



A message from Kathy Smith

Winter weather is heading our way! The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) treated roads yesterday and will continue treating them today in anticipation of winter weather. The latest updates are posted on their website:

www.virginiadot.org/novaemergency.

The new county website will launch soon. The Sully District page has been revamped and some of the new additions include: a living in Sully guide, an archive of past newsletters, and much more.

Have any comments or suggestions for the newsletter? I would love to hear your thoughts! You can contact my office at 703-814-7100 or by email at

sully@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Sincerely,

Katty

Reminder: WFCM Holiday Food Drive



This year the Sully District Police Station is participating in [Western Fairfax Christian Ministries'](#) (WFCM) Holiday Food Drive. Donations can be dropped off at the **Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151) starting today until Tuesday, December 12**. The food will be given to families in need to assist during the two week school break. One in four children attending Fairfax County Public Schools is on the free and reduced lunch program; many children are hungry on the weekends and over holiday breaks.

If you would like to donate a grocery store gift card to sponsor a family with food for the holidays, please mail it to WFCM, ATTN: Holiday Food Program, PO Box 220802, Chantilly, VA 20153.

Items needed include:

- Turkey
- Canned vegetables (corn, peas, green beans, or medley)
- Dried or canned beans (black, pinto, or kidney)
- Canned cranberry sauce
- Canned fruit
- Bagged fresh fruit (apples or oranges)
- Rolls (if you can deliver fresh)
- Canned gravy
- Canned soup
- Canned foods (ravioli, chili, baked beans)
- Canned chicken
- Boxed or bagged stuffing
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Boxed or bagged rice
- Jarred peanut butter
- Jarred jelly/jam
- Canned or jarred spaghetti sauce
- Dried pasta
- Instant macaroni and cheese
- Juice (64 oz.)
- Flour (1-2 lb. bags)
- Sugar (1-2 lb. bags)
- Cooking oil
- Cereal
- Parmalat milk (box)
- Pancake mix
- Syrup

- Instant Jell-O or pudding
- Brownie/cake mix or fresh pie
- Frosting

Your New County Website Launches Soon!



A new, modern, resident-focused website is critical for Fairfax County Government's digital business and informational future.

After many months of work, we are set to unveil an initial version of a new county government website this month.

We thank many of you again for providing input, which was very valuable!

Things to Know About the New Site:

1. A totally **new, modern design**, including responsive design for any device.

2. A **new search engine** (though it will take a few days after launch to fully crawl/index our new site).
3. A **rethought site structure**, with a focus on new topic-level pages to highlight some of the most important, resident-focused information.
4. An **open-source (and cost-effective) content system** behind the scenes that will be updated continuously with new features that we can deliver to you.
5. A **satisfaction survey** on every page so you can let us know about your experience with particular pages, as well as other focused opportunities to better understand how the new site will be used over time.
6. Of course, inevitably, there will be some broken links as we make this transition, so we are **committed to fixing those as soon as possible**. Most links on the current fairfaxcounty.gov will change to new links when the site goes live. Thanks in advance for your patience!

View Images of the New Site:

To preview select pages of the new site (including desktop and mobile views), take a look at our Flickr gallery:

- [VIEW PREVIEW IMAGES](#)

Coffee with a Cop



Saturday, December 9, 2017
12:00p.m. to 2:00p.m.

Starbucks

14423 Chantilly Crossing Lane, Chantilly

Join your neighbors and local police officers for coffee and conversation! Bring the whole family, Fairfax County Sheriff's Office will be onsite with their FREE child ID program, Caring Angels Therapy Dogs, McGruff the Crime Dog will make an appearance, kids activities and much more...

What You Need to Know About Panhandling in Fairfax County



In 2017, our Police Department has received approximately 2,100 calls related to panhandlers in our county, an increase over calls received in 2016. The calls range from traffic issues to concerns about the panhandler to fears about a suspicious person at an intersection.

Panhandling can be found in most areas of our county, generating many questions and complaints from our residents. While we may get a good feeling by providing money to a panhandler, the reality is that panhandlers who are truly in need require more resources than small amounts of money.

The good news is that our county has many services and staff dedicated to help those in need. But we need your help:

We encourage you to not give money to panhandlers.

Why? Because giving money to panhandlers encourages more panhandling. Donations of cash will not help solve the underlying reasons why someone

panhandles.

Here are some important things to know about Fairfax County's approach to this issue:

What Are the Laws?:

- Asking for money is a protected act under the First Amendment.
- Asking for money in public areas, including roadway medians, is not a violation of law.
- The county monitors legal developments related to panhandling.

What About Public Safety?:

- Our police officers will intervene when panhandlers commit traffic offenses or engage in criminal activity.
- If you witness a panhandler breaking the law, contact the Fairfax County Police Department. The emergency number is 9-1-1 and the non-emergency number is 703-691-2131.
- Our police officers are very responsive and will take immediate action if a crime is being committed. Proactive community assistance with reducing criminal activity is invaluable.
- Police officers refer panhandlers they encounter to available county human services, but cannot force them to receive services.

Who Are Panhandlers?:

- Not all panhandlers are homeless, but may be in need of food and other critical services.
- However, many of the stories panhandlers use to solicit money are not true.

- Some panhandlers come from outside our county or even outside Virginia.
- Some panhandlers operate as part of organized, professional panhandling rings.

What Can You Do?

- Refer panhandlers – or anyone you see who may be in need – to our county’s social services programs. We have a wide-range of services and housing resources. Provide them with this human services hotline phone number: 703-222-0880.
- You can also make copies of [this handout](#) with information on where and how to obtain critical services, including food and shelter. Have a few copies in your car to give out when you come across a panhandler.
- Consider making a donation or volunteering for one of our [nonprofit community partners](#) dedicated to assisting our residents in need.

Christmas Tree Safety Tips

Getting ready to put up a real, or artificial, Christmas tree in your home? Before you do, you need to pause a moment and review some important information from our friends at the [Electrical Safety Foundation International](#) (ESFI).

Did you know that 1/3 of all Christmas tree fires are a result of electrical failures or malfunctions? Many of these fires can potentially be prevented by following some of the simple steps outlined below.

Taking positive action today may help to ensure your Christmas is a safe and merry one.

Oh Christmas tree, Oh Christmas tree, Much hazards do you bring thee!

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), U.S. fire departments respond to an average of 230 home fires that start with Christmas trees each year. Whether you're pining for pine, fervent for fir or even if you're ardently artificial, Christmas tree fires can be avoided by following some simple safety tips.

For live trees, check for freshness and avoid purchasing dry trees.

For artificial trees, look for the label "Fire Resistant."

Cut 1-2 inches from the base of the trunk to ensure water absorption.

Place tree at least 3 feet away from all heat sources.

Discard any lights with worn or broken cords or loose connections.

Purchase lights that have a label from a recognized testing laboratory.

Never connect more than three strands of incandescent lights together.

Dispose of your live tree after the holiday or when it becomes dry.

Turn off all Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to sleep.

Water live trees daily.

ESFi.org

www.esfi.org

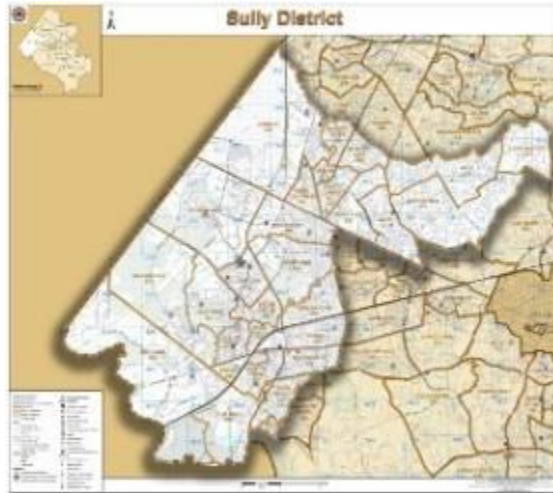
Half of home Christmas Tree fires occur between December 22nd and January 5th.

Electrical failures or malfunctions are a factor in 1/3 of all Christmas tree fires.

www.facebook.com/ESFI.org

www.twitter.com/esfidotorg

Sully Land Use Spotlight



Upcoming Meetings:

Dulles Suburban Center Study Advisory Group Meeting -

The Dulles Suburban Center Advisory Group will meet on **Monday, December 11, 2017 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151) in the McDonnell Room.**

Items for discussion on the agenda include:

- DSC-D3-1 (Wall Road)
- DSC-I-1 (Long & Foster)
- Westfields/Land Unit J
- Schools

More information can be found at the Dulles Suburban Center Study website [here](#).

Development Process Committee Meeting -

The Board of Supervisors' Development Process Committee will meet on **Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA, 22035) in conference room 11.**

Items on the Agenda include:

- Zoning Ordinance Modernization (zMOD) Project: Sign Amendment
- Short-Term Lodging Zoning Ordinance Amendment
- Community Council on Land Use Engagement
- Unit Price Schedule

The agenda for the meeting can be found [here](#). Handout information for each of the listed items above can be found by visiting the Board of Supervisors Committee Meeting page [here](#) (some handout items may be available closer to the meeting date).

Beware of Package Pirates on the Prowl This Holiday Season



Below are some tips for the Fairfax County Police Department on how to ensure package safety this holiday season.

Those packages from Cyber Monday sales are starting to show up on doorsteps and we want to ensure the Grinch doesn't steal your gifts. Unfortunately, this type of crime does happen in our community.

- Sign up for delivery alerts to know when the items are delivered.
- Don't leave delivered packages unattended. Ask a neighbor to keep an eye out for the packages and offer the same in return.
- Require a signature delivery for packages you ship to friends and family.
- Set up alternative delivery options. Check your delivery service's website for details.
- Many retailers allow you to purchase items online and pick up in store or at a locker, where they'll be safe until you can pick them up.

- See if it's possible to have packages delivered to your workplace for the holiday season.
- Going out of town? Hold your mail and packages.
- Keep an eye out for suspicious people and vehicles in your neighborhood. Don't be afraid to call the non-emergency number!
- Package theft is not just an issue around the holidays, it occurs throughout the year. Consider investing in an exterior security system.

As always please contact their non-emergency number if you see or encounter any suspicious people or vehicles this holiday season at 703-691-2131.

Tree Care Spotlight: Fertilizing Trees



Usually, healthy trees do not need fertilizer. In a forest setting, decaying leaves and other organic matter provide a slow, steady source of natural fertilizer. In an urban setting, however, soils are likely to be compacted, poorly aerated and drained and low in natural fertilizer because of annual leaf removal which may stress trees. There is also competition from lawns which surround many urban trees. Fertilization may be needed in these situations to increase plant vigor.

The majority of the feeding root system for many trees is less than twenty inches deep, while the structural support roots go deeper. In general, the availability of nutrients to the shallower roots will depend on soil quality, aeration and drainage. Having a wide, shallow mulch ring around each tree can help mimic their natural habitat and provide a slow release of nutrients, while also improving soil structure and drainage.

Signs of tree stress or need for nutrition are:

- Premature fall color and leaf dropping.
- Smaller than normal leaf size.
- Chlorotic (pale green or yellowish) leaf color.
- Noticeable reduction of twig, bud or branch growth.

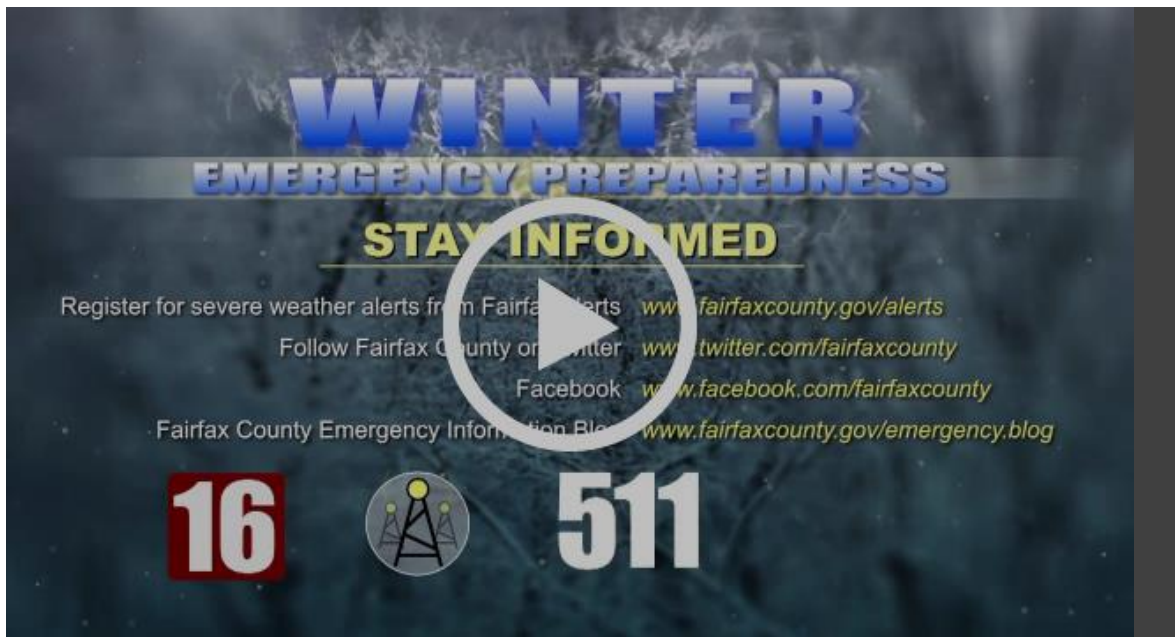
Before applying fertilizer to your lawn or mulch area specifically for your trees, you should test your soil to see what nutrients, if any, may be lacking in the soil. Soil test kits are available from Virginia Cooperative Extension.

You may also want to contact an International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist to assess the health of your tree or trees to give you guidance on possible fertilizer needs. See <http://www.goodtreecare.com/> for a list of certified arborists.

If you decide to fertilize, do so in the late winter or early spring using fertilizer that is high in nitrogen. The nitrogen content is indicated by the first number in the listed ratio, such as 27-3-3, or 26-4-6. Follow the label directions on the container, for example, if using 27-3-3 use one pound per inch of trunk diameter at breast height, so that a ten inch diameter tree will take ten pounds. Do not over fertilize or fertilize too frequently, as too much is worse than too little.

More information about trees is [here](#) or call the Fairfax County Urban Forest Management Division (UFMD) at 703-324-1770, TTY 711.

Winter Preparedness - Get a Kit. Make a Plan. Stay Informed.



What do you need in your emergency preparedness kit? How do you make an emergency plan? Answer: ReadyNOVA.org. And what Fairfax County resources should you follow to stay informed? This video provides valuable information on how you can get an emergency kit, make an emergency plan and how to stay informed this winter.

Police Civilian Review Panel Public Forum

JOIN US:

The Inaugural Public
Forums of

The Fairfax County Police Civilian Review Panel

- ❖ MEET YOUR INDEPENDENT AUDITOR AND PANEL MEMBERS
- ❖ LEARN HOW TO INITIATE THE COMPLAINT PROCESS, WHO WILL INVESTIGATE, AND WHAT TO EXPECT ONCE A COMPLAINT IS FILED
- ❖ ENGAGE THE PANEL WITH YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROCESS

*There will be a 45-minute period for audience participation. The Panel will respond to questions about the complaint form and the Independent Auditor and Panel processes. Ten, three minute, time slots will also be available to Attendees to comment on issues related to the Panel's or Auditor's jurisdiction (comments on specific complaints may not be presented). Sign-up will be available at the Forum on a first come, first served basis. The Panel will be listening and recording comments, but will not offer responses at the Forum. Written comments may also be submitted.

WHEN AND WHERE

NOVEMBER 16,
2017

Heritage Human
Services Center
7611 Little River Turnpike
Annandale, VA
22003

7:00pm – 9:00pm

And

DECEMBER 12,
2017

The Reston
Community Center
Hunters Woods
2310 Colts Neck Road
Reston, VA
20191

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Contact Us:

Call: 703-324-3459

Email: IPAPoliceAuditor@fairfaxcounty.gov

Web:
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecivilianreviewpanel

To request this information in an alternate format,
call 703-324-3459, TTY 711
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Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Cookie!

Age: 2y 1m

Gender: Female

Color: White / Brown

Spayed/Neutered: Yes

Size: Large

Cookie is a sweet, shy girl who was originally very nervous at the shelter but is now loose and wiggly and oh so friendly! Here's what one of the animal shelter staff members said about her: "Cookie is such a sweet girl who has completely come out of her shell! When Cookie first came to us she would

often hide in the corner and run away if you were trying to take her out. As we have gained her trust Cookie will run to you and give you all the kisses and snuggles you want!" She is at the shelter because she was not getting along with the other dog in the home. Other than that, her owners said she is a great dog who just loves people! And who can resist that beautiful face? Come see her today!

Volunteer Opportunity in Sully



Spanish Language Conversation Group Leader (Centreville Regional Library)

Volunteer will provide opportunities for adult participants to practice Spanish language skills in a small group setting using activities and discussions. Group will meet on a weekly basis.

Duties: Under the direction of library staff, develops and presents programs to library customers. Reviews program content with staff in advance. Works with staff to determine program date, time, target audience and preferred attendance number. Reports attendance to library staff and keeps library staff informed of any issues. Reports volunteer hours promptly and accurately.

Qualifications: Thorough knowledge of program subject matter. Prior experience in presenting to a group. Ability to communicate effectively.

Minimum Age to Volunteer: 18

Location:

14200 St. Germain Drive

Centreville, VA 20121

Contact:

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<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ce/>