



A message from Kathy Smith

Happy Labor Day! All Fairfax County Government offices will be closed on Monday, September 3 in honor of the Labor Day holiday. My office will reopen on Tuesday, September 4 at 8:00 a.m.

In this week's newsletter you will find information about events happening at the Centreville Regional Library, a video on how to fill in your absentee ballot, and much more.

I hope everyone had a great first week of school!

Sincerely,

Kathy

Reminders!

Arts Survey Deadline Extended to September 7 -

There is still time to provide input on the Master Plan for Performing and Visual Arts Facilities. The deadline to have your voice heard has been extended to Friday, September 7. The anonymous survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and the information will be incorporated into the planning process. Click [here](#) to take the Arts Survey.

For more information about the Arts Survey, click [here](#).

Events at Centreville Regional Library



[College Applications: Essays That Open Doors](#)

Date: Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Time: 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Colonel Carla Bass has received rave reviews for her writing workshops, based on her book "Write to Influence." Participants will be inspired to develop a standout college essay. Grades: 10 to adult.

[Chinese Dance](#)

Date: Saturday, September 15, 2018

Time: 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Come learn about Chinese dance, which has a history of 5,000 years and is drawn from 56 ethnic groups. Dance showcase and demo lesson. Ages: 6 to adult.

[Speed of Sound Lab](#)

Date: Wednesday, September 19, 2018

Time: 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Discover the secrets of how sound travels through different medium. A basic understanding of Algebra I is recommended. Violin Instructor Drew Robertson will lead this workshop. Grades: 7 to 12.

[Lost Puppies Rescue](#)

Date: Thursday, September 20, 2018

Time: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Meet the Australian Shepherd dogs, Max and Tucker. Hear the true story on their animal rescue efforts at Bull Run Regional Park. All ages.

The Centreville Regional Library is located at 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville, VA 20121. For more information about these events, please contact the library at 703-830-2223, TTY 711, or email libCE@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Volunteer Opportunity



[Fairfax County Animal Shelter Volunteer](#)

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter has over 400 active volunteers, and so much of the shelter's lifesaving work is because of their amazing efforts! Want to join them? Read on for their requirements and what type of things volunteers do around the shelter.

Requirements to volunteer:

1. Must be 18 years old - no exceptions!
2. Must be able to lift 20 lbs.
3. Be able to commit to a minimum of six hours per month.
4. Commit to treat **all** animals and people with respect and kindness.

What volunteers do:

Volunteers are at the shelter from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. every day, in two hour shifts, rain or shine, 365 days a year. They provide the equivalent of 17 full-time staff positions with the total hours volunteered, and the dogs, cats, and small animals benefit in so many ways from their time and attention and love! All of the shelter pets get lots of time outside of their kennels every day, whether that's a dog going on a walk on shelter grounds and testing out the agility equipment, or one of the patented 'cat parties' during which lots of cats come out to interact and play, or getting bunnies out to hop around the shelter on a harness and leash. Even the piles of dishes and laundry that are generated - volunteers are there, up to their elbows scrubbing and cleaning!

Current volunteer needs:

If you are interested in volunteering, you can either stay tuned and follow the shelter on Facebook for details and instructions on upcoming volunteer recruitment events, or email them at animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov for current volunteer needs. If you are a certified dog or cat trainer and would like to join their volunteer training team, please email the shelter at animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Open Hire Sessions for Jobs in Therapeutic Recreation



Are you interested in working to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities? If so, then Therapeutic Recreation Services (TRS) is the place for you! They are frequently in search of individuals who share our passion for providing meaningful, even life changing, support and experiences to individuals with varying intellectual and physical disabilities. These are particularly ideal opportunities for individuals interested in pursuing a career in human services, special education, social work, recreation management and therapeutic recreation.

Open Hire Sessions:

Thursday, September 6, 2018

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Pennino Building (12011 Government Center Parkway, 10th Floor, Fairfax, VA 22035)

They are seeking Therapeutic Recreation staff to take the lead in providing outstanding programs for individuals with varying intellectual and physical disabilities. Some of our programs include:

- **Saturday Discover and Voyager:** offers participants (6-22) a variety of structured art, fitness and social activities
- **Adult Social Clubs:** enjoy picnics, museum outings and seasonal events while promoting personal success and development of social skills for adults with developmental disabilities
- **SMILE:** a play group that supports the social development of 3 to 5 years olds with varying disabilities
- **Sports and Fitness:** accessible sports/health opportunities for individuals (18+) with developmental disabilities
- **Swim Safety Classes**

For more information, click [here](#).

Water Mine to End Season with a Doggone Good Time



The Water Mine will go to the dogs this September with a season-ending event benefitting the Fairfax County Animal Shelter and Fairfax County Park Foundation. Dogs and dog lovers are invited to join us on **Sunday, September 9, 2018 when The Water Mine Family Swimmin' Hole at Lake Fairfax Park will open for dogs-only swimming from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Dogs can swim in Rattlesnake River and splash in the playground area for a suggested donation of \$10 per dog. The event will also serve as a collection site for dog food donations for the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

This year's end-of-season hoopla will once again feature a canine resource fair. Two-legged and four-legged visitors can visit pet vendors, obtain/renew dog licenses, learn about Park Authority dog parks and or find out how to volunteer as a dog park monitor. **A low-cost rabies clinic will be available in Lake Fairfax**

Park's Main Office from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Pets may receive 1-year rabies vaccinations for \$15 each (cash or check only).

The Water Mine Family Swimmin' Hole at Lake Fairfax is located at 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston, VA. For more information, visit [The Water Mine](#) or call 703-324-8662.

To read the full article, click [here](#).

Video: How to Fill Out Your Mail-in Absentee Ballot



Follow these directions to make sure you fill out your mail-in absentee ballot materials correctly so your vote is counted. For more information about absentee voting, click [here](#).

Hang Up! 4 Common Phone Scams



Scams stink. Scams peddle fear in return for money. Don't fall victim to these four common phone scams, which are happening in our community:

Sheriff's Warrant for Your Arrest Scam:

Have you received a phone call from the "Fairfax County Sheriff's Office" saying that you have a warrant out for your arrest? These scammers, falsely claiming to be deputies, are requesting credit card information for court costs and providing a "new" court date to the victim.

If you receive a call like this, please call the Police Department's warrant desk at 703-246-4231, TTY 711, to verify if you or someone else may have a warrant.

IRS Scam:

Callers claim they are from the IRS, a government agency or a law firm and you

owe money. If you do not pay immediately, they threaten the police will show up at your door and arrest you. [This is simply not true.](#)

Family Member Critical Emergency Scam:

Callers generally claim they are your teenaged/young adult-aged family member. They tell you they have been arrested, are in jail, and need money, either for bond or court fees. They will ask you to wire money to a non-existent attorney or bondsman, or possibly to a friend who will pay the alleged fines so they can be released.

Child Abduction Scam:

Police from around the region report a relatively new child abduction scam when a parent/guardian gets a phone call during a school day and they hear a child crying or a child stating they have been kidnapped. Then, a stranger gets on the phone and tells the parent their child has been abducted and demands ransom for the child's return. The scammer tells the victim to wire the money to a specific location. [Get the full details about this scam.](#)

Report Scams:

If you are, or think you might be, the victim of a phone scam, or other scams, please file a report online with the Police Department:

[Report Financial Crime](#)

To read the full article, click [here](#).

Health and Safety Podcast



On this edition of the “Health and Safety” podcast, learn about preparing for the unexpected, ticks, suicide prevention, West Nile virus, and the National Flood Insurance Program. Links to topics mentioned in this podcast can be found online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Click [here](#) to listen.

To listen to other county podcasts, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/podcasts.

Virginia Preschool Initiative Now Enrolling Until Mid-September



Virginia Preschool Initiative provides quality preschool education programming for eligible 4-year-old children.

VPI offers:

- A state approved, developmentally appropriate curriculum supporting kindergarten readiness.
- Child screenings for hearing, vision, developmental, dental, mental health.
- Family engagement opportunities and support.

Applications for enrollment in VPI designated child care centers are available through the Child Care Assistance Program.

For more information, contact a location near you.

Program Requirements

- Child must be 4 years-old by September 30, 2018.
- Must meet income guidelines.
- Must be a resident of Fairfax County or the City of Fairfax.

VPI preschool classrooms in Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax

Annandale

ACCA Child Development Center
7200 Columbia Pike
Annandale, VA 22003
703-256-0100

Alexandria

Buckman Road KinderCare
4287 Buckman Road
Alexandria, VA 22309
703-360-1045

Capital Kids Preschool and Learning Center

8758 Richmond Hwy.
Alexandria, VA 22309
703-360-3668

Creative Learning School

8331 Washington Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22309
703-799-0335

Fordson Road KinderCare

7901 Fordson Road
Alexandria, VA 22306
703-780-9099

Gum Street KinderCare

6123 Gum Street
Alexandria, VA 22310
703-922-5040

Hopkins House—McNeil Preschool Academy

8543 Forest Place
Alexandria, VA 22309
571-480-4274

UCM Early Learning

2709 Popkins Lane
Alexandria, VA 22306
703-765-0909

Centreville

Stone Road KinderCare
6215 Stone Road
Centreville, VA 20120
703-830-6712

Fairfax

Main Street Child Development Center
4401 Sideburn Road
Fairfax, VA 22030
703-273-1192

Sparkles Child Care Center

Fair Oaks
12001 Lee Highway
Fairfax, VA 22030
703-502-8100

Falls Church

Falls Church McLean Children's Center
7230 Idylwood Road
Falls Church, VA 22043
703-534-4907

Kidstretch

303 S. Maple Avenue, Suite 100
Falls Church, VA 22046
703-300-7329

Seven Corners Children's Center

6129 Willston Drive
Falls Church, VA 22044
703-532-4262

Herndon

Franklin Farm Road KinderCare
13228 Franklin Farm Road
Herndon, VA 20171
703-860-2800

Herndon Parkway KinderCare

1178 Herndon Parkway
Herndon, VA 20170
703-435-3955

Hopkins House—Innovative Preschool

200 Fairbrook Drive, Ste. 103
Herndon, VA 20170
703-549-4232 opt. 1

Locust Street KinderCare

801 Locust Street
Herndon, VA 20170
703-471-1191

Reston

Lake Newport Road KinderCare
11875 Lake Newport Road
Reston, VA 20194
703-742-0494

Laurel Learning Center

11484 Washington Plaza West # 200
Reston, VA 20190
571-323-1414

Soapstone Drive KinderCare

2300 Soapstone Drive
Reston, VA 20191
703-476-4710

TLC4 Kids Children's Center

1603 N. Washington Plaza
Reston, VA 20190
703-787-0560

Springfield

Bauer Drive KinderCare
8518 Bauer Drive
Springfield, VA 22152
703-451-4194

Rolling Road KinderCare

8119 Rolling Road
Springfield, VA 22153
703-866-3135

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Evan!

Age: 2y 11m

Gender: Male

Color: Black / White

Spayed/Neutered: Yes

Size: Medium

Handsome, friendly Evan originally came to the Animal Shelter from one of their rural rescue partners, and he is awesome! He loves cuddling and being held. He has good manners in the house and only tears up his own toys. He appears to be housebroken, and he already knows some basic commands. Evan loves to sniff. Like, seriously loves it. There is nothing better for him in this world. He wants--no, needs--to sniff all the things. He is Mr.

Super-duper curious!! He could use a little extra training and socialization with other dogs. Thanks to the Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, his adopters will receive two free training sessions with Deepwood Canine Consultants to start you off on the right paw. With his smarts, we predict he will be a well-mannered, social pup in no time! For more information about Evan, contact the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at 703-830-1100 or by email at animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.
