



A message from Kathy Smith

I hope everyone had a relaxing summer! The first day of school is Monday, August 28. Below are some tips for you and your family to safely start off the school year. The Collect for Kids program ends September 1. You can drop off new backpacks for students in need in front of my office.

The Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ) is seeking public input on Fairfax County's Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is a guide used by the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors to make land use decisions. The DPZ is also hosting three community meetings in September to discuss zoning rules for short-term rentals. More information is below.

Don't forget to vote! This coming Tuesday, August 29 is the special countywide election for an at-large School Board seat. Vote at your regular polling place between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The last day to vote absentee in person at the

Government Center is Saturday, August 26.

The last night of Starlight Cinema is this Saturday. The movie *Storks* will be playing at the Trinity Centre.

Sincerely,

Kathy

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Summer Entertainment Series

Starlight Cinema



Saturday Evenings in August • 6:00 p.m.
Trinity Centre 5860 Trinity Pkwy, Centreville

Welcome to another exciting season of Starlight Drive-in Cinema. These movie nights bring the community together and nurture community spirit with features that appeal to both children and adults. Our 2017 season provides four movies, free for the public to enjoy. The atmosphere is relaxed and informal. Feel free to bring a picnic, blanket and chairs, and enjoy the movies. To volunteer, please contact my office at 703-814-7100. I look forward to seeing you as we watch "Movies under the Stars!"

Kathy L. Smith, Sully District Supervisor

FREE Drive-In Movies!

Gates open 6 p.m., movie starts at dark.
Free children's games and rides. Food and drinks available for purchase.
Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets and FM radio,
if you wish to sit outside. Consumption of alcohol is not permitted.



AUGUST 5 - MOANA
PG | 113 min | Animation, Adventure, Comedy
Walt Disney Pictures | 2016

In Ancient Polynesia, when a terrible curse incurred by the Demigod Maui reaches an impetuous Chieftain's daughter's island, she answers the Ocean's call to seek out the Demigod to set things right.



AUGUST 12 - FINDING DORY
PG | 103 min | Animation, Adventure, Comedy
Walt Disney Pictures | 2016

The friendly but forgetful blue tang fish, Dory, begins a search for her long-lost parents, and everyone learns a few things about the real meaning of family along the way.



AUGUST 19 - ZOOTOPIA
PG | 108min | Animation, Adventure, Comedy
Walt Disney Pictures | 2016

In a city of anthropomorphic animals, a rookie bunny cop and a cynical con artist fox must work together to uncover a conspiracy.



AUGUST 26 - STORKS
PG | 89 min | Animation, Adventure, Comedy
Warner Bros. | 2016

A stork and his human pal must team up to transport a baby girl to her expectant family, despite the fact that storks now work as couriers for an Internet merchant after getting out of the baby-delivery business.

Check online for the full updated listing of Summer 2017 Starlight Cinema drive-in movies! www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance

Starlight Cinema is presented in partnership with the Friends of Starlight Cinema and generous support from the following sponsors. Supervisor Smith's office proudly sponsors one movie night this summer.



The summer concert series is made possible through corporate and private donations. To donate, visit www.fairfaxparkfoundation.org/projects



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Call 703-324-SHOW (7469) one hour prior to the start of the show for updates.

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance



Reminder! Special Election for At-Large School Board Member is August 29



Fairfax County will have a **special countywide election on Tuesday, August 29**, to fill a vacancy for at-large [School Board](#) member for the remainder of the present term of office, which expires December 31, 2019. [Absentee voting](#) is underway and the last day to absentee vote in person is **Saturday, August 26** at the [Fairfax County Government Center](#).

Five Things to Know to Vote:

1. [Review your sample ballot](#).
 2. The election is **countywide at all 243 precincts**; [check your poll location](#).
 3. Bring a [valid form of photo ID](#) to vote.
 4. **Fairfax County Public Schools will be open on Tuesday, August 29**, and it is the second day of classes. If your voting precinct is located in a school, **you are encouraged to vote before or after school hours if possible** and to postpone voting during the times when school buses are dropping off or picking up students.
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5. Check **election results** [online](#) after 7:00 p.m. (It may take some time for results to come in with 243 precincts reporting.)

For more information, contact the [Fairfax County Office of Elections](#) at voting@fairfaxcounty.gov or call **703-222-0776** (TTY 711).

FCPS Classes Begin August 28



Wow, summer went really fast! Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) begin classes on Monday, August 28, a week earlier than past years.

We have more than 189,000 students attending FCPS, which makes us the 10th-largest school division in the U.S. Back to school impacts most of us, even if you don't have a student in school (public or private school!) – here are three things to know.

1. Bus and Pedestrian Safety:

More than 1,700 buses, as well as young drivers and student pedestrians, will be out and about in our neighborhoods and roads. Please consider adding extra time for your commute, especially as everyone adjusts to school being back in session.

To help you plan your commute, here are the start and end times for our schools:

- Middle schools begin 7:30 a.m. and end 2:15 p.m.
- Three secondary schools (Hayfield, Lake Braddock and Robinson) begin 8:00 a.m. and end 2:45 p.m.
- High schools begin 8:10 a.m. and end 2:55 p.m.
- Elementary schools' schedules vary. They start from 8:10 to 9:20 a.m. and end from 2:55 to 4:05 p.m.

The rules are pretty simple if you encounter a school bus with flashing red lights. **Drivers must stop in both directions, unless separated from the bus by a median.** In 2016, there were 154 citations for passing stopped school buses, according to the Police Department.

Pedestrian safety tips to keep in mind:

1. **Be alert.** Children are unpredictable. Children walking or biking may show up suddenly and quickly; pay attention at all times.
 2. **Drivers should not block crosswalks.** Allow pedestrians plenty of space to walk safely.
 3. **Pay attention to school zones,** especially where they start and end. Those slower school zone speed limits are there for a reason. Follow the speed limit when the lights are flashing.
 4. **Always stop** when directed by a police officer or crossing guard.
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2. Free Homework Help and Tutoring:

The Library has a [long list of online resources to help your student succeed](#) from the first day of kindergarten through SAT and ACT test prep. Get live help with math and science homework from a teacher, review resources for writers and look at enough publications to turn anyone into a bookworm. Or [stop by your Library branch](#) and our staff will help you find the best resources and online help for an assignment.

[Get Homework Help](#)

In addition, volunteers from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology and Robinson Secondary School are offering **free** tutoring in math, reading, writing, science, social studies and ESL. This program, called GIVE – Growth and Inspiration through Volunteering and Education – is provided on select Saturdays.

[GIVE Tutoring Schedule](#)

3. Five Steps to a Healthy Start to the School Year:

Our Health Department encourages parents and students to follow these five steps to a healthy start to the school year:

1. Get at least nine hours of sleep per day.
 2. Eat five servings of fruits and vegetables per day.
 3. Limit screen time to two hours or less outside of school.
 4. Get at least one hour of physical activity per day.
 5. Eliminate sugar-added beverages.
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2017 North County Site-Specific Plan Amendment Process (SSPA)



Do you have an idea to amend the Comprehensive Plan - the county's guide for land use and development? Are you interested in gaining more knowledge about land use planning or participating in the land use planning process? The county will be launching the 2017 North County Site-Specific Plan Amendment process (SSPA) with an open nomination period for land use plan changes extending **from September 5 through December 5, 2017**. A community screening of submitted nominations will occur prior to the addition of proposed amendments onto the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan Amendment Work Program. Areas eligible for the North County review cycle include the Dranesville, Hunter Mill, Providence, and Sully Supervisor Districts. Additional eligibility requirements apply.

For more information on the SSPA nomination process and timeline, and to download a nomination form, please visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/planamendments/sspa, or call 703-324-1380 to consult with planning staff.

Community Meetings on Proposed Zoning Rules for Short Term Rentals



As Fairfax County considers [zoning rules for short-term rentals](#), offered through sites like Airbnb, residents can weigh in at three community meetings in September.

The meetings will offer a chance to provide feedback, ask questions and learn about the results from a community survey:

- **September 5, 2017, 7:00 p.m.:** [Hunter Mill District Community Room](#) at the North County Governmental Center, 1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston
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- **September 13, 2017, 7:00 p.m.:** [South County Government Center](#), 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria
- **September 25, 2017, 7:00 p.m.:** [Dranesville District Community Room](#) at the McLean Governmental Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean

Community members may also [take an online survey](#) until August 31.

This survey will help to shape the proposed zoning rules that may address:

- **Where these rentals would be allowed** in the county
- **How often** they could be rented out
- What **types of properties** could be rented out
- **How many people** would be allowed to stay in a property at any one time

Short term rentals are defined as properties that are rented less than 30 days. They are often listed and booked on websites like Airbnb, Flipkey, Homeaway, VRBO others.

The county is considering the regulations as a result of new state law passed this year that allows localities to require registration of short term rentals. The [Board of Supervisors](#) directed county staff to initiate an analysis of STRs and propose draft zoning regulations.

Ultimately, the board will decide whether to adopt the new rules, and both the [Planning Commission](#) and board will hold public hearings on the zoning rules before any action is taken. No public hearing dates have been scheduled at this time. Any additional meetings and the future public hearing dates will be posted on the [short term rental webpage](#).

To get more information, offer feedback or request reasonable ADA

accommodations, contact the [Zoning Ordinance Administration Division](#) by [email](#) or call 703-324-1314, TTY 711.

Testing Underway for I-66 Inside the Beltway Express Lanes Tolling System



The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is conducting field testing of the electronic tolling equipment for the I-66 Inside the Beltway Express Lanes to ensure the system is fully functional when tolling begins this December during weekday, rush hour periods. Testing is currently underway and will continue through the remainder of the summer and fall. No tolling will occur until the rush-hour-only Express Lanes open.

Drivers are now seeing flashing lights indicating testing of tolling equipment mounted on overhead gantries along I-66 Inside the Beltway including cameras and E-ZPass readers, as well as test messages displayed on new electronic toll signs on I-66. Crews also are testing indicator lights, which briefly flash to indicate that a vehicle is traveling with an E-ZPass Flex in the HOV mode and will be used for HOV enforcement once the express lanes

are in operation.

Dynamically-tolled express lanes are scheduled to begin in December 2017 on the nine-mile stretch of I-66, from I-495 to U.S. Route 29 in Rosslyn, providing single-occupant drivers a new option to use the lanes during weekday peak periods. Vehicles with two or more people can continue to use the lanes for free. All vehicles traveling during these periods will need an E-ZPass transponder, and HOV-2+ vehicles will need an E-ZPass Flex transponder switched to HOV-mode to travel for free.

Once open in December, the 66 Express Lanes Inside the Beltway will be effective from 5:30 to 9:30 a.m. eastbound and from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. westbound, Monday through Friday. The lanes will remain free to all users during the off-peak periods, including weekends.

The 66 Express Lanes Inside the Beltway will open as HOV-2, but will switch to HOV-3 when the 66 Outside the Beltway Express Lanes open in mid-2022, matching the current HOV rules on I-495 and I-95 Express lanes.

More information can be found at Transform66.org.

Your 2017 Car Tax Bill; What You Need to Know



More than 800,000 personal property (car) tax bills were mailed to county residents this summer. **Your tax payment is due October 5.**

Here is what you need to know:

- **The 2017 Personal Property Tax bill includes a Local Registration Fee** for vehicles regularly garaged, stored, or parked in Fairfax County. This is separate and distinct from the state registration fee paid to the Virginia DMV. Other than a safety inspection sticker, Fairfax County does not require the display of a physical windshield decal.

The Town of Clifton and the Town of Herndon have eliminated the requirement to display a local registration windshield decal. Pursuant to state law, each town will continue to charge a Local Registration Fee, but there is no longer a physical decal.

Also for residents of the Town of Clifton and Town of Herndon, Fairfax County Personal Property tax bills now include the Local Registration

Fee charged by those towns. Fairfax County, the Town of Clifton, and the Town of Herndon have entered into a compact whereby the County will bill and collect the current registration fee on behalf of the towns, and will forward the registration fees to each town as appropriate. The town fee will now be prorated upon the sale or move of the vehicle.

You can pay your town fees and County Personal Property taxes by one check made payable to the County of Fairfax. Payment should only be made to the Fairfax County Department of Tax Administration (DTA). Registration Fee payments are no longer accepted at Clifton and Herndon town offices.

Residents of the Town of Vienna must still pay town registration fees directly to Vienna. Fairfax County is not billing Vienna town fees at this time.

- - **You may qualify for tax relief**, if you are a senior at least 65 years old, or permanently and totally disabled, a disabled veteran, or a spouse of a veteran killed in action. More information and forms are available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta, or call 703-222-8234 (TTY 711).
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 - **Avoid the last minute rush and get faster service.** If you have a question or concern about your tax bill, you should contact the Department of Tax Administration at your earliest convenience, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 703-222-8234 (TTY 711), or send an email to dtappd@fairfaxcounty.gov.
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- **There are several convenient ways to pay.** Note: In order to complete an electronic transaction, you will need the last 4 digits of your vehicle identification # (VIN) and property # **as shown on your tax bill.** If you do not have a bill with you, you will need your DMV Customer Number and the last 4 digits of your vehicle's VIN.
 - **Online – The most convenient way** to pay your tax is online. Go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta and follow the directions.
 - **By Mail –** Detach the bottom of your bill and send in the full amount by check payable to County of Fairfax. **Do not send correspondence with your bill.** Send an email to dtappd@fairfaxcounty.gov, or send correspondence to DTA, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 223, Fairfax, VA 22035. **Postmark must be by the due date to avoid late charges.** If a check is returned by the bank unpaid, a \$50 charge will be added and the payment is void.
 - **Pay With Cash –** Pay by cash at the customer service desk at any Northern Virginia Shoppers Food location, or at other participating retailers. For a list of retailers who accept your tax payment, visit www.globalexpress.net, click on store locator. You must have your bill and pay the exact amount due; a \$1.25 service fee will be charged by Global Express per transaction.
 - **Mobile App –** Download the free Fairfax County app by searching Fairfax County Government on Google Play or the Apple App Store. Once you download and launch the Fairfax County app, look for the Services icon. Click on the Services icon and look for the Car Tax icon. Follow the simple directions. You will be able to see your current balance due and any prior year taxes due. A third- party service fee applies for paying with a debit or credit card.
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- **QR Code on Your Bill** –Your bill has a QR (Quick Response) barcode printed on the top right-hand corner (above your amount due). Use the QR code reader on your smartphone to directly access the online tax payment site. Follow the simple directions. You will be able to see your current balance due and any prior year taxes due. A third-party service fee applies for paying with a debit or credit card.
 - **In Person – (Long lines are possible close to the October 5 deadline)** Pay in person at the Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 223, Fairfax, VA 22035, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (open Thursdays until 6:30 p.m.) or Saturday, September 30, 8:00 a.m. to noon. You are encouraged to pay online or by mail to avoid standing in line.
 - **Electronic Check** – Go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta and pay by electronic check. Provide information from your check and your bank account will be automatically debited. No service fee is charged.
 - **Credit Card** – Call 703-222-6740, (TTY 711) to pay by telephone or go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta to pay online. A 2.5 percent third-party service fee is charged for credit card payments (as allowed by state law).
 - **At Banks** – This service is no longer available.
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Apply Now For Citizens Fire And Rescue Academy



Want to learn more about the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department? Want to participate in an interesting, fun-filled, eight-week program that will show you what firefighters and paramedics do every day?

You can now apply to the Citizens Fire & Rescue Academy (CFRA)! The CFRA is open to persons 18 and older who live in Fairfax County. Each session will cover different aspects of the organization, providing an in-depth overview of the department and its uniformed and civilian workforce. Program topics include: fire suppression, emergency medical services, training, recruitment, special operations, and other interesting topics.

[Applications](#) will be accepted until **September 1, 2017**. The Academy will begin September 21, 2017, and will meet for eight consecutive Thursdays, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and ending on November 9, 2017.

To learn more about the program and to sign up, please go here:
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr/cfa.

History Spotlight: Crossroads of Centreville



In 1955, if you were headed towards Fairfax, you would have been at this corner of Braddock Road and Lee Highway. The building on the left was Payne's Grocery Store (it is Jireh Bakery now). The house on the right is now where the IHOP shopping center is! If you look very closely you will see a police officer in the middle of the road. With no traffic light, he may have been there to help students walk home from Centreville Elementary School (now the site of Mountain View).

Learn more about your community as you visit the Centreville Historic Park during the 25th anniversary of Centreville Day on **Saturday, October 21, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** For more information, visit www.historiccentrevilleva.org.

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Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Sissi!

Age: 8 years 1 month

Gender: Female

Color: Grey

Spayed/Neutered: Yes

Size: Medium

Declawed: No

Sissi has the prettiest long grey fur, and very long whiskers! She's super fluffy. Sissi is a great listener and is 100% ready to hear all about your day when you get home each evening. She will sit in your lap while you brush her fluffy fur and stare at you lovingly with her yellow-green eyes. She's got a playful side too, and her favorite toys are feather wands and little balls with

bells in them. She might be a little shy at first but we promise she's worth the wait! If you are interested in meeting Sissi, please email the animal shelter at animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Volunteer Opportunity in Sully



Storm Drain Education

Description:

Storm drain labeling is an effective, low-cost method of educating residents about water quality problems in our streams, lakes, rivers and the Bay. The Northern Virginia Soil & Water Conservation District (NVSWCD) is currently recruiting volunteers to conduct storm drain labeling projects.

These projects have three main components. First, volunteers find a location and obtain approval from the civic or homeowners' association. Second, there is a community education component. Finally, there is the labeling component.

This opportunity is suitable for:

Interns, Those under age 18, School class credit, Summer-only volunteers

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<http://fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/stormdrained.htm>
