South County FEDERATION

# UPDATE



## OCTOBER 2026

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## THIS MONTH . . .

- The next Federation meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 13th, 7 pm, on Zoom
- The West Springfield Police District Community Advisory Committee will be at Lorton Police Station on Tuesday, Oct. 6th at 6 pm. We want a strong South County showing – Please join us!
- The Lorton Farmers Market continues each Sunday from 8 am to Noon at the Lorton VRE Parking Lot
- The SCF Transportation Committee will meet on Thursday, Oct. 15th at 7 pm on Zoom.
- The SCF Land Use Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, Oct. 27th at 7 pm on Zoom.
- Supervisor Storck's Tour de Mount Vernon starts at the Workhouse Arts Center on Saturday, Oct 31st at 10 am

## CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY ON OVERLOOK RIDGE PARK



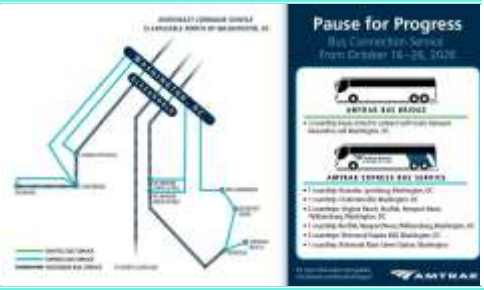
The Fairfax County Park Authority and Waste Management broke ground on Overlook Ridge Park on September 2nd. The park will be constructed on the closed construction material landfill off of Furnace Road by I-95. Plans for this park go back to 2006 and the Park Authority hopes to complete construction for summer 2027. The SCF has been a driving force to make this park happen, led by our Parks & Environment Co-Chair Larry Clark.



## LORTON ROAD SUMMER WORK ENDS AS NEXT PHASE DELAYED

A busy summer on Lorton Road has wrapped, completing sewer pipe work, repaving, and the new walkway along Snowden Ashford Road. Expected work to construct an extension of the rail bridge has been delayed until 2027. The new span will accommodate two additional rail lines and be constructed to the east of the current bridge, next to the Lorton Station Clock Tower. VDOT expects to close at least lanes on each side during construction.

## TRAIN SERVICE TO BE PAUSED FOR 10 DAYS IN OCTOBER




Construction work will close off rail access south of Union Station from October 16th thru 26th. The "Pause for Progress" will cause Amtrak trains from north of DC to halt at Union Station & those from points south halting at Alexandria. Bus service will be offered for commuters whose travel is disrupted. VRE trains will continue to operate on an S schedule from the 19th-23rd, with trains stopping at L'Enfant Plaza in DC.




## STUDENT SAFETY AT ISSUE AT AREA SCHOOL KISS & RIDES

Fairfax County has responded to a series of incidents involving student safety. After FCPS cut crossing guards as budget savings, the Board of Supervisors provided funding for guards at several schools including South County High School. Traffic issues continue at Gunston Elementary's Kiss and Ride as solutions are being considered. Residents are encouraged to drive safe in school zones at all times.

**HELP WANTED: INTERN, SECRETARY**

We need a few volunteers and one paid employee. Email President@SouthCountyFederation.com for more info.

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