Supervisor Jeffrey C. McKay

With a growing population and ever-increasing traffic, waste, and carbon emissions, it's imperative that Fairfax County lead the way in combating climate change. I've long been an advocate of solar freedom, and many other Green initiatives and that is why I am happy to be a part of Fairfax County's most recent call to protect our environment.

At our Board Meeting on February 5, Supervisor Dan Storck, Supervisor John Foust, and I introduced the Fairfax Green Initiatives Board Matter. This Board Matter (which was approved unanimously by the Board) is a call to action for the County to consider additional endeavors to accelerate our work of addressing climate change and increasing environmental preservation.

As part of the Fairfax Green Initiatives Board Matter, the County will begin developing a Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan (CECAP) and a County-specific Climate Resiliency and Adaptation Plan contracting with an energy savings performance contractor (ESPC). These plans and strategies will articulate how the County manages the risk of a changing climate and allows County staff to identify a set of principles to guide effective adaptation practices, all while outlining our vision for a resilient future.

Additionally, we intend to advance the goals and targets of the County's Operational Energy Strategy all while increasing locally generated environmentally friendly energy (like solar) to offset all County government energy usage. As part of the Fairfax Green Initiative, County staff is committed to increasing and enhancing communication related to climate change and environmental stewardship with residents. These proposed actions will have little to no cost.

Many County efforts and actions are already underway, including a County Energy Policy, our Operational Energy Strategy, Environmental Improvement Program, and sustainability initiatives; we must continue to recognize the importance and urgency of addressing climate change.

I hope this comprehensive review will push state legislatures to give us the flexibility to complete projects successfully and, in the months ahead, I look forward to continuing my work on these issues and making sure Fairfax County lights the way for all other jurisdictions, so we can have a healthier climate for everyone.

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Selling Your Home?



If you are planning to sell your home, you need to request a disclosure package from the Association. A written request should be mailed to the address below, including the current owners' names, street address of the property, street address to which the disclosure package should be mailed, and a check for \$50 payable to Vantage Homes Association. Please allow a minimum of two weeks to process your request.

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