

Sull-E Newsletter



July 31, 2020

A Message from Kathy Smith

The Board of Supervisors does not hold regular or committee meetings during the month of August. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 15, 2020.

While the number of positive [COVID-19 cases](#) declined in Fairfax County, it is important to keep following guidelines to protect yourself and help slow the spread. Wear a face covering when in public places, maintain a space of six feet between yourself and others, and stay home when you can. For more information about how to limit your exposure to COVID-19, [click here](#).

Due to safety concerns about large public gatherings at this time, the 2020 Starlight Cinema events have been cancelled. Instead, the Fairfax County Park Authority will livestream [25 free summer concerts](#) from now until August 30, 2020. More information about the virtual concerts is below.

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is seeking public input on the Route 28 and Dulles Toll Road/Greenway Interchange study. The deadline for the online survey is August 2, 2020. More information about the project, and how to provide feedback, is below in the "Reminders" section.

2020 Census Takers to Begin Visiting Unreported Homes:

- The county has received responses from more than 76% of residents, but hopes to be near a 100% response rate before the final Census deadline. [Details](#)
- Enumerators (census takers) will be visiting households that have not yet responded to help collect Census information in a fast, safe, and confidential way. Residents in low-response areas may also receive emails asking them to complete the 2020 Census.
- If you respond online or by phone today, a census taker is less likely to have to visit your home to collect your response. Households can still complete the [2020 Census](#) online, by phone at 844-330-2020 (TTY 711) or by completing the paper survey received in the mail. **The Census Bureau does not disclose any personal information.**

2020 Census Response Assistance Event:

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- Need help responding to the 2020 Census? Authorized census staff will be available to help on Sunday, August 2, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Parking Lot of Newgate Shopping Center (14120 Lee Highway, Centreville, VA 20120).
- Respond Now:
 - *English: 844-330-2020
 - *Español: 844-468-2020

School-Required Immunizations Remain Mandatory For School Enrollment:

- Vaccines are still required to enroll into Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS).
- The Fairfax County Health Department is offering community childhood vaccination clinics and has expanded office hours at three clinics in the county.
 - ***Vaccination Clinic in the Sully District:** Monday, August 17, 2020 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at London Towne Elementary (6100 Stone Road, Centreville, VA)
- To protect families, a limited number of appointments per site will be made available.
- **To schedule an appointment, call 703-246-6010, TTY 711.**
- Get the [dates and times of the clinics as well as more information in this Health Department news release](#).

DFS Parenting Education Programs Answers Their Most Frequently Asked Questions:

- COVID-19 has made a staggering impact on our lives this year. Families with children continue to adapt to a variety of ever-changing circumstances.
- To help parents, the Fairfax County Department of Family Services has launched some virtual tools to provide [Assistance from a Distance](#) including online parenting classes, a Parent Support Line, and Parent Cafés.
- For practical parenting advice, contact the **Parent Support Line 703-324-7720, Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**
- For more information, [click here](#).

Sincerely,

Kathy

VDOT: Rt. 28 in Centreville Reduced to One Lane in Each Direction During Overnight Hours from August 3-6



Route 28 in Centreville will be reduced to a single travel lane in each direction for about one mile **during overnight hours Monday, August 3, through Thursday, August 6**, to accommodate installation of beams for the new Braddock Road/Walney Road Bridge. Two-way traffic will run on Route 28 North so that crews can safely install bridge beams over the southbound lanes of Route 28.

Other closures necessary during this time include: the ramps from Route 28 South to I-66 East and West, the ramp from I-66 East to Route 28 North, and Braddock Road near Route 28. Detours will be posted. Drivers should expect delays if traveling in this area.

[Click here](#) to read the full press release.

Summer Entertainment Series Returns with Livestream Concerts



The [Fairfax County Park Authority](#) will livestream 25 free summer concert events featuring a mix of nationally known performers and singer-songwriters.

Concerts will be broadcast live via Facebook each Thursday through Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. Arts in the Parks children's shows will be livestreamed Saturday mornings at 10 a.m.

You do not need a Facebook account to view the concerts. The complete concert schedule, with links to join the concert live and information about the performers, is available on the [Park Authority's Summer Entertainment web site](#).

Upcoming Events at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park



Upcoming Events:

- Sunday, August 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. - [Meadow Bug Hunt](#)
- Monday, August 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. - [Humming Birds - Our Winged Wonders](#)
- Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. - [Wild Women](#)
- Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. - [Botany Walk](#)

Click on the links above to learn more about the event. [Ellanor C. Lawrence Park](#) is located at 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly, VA. For more information, contact 703-631-0013 (TTY 711) or email parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Coronavirus Column

Important reminders to keep yourself and others safe:



Be Aware of COVID-19 Contact Tracing Scams:

- **Who are Contact Tracers?** Contact tracers reach out to the contacts of sick individuals to let them know they may have been exposed to COVID-19 and provide guidance about taking care of yourself.
- **Contact Tracing Scams: How to Identify Them**
 - *Scammers may impersonate these government contact tracers and call or text people attempting to steal personal information.
 - ***Look for these signs:**
 - Official Health Department contact tracers will never ask for your Social Security number, financial or banking information, passwords, or other personal information unrelated to COVID-19.
 - Scammers may ask for cash, gift cards, wire transfers, or cryptocurrency.
 - Scammers may also send text messages asking you to click a link.
- **Ways to Avoid Scams**
 - *Do not click links in emails or text messages. Instead, open a new window and search for the government agent or agency listed.
 - *Say no to anyone asking cash, gift cards, financial and banking information, drivers licenses, etc.
- [Click here](#) for the most up-to-date information on avoiding COVID-19 related scams.
- If you believe you have been the victim of a scam, **call the Fairfax County Police Non-Emergency Line** at 703-691-2131, TTY 711.

Tips for Cleaning & Disinfecting at Home During COVID-19:

- [Cleaning and disinfecting surfaces](#) is recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), especially if you are living with someone who is ill or suspected to be ill.
- Follow the EPA's guidance on how to [safely and effectively use disinfectants](#).
- **High-touch surfaces**, such as tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, toilets and electronics should be regularly cleaned with a household cleaner and disinfected with an [EPA-registered product](#).
- For more information, [click here](#).

Help is Still Needed:

- **The Office for Children** continues to seek donations to support childcare programs in providing critical services to children and families.
 - *Essential cleaning supplies are needed, including hand soap, paper towels, disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer. [Click here](#) for more information.
- **Face Covering Donations** - Smaller face coverings for kids are also needed. Cloth face masks of any size can be donated to community members in need at Fairfax County Police Stations. Drop off any time, day or night. [Find a location near you](#).
- **Donate Blood** – The [American Red Cross](#) is seeing an extreme shortage in blood donations. To make your appointment, [click here](#).

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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 ffxcovid@fairfaxcounty.gov. This email account is staffed Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. through 6 p.m.
- Visit a [web portal for coronavirus](#) that serves as a one-stop online resource for information.

Inova COVID-19 Update



All Inova hospitals and care sites are open and serving patients. The most up to date information on Inova’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including what to do if you feel sick, how to be tested if appropriate, visitor information, and other information to plan for your care can be found at inova.org/covid19.

It is safe to visit an Inova hospital, emergency room, or other care site. For more information on what Inova is doing to ensure the safety of their care sites, visit the [Safe@Inova website](#). If you are experiencing a medical emergency, visit the ER or call 911 immediately. Delaying treatment can be a dangerous decision, especially when it comes to signs of a heart attack or stroke.

Blood Donation and Convalescent Plasma:

Every two seconds, someone in America needs blood. It is safe to donate - Inova is taking extra precautions at all times to maintain a clean and safe environment for their donors. Your donation will save a life – for more information on how to make an appointment, visit <http://www.inovablood.org>.

If you had a positive COVID-19 test and you have been symptom-free for 14 days, you may be able to be a convalescent plasma donor. Your plasma should be rich in immunoglobulins that may be helpful to patients who are actively fighting a COVID-19 infection. To learn more about convalescent Plasma, visit www.inovablood.org/covid19plasma.

The Green Column



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The Role Transportation Plays in Climate Change

Transportation remains one of the largest sources of greenhouse gas emissions in the County, producing 5.2 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent in 2018 alone. In this [article](#), we will examine the different ways transportation contributes to climate change and how we can mitigate our impact.

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Bounce!

Can you believe that Bounce is over 17 years old??? He was brought to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter when his loving owner sadly passed away. And Bounce LOVED his owner, so much. Bounce has never been around dogs, and doesn't seem to like other cats. He doesn't really care about toys. He just likes to chill. And walk around on his tiny tiny paws, preferably towards you so you can pet him! (His paws are really tiny; they're cute.)

If you are interested in adopting Bounce, send in a completed adoption questionnaire! All adoption info, steps, and forms can be found [online](#).

Reminders!

VDOT Seeks Input on Route 28 and Dulles Toll Road/Greenway Interchange Study:

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) invites the public to learn more about and provide input on traffic operations and safety improvements being evaluated as part of a study to improve the Route 28 and Dulles Toll Road/Dulles Greenway interchange area. Interested residents and travelers are encouraged to [view the online presentation](#), [review supporting materials and maps](#), and [provide input by completing an online survey by August 2, 2020](#). Study details, the presentation, and online survey are available on the [project webpage](#).

FCDOT - Virtual Community Meetings for Fairfax County & Franconia Springfield Parkway Study:

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) will hold its first online community meeting to present its plans for the Fairfax County and Franconia-Springfield Parkways "Alternatives Analysis and Long-Term Planning Study".

- [Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2020, from 7-9 p.m.](#)

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In order to participate in the online meeting experience, FCDOT has put together a [step-by-step process](#) for registration, logging in, and participating in the meeting. For more information, visit the Study webpage at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/study/fairfax-county-parkway>. **Feedback also will be collected via an online survey that will be available after the first meeting through Monday, Aug. 31, 2020.**
