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Sully District e-Newsletter

The 2008 Area Plan Review (APR) process is getting underway and volunteers are needed to serve on the Sully District Citizen's Task Force. Area Plans Review (APR) provides an opportunity to participate in Fairfax County's land use planning process by commenting on proposals to amend the area plan volumes of the Comprehensive Plan (the Plan) and/or the Comprehensive Plan Map. The Plan is the guide used by the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors to make land use decisions.

Eleven Comprehensive Plan amendments requests were filed for the Sully District, which is less than half of the number reviewed in the last cycle. The Task Force will establish its own schedule, but I anticipate that the task force will meet during the November 2008 - March 2009 timeframe. The Task Force will prepare a recommendation to be forwarded to the Planning Commission for its consideration. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on each requested nomination and will consider the recommendations from the Task Force, Planning Staff and the testimony from the public hearing in making its recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors will vote to approve or deny the request after a subsequent set of public hearings and consideration of the three recommendations.

One representative from each community or civic association and one alternate will be accepted. No experience is necessary, just an interest in evaluating requested changes to the land use plan for your community. If you have any questions, please contact Meaghan Kiefer on my staff at 703-814-7100 or Meaghan.Kiefer@FairfaxCounty.gov. I look forward to working with you.



Public Meeting Set for Historic Centreville Park Master Plan

The Fairfax County Park Authority is seeking public input on the draft Historic Centreville Park Master Plan. A meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2008, at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at Colin Powell Elementary School, located at 13340 Leland Road, in Centreville.

Historic Centreville Park is a collection of five land parcels located in the Historic Centreville area. Mount Gilead, the largest parcel at approximately seven acres, draws its name from the most prominent feature within the site, the Mount Gilead house, built circa 1785. The site is owned and maintained by the Fairfax County Park Authority. In addition to historic Mount Gilead house, there are four other sites included in the park that contain a wealth of cultural, natural, and archeological resources that highlight the history of Centreville.

The draft master plan seeks to provide a balance between protection and interpretation of cultural resources, natural resources and community use. The draft plan addresses issues identified by the public, Park Authority staff and other Fairfax County personnel.

The proposed plan is available for review on the Park Authority website at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/mtgilead.htm>, or from the Fairfax County Park Authority at the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 406.

Comments on the plan will be received by the Park Authority for 30 days after the meeting. The public comment period will close on October 16, 2008. All comments must be received by this date in order to be included in the official public record. Testimony will be accepted at the meeting or can be emailed to: parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov. Members of the public may sign up to speak in advance by calling the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662 or may sign up at the meeting. Written comments should be directed to Pat Rosend, project manager, Planning & Development Division, Fairfax County Park Authority, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 406, Fairfax, VA 22035. After all comments have been considered, the plan will be presented to the Park Authority Board for approval.

For more information contact the Park Authority Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.



Centreville Day: Saturday, September 13, 2008

Parade: 10 a.m. beginning at Colin Powell Elementary School

Festival: 11 a.m.- 6 p.m.

This year Centreville Day returns to the Centreville Historic District. The Historic District is located off of Braddock Road, near the intersection of Route 29 and 28. "Patriots of Centreville: Past and Present" is the theme of this year's parade and festival featuring arts, crafts, jewelry, historic re-enactments, games, rides, local entertainment, and much more! Take a tour of Centreville's Historic buildings including Mount Gilead and St. John's Church. Join us at 1 p.m. as the Fairfax County Park Authority officially opens the Sears House.

Satellite parking will be available at Trinity Centre and shuttle buses will bring visitors into the Historic District, free of charge.

For more information visit www.centrevilleday.com



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