



A message from Kathy Smith

There were several pedestrian fatalities in our county last year. Read below about what drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians can do to make the roads safer for everyone. Pedestrian safety is a top priority for the Board of Supervisors and we designated \$110 million in federal, state, and county funding under direction of the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) to construct pedestrian improvements in high-priority areas of Fairfax County. To view the list of current pedestrian initiatives, click [here](#).

A special election will be held this coming Tuesday, January 8, 2019 to fill the unexpired term of the 33rd District seat in the Virginia State Senate. If you are a registered voter in the following precincts: Brookfield (902), Franklin (905), or Carson (931) you are eligible to vote in this special election. The deadline for In-Person Absentee Voting for the special election is 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 5, 2019. More information is below in the "Reminders" section.

Sincerely,

Kathy

Reminders!

Special Election for 33rd Senate District:

A special election will be held **on Tuesday, January 8, 2019**, to fill the unexpired term of the 33rd District seat in the Virginia State Senate. The unexpired term ends January 8, 2020. The 33rd Senate District includes parts of Fairfax and Loudoun Counties. Only qualified voters of the 33rd District are eligible to vote in this election.

Important Dates:

- **January 5, 2019** - Deadline for In-Person Absentee Voting: 5:00 p.m.
- **January 8, 2019** - Absentee Ballot return deadline: 7:00 p.m.

33rd Senate District - Precincts in the Sully District:

- 902 Brookfield
- 905 Franklin
- 931 Carson

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

Zoning Ordinance Modernization Project Public Meeting:

Date: Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Rooms 4 & 5
(12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035)

Since early 2018, Clarion Associates has been assisting Fairfax County in modernizing its Zoning Ordinance through the zMOD project. To learn more about this project, click [here](#).

Environmental Quality Advisory Council - Annual Public Hearing:

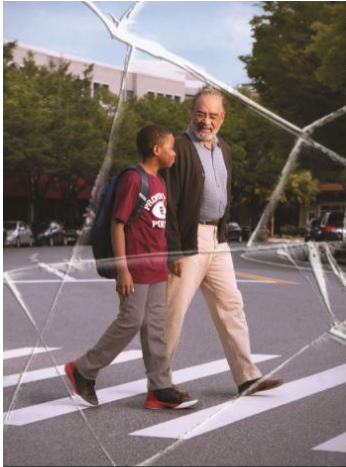
Date: Wednesday, January 9, 2019

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Rooms 4/5
(12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035)

Each year the Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC) holds a public hearing to obtain input on issues of environmental concern. The public is encouraged to attend and share views on the state of the environment and to identify any environmental issues applicable to Fairfax County. For more information about this event, click [here](#).

Safety Tips for Drivers, Cyclist & Pedestrians



LIFE IS FRAGILE.

Safety Tips

For Pedestrians, Bicyclists, and Drivers

STREET SMART
Be StreetSmart.net

A public safety program of Metro, the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia.

For Driving:



Stop for pedestrians at crosswalks.



Be careful when passing buses or stopped vehicles.



Slow down and obey the speed limit.



When turning, yield to people walking and biking.



Look for bicyclists before opening your door.



Allow at least 3 feet when passing bikes.

For Biking:



Obey signs and signals.



Use lights at night and when visibility is poor.



Never ride against traffic.



Wear a helmet.



Use hand signals to tell drivers what you intend to do.



Ride in a straight line at least 3 feet from parked cars.

For Walking:



Cross the street at crosswalks and intersections.



Wait for the walk signal.



Watch for turning vehicles. Look left, right, and left again.



Be visible. Wear something light or reflective after dark.



Use the pushbuttons.



Watch out for blind spots around trucks and buses.



Conductores:



Para por los peatones en los cruces.



Ten cuidado al pasar autobuses o vehículos estacionados.



Reduce la velocidad y obedece el límite de velocidad.



Al doblar, cede el paso a los peatones y ciclistas.



Atento a los ciclistas antes de abrir la puerta.



Deja un espacio de más de 3 pies al pasar a un ciclista.

Ciclistas:



Obedece todas las señales y semáforos.



Nunca vayas en contra del tráfico.



Usa señales de mano para indicarles a los conductores qué vas a hacer.



Usa luces en la noche cuando la visibilidad sea baja.



Usa un casco.



Monta en línea recta a un mínimo de 3 pies de los autos estacionados.

Peatones:



Cruza en los cruces de peatones o intersecciones.



Atento a los vehículos que doblan. Mira a la izquierda, a la derecha y a la izquierda de nuevo.



Oprime los botones en los cruces de peatones.



Espera por la señal de cruzar.



Qué te vean. Al oscurecer, vistete con algo reflectante.



Atento a los puntos ciegos de los camiones y autobuses.

Sully District Station CAC Meeting



The Sully District Station Citizen Advisory Committee will meet on **Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sully Governmental Center** (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151) in the McDonnell Room. This meeting is open to the public. Free public parking is available in front of the building.

Agenda Items:

1. Officer of the Quarter award
2. Station Update
3. Helicopter Division Update:
 - Discussion points:
 - Division's overall mission
 - What type of helicopters they have and their equipment
 - What it is like to operate in the most restricted airspace in the United States
 - Pilot and Tactical Flight Officer requirements and training
 - Expense and Budgeting
 - Drones and Lasers
 - Hangar Renovation

For more information, contact CPO Sabrina Ruck at 703-814-7000.

Events at Centreville Regional Library



[Infinity's Playground](#)

Monday, January 7

4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

George Mason University's math lab brings interactive puzzles, games, and activities to explore the strange world of the infinite. Grades: 5th and 6th.

[Good Vibes Coloring Group](#)

Tuesday, January 8

7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Relax with fun and inspirational coloring pages. Materials provided or bring your own. Ages: Adults.

[Family Movie: Disney's "Frozen"](#)

Friday, January 18

2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Join us for this PG family favorite on your early release day from school. Bring

a blanket and/or pillow to sit on. Light snacks and drinks provided or feel free to bring your own. All ages.

[Put Your Writing on a Diet: Word Sculpting Fundamentals](#)

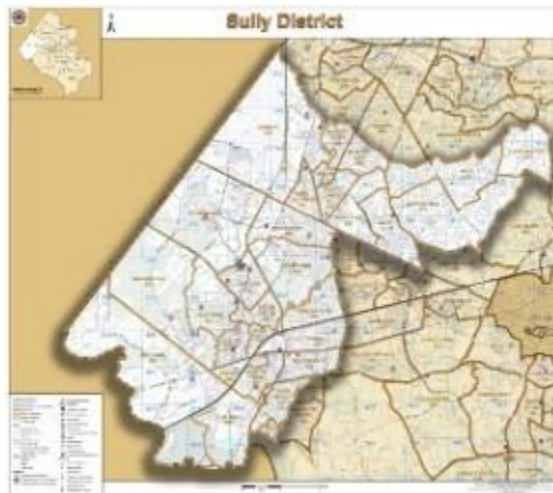
Saturday, January 19

1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Learn from expert Carla Bass how to write to grab and maintain the reader's attention. Grades: 9 to adult.

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

Sully Land Use Spotlight



Upcoming Meetings:

Dulles Suburban Center Land Use J Task Force Meeting -

The Land Unit J Task Force will meet on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Stone Middle School (5500 Sully Park Drive, Centreville, VA 20120) in the cafeteria. The task force will discuss and review draft Comprehensive Plan text for Land Unit J. For more information, click [here](#).

Planning Commission Meeting -

The Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 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 broadcast live on [Channel 16](#). Meetings are also recorded on videotapes and audiocassettes, both of which are available for review at the Planning Commission office, by appointment. There are no Sully District cases on the [agenda](#).

Volunteer Opportunity



The [Centreville Immigration Forum](#) was organized in 2010 with the vision of a community that welcomes all immigrants. Primary programs are a Labor Resource Center, which connects day laborers with jobs and provides English classes and skills training while they wait for work; a Commission for Labor Justice, which helps workers who arrange jobs independently of the Center to recover wages when they are not paid as promised; an Immigration Strategy Group, which advocates for compassionate immigration policies at the county, state, and federal level; and a Mayan Cultural Group, which celebrates the dance, art, and language of the Ixil culture.

Current Volunteer Opportunities:

- Administration
- Community Outreach
- Database Management
- Marketing Committee

- Personnel Committee
- Fundraising

To volunteer, contact volunteer@theCIFva.org or fill out an online form. Be sure to read the [Code of Ethics](#) before filling out the [Intake form](#).

Give Input on Fairfax County Parkway Widening



Date: Monday, January 7

Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Robinson Secondary School (5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, VA 22032)

The Virginia Department of Transportation will hold a public information meeting Monday, January 7, 2019 (if cancelled due to inclement weather, the meeting will be rescheduled for Monday, January 14) on plans to widen and make other improvements to about five miles of the Fairfax County Parkway (Route 286) between Route 29 (Lee Highway) and Route 123 (Ox Road).

The proposed preliminary design includes:

- Widening Fairfax County Parkway from four to six lanes
- Building a new interchange at Popes Head Road and the future Shirley Gate Road extension
- Improving the Route 123 interchange, as well as the Fairfax County Parkway/Burke Centre Parkway intersection
- Improving the existing Fairfax County Parkway Trail and creating a new shared-use path to make the trail continuous within the project limits

Stop by between 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Robinson Secondary School to learn more about the project and review proposed plans. VDOT staff will be available to answer questions. A presentation will be at 7:00 p.m.

Comments may be provided at the meeting or sent to VDOT by January 22, 2019. Email meetingcomments@vdot.virginia.gov or mail comments to Mr. Sitaram Kodali, P.E., Project Manager, Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Visit the [project page](#) for more information.

Coping Strategies for Anxious Children, Ages 8-17



Date: Friday, January 11, 2019

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services (2334 Gallows Road, Entrance - 1, Room 100, Dunn Loring, VA)

Dr. Erin Berman, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist, from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), will present this important workshop for parents of anxious children ages 8-17. Dr. Berman will highlight:

- How to help children with anxiety
- When anxiety becomes a disorder
- Strategies for treating specific anxiety disorders
- Stress reduction tools

- Current NIMH studies on anxiety in children

All workshops are FREE to parents, educators, and community members.

If you need ADA accommodations or an interpreter for the workshop, call 703-204-3941.

[Click here to register.](#)

For more information, call 703-204-3941, or visit the [Parent Resource Center website.](#)

Know Which Holiday Gifts Are Welcome in Parks



While it is fun to head outside to try out new holiday gifts, it is important to know the rules before bringing holiday gifts into parks.

Here are some tips:

- Drones are allowed but you must comply with Federal Aviation Administration directives. To find out all the rules and regulations you must follow safely and responsibly to use drones in parks, click [here](#).
- Projectiles are prohibited, including: bows and arrows, Tasers, spears, slingshots, dart devices, and other high-speed missile projectiles.
- Knives with a blade more than four inches in length are prohibited, unless it is being used to prepare food.
- Metal detectors may only be used with the FCPA's express written permission.
- Keep your new furry friend on a leash, and no visiting a dog park until they are at least four months old and not in heat.
- New pony? Stay in designated equestrian/riding areas.
- Feel free to try out the new fishing rod, but you must comply with Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries laws and park rules.
- Keep bicycles and skis on established trails, walkways, and roadways. No off-trail use.

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

The Green Column



Energy Saving Tips: Lighting

These low- and no-cost tips can help you save energy:

- Always turn off lights when leaving a room!
 - Install timers, sensors, or other controls to automatically turn lights off for you.
- Install dimmers to save electricity when light levels can be lowered. Before installing, check that the dimmers are compatible with the light bulbs you want to use.
- Purchase ENERGY STAR® qualified LEDs (light emitting diodes) when buying new light bulbs, and replace incandescent bulbs with LEDs in frequently used areas. LEDs consume the least amount of energy, have the longest expected lifetime, and are the cheapest option over

the lifetime of the lamp. Compared to incandescent bulbs or even CFLs, LEDs give off very little heat. This makes LEDs safer to touch, less of a fire hazard, and easier on your home cooling bill. LEDs do not contain mercury, so they are safer to handle and dispose of. For more information about LEDs and choosing the right bulb for your home, click [here](#).

Tree Care Spotlight



Hemlock Woolly Adelgid

In the 1950's a particularly nasty invasive insect called the hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) arrived in the U.S. on infested ornamental hemlock trees. This insect feeds on the sap of hemlock trees (*Tsuga* sp.). The American species (Eastern and Carolina hemlocks) have no defense against this invasive pest

and will eventually be killed. Hemlocks are slow growing and very long lived trees and have been nearly wiped out in the nearby Shenandoah National Park.

The hemlock wooly adelgid (*Adelges tsugae*) looks like white clumps on the undersides of branches of hemlocks (pictured). Each fluffy spot is actually a group of aphid-like insects covered by a white wax to protect them from predators.

Symptoms of infestation include yellow, chlorotic needles or needle loss, loss of tree vigor and dead branches. Hemlock wooly adelgid is a relatively slow killer and may take up to ten years before a tree succumbs.

If you find HWA on your trees, there are several control options which include the systemic insecticides imidacloprid and azadirachtin for larger trees, insecticidal soap, or dormant/horticultural oil for trees where the whole canopy is accessible. Make sure to follow the directions on the label when using any insecticide.

For more information on this insect, please see our website at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/urban-foresters-protect-hemlock-trees-against-invasive-insect> or contact us by email at pestmail@fairfaxcounty.gov or phone 703-324-1770, TTY 711.

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Willow!

Age: 7m 26d

Gender: Female

Color: White / Black

Spayed/Neutered: Yes

Size: Large

Looking for somebunny to love? Adoption fees for rabbits are \$15. For more information about Willow contact the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at 703-830-1100, TTY 711 or email animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.
