



A message from Kathy Smith

There are many ways you can help those in need this holiday season. The Blank & Coat Drive for Refugees, held by the NOVA Relief Center, ends tomorrow, Saturday, December 8. You can drop off coats and blankets of all sizes for adults and children at the Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151). The donation box is located in the lobby. Items must be clean and new or in gently-used condition.

Fairfax County Fire & Rescue is holding a TOYS FOR TOTS campaign from now until Wednesday, December 12, 2018. You can donate new toys at any of the Fire and Rescue Stations.

Lastly, the Sully District Police Station will host a Cram the Cruiser Holiday Food Drive this Saturday, December 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Walmart (4368 Chantilly Shopping Center Drive, Chantilly, VA 20151). All food will benefit Western Fairfax Christian Ministries. More information about all of these events is below.

Sincerely,

Kathy

Reminders!

NOVA Relief Center - Blanket & Coat Drive for Refugees:

Date: Saturday, November 10 to Saturday, December 8

Location: Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151)

The [NOVA Relief Center](#) is holding a blanket and coat drive for refugees starting this Saturday, November 10 to Saturday, December 8. You can drop off coats and blankets of all sizes and fabrics for adults and children. Sweaters and sweatshirts are also welcome. All items must be clean and new or in gently-used condition. For more information please visit

www.novareliefcenter.org.

Fairfax County Fire & Rescue TOYS FOR TOTS Campaign:

From now until **Wednesday, December 12, 2018** you can drop off new unwrapped toys to benefit the 2018 TOYS FOR TOTS campaign. The campaign will only accept new toys and you can drop them off at any of the [Fire and Rescue Stations](#). Toys used as weapons or considered to be weapons (i.e., toy guns or knives of any kind) will not be accepted. Check or money orders for donations must be payable to TOYS FOR TOTS.

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

Fairfax County Police Civilian Review Panel:

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Mount Vernon Governmental Center (2511 Parkers Lane, Mt. Vernon, VA 22306)

Meet your Independent Police Auditor and Panel Members. Learn how to initiate the complaint process, who will investigate complaints, and what to expect once a complaint is filed. Receive a 2018 update on Panel activity. Engage the Panel with you questions about the process. For more information call 703-324-2502 or email policecivilianreviewpanel@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Fairfax Water: Budget and Water Rate Public Hearing:

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018

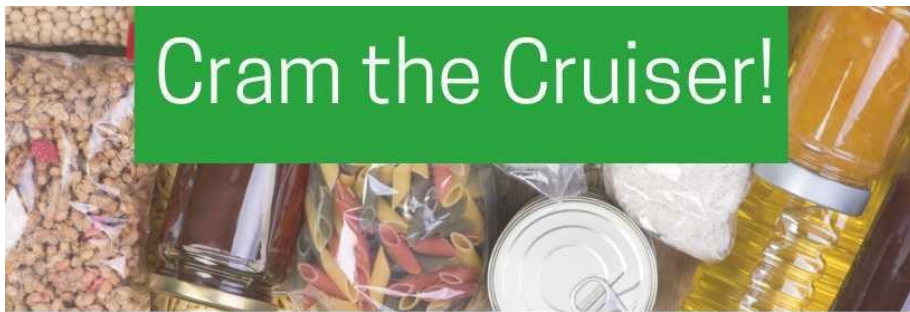
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA

Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its Proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges.

A copy of the proposed changes to the rates can be views online at www.fairfaxwater.org/rates. A copy of the proposed budget can be found at www.fairfaxwater.org. Those wishing to speak or receive a copy of the proposed changes should call Ms. Eva Catlin at 703--289-6017.

Holiday Food Drive: Cram the Cruiser!



HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

All food will go to
Western Fairfax Christian Ministries

JOIN US
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.



WALMART
4368 CHANTILLY SHOPPING
CENTER DR, CHANTILLY, VA 20151

Exchange Zone for Online Purchases



Do you love to buy or sell stuff online? Of course, many items are shipped directly to homes, but you sometimes need to meet up to complete a transaction. Sometimes this can put buyers in a vulnerable position and create opportunities for criminals.

To increase safety and promote safer exchanges, an exchange zone was established in the parking lot of the Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151). The governmental center is also home to the Sully District Police Station, so the parking lot is monitored by video camera 24 hours a day.

Events at Centreville Regional Library



[Winter Reading Kickoff: Fairy Caravan](#)

Date: Saturday, December 8, 2018

Time: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Beale Street Puppets presents a fantasy land of gnomes, fairies, wizards, and elves under a gypsy tent. A musical with handcrafted whimsical woodland creatures, who perform on miniature tree stumps and toadstools. All ages welcome.

[Math Game Connection](#)

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018

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

Math is not always a drag! Play a mix of quick moving math games and tangrams. Boost skills through play. Grades: 4 to 6.

[Books with Bella!](#)

Date: Monday, December 17, 2018

Time: 4:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Bella loves books! Practice reading aloud to Bella, a trained therapy dog. Ages: 6 to 12.

[Family Movie: Captain Underpants](#)

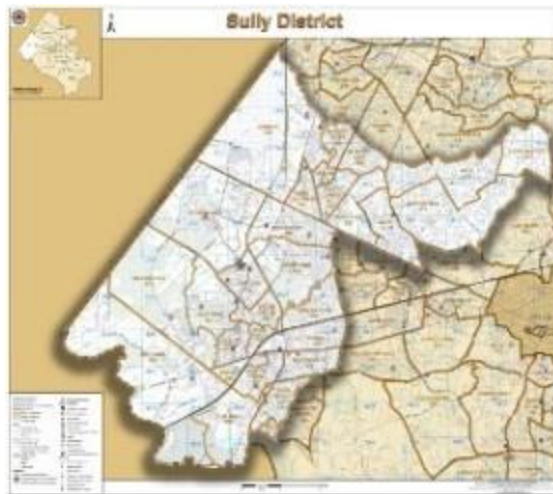
Date: Thursday, December 27, 2018

Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Come enjoy an afternoon showing of Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie. Rated PG. Popcorn provided. All ages.

The [Centreville Regional Library](#) is located at 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville, VA 20121. For more information about these events please call 703-830-2223, TTY: 711 or email libCE@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Sully Land Use Spotlight



Upcoming Meetings:

Dulles Suburban Center: Land Unit J Task Force Meeting -

The [Dulles Suburban Center Land Unit J Task Force](#) will meet on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Westfield High School (4700 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151) in the Cafeteria (Door #11). For more information visit the [meetings page](#).

Volunteer Opportunity



[Technology Tutor \(Centreville Regional Library\)](#)

Assist customers in improving their technology skills.

Duties: Works one-on-one with library customers teaching them computer and technology related skills. Topics will vary based on the customer's needs, but usually include navigating the Internet, learning basic Microsoft Office programs, and working with eBooks and e-readers. Reports volunteer hours promptly and accurately.

Qualifications: Strong computer skills. Ability to explain technology to novice users. Patience. Good interpersonal skills. Desire to help others improve their technology proficiency.

Location:

Centreville Regional Library
14200 St. Germain Drive
Centreville, VA 20121

Contact:

Jyoti Shirke

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Programs to Keep Kids Engaged Over Winter Break



Fairfax County Public Schools will soon settle down for their "long winter's nap," but that doesn't mean Fairfax kids and teens have nothing to do!

Registration is now open for [RECQuest](#) (students in 1st-6th grade) and [Teens in Action](#) (students 12 to 18 years old) - programs offered by Fairfax Neighborhood and Community Services to keep students engaged and active when schools are

out for the spring, summer, and winter breaks. Each program offers healthy and affordable recreation opportunities and amazing experiences for students to learn, play, and serve.

Program Dates: December 26-28 and 31, 2018; and January 2-4, 2019

Fee: Based on a sliding scale based on household income. Multi-child discounts and financial assistance opportunities available.

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

Who We Are in Fairfax County in 2018; Annual Demographics Report



Who are we in Fairfax County in 2018?

According to the recently released [2018 Demographics Report](#) there are an estimated 1,152,873 of us and 418,250 housing units. Our median household

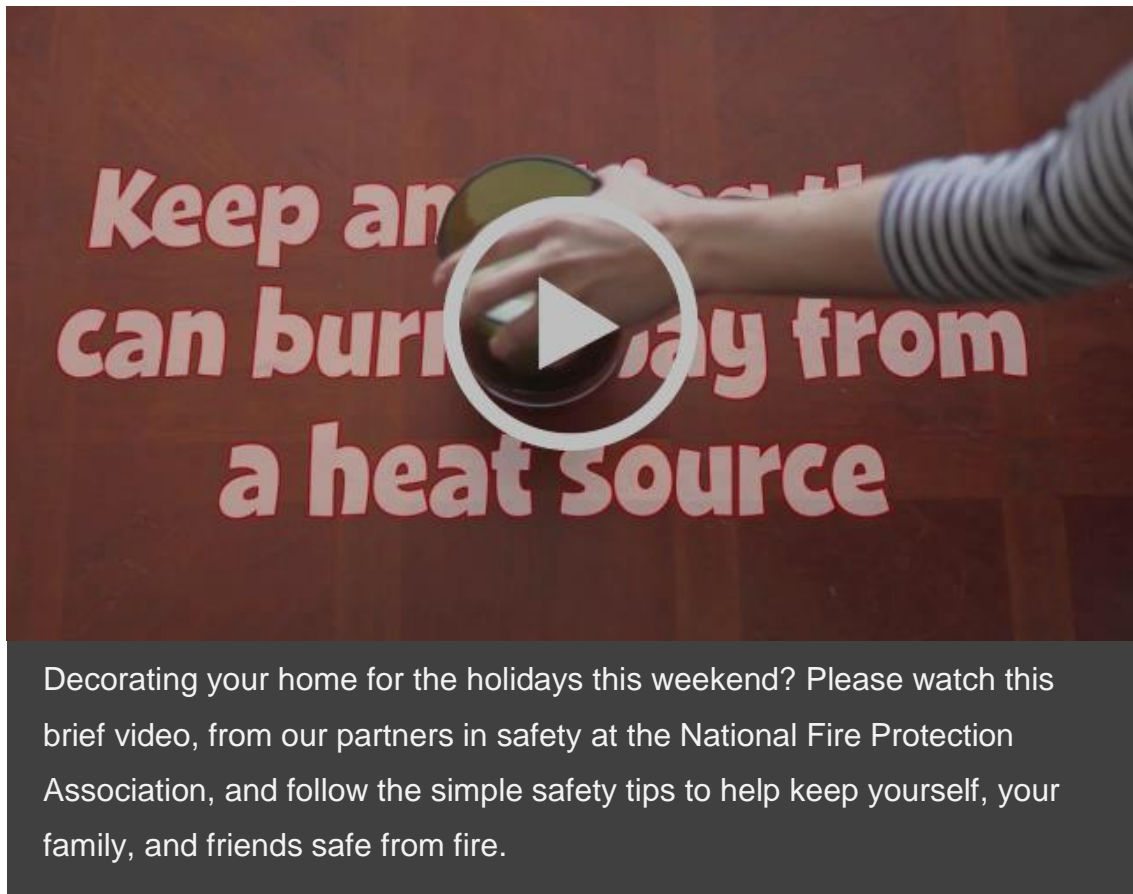
income is \$118,279, yet an estimated 6 percent of our neighbors live in poverty.

The county's annual demographics report features critical insights into who we are in Fairfax County - our ethnicity, housing costs, as well as income and forecasts of population and housing units, among several other indicators. This information is used by the Board of Supervisors, county executive, and county agencies to make informed and strategic decisions on the services provided to our community, as well as the county's budget and economic future.

Fairfax County is large and diverse, so the Economic, Demographic, and Statistical Research (EDSR) unit provides an [interactive tool](#) to enable you to see what your supervisory district looks like.

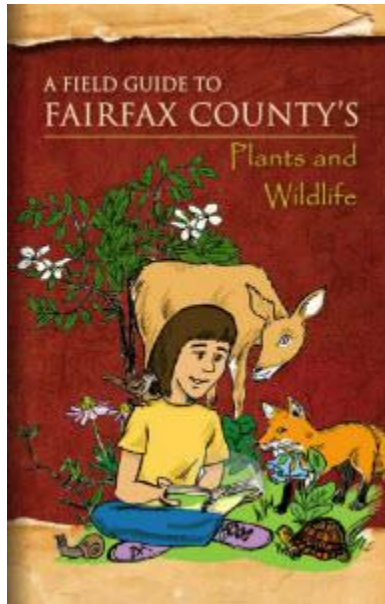
To read the full article, click [here](#).

Video: Deck the Halls With Fire Safety



Decorating your home for the holidays this weekend? Please watch this brief video, from our partners in safety at the National Fire Protection Association, and follow the simple safety tips to help keep yourself, your family, and friends safe from fire.

The Green Column



A Field Guide to Fairfax County's Plants and Wildlife

Thousands of species of plants and animals call Fairfax County home. A Field Guide to Fairfax County's Plants and Wildlife helps readers identify common species found in typical neighborhoods, schoolyards, parks, and other outdoor areas of the county.

Fun activities explore how organisms fit into the ecosystem and encourage awareness of how human influences affect the environment.

The Field Guide is a useful resource for any resident who wants to know more about the local environment where they live, work, and play.

To download the Guide, click [here](#).

For additional information, [email the Stormwater Planning Division](#) or call 703-324-5500, TTY: 711.

Animal Shelter Corner



[Meet Cheesy!](#)

Age: 12y

Gender: Female

Color: Tan

Spayed/Neutered: Yes

Size: Large

Are you looking for a mature, laid back companion to keep you company as you putter around the house, yard, or neighborhood? Look no further than Cheesy! She is a sweet, older girl who already knows all of her basic

commands, is housebroken, walks nicely on a leash, and is a super listener. Sometimes, she prefers to just do her own thing, but mostly she likes hanging out with her adult people. She, however, is not crazy about little children. So she would prefer to live in an adult-only home. For more information about Cheesy contact the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at 703-830-1100 or email AnimalShelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.
