



## COVID- 19 Updates

Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna bivalent COVID-19 vaccine boosters are now available at Fairfax County vaccine clinics. Appointments are strongly encouraged, there may be wait times for walk-in service. [Find vaccine clinic and appointment information.](#)

## Monkeypox

Click on the [link](#) for updated information and to access the [new vaccine interest form](#). Individuals seeking monkeypox vaccination are encouraged to complete the interest form.

## FCIA EVENT SAVE THE DATE!!!

We will have a presentation on  
Domestic and Sexual Violence

. Tuesday October 18, 2022 7-8:30pm



This event will be held virtually. Please [register](#) to receive Zoom Link

We will have representatives from Fairfax County Domestic and Sexual Violence Services Unit, Fairfax County Police Domestic Violence Detectives, and Victim Services Specialist.

## EQUITY

Each month, a different aspect of equity will be addressed.

**Focus for October: Key Terms**



**Equity:** The commitment to promote fairness and justice in the formation of public policy that results in all residents – regardless of age, race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, national origin, marital status, disability, socio-economic status or neighborhood of residence or other characteristics – having opportunity to fully participate in the region's economic vitality, contribute to its readiness for the future, and connect to its assets and resources.

**Race:** A socially constructed category of identification based on physical characteristics, ancestry, historical affiliation, or shared culture.

**Racial Equity:** The absence of institutional and structural barriers experienced by people, based on race or color that impede opportunities and results.

**Social Equity:** The absence of institutional and structural barriers experienced by people, based on other societal factors such as age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, national origin, marital status, disability, socio-economic status, neighborhood of residence, that impede opportunities and results.

### Safety and Security

#### **Mitigating Attacks on Houses of Worship --Security Guide**

[DOWNLOAD THE GUIDE HERE](#) Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has prepared this comprehensive security guide based on original analysis to help houses of worship develop a comprehensive security strategy to mitigate future incidents.

**The Department of Emergency Management and Security (DEMS)** is going to expand their outreach efforts to include the faith communities. As a part of this effort, we invite you to sign up to be a volunteer since this is your area of expertise! Volunteer activities include outreach events, outreach presentations, ongoing training (including Until Help Arrives), and much more! Complete the Emergency Management Volunteer Corps Application: [Volunteering - Fairfax County Virginia](#) . Contact: [Courtney.Arroyo@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Courtney.Arroyo@fairfaxcounty.gov) for more information.

#### **All Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Stations to Host Open House**

In celebration of Fire Prevention Week (October 9 – 15, 2022), all Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Stations will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, October 15 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Stop by your local station that day to meet your firefighters and paramedics, join in the activities, learn about fire safety, see the fire trucks and ambulances. [Find your Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department Fire Station](#)

#### **Women's Fairfax County Police Department Women's Self-Defense Program**

Free 4-Night program women. Registration is now OPEN for the October (11th, 13th, 18th, 20th) self-defense class! You must attend all 4 nights! Join us for essential crime prevention and personal safety information followed by hands-on self-defense practice. Space is limited and there is no waitlist. WOMEN ONLY. (Participants 13-17 years old are welcome and MUST be accompanied by a registered parent/guardian all four nights.) Click to register - <https://bit.ly/3E4yzj8>

#### **National Faith & Blue Events**

**Sully District Police Station** is hosting a "Faith & Blue Prayer & Breakfast" Friday, October 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Grace Covenant Church. There will be coffee and breakfast refreshments so please RSVP so that we can make sure we have enough for everyone. [Register Here](#).

**McLean District Police Station** is hosting a Stuff a Cruiser event. Items requested: toiletries, toilet paper, shampoo, bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, laundry detergent, vegetable oil. Sunday, October 9 at various locations: 4pm-6pm at Temple Rodef Shalom; 2100 Westmoreland Street, Falls Church, VA; 9:45-11:45 am at St. Thomas Episcopal Church; 8991 Brook Rd., McLean, VA 22102; 10:00-12:00 pm at St. Dunstons Episcopal Church; 1830 Kirby Road, McLean, VA 22101; 12:00-2:00 pm: Lutheran Church of the Redeemer; 1545 Chain Bridge Rd, McLean, VA 22101.

**Mt. Vernon District Police Station** is hosting "Faith & Blue Fall Fest". Saturday, October 8, 2022 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Hot cider, pastries, games, crafts, police cars, police & faith community collaboration, crime prevention resources, stuff the cruiser with non-perishable food items for those in need in our community, and a whole lot of fun! 2511 Parkers Lane Alexandria, VA 22306

**Franconia District Police Station** is hosting a Community picnic and get-together of food, fellowship and fun with our Franconia District police officers and members of the Rose Hill Baptist Church. The event will feature the Fairfax County patrol boat, Command Bus, Fire Engine, Prisoner Transport Vehicle, and other vehicles and exhibits. Rose Hill Baptist Church 4905 Franconia Rd Alexandria, VA

**West Springfield Police Station** is hosting a food drive. Saturday October 8, 2022 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. This event's goal is to partner with faith communities to build bridges in the community and build relationships between faith communities and the FCPD. Giant Food 8320 Old Keene Mill Road Springfield, VA 22152  
Please contact your [local police district station office](#) for more information.



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To request reasonable ADA accommodations, please contact 703-324-4600, TTY 711.

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[Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services](#)



## Health and Wellness

### **Family Caregiver Webinar**

The Fairfax Area Agency on Aging and the Fairfax Caregiver Seminar Consortium invite you to join their upcoming webinar for family caregivers of older adults and/or adults with disabilities. **Medicare 101 and Medicare 102:** Wednesday, October 5, from 12:00p.m. to 1:00p.m. Wednesday, October 19, from 12:00p.m. to 1:00p.m. Register here: [Online Registration — Free Webinars for Family Caregivers of Older Adults - HSCODE - Fairfax County, Virginia](#)

### **Mental Health First Aid-Virtual and In-Person**

You are more likely to encounter someone experiencing a mental health crisis than someone having a heart attack. Mental Health First Aid teaches you the common warning signs and risk factors associated with mental health concerns, along with a five-step action plan to help someone in crisis. Whether you are a first responder, teacher, faith community leader, parent, co-worker, or caring community member, these certification courses have information everyone can use. Click [Mental Health First Aid Registration - HSCODE - Fairfax County, Virginia](#) for more information and to register.

### **REVIVE! Training**

The [Community Services Board](#) has partnered with the [Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services](#) to launch **REVIVE!** which trains individuals on what to do and not do in an overdose situation, how to administer naloxone, and what to do afterwards. Each attendee also receives a free REVIVE! kit, which includes all the supplies needed to administer naloxone. The medication itself can be acquired at a pharmacy after completing the training. Attendees also receive a safety plan to help individuals prevent overdose if they relapse. For more information and to register, click [REVIVE!](#)

### **Tier 1 –Domestic Violence Network Training**

The DV Network Training Committee is organizing an October in-person Tier 1 at the Chantilly Training Room at the **Health and Human Services Building in Chantilly (14150 Parkeast Circle #240, Chantilly, VA)**. Tier 1 will take place over two **Saturdays, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 5pm**. You can access registration at: [Fall Tier 1 Training Registration](#) and if you need additional information please email John Crownover ([john.crownover@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:john.crownover@fairfaxcounty.gov)).

### **Fairfax County Youth Survey**

The Fairfax County Youth Survey is a comprehensive, anonymous, and voluntary survey given each year to students in grades 6, 8, 10 and 12 that examines behaviors, experiences and other factors that influence the health and well-being of Fairfax County's youth. The results provide a snapshot of the county's youth and serve as a barometer of the community's effectiveness in fostering healthy choices in young people. Please click [Youth Survey](#) to see the results.

### **National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day (NLAAD)**

The Latino Commission on AIDS (LCOA), the Hispanic Federation, and other organizations organize this day to build capacity for non-profit organizations and health departments to reach Latinx/Hispanic communities, promote HIV testing, and provide HIV prevention information and access to care. National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day, a day to help stop HIV stigma and address the disproportionate impact of HIV on Hispanic/Latino communities. <https://bit.ly/3CvPXNb>

## Recruiting Volunteers

### **Befriend –A-Child Program-Mentors Needed**

Department of Family Services is seeking mentors in the Alexandria/Richmond Highway area to mentor a child between the ages of 5 to 12 years old. Male applicants and African American applicants are highly encouraged to apply. Mentors must be able to make a two-year commitment, spend at least eight hours every month with their mentee and participate in monthly group outings. To learn more or apply, visit <https://bit.ly/DFSBAC>. To speak to one of the Program Coordinators call 703-324-7072. Connect via email at [DFSBefriend-A-Child@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:DFSBefriend-A-Child@fairfaxcounty.gov).

### **Foster and Adoptive Parents Needed**

Have you considered becoming a foster/adoptive parent? Would you like to learn more about the [children and teens](#) in our county who are waiting for homes? Nearly 200 children in Fairfax County are in foster care, and we have a pressing need for more foster parents for children ages 11-17, children with special needs, and sibling groups of three or more. Families (single or multigenerational) that are willing to be flexible, have fun, maintain structure and consistency are welcome to inquire about becoming foster parents and growing their families. "There are no unwanted children, just unfound families." [Learn more](#) about becoming a foster parent in Fairfax.

### **Department of Family Services Needs Volunteers**

Volunteers needed to serve older adults, adults with disabilities, and family caregivers. Assist with grocery shopping, medical appointments, or as a social visitor to help reduce feelings of isolation. Do you have a skill to share or time to provide support to senior center and adult day healthcare center participants? Go to [bit.ly/FXVSVOL](http://bit.ly/FXVSVOL) to learn about Volunteer Solutions, or email [VolunteerSolutions@FairfaxCounty.gov](mailto:VolunteerSolutions@FairfaxCounty.gov) For more details on center needs, specifically, go to [bit.ly/SeniorCtrOpps](http://bit.ly/SeniorCtrOpps)

# Common Ground

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## Community Resources

### **October 2022 Reality Check Teen Driving Program**

The registration for our Reality Check Teen Driving Program is now open! The program is free and open to the public. Reality Check is on Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 10:30am-1:30pm. Reality Check is back to the in-hospital format. Check-in begins at 10am. The link for registration is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RealityCheckOct2022>. If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me via email or phone at [linda.watkins@inova.org](mailto:linda.watkins@inova.org) or 703-776-3259.

### **Centreville Immigration Forum will host an Open House**

Centreville Immigration Forum is celebrating 11 years of service and our grand reopening! Mark your Calendars Sunday, October 23 12-3pm! Centreville Labor Resource Center, 5944 Centreville Crest Ln. Centreville VA, 20121 [www.CentrevilleImmigrationForum.org](http://www.CentrevilleImmigrationForum.org)

### **2022 Venture into Volunteering Fair!**

Wednesday – Friday, October 12, 13, and 14, 2022 from 10:30am –3pm. You may join the virtual Zoom event at any time, during any of the 30-minute presentations. No pre-registration necessary. Twenty-seven non-profit organizations and Fairfax County agencies will share how they incorporate volunteers in service, and be available to answer questions Interviews. Go to [bit.ly/VOLFAIR](http://bit.ly/VOLFAIR) for the schedule, Zoom link, and details!

### **Financial Empowerment Center at South County**

**FREE Monthly Credit Report Review Clinic** held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, in the evenings from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM, virtually through Zoom. You will have the opportunity to have your credit report and FICO 8 credit score pulled and review by a financial coach. This will be a soft pull and no affect to your credit score. Please click on the link provided for more information about registration. There is limited space to early registration is encouraged. If you have question, please contact our office at 703-704-6101 or visit the [FEC Booking Page](#) to register.

### **Fairfax County NAACP**

Fairfax County NAACP is seeking to engage religious, faith, and community organizations in the work of the Fairfax County NAACP. We're developing programs in which our partners may collaborate and work with us to promote a common mission... "THIS IS POWER!". Details are available for these events at [fairfaxnaacp.org](http://fairfaxnaacp.org); on the Fairfax NAACP [Facebook page](#); by phone at 571-418-2717, or by emailing [info@fairfaxnaacp.org](mailto:info@fairfaxnaacp.org)

Power is the Right to Vote! [Voter Registration](#): Fairfax County NAACP will host voter registration and education drives with our partners at various locations throughout the County. Voter Registration drives **run through October 15th**.

### **NVMS Bridging Communities Welcome Breakfast**

NVMS Conflict Resolution Center invite you and your colleagues for an interactive conversation on how we can work together to manage and resolve conflicts so all community members thrive! We invite you for an interactive conversation with stakeholders, mediators, restorative justice facilitators, trainers, board members, donors, and other supportive friends – to learn more about how you can be a part of this public initiative for our communities. There is no charge to attend this event but we do request registration in advance. Light breakfast will be served. [RSVP here via eventbrite link](#). Contact Ann Colligan at [acolligan@nvms.us](mailto:acolligan@nvms.us) or 703.865.7272.

### **K9 Krawl**

The Victim Services Division of the Fairfax County Police Department will be hosting the 15th Annual K9 Krawl 5K on Saturday, October 15th from 8:30am-11am. 12099 Government Center Pkwy, (steps of the Public Safety Headquarters). This FREE walk is held to increase awareness between domestic violence and the link to animal cruelty. Activities include: FCPD K9 Unit Demo, Raffle drawings, Resource tables, DJ, Facepainting, Dog Costume Contest, Pet Portraits. Registerhere: [2022 FCPD K9 Krawl 5K Tickets, Sat, Oct 15, 2022 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-FCPD-K9-Krawl-5K-Tickets-Sat-Oct-15-2022-at-9:00-AM-tickets-38444444444).

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## Community Bulletin Board

The following public announcements are for interfaith meetings and activities sponsored by organizations within the community and are not specifically endorsed or sponsored by Fairfax County. These announcements are provided as a public service in the interest of expanding interfaith dialogue and goodwill. If you have an announcement you would like to share, please contact [NCsinterfaith@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:NCsinterfaith@fairfaxcounty.gov)

### Fall Food Festival

Adams Center is hosting a Fall Food Festival. Local food, rides, games, smores, and more.! Free Entry. Sunday, October 16, 2022 from 10am-4pm. 46903 Sugarland Rd., Sterling, VA 20164. Vendors and inquiries, contact: [Festival@adamscenter.org](mailto:Festival@adamscenter.org).

### 2022 Unitea: A Gathering of Interfaith Women

Olam Tikvah Sisterhood and Interfaith Communities for Dialogue are hosting a Unitea. Please join us for tea, light refreshments, and friendship. Sunday, October 23, from 4-6 p.m. at Congregation Olam Tikvah Social Hall 3800 Glenbrook Rd., Fairfax, VA. Please complete the registration for the event [here](#) or email Shari Boyett at: [shariboyett@gmail.com](mailto:shariboyett@gmail.com) no later than Sunday, 9 October . Kindly bring personal hygiene items, such as feminine products, shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, brush/comb, toothpaste/brush, for donation to the Katherine Hanley Family Shelter.

### 2022 Tysons Interfaith Essay and Art Contest

The theme for this year's [Essay and Art Contest](#) is "Out of Many One/Exploring Our Roots." Students of all ages are invited to explore topics such as: "How my heritage has impacted my life; my family's journey to/in America; welcoming people who are different from me. Cash prizes will be award for youth 12 and under and teens 13-18. The deadline for submission is midnight October 17, 2022. Winners will be announced on November 1, 2022.

### Social Isolation and Stigma

Burke Presbyterian Church is starting a Community Table program to help address Social Isolation: All are welcome to a free dinner once a month. OCTOBER 11. Doors open at 5:30PM and dinner served at 6:00PM. 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke, VA 22015. 703-764-0456.

### Surviving Breast Cancer

Women of Praize invite you to join us virtually on October 13, 2022 from 7-8pm ET for a special program in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We will have an intimate and candid conversation about breast cancer and how it particularly affects women of color, and hear the powerful voices of women who survived. Please [register for this conversation here](#)

