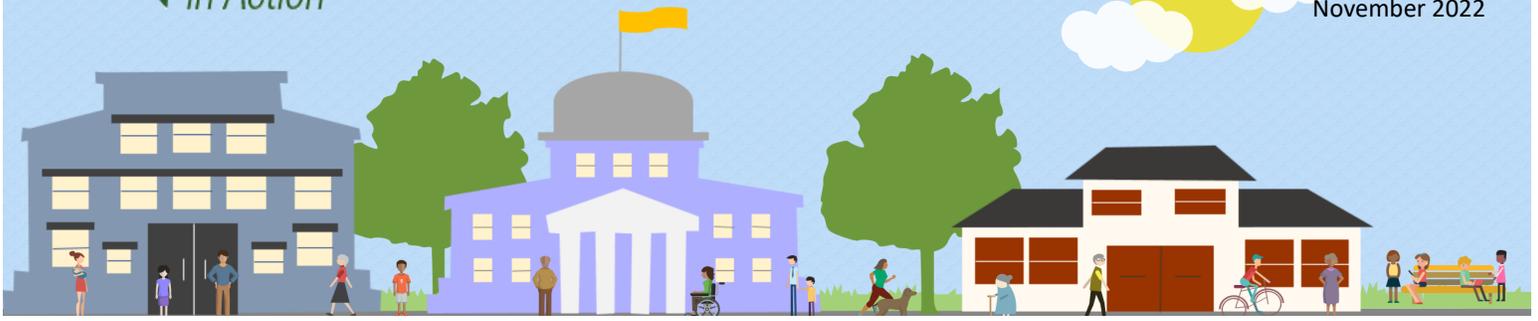




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Fairfax County Updates COVID-19 Vaccination Center Schedules

COVID-19 vaccination clinics located at the Government Center and Hyland South County Center are scheduled to scale back their hours of operation. Starting the week of Nov. 7, both vaccination sites will be open for three days each week. see [Fairfax County Updates COVID-19 Vaccination Center Schedules](#) for new schedule are strongly encouraged, there may be wait times for walk-in service.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) expanded its recommendation for the use of the updated bivalent COVID-19 vaccines boosters for children ages 5-11 years. Please see [Pediatric COVID-19 Bivalent Vaccine Booster: Authorized and Coming Soon | Fairfax County Emergency Information \(wpcomstaging.com\)](#) for more information.

See the county [RSV web page](#) with facts, content and shareables about the illness. Vaccination is the single best way to reduce the risk of seasonal flu and its potentially serious complications. [Flu web page](#)

FCIA EVENT SAVE THE DATE!!!

We will have a presentation on
Mental Health and Wellbeing
Tuesday November 15, 2022 7-8:30pm



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

We will discuss the results of the Fairfax County Youth Survey and signs and symptoms of suicide. We will have speakers from National Alliance for Mental Health (NAMI) and the Community Services Board (CSB).

In case you missed the October FCIA Meeting, please see the presentation on Domestic Violence here: [Community Interfaith Coordination | Neighborhood and Community Services \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#)

EQUITY



Each month, a different aspect of equity will be addressed.
Focus for November: How to Move Race Conversations Forward

Please watch Dr. Caprice Hollins' Tedx talk on moving race conversations forward. Dr. Hollins is a co-founder of Cultures Connecting, an organization that provides culturally relevant professional development workshops to organizations seeking to improve their skills in effectively engaging all cultures.

[Caprice Hollins: What white people can do to move race conversations forward | TED Talk](#)

Fairfax County NAACP

The Fairfax County NAACP Religious, Faith, and Community Affairs Committee invites you to tour the Bull Run Regional Park Slave Cemetery and Church, where the graves of 91 formerly enslaved have recently been discovered. The remaining tour is from 1:00 pm to 3 pm, Saturday November 5th and November 12th. To register/RSVP for the tour, visit [HERE](#).

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 for more information.

Fairfax County's Fire Dept - Community Connect Helps Us to Help You!

Community Connect is a free, secure, and easy to use platform that allows residents and/or business owners to share critical information about their home or business that will aid FCFRD firefighters and paramedics during an emergency. Data that you provide Community Connect is secure and is used only for the purpose of better serving you during emergency situations. Your information is never used for any other purpose. For accessible information, to learn more about Community Connect and register: <https://www.communityconnect.io/info/va-fairfax-county>

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. **Nonpharmacological Approaches for Managing Dementia Behaviors.** Wednesday, November 16, 2022 | 12:00p.m. to 1:00p.m. This presentation will cover evidence-based non-medication strategies that (informal and formal) care partners can implement to address a range of challenging behaviors associated with the progression of dementia. Register here: <https://bit.ly/CAREWEB1>

Fairfax Prevention Coalition | Vaping and Marijuana in 2023

If you have a teen/young adult you need to tune into this FREE webinar! Vaping and Marijuana in 2023 Wednesday, November 9 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Join Dr. Aaron Weiner for a 2-hour deep dive on vaping and marijuana, including the impact of the THC and nicotine industries on public perception and the implications of use on teen health. Parent strategies for prevention and discussion with teens will also be discussed, as well as a live Q&A to cover any unanswered questions. Register here: <https://bit.ly/FPC-Nov9>

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!](#)

Fairfax County Youth Survey

[Mental Health During the Pandemic Among Fairfax Students: What the 2021 Fairfax County Youth Survey Data Tells Us](#), Please read the full report that describes the mental health during the pandemic among Fairfax students.

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>



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

Faith Communities in Action is supported by the
[Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services](#)



Community Resources

The Workforce Innovation Skills Hub (WISH)

The WISH is a first of its kind workforce development center and business incubator designed to connect Fairfax County residents with employment that pays a minimum starting salary of \$20 per-hour. The WISH is co-located within the Hybla Valley Community Center, and prioritizes serving residents in adjacent communities who are among the most historically disadvantaged in Fairfax County. The WISH provides training and certifications to those who wish to pursue careers in the skilled trades, healthcare, and technology sectors. It also provides critical wraparound and case management services to ensure that WISH clients have the tools they need to complete their training and break into the middle class. To learn more about the WISH, or get connected with the center directly please reach out to Supervisor Lusk's Chief of Staff at Matthew.Renninger@FairfaxCounty.gov.

Fairfax County's HomeWise Program

Fairfax County's HomeWise program will be sponsoring several upcoming events where volunteers will be providing demonstrations and giving away free home energy efficiency kits to the first 100 event attendees. Event locations, dates and times are: **Walker Nature Center** on November 3, 2022, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. [Click here to register for Walker Nature Center event.](#) **Herndon Fortnightly Library**, on November 17, 2022, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. [Learn more about the Herndon Fortnightly event online.](#)

SHAPE the Future of Aging Town Hall Meetings

Town Hall Meetings On SHAPE The Future OF Aging. Fairfax County, together with the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church, is collecting input to learn more about the aging experience in our area to plan for a more aging-friendly community. Feedback collected during town hall meetings will be used to inform the SHAPE the Future of Aging Plan, a strategic plan for aging services. Town hall meetings will be held on Nov. 1, Nov. 4, and Nov. 10. [Learn more and register.](#)

International Mayan League on Unaccompanied Minors - Indigenous Children in the D.C. Metropolitan Region with a Focus on Fairfax County

The International Mayan League, Northern Virginia Family Service, and the Fairfax Out of School Time Network are hosting a webinar on working with indigenous Mayan youth, particularly those who were unaccompanied when they came to the US. It'll be on Thursday, November 10, 10:30-noon. English and Spanish interpretation will be available. [People can register here.](#) After they register, they will be asked to complete a short survey, the results of which will help inform the content of the webinar.

36th Annual Caregiver's Conference: Caregiving with Hope and Inspiration

The Northern Virginia Dementia Care Consortium has been educating caregivers since 1986. This year's conference keynote speaker is Peter V. Rabins, MD MPH, author of "The 36-Hour Day." Join us to become better prepared to provide care and support at home or in a facility, learn new ways to engage individuals with dementia, and visit with exhibitors who offer supportive services. To learn more about this conference, each day's sessions, speakers, and registration: <https://bit.ly/AnnualCaregiversConference> or call 703-204-4664 ext. 131.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer with the Body Safety Program

The Department of Family Services needs volunteer Body Safety instructors to help provide elementary students with the tools they need to prevent or interrupt child abuse and exploitation. If you are available during the day, feel comfortable in a classroom, and want to empower children, this opportunity is for you! Facilitators are trained. Contact Francesca Lovitt by email at Francesca.Lovitt@fairfaxcounty.gov, call 703-324-7459 or visit <https://bit.ly/DFS-VPS-BS-V>

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.

Adopt-A-Family Holiday Program

Looking for ways to give during the holiday season? Become a donor with the Fairfax County Department of Family Services' Adopt-A-Family program to make the season brighter for children and families in need in our community. If your family, business, company, organization or faith-based group is interested in helping to support a family experiencing difficult times during the holidays, please email Emily Swenson at dfsadoptfamily@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-324-6898. To learn more, visit <https://bit.ly/DFS-CYF-VPS-AAF>

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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

Remembering Sandy Hook: 10 Years Later-Save the Date-CALL FOR CLERGY WITNESS SIGNUP Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax

December 14, 2022, marks 10 years since the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT. On the 14th of every month since that day, gun violence prevention advocates have held vigils in front of the National Rifle Association to honor those killed at Sandy Hook and in hundreds of other mass shootings and to move the NRA and Congress to act for sane gun laws. The vigil on December 14, 2022, 10 am will have several roles for religious leaders. If willing to or considering participation, please scan or click the QR code for more information and to register.



IFC-Interfaith Council-Religious Literacy Workshops

To be fully prepared to engage in today's diverse society, whether as a professional, a member of a religious or spiritual community, or simply as a resident of the DMV, one needs to be knowledgeable about the different beliefs, practices and cultures that exist within the greater Washington area. To better bridge the differences that too often keep us apart, IFC offers different types of religious literacy workshops aimed at increasing understanding and respect for all who live here. [Click here](#) to download our Religious Literacy Workshop. If you're interested in learning more, please email our Outreach Director, Symi Rom-Rymer, at symirr@ifcmw.org

Strands of Compassion, a concert November 5, 2022

Internationally-acclaimed concert artists and activist virtuosos, Christoph Wagner, cellist, and Joanne Kong, pianist, will weave together music, reflections, and imagery in an inspiring event. The program will be followed by a free plant-based supper, with favorite foods from several ethnic and cultural traditions such as Indian, African, Mexican, Thai, and soul food among others, discussion, and meet & greet with our wonderful guest artists. In addition to being live in the Sanctuary, the program will be [Live streaming \(uucf.org\)](#). **RSVP for Supper:** actforclimatetoday@gmail.com to help anticipate food and seating needs. Free: Donations Accepted

Solidarity Cup of Tea

Monthly on the 3rd Saturday. 2pm-4pm. Dar Al Hijrah Library, 3159 Row St. Falls Church, 22044. Women and men of all faiths welcome! Call to learn more: 703-536-1030 or visit our website at [Dar Al-Hijrah](#).

#Peace2thePolls Democracy Vigil

Tuesday November 8th, Election Day, The Peace Alliance is having an all-day #Peace2thePolls Democracy Vigil to celebrate participating in our democracy and foster connection across the country. The zoom room will open at 9 AM PT/12:00 PM ET and stay open until 11pm PT/ 2am ET. Drop in any time. Go to the [website page](#) to get start times for each special offering throughout the day.

American Turkish Friendship Association (AFTA)

AFTA would like to invite you and faith friends to an Early Thanksgiving Dinner on November 17 at 6 pm-7:30 pm. 14120 Newbrook Dr. Chanilly, VA, 20151. We will enjoy the time, conversation and company together. Please RSVP at [Event RSVP \(google.com\)](#)

Mount Olive Baptist Church-Centreville Health Ministry-Managing Grief During the Holidays

Tuesday, November 1st at 8:15 pm (Virtual). Zoom Meeting ID: 231 797 425. Speaker: Christine Monpoint Marsan, Licensed Clinical Social Worker "Specializing in grief and trauma with Higher Ground Behavioral Health, Fairfax.

Workshop: Empowering Houses of Worship

This workshop on November 9, 6:30-8:30pm is designed for faith communities thinking about, or in the process of buying land, building, or renovating facilities. It is also intended to encourage established houses of worship to look beyond housing for worship to housing for families. For more information and to register, please [click here](#).