

A message from Kathy Smith

This week, we heard more disturbing media reports about harassment of female workers in our fire department. The Fire Department is conducting an internal investigation and the Board of Supervisors is hiring an outside consultant to conduct an assessment of the workplace environment. I want all of you to know that I support a zero tolerance policy on these types of workplace issues and will work to ensure that all county employees feel safe and supported.

On Wednesday, our office toured the Izaak Walton League's Arlington Fairfax Chapter in Centreville. The league is dedicated to preserving natural spaces and providing firearm education to their 2,200 members in addition to the thousands of visitors that come through every year. The league is proud to serve wounded warriors, cub scouts, boy scouts, girl scouts, and many high school and college shooting clubs. Nine months out of the year, the club is open on Sundays for archery training. Another great program they offer is called Women On Target which is an NRA program specifically marketed to help women become comfortable around firearms.

Thank you to the Izaak Walton League for welcoming us.



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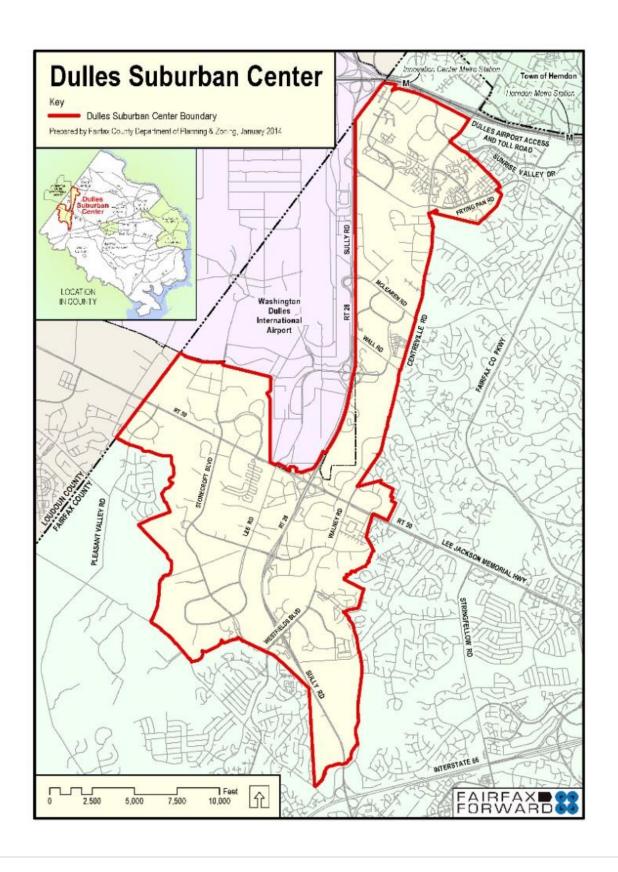




We have a many Slow Down signs available in the Sully District Government Center at 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. Come by the office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to pick some up for your neighborhood! Remember to keep them on your property and not in VDOT right of way.

Dulles Suburban Center Study Reminder

Don't miss the opportunity to suggest potential changes to the Dulles Suburban Center Plan. The deadline is **May 31, 2016**. Complete this <u>form</u> and submit your ideas to the Department of Planning and Zoning to suggest changes to Comprehensive Plan land use recommendations and guidance for this area. Land Units A and B will be excluded from consideration at this time. Please see the <u>form</u> for other exclusion areas. The Dulles Suburban Center Study is a land use planning study that will update recommendations for future land uses and development. To learn more about the study visit the Dulles Suburban Center Study <u>website</u>. If you have any questions about this study, you may contact the Planning Division by phone (703-324-1380, TTY 711 (Virginia Relay)) or email <u>DPZDullesSubCenter@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>.



Mosquito Preparedness

When the weather warms, mosquitoes arrive looking for a meal. With talk of the zika virus in the news, you may be wondering what it is, whether it's a threat here in Fairfax County and how you can prevent it. Nationally, there have been 358 travel-associated Zika cases to date (persons being infected in another country and travelling to the U.S). Eleven of these have been in Virginia, including three in the Virginia Department of Health's northern region, which includes Fairfax County. There have not been any cases in the U.S. where the virus was contracted from local mosquitoes, but there is a risk of Zika being imported into Virginia. So how can you protect yourself and property from mosquito bites (which, regardless of Zika, are still unpleasant and can transmit other viruses like West Nile)?

7 Ways to Protect Against Mosquitoes

The best thing is to prevent mosquitoes around your home and neighborhood and protect yourself from their bites by taking the following steps:

- 1.Eliminate standing water in your yard by tipping or tossing water from containers like tires, buckets, flower pots, drain pipes, tarps, bird, baths, toys, etc.
- 2.Treat containers with a larvicide like Bacillus thuringiensis var. israelensis (follow label instructions) if you cannot tip them.
- 3. Consider using insecticides on bushy green plants and other vegetation to control flying mosquitoes.
- 4. Wear insect repellents containing DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535 (follow label instructions). When used as directed, EPA-registered insect repellents are proven safe and effective, even for pregnant and breast-feeding women.
- 5. Cover exposed skin by wearing light-colored, long-sleeved shirts and pants.
- 6.Treat clothing with permethrin (do not apply to skin), which will remain protective after multiple washings.

7. Keep windows and door screens in good repair to keep mosquitoes out.

Countywide Transit Network Study Comment Period Open Through June 3, 2016

<u>Fairfax County Department of Transportation</u> (FCDOT) is accepting comments on the Countywide Transit Network Study (CTNS) through June 3, 2016. The <u>Draft Final Report</u> recaps the purpose and need for the study, its process, how transit concepts were developed and documents the final recommendations of the study. An <u>Executive Summary</u> also is available for review.

FCDOT has been working on the Countywide Transit Network Study since 2012, in an effort to determine the type of transit systems needed to accommodate desired growth throughout the County over the next several decades. The study has developed recommendations for where Metrorail should be extended, where light-rail or bus rapid transit systems are appropriate, and where express bus connections would help meet the transportation needs of the future growth.

Residents may comment using the online form at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/2050transitstudy/. For those interested in the Appendices of the report, please contact FCDOT via the question/comment box or at (703) 877-5600, TTY 711.

Upcoming Police Events

Come join the Fairfax County Police Department as officers park the cruisers and run on foot with the Flame of Hope in support of the Special Olympics VA! The route will be illuminated with glow sticks, police emergency lights and our helicopter spotlight! Gates open at 6 p.m. on June 4th at FCPD Emergency Vehicle Operations Center, 3725 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly, Virginia. Fun run starts at 8:30 p.m. The run is approximately 1.25 miles. Please register online at https://www.firstgiving.com/torchrunva/LETR-Fairfax-Light-the-Night no later than June 3rd. See attached flyer for more information.

Sully District Station Hosts 'Trash Talks' Initiative to Encourage Drivers to Keep Kids Alive, Drive 25!

Speeding in residential neighborhoods is a common problem throughout Fairfax County and the sustained effort to reduce neighborhood speeding began in 2014 with the, "Slow Down: You Live Here, We Live Here" campaign. Working in conjunction with this program, the Sully District Station has partnered with American Disposal Services and the Virginia Run Community to try a new approach to bringing greater awareness to the problem of speeding in neighborhoods.

On Monday, May 23, 2016, officers from the Sully District Station, employees of American Disposal Services and residents of the Virginia Run Community will present "Trash Talks," an initiative intended to increase speeding awareness for the safety of our children. Volunteers will be affixing "Keep Kids Alive Drive 25" stickers (see photo below) to residential trash bins to help educate and remind drivers to slow down for our kids' sake! The stickers will be rolled to the streets twice a week, providing a regular reminder to the community to slow down.

In addition, trash collection workers and trucks are an integral part of our communities. What many do not realize is their profession is listed as the fifth most dangerous job in the country with about 40 percent of trash collection worker injuries and fatalities occurring due to transportation-related incidents. We are grateful for the partnership with American Disposal Services and their commitment to the safety and security of the community they serve as well as that of their employees.

It is the hope of the Fairfax County Police Department that this weekly reminder will prompt residents to slow down to help keep our children safe as well as maintain our community as an enjoyable place to live, work, and play!

You are invited to join FCPD on this new adventure! They will be kicking off the initiative on Monday, May 23 at 10 a.m. at the Virginia Run Community Center, 15355 Wetherburn Court, Centreville, Virginia. Come check out this new and exciting program, your community could be next!

