

News from Fairfax County Supervisor Kathy Smith, representing Sully District.

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Sull-E Newsletter



A Message from Kathy Smith

As 2020 winds down, I want to take time to appreciate a few successes in what has been a truly unpredictable year. When our hospitals experienced a rise in critically-ill patients, our frontline doctors, nurses, respiratory therapists and EMS crews, among so many others, charged head-first to ensure our neighbors and friends were cared for. When we learned face-coverings were essential to curb the coronavirus' spread, resourceful and industrious everyday-heroes across our community worked to sew masks and donate them to those in need. When the pandemic threatened our economy, the County provided small business loans, and partnered with community-based organizations to distribute food and keep people housed.

We have been challenged this year, and still have further to go. But when we look back on this year, it is my Christmas wish that we remember the strength of our community, especially when we come together.

Take care of yourselves and your families, and have a warm and joyful holiday.

[Evictions on Hold Through Dec. 31; Resources Available for Residents:](#)

- To protect public health and slow the spread of COVID-19, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)) has issued a **temporary moratorium on evictions through December 31, 2020.**
- The moratorium applies to people with **incomes less than \$99,000 or \$198,000 if married and filing jointly**, unable to pay rent due to income loss or extraordinary out of pocket medical expenses and would become homeless if evicted. Tenants facing eviction need to present a declaration to their landlord.
- If you are having trouble making rent payments because of the coronavirus pandemic, you are not alone. Federal, state and local governments continue to offer relief and resources to protect tenants. [Click here](#) to view resources available to county residents.

Sincerely,

Katty

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Reminders!

Need Help Paying Your Fairfax Water Bill? Apply for Assistance by December 30, 2020:

To provide financial relief for customers in need, Fairfax Water is working with Fairfax County, the City of Falls Church and the City of Fairfax to administer funds received from the Commonwealth of Virginia's COVID-19 Municipal Utility Relief Program. [Details](#) **Customers will need to apply for this relief program.** To qualify, you must meet certain eligibility requirements, attest that you are experiencing financial hardship due to the coronavirus public health emergency, and submit an application to Fairfax Water **no later than December 30, 2020. An application is available on [Fairfax Water's website](#).** For additional assistance, call Fairfax Water's customer service department to discuss payment options. The call center is available weekdays, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at 703-698-5800, TTY 711.

Search Underway for Next Fairfax County Police Chief:

Fairfax County is conducting a nationwide search for the next chief of police. [Details](#) The county has engaged a search firm to assist with the search, including community outreach efforts to help identify key characteristics, skills, traits and issues to consider. In addition to the survey below, the county will

host focus groups with key community organizations as part of the search process. **All residents and business owners are encouraged to take the survey, which will be open through Monday, December 28, 2020:**

- [Community Survey for Fairfax County Chief of Police Recruitment](#)
- [Encuesta Comunitaria para el Reclutamiento del Jefe de Policía del Condado de Fairfax](#)

Fairfax County Public Library (FCPL) Hosts December Food Drive:

Donations of nonperishable food items can be made at all currently-operating branches except Access Services. Each food item donated will reduce library fines by \$1, up to a maximum of \$15 per account. [Details](#) This donation drive is the third time FCPL has partnered with [Food for Others](#), a nonprofit organization that provides food to local families in need. **Donations will be accepted December 1-31.**

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