

Sull-E Newsletter



A message from Kathy Smith

Election Day is next week on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Tomorrow, Saturday, November 2, 2019 is the last day to vote in-person absentee! There are 10 locations around the County where you can vote in-person absentee, including the Sully Governmental Center. More information about Election Day and what is on the ballot, is below.

The [Purple Can program](#) has collected more than two million pounds of glass across the 12 drop-off locations in Fairfax County. The glass collected in the purple containers is crushed and reused for county projects. We have already filled up the Purple Can at the Sully Governmental Center, and it was emptied earlier this week. Thank you to all who have become part of our Purple Can Club!

Sincerely,

Kathy

Reminders!

Important Dates for the November 5, 2019 Election:

- **In-person Absentee Voting at the Office of Elections (12000 Government Center Parkway, Conference Rooms 2/3, Fairfax, VA 22035):** Last weekday today, Friday, Nov. 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- **In-person Absentee Voting at satellite locations:** Last weekday today, Friday, Nov. 1 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and Saturday, November 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- **November 2, 2019:** Final day to vote absentee in-person by 5:00 p.m.

For more information about the upcoming election, [click here](#).

Fairfax Connector Reston-Herndon Bus Service Review:

The [Fairfax County Department of Transportation](#) (FCDOT) needs public input on alternatives developed to provide enhanced Fairfax Connector bus service in the Reston and Herndon areas, including connections to the future [Metrorail Silver Line Phase 2 stations](#) in Herndon and Reston.

Residents are encouraged to provide input on the service alternatives by filling out an [online survey](#). **The survey will be open from October 23 to November 30, 2019.** Comments can also be mailed to: Fairfax County Department of Transportation, 4050 Legato Road, Suite 400, Fairfax, VA 22033. For more information, [click here](#).

What You Need to Know for Election Day on November 5



Election Day is less than a week away, and here are three things you need to know if you plan to [vote on Tuesday, November 5, 2019](#) in Fairfax County.

1. Know What is on the Ballot

The following offices are on the [ballot](#):

- Fairfax County [Board of Supervisors](#)
- Fairfax County [School Board](#)
- Fairfax County [Sheriff](#)
- Fairfax [Commonwealth's Attorney](#)
- Virginia State Senate
- Virginia House of Delegates
- [Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Directors](#)

There is also a \$360 million school bond referendum on the ballot that if passes is planned to be used to design, build, or renovate schools.

To find a sample ballot based on your voting precinct, [click here](#).

2. Know Your Polling Place

Not sure where you vote? Look it up on the [Virginia Department of Elections portal](#).

Polls are open in Virginia from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you are planning to vote on your way home from work, keep in mind you need to be in line at your poll location by 7:00 p.m. in order to vote - give yourself plenty of travel time.

3. Know That You Need to Bring Your ID

There are several forms of [acceptable photo ID](#), including:

- Virginia driver's license
- U.S. passport
- Military ID
- Federal, Virginia, or local government-issued photo ID cards
- ID issued by a Virginia college or university

Finally, the last day to absentee vote in person is Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. There are [10 locations](#) that are open; in Virginia, you [must have a reason to vote absentee](#).

2019 School Bond Referendum

A school bond referendum will be on the general election ballot **Tuesday, November 5, 2019**. Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Residents of Fairfax County may vote if they are 18 years of age or older on Election Day and have registered to vote 22 days prior to the election (on or before October 15, 2019).

What is a Bond?:

The sale of municipal bonds is a form of long-term borrowing that spreads the cost of major capital improvements over the years facilities are used. This method of financing ensures that current and future users help pay for the improvements.

Why Are Bonds Needed?:

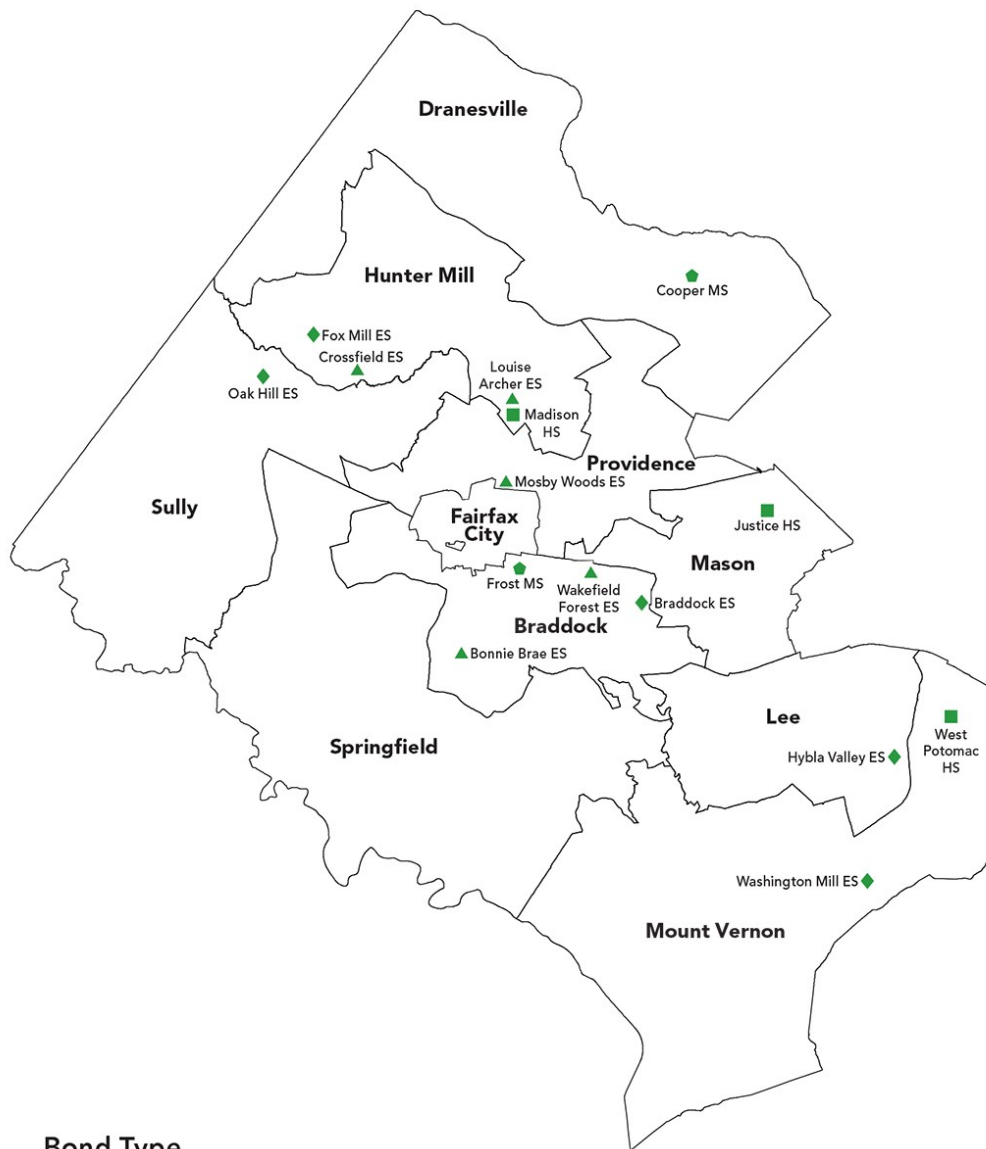
The building and renovation of schools are not financed through the school system's operating funds, but through bonds. Similar to an individual or a family obtaining a mortgage on a residence to spread the cost of home buying over a number of years, bonds spread the cost of major capital improvements over a number of years.

If approved, these bonds will probably be sold to large investment banking syndicates that will have to competitively bid for them. Once bought, they are typically resold to financial institutions, which then sell them to investors.

Why a Referendum?:

The law requires that voters approve bonds since they are a future obligation for taxpayers. As long as debt service costs do not increase significantly as a percentage of combined general fund disbursements, the county's bonded debt will not be a contributing factor to any increase in local taxes.

To view a list of school improvement projects included in the 2019 Bond Referendum, [click here](#).



Bond Type

- ◆ Renovations (Construction) - Elementary Schools
- ◆ Renovations (Construction) - Middle Schools
- ▲ Renovations (Planning) - Elementary Schools
- Capacity Enhancements (Construction) - High Schools
- Magisterial Districts

VDOT: Route 29 Northbound Over Cub Run Bridge Rehabilitation



Date: Thursday, November 7, 2019

Time: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Location: Bull Run Elementary School (15301 Lee Highway, Centreville, VA 20121)

Find out about plans to rehabilitate the northbound Route 29 (Lee Highway) bridge over Cub Run to improve safety and extend the overall life of the bridge. The bridge was built in 1954.

The planned improvements include: replacing the concrete deck, installing steel beams, rebuilding the concrete pedestals, replacing the bridge bearings, and repairing cracks.

Stop by between 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. to view displays and learn more about the project. A presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. Project staff will be available to answer your questions.

Give your written comments at the meeting, or **submit them by November 18, 2019** to Mr. Edwin Woo, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, or email meetingcomments@VDOT.virginia.gov. Please reference "Route 29 Northbound over Cub Run Bridge Rehabilitation" in the subject line.

For more information about the public meeting, [click here](#).

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact VDOT Civil Rights at 703-259-1775.

VDOT: Centreville Area Construction Update Meeting



Date: Monday, November 18, 2019

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

Location: Stone Middle School (5500 Sully Park Drive, Centreville, VA 20120)

Learn more about:

- Upcoming long term traffic pattern changes and detours at the Route 28 and Route 29 Centreville interchanges
- Upcoming construction activities along Route 28 corridor
- Route 29 Centreville partial bridge demolition

A brief presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. For questions about construction activities, contact the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) at 703-662-3892 or send an email to Outreach@fam66.us.

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Medicare 101 Workshops



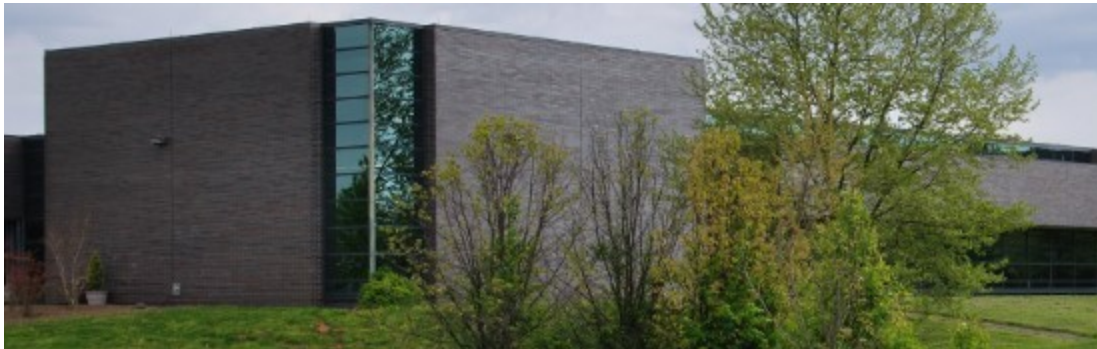
Learn the facts about Medicare and how to save money, including information on what to do during Open Season if you want to consider changes to your insurance plans. **Registration is required.** Register by calling 703-324-5851, TTY 711.

Medicare 101 Workshops in the Sully District:

- **Thursday, November 14, 2019** - At Chantilly Regional Library (4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, VA) from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, November 21, 2019** - At Centreville Regional Library (14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville, VA) from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

For information about county services for older adults and caregivers, [click here](#).

November Events at Chantilly Regional Library



1000 Books Across Fairfax

Saturday, November 2, 2019

10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Join us in the children's area as special guests from our community read picture books aloud to children and their families in recognition of the 3rd anniversary of 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten! All ages.

Thanksgiving Dinner with Chef Cal

Saturday, November 9, 2019

2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Getting ready for the big feast? Here are some tips on how to have a fantastic Thanksgiving Dinner with as little fuss as possible. Ages: Teens and adults. Registration is required.

Family Literacy Fiesta with Interact Story Theatre

Saturday, November 16, 2019

2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Join InterAct Story Theatre as they lead kids and adults in an interactive Literacy Fiesta of children's stories brought to life through creative drama. Kids and adults play together as they act, sing, and dance through a folk tale or story! All ages. Registration is required for children only.

Maker Monday: Start Your Own Youtube Channel

Monday, November 25, 2019

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Do you have a secret talent that you would like to share with the world? Come find out how you can start your own YouTube channel to showcase your brilliance. Grades: 9 to 12. Registration is required.

The [Chantilly Regional Library](#) is located at 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, VA 20151. For more information about these events contact the library by [email](#), or call 703-502-3883, TTY 711.

November Events at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park



Colors of the Forest

Thursday, November 7, 2019

2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Fall foliage is a sight to behold, but why do leaves turn colors? Get into the science of it. Hike through the park with a naturalist to find out what else is falling from the trees. Ages: 7 and older. Cost: \$8 per person.

Hot Dog, S'mores! Wagon Ride & Campfire

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy a turkey hot dog supper roasted over the campfire and a brick wagon ride through the Rocky Run stream valley. Discover who Ellanor C. Lawrence was and learn about the area's local and natural history. We provide hot dogs, buns, condiments, and s'mores. Feel free to bring your own drinks and sides. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Ages: 4 and older. Cost: \$10 per person.

Discovery Days

Sunday, November 24, 2019

1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Discover Ellanor C. Lawrence Park with our historians or naturalists. During this hands-on interpretive hour, you may search for animals, make biscuits and butter, explore a stream, and much more. Ages: 3 and older. Cost: \$7 per person.

[Turkey Walk](#)

Saturday, November 30, 2019

10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Discover the wild turkey's habits and secret ways during a walk in the cedar forest. Look for wild turkeys and their signs. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Ages: 4 and older. Cost: \$6 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



Volunteers Needed to Sort Food

[Western Fairfax Christian Ministries](#) (WFCM) is seeking volunteers to assist with the upcoming Boy Scout "Scouting for Food" drive at its sorting site in Chantilly on Saturday, November 9, 2019. Volunteers need to be able to lift crates of food (up to 25 lbs.). Shifts available include: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. To sign-up individually or with a group, email dculbertson@wfcmv.org and use the subject line "Scouting for Food."

WFCM provides food and financial assistance to individuals and families in need in our community. For more information, visit: <https://wfcmv.org/>.

Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee Public Hearing



Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035) in Conference Rooms 9/10.

We need your help identifying housing and other human services needs which are to be addressed in the county's Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan, which is currently in development and will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) next year.

During the public hearing, participants will have an opportunity to make presentation and take part in discussions designed to gather information on the housing and human services needs of county residents.

Anyone wishing to speak at the public hearing should call Malia Stroble at 703-246-5170 (TTY 711) or send an [email](#), to be placed on the speakers list.

For those attending the hearing, and those unable to attend, CCFAC requests the submission of written comments by [email](#) or mail (ATTN: CCFAC, c/o Fairfax County HCD, 3700 Pender Drive, Suite 300, Fairfax, VA 22030) **no later than 4:00 p.m. on November 8, 2019.**

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Consolidated Plan.

Fairfax County is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in all county programs, services and activities and will provide reasonable accommodations upon request. To request special accommodations, call 703-246-5101 (TTY 711).

November Workshops at the Parent Resource Center



Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder: Beginning Your Journey

Friday, November 8, 2019

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

Attend this important workshop, presented by Julia Calhoun and Katie Boxer, FCPS Behavior Intervention Teachers to understand characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorder. This workshop is for adults only. To register for this workshop, [click here](#).

Special Education: Understanding the Process and Collaborating with Your School

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Learn about what Special Education is and if your child qualifies for services. This workshop is for adults only. To register for this workshop, [click here](#).

Parenting Through Challenging Times: Supporting Your Child Through Life's Ups and Downs

Friday, November 22, 2019

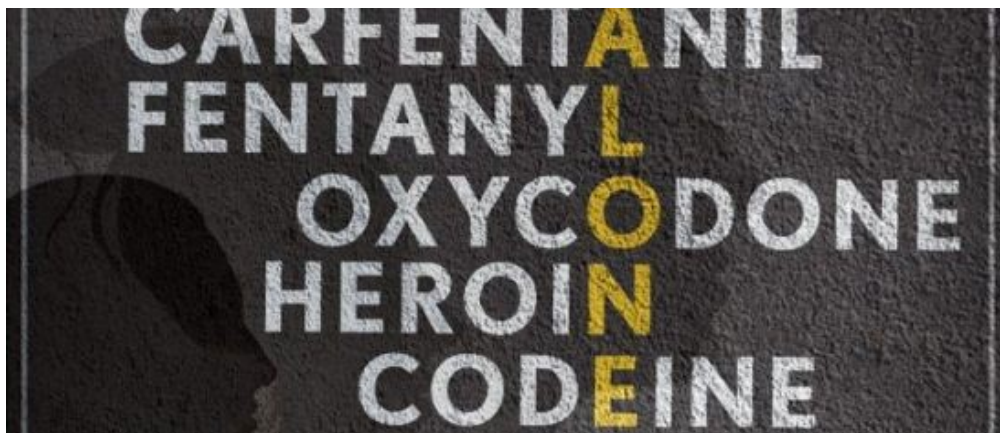
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Transform feelings of being overwhelmed, anxious and stressed to calm, confident, and compassionate. Learn tools and techniques to navigate turbulent waters and times of change within your home and family life. Presented by Corrine Coppola, M.A., and Well-Being Professional. This workshop is for adults only. To register for this workshop, [click here](#).

All workshops will take place at the Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services (2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, VA 22027) in Room 100. All workshops are FREE to parents, educators, and community members. To make a request for ADA accommodations, call 703-204-3941. Interpreters are available with at least two weeks' notice.

For more information about the Parent Resource Center, [click here](#).

Help is Available to Prevent Opioid Overdoses



In Fairfax County, more people die from overdoses than car accidents. We have a [plan](#) to combat the opioid epidemic here in Fairfax County, but we need your help as well. Below is what you need to know if you or somebody close to you might be impacted by this crisis.

Getting Help -

- If the situation is immediately life-threatening, call 9-1-1. Our Fire and Rescue personnel carry medication that can prevent death from opioid overdose.

- Call the [Fairfax Detoxification Center](#) at 703-502-7000; available 24/7, including weekends and holidays. The center includes a mobile team called [Detox Diversion](#) that is available between 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. daily. They respond to police and community requests to intervene at the scene of a potential arrest to instead refer the individual to detoxification services.
- Call the [Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board](#) (CSB) during business hours at 703-383-8500. Their staff can help you find appropriate treatment and recovery resources.
- Youth and adults can also come in person, without a prior appointment, to [Entry & Referral Services](#) at the CSB's [Merrifield Center](#), Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to be screened for services. Youth walk-in evaluations are offered during these times and also until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.

What You Can Do -

We need your help to fight this crisis as a community. Here are a few ways you can make a difference:

- Sign up for a [REVIVE! training](#). The classes train individuals on what to do and not to do in an overdose situation, how to administer naloxone, and what to do afterward.
- Learn [how to properly dispose of medications](#).
- Complete an [Overdose Safety Plan](#) for either yourself or a friend in need.
- Get a [free medication lock box](#) from the CSB.

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

The Green Column



Water Conservation is Everyone's Job

Water supplies in the Northern Virginia area are more than adequate to meet current needs, but it may not be that way in the future. This valuable resource must be conserved and protected.

Conservation Saves Money:

Conserving water can mean substantial savings in sewer, energy, and water bills. For homeowners with septic systems, conserving water reduces wear and tear on the system and requires less energy for pumping well water.

Widespread reduction in water use can also mean a reduced need for new or expanded sewer treatment facilities. Tax dollars saved by not expanding existing facilities could be used to improve water treatment techniques.

Make a Difference:

- Use low flow faucets and showerheads, reduced flow toilet flushing equipment, and water saving dish and clothes washers.
- Check for water leaks.
- Take short showers instead of full tub baths. Avoid letting faucets run unnecessarily.
- Only use fully loaded dish and clothes washers.
- Install a [rain barrel](#) or cistern to capture rain water for reuse.
- Wash cars only when necessary. Use a bucket and a spray nozzle to save water.
- Go to a commercial [car wash](#) that uses water efficiently and disposes of runoff properly.
- Water lawns at the coolest part of the day to avoid evaporation. Use slow watering techniques such as trickle irrigation or a soaker hose.
- Use mulch to hold in soil moisture.
- Do not over-water lawns or gardens.

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

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Rockie and Marley!

Rockie and Marley are best friends and they really do need to be adopted together. They have been together since they were just a couple months old, and now they are each just over three years old. Marley (golden) is the boss, and Rockie (black) is happy with that arrangement. They are crate trained, and love to sleep in bed with their person. They have not been around kids. Rockie is friendly, but does not know his size, and Marley is afraid of kids, so a home with older kids (like high school aged) would be best. They have lived with a young cat and got along fine. They like to have barking matches with other dogs, so be prepared! But, once they have a slow and proper introduction, they can be friends with other dogs. On walks, Rockie is the wild child, and he is known to pull and wants to say hi to everyone. Marley walks nicely on a leash, but does like to bark and is a little nervous of new things and people. This is quite the duo, and they are sure to fill your home with love (and their funny antics!). For more information about Rockie and Marley, contact the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at 703-830-1100 or send an email.