News from Fairfax County Supervisor Kathy Smith, representing Sully District.

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## A Message from Kathy Smith

On December 6, 1950, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors created the Fairfax County Park Authority, giving it the authority to make decisions concerning land acquisition, park development and operations in the county. This year marks the Park Authority's 70th anniversary. Over the past seven decades, the park system has grown from a mere 14 acres to more than 23,500 acres of land that are home to 427 parks. Like so many of our residents and neighbors, my family and I enjoy the County's park system, and I invite you to share in their <u>70th Anniversary Celebration</u>. Furthermore, I encourage you and your family to enjoy the Park Authority's many amenities and resources, whether its a hiking trail, a golf course or something more to your liking, all

while maintaining the current safety guidelines as directed by Governor Northam.

As we head into the holidays, one of the things that's on so many minds throughout our region is holiday shopping. In November, the Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development published a "Made In Fairfax" directory, to focus attention on local County businesses. I would encourage you to glance at the <u>directory</u> and explore your options across the County, while shopping from home. This keeps you and your family safe and keeps our local neighborhood merchants safe, while at the same time, putting money into the local economy and making sure we all have a good holiday.

#### <u>Need for Help Even Greater This Year - Ways to Give This Holiday</u> <u>Season:</u>

- Fairfax County offers many opportunities to brighten the holidays for those in need in our community. This year, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for help is even greater. <u>Details</u>
- Ways to Give Locally:
  - Santa's Ride Toy Drive Donate through Monday, December 7 by 9:00 a.m. Donate new, unwrapped toys, games, books and gifts for children at area hospitals and through local charities. <u>Details</u>
  - Toys for Tots Donate through Sunday, December 13. Bring new unwrapped toys for toddlers through age 17 to county <u>Fire and</u> <u>Rescue stations</u>. <u>Details</u>
  - Gifts for Families in Need Donate through Tuesday, December 15. The Department of Family Services' <u>Volunteer & Partner</u> <u>Services</u> takes donations to help families who need a hand during the holiday season. The program accepts gift cards and new baby items including infant and toddler car seats; stationary and portable cribs; diapers and wipes; and high chairs. Monetary donations are also welcome. For more information, contact <u>Krissa Slone</u>, 703-324-7751.
  - Gifts for Victims and Witnesses of Domestic and Sexual Violence - Donate through Friday, December 18. Donate gift cards to benefit young victims and witnesses of domestic and sexual violence. Gift cards can be mailed to Saly Fayez, Director, Victim Services Division, Police Department, Public Safety Headquarters, 12099 Government Center Parkway. For more information, contact <u>Saly Fayez</u>, 703-246-2465.
  - Animal Shelter Supplies The <u>Animal Shelter</u> is always thankful to receive donations of much-needed items to help provide care and enrichment to pets in the shelter and in foster homes. <u>Check out the</u> <u>donation list.</u>

#### View the Latest Popular Annual Financial Report:

- The <u>Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for Fairfax County, covering</u> <u>Fiscal Year (FY) 2020, from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020</u> is now available.
- The PAFR is designed to offer a glimpse at selected data from the FY 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report presented in a highly readable format.

#### Christmas Tree Safety Tips:

 Getting ready to put up a real, or artificial, Christmas tree in your home? Before you do, pause a moment and review some important information from our friends at the <u>Electrical Safety Foundation</u> <u>International</u> (ESFI). Taking positive action today may help to ensure your Christmas is a safe and merry one.

Sincerely,

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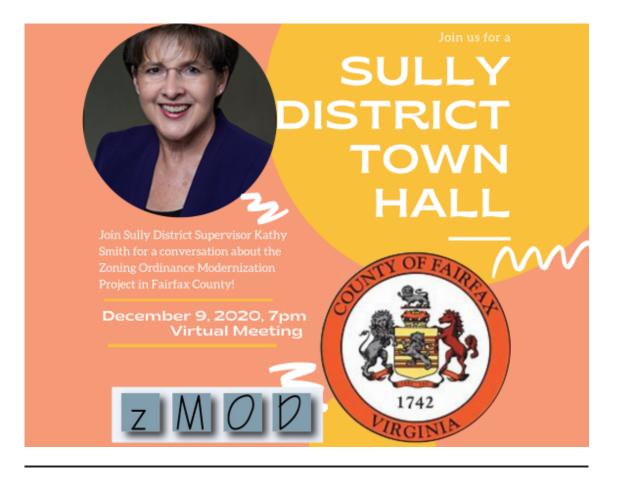
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## Sully District Town Hall on the Zoning Ordinance Modernization (zMOD) Project

Join <u>Sully District Supervisor Kathy Smith</u> and Fairfax County <u>Department of</u> <u>Planning and Development</u> staff, **on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** for a virtual presentation and Q & A session on zMOD, Fairfax County's initiative to modernize its Zoning Ordinance that was first established over 40 years ago. For more information on zMOD, visit: <u>https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/zmod</u>.

Click here to register for the event!



### Police: Virtual Town Hall on New Interactive GISbased Data Dashboard



You asked, we listened. Join one of our upcoming virtual town-hall meetings where we will debut our new interactive GIS-based data dashboard – a tool designed from community input and rooted in the principles of transparency and fair and impartial policing. Key data points include arrests, citations and warnings & FCPD training and policies related to the data sets will be discussed. We look forward to implementing this additional layer of

accountability and leveraging data analytics to continue to strengthen trust and confidence in your police department. Each virtual town hall will begin at 5:00 p.m. To join a meeting, click a link below listed next to each date.

These meetings will be recorded and available to our community at a later date. For questions, contact <u>FCPDChiefsOffice@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>.

- Sully District December 9 <u>https://bit.ly/2JYG8y9</u>
- Mount Vernon District December 16 https://bit.ly/3peB8Wb
- McLean District January 6 <u>https://bit.ly/3kk4ZZz</u>
- Mason District January 20 <u>https://bit.ly/32tXLfi</u>
- Reston District February 4 https://bit.ly/38vYDUG
- Franconia District February 17 https://bit.ly/3ncEVBy

## **Coronavirus Column**

Important reminders to keep yourself and others safe:



With the COVID-19 pandemic still in full force and influenza season now starting, health experts urge everyone six months of age and older to get a flu shot this year. The flu vaccine is available at pharmacies, doctor's offices, and grocery stores throughout the County. Most health insurance plans cover flu shots for free.

#### Recent Headlines:

- The CDC has put together a useful "One Stop Shop" page of toolkits regarding the spread of Coronavirus. Click <u>here</u> for details.
- How to Keep COVID-19 Outside Your Home
- <u>A Closer Look at How COVID-19 mRNA Vaccines Work</u>
- <u>Guidance for Funerals, Memorials, and Dealing with Grief During COVID-</u>
  <u>19</u>
- <u>COVID-19 Data Dashboard Now Includes Contact Tracing</u>

#### Download Virginia's FREE COVIDWISE Exposure Notifications App:

- COVIDWISE uses Bluetooth Low Energy technology to quickly notify users who have likely been exposed to COVID-19 so you can reduce the risk of infection for your friends and family.
- Download the free app <u>iPhone App Store</u> or <u>Android Google Play</u> <u>Store</u>.
- For more information about COVIDWISE, visit: <u>https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/covidwise/</u>.

#### COVID-19 Testing:

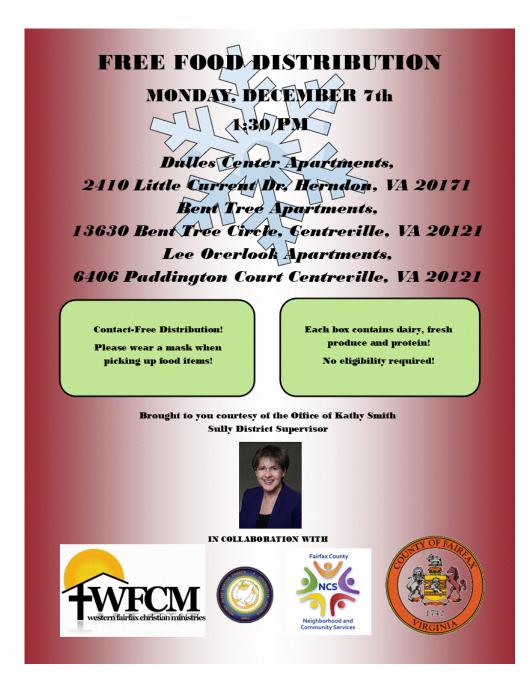
- If you have <u>symptoms</u> even mild symptoms or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, get tested. Contact your health care provider or visit another <u>location</u> that offers COVID-19 testing.
- Are you looking for a COVID-19 test or do you have other questions about COVID-19? Call the Fairfax County Health Department call center at 703-267-3511 with Coronavirus questions; open 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. weekdays and 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekends.
- For more information about COVID-19 testing, visit: <u>https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/novel-coronavirus/coronaviruscovid-19-testing</u>.

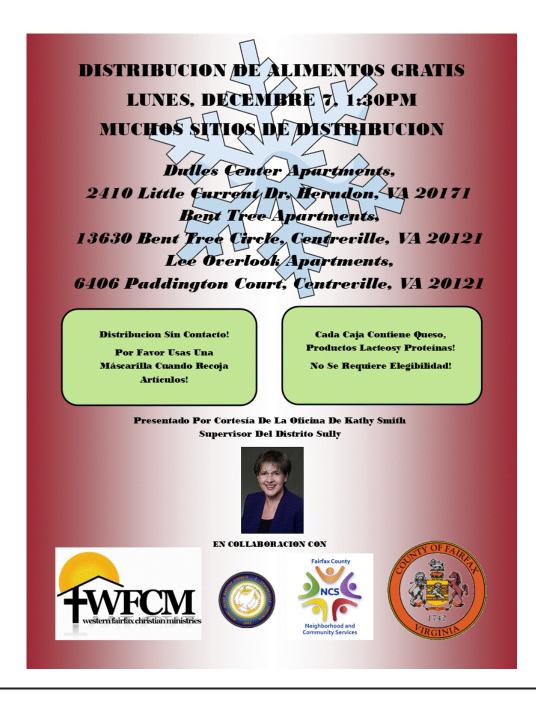
#### Inova COVID-19 Update:

 Inova Blood Donor Services is currently experiencing a critically low supply of O+ blood and is asking the community to help. All successful blood donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies. For more information, and to make an appointment, please visit <u>www.inovablood.org</u>.

#### Ways to Stay Informed:

- Call our Health Department Call Center at 703-267-3511 with Coronavirus questions; open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends.
- Text FFXCOVID to 888777 to receive updates from Fairfax County about COVID-19.
- Email questions or concerns to <u>ffxcovid@fairfaxcounty.gov</u> or visit <u>web</u> <u>portal for coronavirus</u> for information.





### **Transportation News**



- Route 29 (Lee Highway) in Centreville will be reduced to a single lane in each direction at I-66 for demolition of the old I-66 bridges overhead starting at 9 p.m. Friday, December 4, through 5 a.m. Monday, December 7. All lanes reopen by 5 a.m. Monday, December 7. Details
- Similar weekend lane closures for I-66 bridge demolition over Route 29 are planned for December 11-14. The portions of the bridges not directly over Route 29 will be demolished during daytime hours on weekdays, and will not impact traffic on Route 29.
- All work is weather dependent and will be rescheduled if inclement conditions occur. Message boards on I-66 and Route 29 are providing advance notice of lane closures and traffic stoppages.

#### VDOT Opens New Access Point for Ellanor C. Lawrence Park:

- A new, permanent ramp from Route 28 North to the new Braddock Road-Walney Road overpass over Route 28 has opened, adding a new access point for <u>Ellanor C. Lawrence Park</u>. <u>Details</u>
- Traffic on westbound Walney Road will be able to use the new overpass to cross Route 28 to reach Braddock Road, but will not yet be able to turn left onto the ramps to Route 28 South or Interstate 66 West due to continued construction. Drivers traveling east on Braddock Road will not yet be able to use the new overpass to cross Route 28 to Walney Road.
- Ellanor C. Lawrence Park staff reminds people driving through the park on Walney Road to drive safely and be aware that many people cross the road near Walney Pond.

#### VDOT: Transform 66 Outside the Beltway Project Delivers Early Milestones, Congestion Relief for Route 28 Corridor:

- VDOT announced on Tuesday, December 1 the completion of key improvements at the Route 28 and I-66 interchange, including the removal of four traffic signals along Route 28 between Westfields Boulevard and Route 29 in Centreville. <u>Details</u>
- Video Links:
  - Susan Shaw, VDOT Megaprojects Director
  - Javier Guttierrez, CEO I-66 Express Mobility Partners
  - 3-D Rendering of completed Route 28 Interchange

#### **Reminders!**

#### <u>VDOT - Learn About Agency Projects, Initiatives at Northern Virginia Joint</u> <u>Transportation Meeting December 8:</u>

**The public is invited to a** joint virtual meeting **on Tuesday, December 8, 2020** with representatives from the Commonwealth Transportation Board, Virginia Department of Transportation, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, and many other agencies to focus on collaboration that Northern Virginia moving. <u>Details</u> **The meeting will be streamed live from**  **6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the** <u>DRPT YouTube</u> **channel**, and following the presentations, public comment can be made by calling 470-285-4495, followed by PIN 392 182 855#. **Comments may also be submitted through January 4, 2021** via this <u>online comment form</u>, by voicemail to 703-718-6368 or by mail to Ms. Maria Sinner, VDOT, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.

# FCDOT - Prince William County to Host Route 28 Bypass Project Virtual Meeting on December 7:

Prince William County, in conjunction with the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT), invites you to attend a virtual informational session regarding the Route 28 Bypass project on December 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will inform residents of the tie-in point to existing Route 28 in Fairfax County. Register to attend the Route 28 Virtual Meeting. Dial In: +1-415-655-0001 Access code: 180 932 8746. Comments are due Monday, December 7, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. A recording of this meeting and the meeting presentation will be posted on the project webpage (www.route28study.com).

To submit comments, questions, or feedback, contact the Prince William County Department of Transportation:

- Email: Paolo Belita, Project Manager, <u>PBelita@pwcgov.org</u>
- **Mail:** Department of Transportation; Prince William County; 5 County Complex Court, Prince William, VA 22192
- Phone: 703-792-6273

# FCDOT - Survey on How to Improve Fairfax Connector Service in Centreville, Chantilly, Vienna, and Tysons areas:

Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) seeks your input on how to improve local bus service provided by Fairfax Connector in the <u>Centreville, Chantilly, Vienna and Tysons areas</u>. Members of the public are encouraged to <u>provide input on the service alternatives by reviewing them</u> and completing an online survey. **The survey is open thru Friday, December 9, 2020.** 

- Take the online survey in English here
- Realice la encuesta en línea en español aquí

## Sully Land Use Spotlight

On Wednesday, **December 9, 2020** at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission will hold virtual public hearings on <u>RZ/FDP 2019-SU-003</u> (<u>Buchanan Partners, LLC)</u> and <u>RZ/FDP 2019-SU-020 (EB</u> <u>Albermarle, LLC).</u>



These separate applications have been reviewed concurrently because of their proximity to each other. Located near the existing Long and Foster building on George Carter Way, near Lee Road, the applicants propose to add a mixed-use development including townhomes, a multifamily building, neighborhoodserving retail, and office uses.

You can sign up to testify on any of these applications <u>here</u>. The hearing will also be streamed live on <u>Channel 16</u>.

**Meet Oreo!** 

## The Green Column



Many of us produce the potential ingredients for amazing soil every day without knowing. From food scraps and coffee grounds to yard waste and paper, many household byproducts can be transformed into fertilizers for your garden through composting. In addition to providing nutrient-rich soil for free, composting diverts recyclable materials from the waste stream and reduces the need for chemical fertilizers. For more information on how to begin composting, <u>Click here</u> for more details.

## **Animal Shelter Corner**



Oreo posed quite nicely for his photo, don't you think? He loves playing in his guinea pig pen and getting lots of time to stretch his tiny legs. There were two young kids in his previous home and he did great with them! They could pick him up and hold him no problem. Oreo's favorite snack are carrots. If you would like to adopt Oreo, send in a completed adoption questionnaire! All adoption info, steps, and forms can be found <u>online</u>.

## **Reminders!**

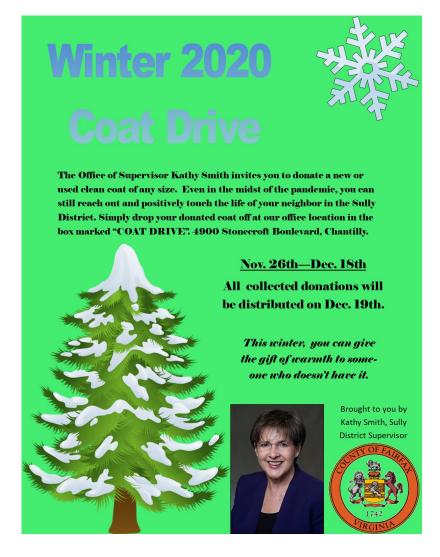
#### 2nd Installment 2020 Real Estate Taxes Due December 7, 2020:

The 2nd installment of 2020 <u>real estate taxes</u> is **due on Monday, December 7, 2020.** In addition to <u>online payments</u>, the <u>Department of Tax Administration</u> (DTA) offers a variety of <u>other payment methods</u>. If you have any questions regarding your real estate tax bill, contact DTA at 703-222-8234 (TTY 711).

#### Fairfax County Public Library (FCPL) Hosts December Food Drive:

Donations of nonperishable food items can be made at all currently-operating branches except Access Services. Each food item donated will reduce library fines by \$1, up to a maximum of \$15 per account. <u>Details</u> This donation drive is the third time FCPL has partnered with <u>Food for Others</u>, a nonprofit organization that provides food to local families in need. **Donations will be accepted Dec. 1-31**.

Sully District Winter Coat Drive:



#### Low-Cost Rabies Clinics:

The Department of Animal Sheltering will host three curbside, no contact, <u>low-cost rabies vaccination clinics</u>:

- **Cats and Ferrets:** Sunday, December 6, 2020 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on all dates at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter (4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030).
- **Dogs:** Sunday, December 6, 2020 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. on all dates at Pender Veterinary Centre (4001 Legato Road, Fairfax, VA 22033).

**Pre-registration is required!** Cost is \$20 per vaccination, exact cash or check only. This is a drive through clinic, and pet owners must remain in their car. Pet owners must wear a mask to receive services. For more info, <u>click here</u>.

#### Contacts

Mailing Address: 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151 Email: <u>sully@fairfaxcounty.gov</u> Phone #: 703-814-7100; TTY 711 Website: <u>www.fairfaxcounty.gov/sully</u>

