

Sull-E Newsletter



A message from Kathy Smith

I hope you had a fun and relaxing holiday! I want to personally thank our community for making our glass recycling program, Purple Can Club, such a tremendous success. We have collected more than three million pounds of clean glass since the program started in April of this year. Because of the quality and cleanliness of the collected glass, Fairfax County will be able to make glass-to-glass recycling possible by partnering with Strategic Materials, North America's largest glass recycler. This would not have been possible without you and your commitment to keeping Fairfax County a wonderful place to live, work, play, and stay.

Sincerely,

Kathy

Reminders!

WMATA - Public Feedback on Service Improvements on Blue, Orange & Silver Lines:

Metro recently released [several preliminary concepts](#) to improve reliability, meet future ridership demand, and better serve customers on the Blue, Orange, and Silver lines. The concepts, part of the two-year Blue/Orange/Silver Capacity and Reliability Study (BOS Study), include a range of infrastructure improvements and service alternatives to address both short- and long- term needs. The public is invited to provide input and suggest additional ideas for improvements through an [online survey](#). The survey is available in English and Spanish and will be **open through January 6, 2020**.

For more information about the Blue/Orange/Silver Capacity and Reliability Study, send an email to BOSstudy@wmata.com.

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SoberRide es una marca registrada de la organización sin fines de lucro Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP).

January Events at Centreville Regional Library



[Harry Potter Escape Room - Family Hour](#)

Friday, January 3, 2020

11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

It is all fun and games until the birthday boy goes missing. Come solve the mystery and celebrate Fred and George's birthday - or end up in Azkaban. It is recommended that you be already familiar with the whole series. Plan to arrive 10 minutes early. Ages: 9 to 12 with guardian. [Click here](#) to register.

[Animal Antics Book Club](#)

Monday, January 6, 2020

4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

This month's topic: cats and dogs. Read a fiction or nonfiction title about either cats or dogs and bring it to share at the meeting. A local animal shelter specialist will talk about adoption and pet ownership. Grades: 3 to 5.

[Meet Dr. King](#)

Saturday, January 25, 2020

10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Bright Star Theatre introduces young audiences to the concepts of freedom, integration, and equality. Learn about Dr. King's key role in the Civil Rights movement. Ages: 6 and older.

[Stargazing and Telescopes](#)

Monday, January 27, 2020

7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The Northern Virginia Astronomy Club will present a slideshow about the night sky, followed by stargazing through their telescope. Ages: 6 and older.

The [Centreville Regional Library](#) is located at 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville, VA 20121. For more information about these events contact the library by [email](#), or call 703-830-2223, TTY 711.

January Events at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park



[Feeding Day](#)

Saturday, January 4, 2020

10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Join a naturalist and youth volunteers as they demonstrate how they feed their site display animals. Make a bird feeder to take home and use. Search for worms and insects and assist in serving dinner. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Ages: 4 to 13. Cost: \$8 per person.

[Woodpecker Hike](#)

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Take a hike with a naturalist to look and listen for winter woodpeckers. Learn about the important role these beautiful birds play in our park. Ages: 8 and older. Cost: \$7 per person.

[Winter Wonder Campfire](#)

Friday, January 24, 2020

4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Bundle up and discover animal strategies for surviving winter. Meet some exhibit animals and find out their strategies. Enjoy s'mores. Ages: 4 and older. Cost: \$8 per person.

Winter Stream Life

Sunday, January 26, 2020

1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Explore Walney Creek with a naturalist to meet some of the small creek critters that call it home. Learn why so many different types of macroinvertebrates are active in winter streams. The naturalist will demonstrate winter collecting and participants can help pick, sort, and learn to identify these magnificent critters. Ages: 8 and older. Cost: \$8 per person.

[Ellanor C. Lawrence Park](#) is located at 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly, VA 20151. For more information about these events contact the park by [email](#) or call 703-631-0013, TTY 711.

Volunteer Opportunity



Flatlick Stream Valley Park Cleanup

Our stream valleys receive litter left on roadways, sidewalks, parking lots, and other open areas, much of it carried through storm drains whenever it rains. Volunteers age 18 or older are welcome to work alone or organize and lead a group clean-up. Use your own trash bags and work gloves, or contact the volunteer coordinator if you need bags provided. Elevate the impact of your work by taking photos and sending them to the Park Authority with a brief summary of what you accomplished. An informal email to the volunteer coordinator will suffice.

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Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC) Annual Public Hearing



Date: Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035) in Conference Room 2/3

The Fairfax County [Environmental Quality Advisory Council](#) (EQAC) will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 to share views on the state of the environment and to identify environmental issues of concern applicable to Fairfax County. The purpose of the hearing is to solicit your views and concerns regarding environmental issues. EQAC welcomes written and/or verbal testimony. Please limit verbal testimony to three minutes per speaker.

If you would like to submit video testimony, upload your video (three minutes or less) to YouTube, Ustream, or Vimeo, **and let EQAC know, by 5:00 p.m. January 2, 2020**, the URL through which they can access the video. They will then present it at the public hearing. Videos will be screened prior to the public hearing. Each video must address one of more environmental topics. Any video with profanity or other objectionable material will not be presented at the public hearing. You will be notified if county staff determines that your video is unsuitable for presentation.

To be placed on the speakers list or for additional information, contact the Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development at 703-324-1380 (TTY 711) or send an email and/or submit written testimony to EQAC@fairfaxcounty.gov.

To request reasonable ADA accommodations, call the Department of Planning and Development at 703-324-1380 (TTY 711).

First Hike Fairfax 2020



On January 1, 2020, the Fairfax County Park Authority will once again join America's state parks and Virginia State Parks to encourage everyone to start 2020 with a hike. First Hike Fairfax is presented by the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Fairfax County Park Foundation.

Visit any Fairfax County Park Authority trail on January 1, 2020. **Pick your favorite photo to enter the First Hike Fairfax Photo Contest by January 2.** Unfortunately, the sheer volume of entries and the popularity of First Hike preclude provision of RECenter passes to all entrants, however, participants will be eligible to win one of six prizes – triple that of the previous year.

Participants may hike on trails in any Fairfax County Park Authority park or trail. Information on Fairfax County trails may be found at [Trail Buddy](#). Five starter hikes may also be found at [First Hike](#).

The contest is open to amateur and professional photographers. There is a one photo entry per person limit. Photos must be JPG or PNG format. Entrants may be asked to verify that the hike took place on a Fairfax County Park Authority trail on January 1, 2020. Visit [First Hike](#) for full contest rules. The photo submission link will be posted on December 30, 2019.

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

5 Things to Know About Your Library



Your Fairfax County Public Library System isn't just about books these days – although it did distribute close to 11 million this year, including eBooks and eAudiobooks according to [FCPL's fiscal year 2019 annual report](#). More than 4.5 million customers visited the library to take advantage of its wide variety of services and events during fiscal year 2019 (July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019).

Here are five things to know from the Library's annual report:

1. **Center for Technology Access** - From technology tutoring to 3D printing library card holders have access to online and in-person learning opportunities. Library staff, along with national and local partners, work to bridge digital literacy gaps ensuring all residents have access to evolving technologies.
2. **"Third Place" for You** - The library is an ideal social space between home, the "first place", and work, the "second place." It offers a comfortable setting to hold meetings, attend programs, read, study, or just hang out.
3. **Widespread Access to Books** - In FY 2019 the library distributed 32,881 picture books during storytimes at Head Start classrooms, childcare centers, and preschools to help families begin building home libraries. In addition to deposit site collection points maintained throughout the county, the library's free online materials such as eBooks and audiobooks and its talking books program ensure that people with barriers to library access - disability, mobility, or other - can read and enjoy the same resources as everyone else.
4. **Opportunities for Civic Engagement** - Bringing the community together to enjoy music, author presentations, or learning opportunities is a specialty of library staff. Engagement examples include: foreign policy roundtables, book discussion groups, a trade school career fair, and cross-cultural programming.
5. **\$6.51 in Value for Every Tax Dollar Invested** - This number, calculated with figures provided by the American Library Association, can be explored in the library's [Return on Investment Report](#). At the library, a little funding goes a long way — 651% longer, to be exact — making it one smart investment in the county's resources and community.

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

The Green Column



Middle School Class Gives Plastic Bags New Purpose to Help Area's Homeless

Sheryl Jones' 8th grade class at Kilmer Middle School in Tysons Corner learned about building an attitude of gratitude through appreciating one good thing in their life every day.

Then something clicked for the students.

They realized that not everyone is so fortunate, and they could show real gratitude by giving back to those less fortunate. They started a service project using a readily available everyday disposable item that could serve a new purpose for people who are homeless.

Using plastic grocery bags, the students made sleeping mats to provide a weatherproof barrier against the cold ground. Jones also used the sleeping mats project as an opportunity to discuss recycling and how plastic can provide insulation by trapping heat to provide some warmth.

In early November, students enlisted the Kilmer Middle School community for donations of plastic grocery bags since each mat required approximately 800 bags to make. Each mat took eight to 10 hours to weave. Some students were tasked with cutting off the bags' handles and splitting the seams while others wove the 6 x 3.5 feet mats.

The sleeping mats were donated to Homeless Hope, a local nonprofit that provides clothing and supplies to those in need. The mats were given to homeless individuals in December.

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

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Zoe!

Zoe has generated quite the following since she showed up at the shelter as a stray. The Fairfax County Animal Shelter volunteers and staff have nothing but fabulous things to say about her. Like this from volunteer Paula: "This girl is just the BEST. She is sweet, leans in, sits for treats like a champ, and rolls onto her back for belly rubs. She seems like a devoted soul. Plus, she's stunning." When caretaker Adam did her evaluation, he was obviously smitten as well: "Since she has been with us, she has been a sweetheart! She can be a little shy with new people but if you go slow with her, she will warm up to you right away. Once she is comfortable with you, she will allow all handling, lean into you for pets and will even roll over for you to rub her belly! Zoe walks very well on leash but gets excited and will pull when she sees a squirrel. She will also sit for treats." Hmm, there seems to be a pattern here. All signs point to an awesome dog who will make a great new best friend! She was adopted but returned because it wasn't a good fit. Zoe was getting a bit protective of her family and nervous of the busy-ness of the home. Whoever adopts Zoe next will need to be ready to work with her on these behaviors, but she really wants to make her people happy and we think she'll do great with structure and training! Come meet her! For more information about Zoe, contact the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at 703-830-1100 or send an email to AnimalShelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.