



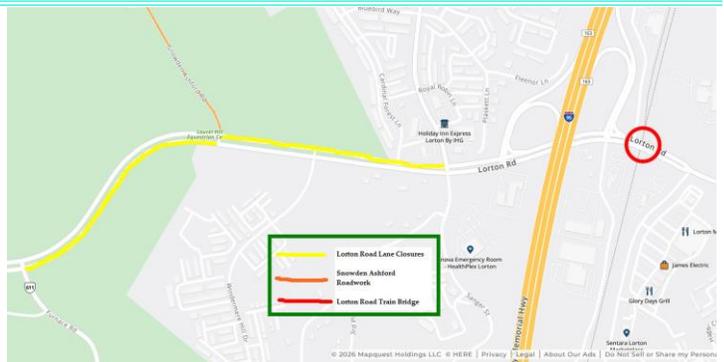
NEWS TO KNOW FOR THE AREA FROM OX ROAD TO MASON NECK, FAIRFAX COUNTY PARKWAY TO THE OCCOQUAN

IN THE WEEKS AHEAD . . .

- South County Town Hall with Senator Surovell and Delegates Tran and Henson will be Saturday, Jan. 31st at 10 am at South County Middle School
- The Lorton 2040 Visioning Task Force will meet on Thursday, Feb. 5th at 7 pm on Zoom
- The 39th Annual Mount Vernon Town Hall will be at Mount Vernon High School on Saturday, Feb. 7th starting at 8:30 am and lasting til 12:30 pm with an Exhibit Hall and Guest Speakers
- Free public CERT classes begin at Fire Station 19 on Thursday, Feb. 12th from 7 to 10:30 pm (Registration Required)

LANE CLOSURE ON LORTON ROAD IS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF ROADWORK

Travelers on Lorton Road were befuddled in late November when lanes were closed for repair of the water line between the Reworld Incinerator and Noman Cole Water Recycling Facility. Recent changes to signage and traffic cone placement have eased traffic, but more construction is on the way. Work on Snowden Ashford Road began in mid-January to add a walking path along the forested route connecting Liberty Crest to Lorton Road. Most of this work will be completed by summer, in time for lanes to close for the widening of the rail bridge over Lorton Road for the new Third Track coming south from Franconia.



LONG BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION DISRUPTS VRE SERVICE

Construction has begun on the new rail bridge over the Potomac River that will lead to eventual expanded service, but for now have caused cuts and a fair share of headaches. VRE trains 312 (departs Lorton at 8:05am) and 314 (8:45am) now stop at Alexandria station. In the afternoon trains 301 (1:05pm at Union Station, 1:46pm at Lorton), 305 (3:30pm, 4:11pm) and 311 (5:20pm, 6:01pm) now start at Alexandria. These changes are expected to continue across the next four years.

AMAZON FRESH CLOSING LOCAL LOCATIONS ON FEBRUARY 1ST

Amazon announced that they are closing all 57 Amazon Fresh locations to change focus to Whole Foods, which it has owned since 2017. Several locations are being turned into Whole Foods Markets, but none have been announced at this time. Lorton's Amazon Fresh opened in 2022 in half of the former Shoppers Food Warehouse space.



NEW NON-PROFIT SEEKS LOCAL INPUT TO HELP "BEAUTIFY LORTON"

A group of concerned citizens have come together to respond to overgrown and unkempt public areas across South County with the non-profit Beautify Lorton. Residents are encouraged to visit their website at beautifylorton.com to volunteer or to nominate any eyesores or areas in need of care. The 501(c)(3) will then fund projects by donation to improve the appearance of public and semi-public spaces throughout Lorton.

Join us for the next SCF meeting: Feb. 10th at 7 pm on Zoom