



## A message from Kathy Smith

Public hearings on the FY 2019 Advertised Budget plan wrapped up yesterday. Thank you to everyone that came out to speak. My colleagues and I will be meeting on Friday, April 20 for pre-markup to discuss changes to the County Executive's FY 2019 Proposed Budget plan. On Tuesday, April 24 at the regular Board meeting we will mark-up the budget, which will determine the budget package and tax rate. The final step will be for the Board to adopt the FY 2019 Budget at the regular Board meeting on Tuesday, May 1. For more information about the FY 2019 Advertised Budget plan, [click here](#).

April is Highway Safety Month in Virginia. Please slow down in work zones and watch out for crews! Construction is ramping up on the Transform 66 Outside the Beltway Project. Starting today there will be overnight lane closures and lane shifts on westbound I-66 between Route 123 and Route 50 and eastbound on I-66 at I-

495. The I-66 Outside the Beltway Project is anticipated to be completed in December 2022. Read below for more information.

Sincerely,

*Kathy*

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## **VDOT Traffic Alert: I-66 Overnight Closures & Lane Shifts**



Overnight lane closures are scheduled to occur on westbound I-66 between Route 123 (Chain Bridge Road) and U.S. Route 50 and on eastbound I-66 at I-495 this coming weekend, April 13-15. Crews will shift travel lanes and set up work zones to allow for construction on the Transform 66 Outside the Beltway Project, according to the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Additionally, the exit ramps from northbound I-495 regular and express lanes to eastbound I-66 will be narrowed, and drivers should expect periodic slowdowns.

Following this weekend work, all lanes on eastbound I-66 inside the I-495 interchange to Virginia Lane will be shifted toward the outside shoulder. All lanes on westbound I-66 between Route 123 and Route 50 will be shifted toward the inside median. These lane shifts will allow for long-term work zones to be set up, and will remain in place to support upcoming construction activity.

**Closures are scheduled to occur from 9:00 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. on the nights of Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14. Details include:**

- **Friday, April 13:** Eastbound on I-66 at I-495
  - Single lane closure at 9 p.m. on eastbound I-66 at Cedar Lane
  - Double lane closure at 10 p.m. on eastbound I-66 near the I-495 interchange
  - Narrowing of exit ramps at 10 p.m. from northbound I-495 regular and express lanes to eastbound I-66. Drivers using this ramp should expect periodic slowdowns
  
- **Saturday, April 14:** Westbound on I-66 between Route 123 (Chain Bridge Rd.) and Rt. 50
  - Single lane closure at 9 p.m. on westbound I-66 near Blake Lane
  - Double lane closure at 10 p.m. on westbound I-66 near Chain Bridge Road
  - Narrowing of the exit ramps at 10 p.m. from northbound and southbound Chain Bridge Road to westbound I-66

With construction ramping up on the Transform 66 project, VDOT and its partners are focused on safe work and safe driving in work zones. Drivers are urged to use caution, stay alert and avoid distractions when traveling through work zones.

This construction is weather dependent and will be rescheduled if inclement weather occurs.

The work is part of the [Transform 66 Outside the Beltway Project](#). The I-66 Outside the Beltway Express Lanes are expected to open in December 2022.

## SpringFest 2018

**Healthy Planet • Healthy People**

# SPRINGfest Fairfax

**Saturday, April 21, 2018**  
**10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
(Rain or Shine)

**Sully Historic Site**  
3650 Historic Sully Way  
Chantilly, VA 20151

**Free admission!**  
**Parking \$5 per car**

**Fairfax County's Official  
Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration**

**Featuring**  
Hands-on activities • Plant a tree  
Touch-a-Truck • Farm animals  
Nature exhibits • Food trucks  
Obstacle course • Fitness demos  
Free tours of the Sully historic  
house first floor

**springfestfairfax.org**

For Inclusion and ADA Support, call  
703-324-8727. TTY: Va Relay 711

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## Events at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park



### [Historic Survival Skills Workshop](#)

**Monday, April 16**

**9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

In this full day workshop, learn how Centreville soldiers and civilians survived. Drill with a reenactor, play historic baseball and parlor games, and create a regimental flag. End your day by building a fire and cooking hardtack over an open hearth.

Ages: 6 to 12. Cost: \$70 (residents); \$85 (non-residents).

### [Leave No Trace Campfire](#)

**Friday, April 20**

**7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

Learn about Leave No Trace as you take a hike through the park. Afterward, learn about campfire safety while enjoying s'mores! All registrants receive a Leave No Trace Card. Ages: 8 and older. Cost: \$10 (resident); \$12 (non-resident).

## [What on Earth Are We Doing for Earth Day?](#)

**Saturday, April 21**

**1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

Come and celebrate Earth Day. Learn how plastics affect our environment and park. Explore what we can do to reduce, reuse, restore, and recycle through walks, talks, and games. Ages: 4 and older. Cost: Free.

[Ellanor C. Lawrence Park](#) is located at 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly, VA. For more information, please contact E.C. Lawrence Park at 703-631-0013 or [parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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## **Marketing Students Make Prom Dreams Come True**



Fairfax County Public School (FCPS) marketing students from Centreville High School and the Fair Oaks Classroom on the Mall program will open the annual Fair Oaks Prom Dress Shop on Friday, April 13. The dress shop, which has been in

business for 12 years, has helped hundreds of financially challenged students attend prom in style each spring. **Donations of stylish, high-quality, dry-cleaned prom dresses and select accessories can either be dropped off in the main office of Centreville High School between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. or at the shop in Fair Oaks Mall during the shop hours listed below.**

Centreville High School Fashion Marketing students started collecting donated dresses in 2006 as a way to combine their interests in fashion with community service. They quickly came to the conclusion that students would not feel comfortable “shopping” for a dress at school. They decided to set up the shop in another location to give students a more authentic shopping experience, which led them to partner with the Fair Oaks Classroom on the Mall program.

Classroom on the Mall students apply retail marketing and visual merchandising skills learned throughout the school year to transform their classroom into the Fair Oaks Prom Dress Shop. “This is an excellent opportunity to accomplish several goals at once,” says Miranda Schick, Centreville High School and Classroom on the Mall marketing teacher. “First, students apply marketing lessons learned to a real-world retail environment. Second, they support the School Board’s goals to be responsible members of our community by helping those who are less fortunate.”

The Fair Oaks Prom Dress Shop is located on the lower level of Fair Oaks Mall behind the barricade between the Sleep Number store and Helzberg Diamonds. Students from any area high school—not just FCPS—who are in need of a prom dress and do not have the funds to purchase one can come and choose from hundreds of donated dresses and accessories. They must show a valid student ID, or other form of school identification, in order to anonymously select a free dress during the following store hours:

<b>Friday, April 13</b>	<b>4:00 to 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, April 14</b>	<b>2:00 to 5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday, April 15</b>	<b>1:00 to 4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday, May 4</b>	<b>4:00 to 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, May 5</b>	<b>2:00 to 5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday, May 6</b>	<b>1:00 to 4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday, May 25</b>	<b>4:00 to 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, May 26</b>	<b>2:00 to 5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday, May 27</b>	<b>1:00 to 4:00 p.m.</b>

For more information, contact Miranda Schick at 703-609-7404 or [mlschick@fcps.edu](mailto:mlschick@fcps.edu).

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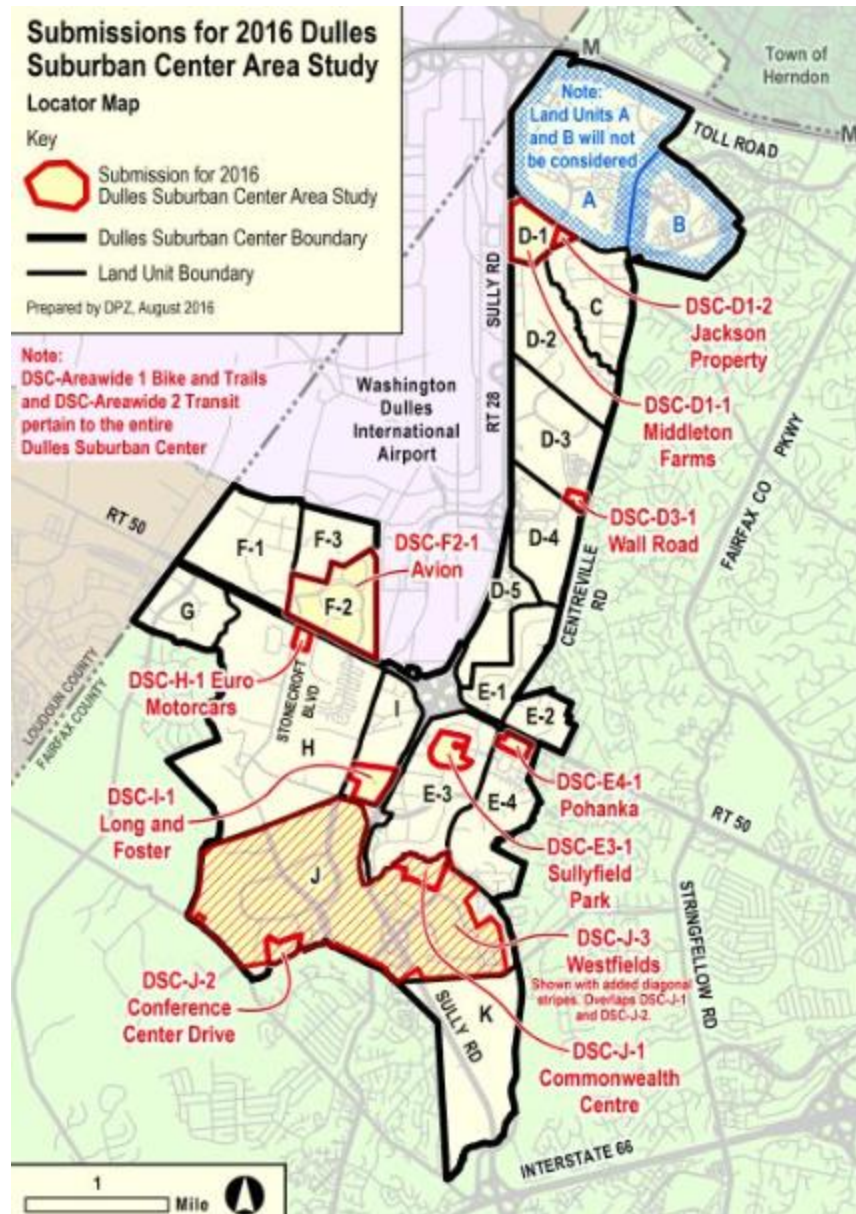
## **Sully Land Use Spotlight**

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

#### **Planning Commission -**

The Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway Fairfax, VA 22035) in the Board Auditorium. The meeting will be televised live on Channel 16. There is one Sully case on the agenda. More information is below. Click [here](#) to see the full agenda.





### PA 2013-III-DS1 (Dulles Suburban Center Study)

This plan amendment was a large scale planning study to update the Dulles Suburban Center elements of the Comprehensive Plan. The study was submission-driven with the public able to propose optional uses for the various Land Units subject to the study (for a list of the original submissions and original submission details click [here](#)). Editorial changes were also incorporated into the study to clean-up and modify the area-wide plan text. Both the nominations and

editorial changes were extensively reviewed over the course of several meetings (from March 2016 to February 2018) by an advisory group (click [here](#) to access the meeting records and material). The staff report for the study is available [here](#).

### **Planning Commission -**

The Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway Fairfax, VA 22035) in the Board Auditorium. The meeting will be televised live on Channel 16. There is one Sully case on the agenda. More information is below. Click [here](#) to see the full agenda.



### **PCA 82-S-032-02 (Sterling Center LC)**

This application would enable the construction of an additional office complex on Penrose Place through the modification of pre-existing proffers on the site. Staff is recommending approval of the application. For more information on the case, click [here](#).

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## Volunteer Opportunity



### VA-TFI Needs Volunteer Victims for Training Exercise

Virginia Task Force 1 (VA-TF1) is holding a full scale exercise in the area later this month.

Volunteers are needed to act as victims from **Monday evening, April 23 through Thursday afternoon, April 26**. A minimum shift of 6 hours is expected. Overnight volunteers are especially needed. Volunteers will need to remain awake and be willing to work their entire shift.

Victims will need to be able to crawl in and out of rubble piles, don't mind getting dirty, and are capable of sitting or lying in place for extended periods of time. Moulage (make up simulating injuries), food and water will be provided.

For additional information or to sign up, please contact Christopher Yorty [christopher.yorty@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:christopher.yorty@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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## Library Comic Con



**Date: Saturday, April 14**

**Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Location: George C. Marshall High School (7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA)**

"Geek out" at the second annual celebration of comic books, science fiction, fantasy, TV, movies and more, featuring Dana Simpson, author of the Phoebe and Her Unicorn series. Workshops, artists, vendors, prizes, gaming, food trucks, and cosplay. Family-friendly costumes encouraged. Books available for sale and signing. Cosponsored by the Friends of the Chantilly Regional Library and the Friends of the Oakton Library. Special visitors are expected.

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## 4th Annual Fairfax County Walk to End Sexual Violence



The 4th Annual Fairfax County Walk to End Sexual Violence, organized by the Fairfax County Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, will take place on **Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035)**. The first 100 people to register will receive a free t-shirt. This is a free family friendly event, kids and pets are welcome. Come walk to end sexual violence and visit the resource fair. Activities will include a DJ, Zumba, raffles, and food trucks.

Check-in will begin at 9:45 a.m. Food trucks will be available from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. [Click here](#) to register for this event.

For more information regarding the event, please contact Angela Acosta at [angela.acosta@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:angela.acosta@fairfaxcounty.gov) or by phone at 703-324-9484.

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## Operation: Stop Scams Event

**Fight  
Back  
Against  
Fraud!**



**AARP**  
**Fraud Watch  
Network**



### Join us for a free fraud fighting event

Every day hundreds of local residents lose their hard-earned money to a variety of fraud schemes. In fact, every 2 seconds, a con artist steals someone's identity!

To strike back against scammers, AARP Virginia and Fairfax County Government's Silver Shield are bringing together top experts and law enforcement officials to present at a free informational Scam Jam.

The presenters will discuss scams targeting Virginians, such as fake solicitor schemes, bogus investment deals, lottery scams, email fraud, a grandparent ruse and the latest identity theft shames.

#### FREE FRAUD EVENT

**Saturday, April 28, 2018 | 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

\*shred truck will be on-site from 8 a.m. – Noon

**Fairfax County Government Center | Board Auditorium**  
12000 Government Center Parkway | Fairfax, VA 22035

Light refreshments and lunch will be served. Registration is required at [aarp.cvent.com/OSSFairfax](http://aarp.cvent.com/OSSFairfax) or call **1-877-926-8300**.

Your documents will be shredded on-site free of charge. No quantity limit. Please, no plastics or electronics.

*Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in all county programs, services and activities. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request. For information, call Melissa Smarr, 703-324-1929, TTY 711.*

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## Get Involved in Battling the Opioid Crisis



In 2016, over 63,600 people died of a drug overdose in the United States; over 66 percent of those involved an opioid. Nationally, as well as in our own communities, we are experiencing rapid increases in the number of deaths and overdoses involving prescription medications and illicit opioids. Fairfax County has a [plan](#) to work towards addressing the crisis. Part of this plan includes you, the residents of our community.

In April, there are free community involvement opportunities that will allow residents to learn more about the opioid crisis, why it is a danger, and preventative measures people can take.

Clinicians from the [Fairfax Falls Church Community Services Board](#), the [Fairfax County Health Department](#), law enforcement, people living in recovery, and family advocates are involved in the community events listed below. The public is encouraged to attend, ask questions, and get involved in fighting the opioid crisis and saving lives.

- **OPIOIDS: A Fairfax City Community Conversation.** A timely discussion about the nationwide epidemic and preventative measures we can take. Thursday, April 19, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., [Sherwood Community Center](#), 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Contact [Louise Armitage](#), 703-385-7894.
- **A Community Conversation about the Opioid Crisis:** Students in 7th-12th grades and their parents. Saturday, April 28, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Epiphany Episcopal Church, 3301 Hidden Meadow Drive, Herndon, VA 20171. Register online at <https://epiphanyes.org/occc>.
- **[Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout](#).** Take advantage of a free, convenient, confidential and safe disposal of unused or expired medications during Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout on Saturday, April 28. Drop off medications at any of the eight [Fairfax County District Police Stations](#) (pills or liquids only, no pressurized canisters or needles) between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
- **[REVIVE training opportunities](#).** REVIVE! trains individuals on what to do and not do in an overdose situation, how to administer naloxone, and what to do afterwards. Each attendee also receives a free REVIVE! kit, which includes all the supplies needed to administer naloxone. The medication itself can be acquired at a pharmacy after completing the training. Attendees also receive a safety plan to help individuals prevent overdose if they relapse.
  - [April 10, Fairfax, Merrifield Center](#), 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
  - [April 15, Chantilly, A New Beginning](#), 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.
  - [April 25, Alexandria, Gartlan Center](#), 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

If you know someone with a drug, alcohol, or mental health problem, help is here. Call the CSB at 703-383-8500. In an emergency 24/7, contact [Fairfax Detox](#) at



703-502-7000 or [CSB Emergency Services](#) at 703-573-5679. Call 911 in a life-threatening emergency.

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## How Are Your Real Estate Taxes Spent? Find Out With Our Calculator



If you pay real estate taxes in Fairfax County, it may be difficult to understand how your tax money is being spent – most of us don't think in terms of billions or millions of dollars. You want to know how much you are paying for our public schools, public safety, and other government services provided by our county.

To provide taxpayers with more transparency, our [Real Estate Tax Calculator](#) helps you identify where your dollars are going, based on your own real estate assessment. You will be able to see the approximate amount of your real estate tax distribution based on the FY 2018 Adopted Budget using the current FY 2018 tax rate of \$1.13 per \$100 of assessed value, as well as what the distribution would be based on the FY 2019 Advertised Budget using the proposed FY 2019 tax rate of \$1.155 per \$100 of assessed value. The Board of Supervisors [will adopt the FY 2019 tax rate on May 1](#).

It is important to note that this educational tool helps illustrate where your tax dollars go, but that certain fees, including those for community centers, solid waste and service districts, are not included in this simulation tool since they do not impact all taxpayers. It will not be the same amount shown on your tax bill.

### [Find Your 2018 Real Estate Tax Assessment](#)

#### **How It Works:**

Using the 2018 countywide average assessment for all homes, which is \$547,219, here is how the calculator works:

### [Use the Tax Calculator](#)

1. Select a tax rate.
2. Type in your address or your assessment amount and click on the submit button.
3. You will see a chart that shows some of the amounts that appear on your real estate tax assessment. The top line that reads Real Estate indicates how much you pay in real estate taxes, which is further broken down in the charts and graphs below.
4. Scroll down and you will see a pie chart that illustrates where your real estate tax dollars go. Please note this chart is illustrative – amounts are based on the percentage of disbursements from the [General Fund budget](#). Some county services are paid for with funding sources other than real estate taxes.
5. Underneath the pie chart, there is a listing of where your real estate tax dollars go, including type, percentage and amount. Each listing also has a hyperlink for

additional information.

[Learn More About Your County Budget](#)

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## Girls Fire & Rescue Academy Summer Camp Now Accepting Applications



The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department is excited to announce its Girls Fire and Rescue Academy summer camp, which will take place July 9 - 13, 2018. The Academy is open to female students who will be freshmen, sophomores, or juniors in the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. **Participants must be a Fairfax County resident.**

Academy participants will take part in a five day program full of fun-filled experiences, physical training, classes, and Fire/EMS simulations. They will also have an opportunity to visit a Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Station to experience the everyday life of a Firefighter/EMT. Campers will have a chance to interact, ask questions, and eat dinner with the on-duty crew.

**The program is completely free of charge.** The Academy will be limited to 24 applicants, so apply today! To apply, please click on the link below and follow the instructions.

**All applications must be received by close of business on Friday, April 20, 2018.**

For more information, and to register, please see below.

[Girls Fire & Rescue Academy 2018 Application Packet](#)

[Girls Fire & Rescue Academy 2018 Flyer](#)

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## **Farmers Markets Provide a Jump Start to the Season**



As the tulips and daffodils spark up from the ground in the wake of spring, the Wakefield, Herndon, Burke, and Reston Farmers Markets jump into the season,

opening for business in April. During this time of the year, you will find fresh asparagus, rhubarb, strawberries, apples, salad greens, meats, cheese, baked breads, honey, ice cream and plant seedlings for your home garden at these markets operated by the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA). Another seven FCPA markets will open by the first week of May. Fairfax County Park Authority markets are strictly producer-only meaning that our vendors must grow or make from scratch everything they bring to market. This gives customers the unique opportunity to ask farmers about product origin.

### **Markets starting in April include -**

#### **Wakefield:**

Wednesdays, April 18 - October 3  
8100 Braddock Rd, Annandale, VA  
Open from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

#### **Herndon:**

Thursdays, April 19 - November 8  
777 Lynn St, Herndon, VA  
Open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

#### **Burke:**

Saturdays, April 14 - December 22  
5671 Roberts Pkwy, Burke, VA  
Open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

#### **Reston:**

Saturdays, April 21 - December 1  
1609 Washington Plaza N, Reston, VA  
Open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The Reston and Herndon Farmers Markets accept SNAP benefits (formerly food stamps), and the Lorton and McCutcheon/Mount Vernon Farmers Markets are following suit on the first week of May. Currently all SNAP at Market purchases are matched up to \$20 for additional fresh produce under the Virginia Fresh Match Program.

For information, including locations, directions and vendors at each market visit [Farmers Markets](#) or contact the Community Horticulture Office at 703-642-0128.

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## Honor an Outstanding Volunteer with an Elly Doyle Nomination



Volunteers play a critical role at the Fairfax County Park Authority, and now is the time to recognize their invaluable contributions with a nomination for a 2018 Elly Doyle Park Service Award. Everyone is invited to submit nominations to honor the outstanding volunteers and numerous organizations that support park programming and initiatives in Fairfax County.

The Elly Doyle Park Service Awards were established in 1988 in honor of Ellamae Doyle's many years of service and accomplishments as a member and chairman of the Park Authority Board. The County's park system expanded and thrived during her tenure with the addition of significant open space, construction of new recreational facilities, and a commitment to preservation of natural and cultural resources in Fairfax County.

Elly Doyle awards are given to those who have made outstanding service contributions during the past year. A service contribution is the giving of time or expertise to the Fairfax County Park Authority for the advancement of recreational and/or educational opportunities or the protection of natural, cultural or historic resources in Fairfax County. Groups and individuals are eligible, but an individual or organization may receive only one Elly Doyle Award.

A reception and ceremony will be held in November to honor the award recipients.

**All nominations are due by Friday, June 15, 2018.** Award applications and additional information are available online at the Park Authority's [Elly Doyle page](#).

For more information, please contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662 or via [Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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## Animal Shelter Corner



### Meet Remy!

**Age:** 8y 1m

**Gender:** Male

**Color:** Brown

**Spayed/Neutered:** Yes

**Size:** Large

Remy is a super sweet, happy guy who is just Oh So Handsome! He loves people, always greeting them with a big grin and wagging nub. And if he



really likes you, he'll roll over on his back, asking for belly rubs. He's at the shelter because his owner's new family member was allergic. He has lived with another big dog, but the Animal Shelter does recommend an introduction to potential doggy siblings. He also did well with children and strangers in the home. His one quirk is that he's really not fond of sharing his food, so he'll need space when eating and probably some training to help him learn how to share. In return, you'll get to give him a lifetime of belly rubs! What could be better? For more information on Remy, please contact the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at 703-830-1100 or by email at [animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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