

Sull-E Newsletter



A message from Kathy Smith

Next week will be our final board meeting of the year. As the year draws to a close I would encourage you to enjoy some of the holiday activities around Fairfax County. I've included some information about those below.

I'd also like to congratulate Wildflour Bakery for winning this year's Martha Glennan Disability Inclusion and Equality Award, which will be presented during an award ceremony and reception on Monday December 12 at 7 p.m. in rooms 2/3 of the Fairfax County Government Center! I toured Wildflour several months back and was very impressed. You can check out my Facebook for more information here:

<https://www.facebook.com/SullyDistrict/posts/1218453701552344>

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Animal Shelter Corner



Learn more about Marco and the Animal Shelter here:

<http://www.petango.com/Adopt/Dog-Boxer-33947160>

Five Holiday Activities from Visit Fairfax and the Economic Development Authority

The abundance of holiday activities in the area helps to make Fairfax County a winter destination.

"Fairfax County is an exceptional destination for visitors and residents alike during the holidays," said Barry Biggar, president and CEO of Visit Fairfax. "We offer a glimpse into holidays past at our historic sites, annual light show extravaganzas that draw crowds from around the region, traditional winter activities such as ice skating, phenomenal Nutcracker performances and a shopping experience that is second-to-none in the Mid-Atlantic region.

A festival of lights



Beyond thousands of decorated homes and businesses, Fairfax County is home to three major commercial holiday light shows that consistently draw oohs and aahs from locals as well as visitors.

- [Meadowlark Winter Walk of Lights](#): A half-mile, animated show at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens in Vienna through Jan. 8.
- [Bull Run Festival of Lights](#): A 2.5-mile illuminated drive culminating at a holiday village with bonfires and s'mores in Centreville through Jan. 8. Camel rides are optional.
- [Chinese Lantern Festival](#): At Roer's Zoofari (formerly Reston Zoo) in Vienna through Jan. 1, view 800 hand-crafted lanterns from Zigong, China, turning the zoo into a night-time dreamscape of animal life and electronically-lit scenes.

Ice time is a nice time



Ice skating doesn't necessarily mean frozen ponds or sub-freezing temperatures. In fact, Fairfax County offers both indoor and outdoor options for those looking to channel their inner Dorothy Hamill or Brian Boitano.

- [Tysons Corner Center Ice Rink](#): More than 6,000 square feet offering public skating hours and opportunities for private parties and corporate outings. Open through March 6.
- [Reston Town Center Pavilion Ice Rink](#): Popular family venue offers skate rentals in the heart of the shopping district. Open through March 12.
- [Mount Vernon Rec Center Ice Arena](#): Year-round indoor facility in the Alexandria area of the county. Check for public skating availability.
- [SkateQuest Ice Rink](#): Dual-rink indoor facility in Reston open September to June, offers lessons and hockey rentals in addition to public skating. Check for daily availability.

History meets the holidays



There may be no better way for visitors to enjoy a "Washington Christmas" than by visiting [Mount Vernon during the holidays](#). George Washington's estate comes alive with music, candlelight tours of the mansion, holiday cooking displays and fireworks on Dec. 16-17. Christmas programs run through Jan. 6 with regular admission fees.

In Mason Neck, Gunston Hall, once the plantation home of founding father George Mason,

also gets into the holiday spirit. Its annual [Christmastide at Gunston Hall](#) features period music, holiday craft activities, Christmas carols and a visit from Santa.

Not your silent nights



The holidays help expose a new audience to [Wolf Trap](#) National Park for the Performing Arts in Vienna. On Dec. 3, Wolf Trap's Filene Center will host its free-admission [Holiday Sing-A-Long](#) with a performance by the U.S. Marine Band and local choir and vocal groups. The [Barns at Wolf Trap](#) will showcase chamber music shows on Dec. 2 and Dec. 4.

[George Mason University's Center for the Arts](#) provides holiday programming, as well, notably the Fairfax Symphony and Fairfax Ballet performing Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" on Dec. 9 and the American Festival Pops Orchestra's "Holiday Pops: Songs of the Season" on Dec. 10.

If chamber music or Tchaikovsky aren't your kids' thing, try the [Winter Wonderland at Burke Lake Park](#) in Fairfax Station, Dec. 3-4 and Dec. 10-11. Ride the Holiday Express Train, Snowman's Wagon or USS Rudolph Boat, play a round of Gingerbread Man's Golf or take a spin on the Caroler's Carousel.

Shop 'til you drop



Nothing boosts the retail economy like the holiday shopping season. Fairfax County offers world-class shopping and unique local merchants -- not to mention food and drink establishments, many with seasonal selections.

Among the most popular shopping destinations: [Tysons Corner Center](#), [Tysons Galleria](#), [Reston Town Center](#), [Fairfax Square](#), [Fairfax Corner](#), [Fair Oaks Mall](#), [Springfield Town Center](#), the [Mosaic District](#) in Merrifield and the [Workhouse Arts Center](#) in Lorton.

[Visit Fairfax](#) offers a comprehensive guide to all Fairfax County has to offer. Please visit its site at www.fxva.com, and remember to consult individual venues for their individual calendar of events, times, restrictions and admission costs.



**Notice of Public Hearings on Proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees and
Charges and 2017 Annual Budget**

December 15, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m. on Thurs., Dec. 15, 2016, the Fairfax Water Board of Directors will hold public hearings on the proposed revisions to the Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges and the 2017 Annual Budget. The proposed revisions include a change in the commodity charge from \$2.68 to \$2.81 per 1,000 gallons, effective with meter readings taken on or after April 1, 2017.

The proposed 2017 Annual Budget can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

The proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

The public hearings will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA.

Those wishing to speak at these hearings or a hard copy of the proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges, should call Kenneth Lasso at (703) 289-6194. Interested parties also may submit written comments to PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org or mail written comments to:

Fairfax Water
Public Hearing Comments
8570 Executive Park Avenue
Fairfax, VA 22031

All written comments must be received by close of business on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 to be included in the record of the public hearing.
