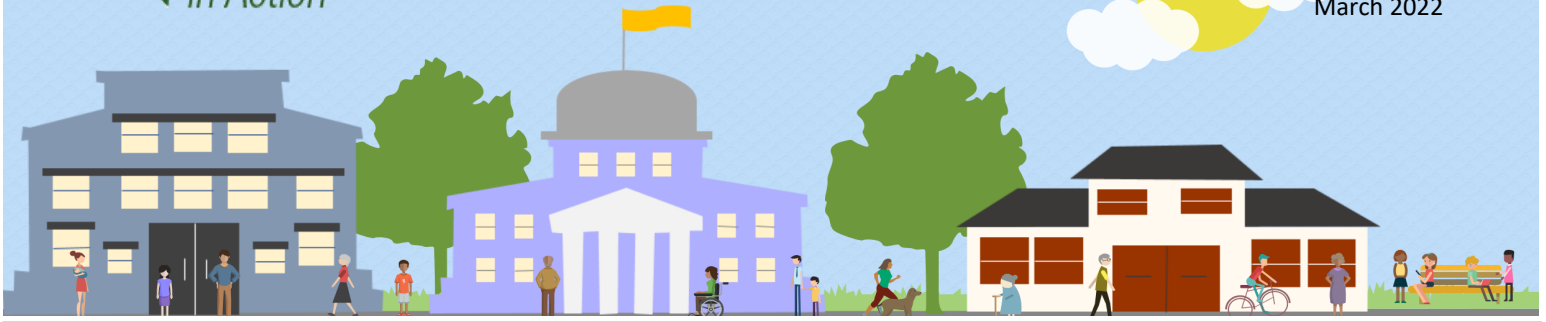




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COVID- 19 Updates

[VDH Launches New Online Tool to Help Calculate Isolation and Quarantine Period.](#) The [new calculator](#) helps people understand how long they need to stay home and away from others.

[CDC Updates Vaccine Recommendations for People Who Are Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised.](#)

It is now recommended that immunocompromised individuals ages 12+ who completed a three-dose primary series of an mRNA vaccine (Moderna or Pfizer) receive a booster dose (fourth dose) at least three months (instead of 5 months) after the last primary dose.

Additional confirmed testing options for the community have been posted to the HD's website. [This website](#) will be updated as more testing options come on-line.



Jeffrey C. McKay

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

February 21, 2022

FCPD has informed me of the distribution of antisemitic flyers this weekend in McLean.

It is not by accident that Fairfax County has been targeted by this hateful propaganda, where we are proud to be home to the largest Jewish congregation in Virginia, and where our nearly 600 houses of worship span over countless religious affiliations.

These despicable flyers are yet another tactic used by extremists to sow division among communities known for inclusivity and togetherness. They do not represent the heart, diversity and unity we have in Fairfax.

I'm happy to say to those who distributed these flyers that their tactics do not work here. We have seen this before and the response will be the same time and time again: in Fairfax County, these hateful acts only strengthen our community bonds. We stand with our brothers and sisters targeted by hate and division and soundly reject those who would use malice to propel a personal agenda.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff McKay".

Join us for a presentation from the FBI- Washington Field Office and remarks from County Officials

The trend in hate and bias crimes across the country and here in Fairfax, continues to be a concern for members of the Faith, Black and other marginalized community members. Fairfax County has made combating hate and bias through community education, outreach and intervention a high priority. We will come together in strength, understanding and fellowship to address the debilitating effects of hate and bias in our community.

Building Resiliency in the Faith Community: A Virtual Conversation

Thursday, March 10, 2022

6pm -7:30

You must [register to attend](#)

Community Engagement

Historical Marker Project

The Fairfax County School Board and the Board of Supervisors invites all K-12 students (public, private and homeschooled), classrooms and community youth groups in Fairfax County to participate in the initial [Historical Marker Project](#) and submit ideas for new Historical Markers throughout Fairfax County. Historical Markers commemorate an event, person, or location of historical significance within the county and the initial focus is on the Black/African American experience. This project is part of a larger [Black/African American Experience](#) project designed to capture, communicate, and preserve the Black/African American experience throughout Fairfax County's history.

Fairfax County Seeking Public Comment

Fairfax County is seeking public comment on the [One-Year Action Plan](#) for dollars to advance affordable housing, community development and public services countywide during Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023). The plan outlines proposed activities and projects that will receive approximately \$9 million in federal funding.

Copies of the Draft One-Year Action Plan are now available [Online](#), at The Fairfax County Government Center Information Desk, at the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development (3700 Pender Drive, Fairfax), and at the reference desk of branches of the Fairfax County Public Library.

Residents may submit comments on the proposed Action Plan [Online](#), via email to Beverly.Moses@Fairfaxcounty.gov, by mail to: Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development ; Attn: Beverly Moses; 3700 Pender Drive; Fairfax, VA 22030. **All comments are due by March 22, 2022.**

Registration Open: DV Network Tier 1 Training

Tier One is a training on the dynamics of domestic violence, the systems that respond to those experiencing violence, and available resources in our community. The training is designed for professionals interested in learning the dynamics of domestic violence in order to deepen their work with clients and community members, and anyone interested in volunteering with Domestic and Sexual Violence Services. Please note that you must attend all 8 sessions to receive a certificate of completion. For more information contact John Crownover (john.crownover@fairfaxcounty.gov) Tier 1 Training will be held **Tuesdays & Thursdays March 8 - March 31, 2022 4-6 p.m.** [Registration](#) now open.

Are you thinking about opening a business in Fairfax County?

Learn all the important considerations you need to know when choosing the best space for your small business. Experts from Fairfax County government will discuss the zoning considerations, permit and inspections processes, and common pitfalls to avoid when choosing a space. (Hint: don't forget about parking!) Attend this interactive webinar powered by the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority and Fairfax County Land Development Services so you can join the county's thriving business community! [Register](#) today!



Health and Wellness

Healthy Together Fairfax community event at Lee District Park on October 2, 2022.

We are now recruiting all those interested in helping plan community event at Lee District Park. We will have two subcommittees, and kick off meetings are scheduled for early March. Here are the details and registration links:

Community Partnerships and Marketing Committee, March 7, 2022 at 12 - 1 p.m. Register for this Zoom event [HERE](#).

Event Activities and Logistics Committee, March 9, 2022 at 12 - 1 p.m. Register for this Zoom event [HERE](#).

If you are unable to attend these meetings but interested in joining one of these subcommittees or helping with event planning in other ways, please email us at healthytogetherfairfax@gmail.com and we'll be sure to keep you informed about upcoming planning efforts. Please feel free to connect us with other individuals and organizations that you'd like to see have a role in shaping this event as well!

Northern Virginia Community Health Assessment

We invite you to take the Northern Virginia Community Health Assessment, a 4 minute, anonymous survey to help identify the most pressing health-related needs in our community. Your input will inform ongoing efforts to deliver accessible, quality care throughout the region. The survey is available in 9 languages through [this link](#).

Supporting Afghan Refugees

If you are supporting or have an interest in supporting Afghan families please email Afghanhelp@fairfaxcounty.gov. You can share about a resource or donation that you would like to offer. You can also share about a need that you have helping a family. Thank you for continued support for members of our community.

SAVE THE DATE

A Virtual Meet and Greet with Suzette Reynolds

April 12th 12pm –1pm

April 19th 7pm – 8pm

We will be having two virtual meet and greet opportunities with the new

Interfaith Coordinator, Suzette Reynolds.



More information to come

We hope to see you all there !

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Centreville Immigration Forum Invites You to Faith Leaders Virtual Coffee! March 22

We are excited to invite you to our annual Faith Leader's Event! This year we will be holding it virtually, Tuesday, March 22 at 9:30am. We hope you can join us in learning more about our organization and what we are doing to serve our community, and how you can help! Please RSVP via [Google Calendar invite](#)

Virtual Dialogue: Addressing Extremism and Finding Hope-March 1, 2022 AT 6 pm

Communities United Against Hate (CUAH) is a nonpartisan organization that unites our diverse community to combat bigotry, support victims of hate, and promote inclusiveness in Montgomery County, Maryland, and surrounding areas. We are a diverse network of organizations, agencies, and individuals working together to support programs, trainings, and other activities of member organizations. Our action alerts feature programs hosted by CUAH or members of the CUAH network.

Intergenerational Dialog on Race, Discrimination and Violent Extremism. The dialog will feature:

- Daryl Davis, Grammy-winning musician, author, and race reconciliator
- Scott Shepard, former Mississippi KKK Grand Dragon, and now well-known anti-racism activist
- Olivia Gyapong, 2020 YCC President and Stamps Scholar at U. of Missouri
- Simon Debesai, YCC Co-Founder and Student at Yale

Youth Creating Change leaders Olivia and Simon will facilitate a conversation with Daryl and Scott on addressing racism, creating change, and finding hope today. [Click Here to Register](#)

Getting to Zero Waste in Our Homes and Northern Virginia

Act for Climate Today (ACT!) **March 2 Program 7:30-8:30 pm, Meeting 8:30-9:00.**

Zero waste should not be an empty dream for NOVA. Learn how Virginia governments, industry leaders, and citizens can do to cut trash. We must establish collection and recovery programs for difficult-to-handle materials such as paint, batteries, tires, electronics, medications, #3-7 plastics, and glass. Scott MacDonald, Recycling Program Manager for Prince William County Department of Public Works will discuss steps being taken in PW to reduce waste and future plans to drive down waste even more. [Zoom meeting](#) will be recorded.

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Interfaith Communities for Dialogue

Interfaith Communities for Dialogue (ICD) is presenting a virtual workshop on **Racism: Costs for Everyone and Ways to Prosper Together** on Sunday, March 13, 2022, from 4 – 6 PM. This follows a 4-part series of workshops on Racism and Systemic Bias conducted by ICD in 2020-21. Please join us. You will receive a link to the Zoom meeting when you [REGISTER](#). For questions or more information email: interfaithcd@gmail.com.

FEMA INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR SERIES

Fiscal Year 2022 [Nonprofit Security Grant Program](#) Technical Assistance Webinar Series
The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Grant Programs Directorate (GPD), in partnership with the DHS Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), invites faith-based, community, and nonprofit organizations to participate in upcoming webinars regarding the fiscal year (FY) 2022 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP). The vulnerability self-assessment tool, as well as other helpful safety and security information for nonprofits, can be found at the [Hometown Security](#) website.

*Due to the potential number of participants and the limited capacity of online meetings, the webinar will open **30 minutes prior to the published start time of each event.** If you are unable to join or the event is at capacity, please join the next available offering. All webinars will cover the same content. **No prior registration is available or required.***

Virtual Reality Check

This free three-session webinar series is designed for teen drivers and their parents or guardians. The program is free and open to the public. Reality Check begins on Monday, **March 7, 2022 at 7PM** and is a three part series:

March 7 - Graduated License Procedure

March 14 – Drug/Alcohol Presentation, A Trip to the ED, and Sharing the Road

March 21 – Trauma Surgeon Presentation and Survivor Speakers

Sessions are progressive, building upon each other. The series concludes with a debrief at the end of the third session. [Sign up here](#)



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