



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



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Register for the Healthy Together Fairfax Virtual Summit

The HEAL (Healthy Environment Active Living) Team of the Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax is bringing together organizations and individuals in Fairfax County for important discussions about the health of our community.

On program days one through three, held on Monday, Oct. 25 through Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2021, panel discussions will take place on active transportation, climate and health and school mental health. Special guest Providence District Supervisor Dalia Palchik will provide opening remarks at Monday's session at noon.

On day four of the summit on Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021, activities include a work session to kick off planning for the Health Together Fairfax community event set for Oct. 2, 2022 at Lee District Park. It will be an event for sharing movement, experiences and connections that strengthen healthy environments and active living efforts in Fairfax County.

This four-day event is free. Anyone with an interest in healthy environments and active living is invited to attend. To register, go to the Healthy Together Fairfax Virtual Summit event site at <https://htfvirtu-alsummit2021.eventbrite.com>. You must be registered and ticketed for each day that you would like to attend. All sessions will be held via Zoom.

The Healthy Together Fairfax Virtual Summit is presented by The Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax, in partnership with Fairfax County Park Authority and Evans Consulting.

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Ribbon-cutting Ceremony Planned for Grand Opening of Holladay Field

The Fairfax County Park Authority, in collaboration with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and McLean Youth Soccer Association, will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the grand opening of Holladay Field in McLean, Virginia. The celebration begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021.

This is a unique project with several key partners, each instrumental in helping to make this project possible and providing funding for this synthetic turf field conversion. Clearly, Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust's support of the project was key. So too, the approval of the Park Authority Board which, in partnership with MYS, approved plans in June 2020 to convert the old grass field at Holladay Field Park into a synthetic turf field.

Funding for the \$1.56 million project came through voter-approved Park Bonds, as well as contributions from MYS, the Embassy and Ambassador Yousef Al Otaiba of the United Arab Emirates, and Roger Krone, CEO of Leidos -- who, as parents of soccer players and soccer enthusiasts, wanted to assist with the project via contributions to MYS -- and the Fairfax County Park Foundation. More than \$725,000 was contributed from these sources.

The project included the design of a full-sized rectangular soccer field with options to use the field for football, men's lacrosse, women's lacrosse, field hockey and mini soccer. The project also included landscape improvement, two underground stormwater management facilities, a bleacher pad, and access trail. The MYS also donated a bench to honor the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates and Leidos for their very generous donation that helped build the field.

This field conversion project exemplifies the strong partnership the Park Authority has built with MYS and community members to develop sustainable recreational facilities for youth in Fairfax County. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will include brief remarks, followed by a reception, to honor this partnership.

Holladay Field is located at 1311 Spring Hill Road, McLean. Parking will be available at nearby Spring Hill Elementary School.

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Get Your Steps in at Sully Historic Site

October is Walktober and there's no place like Sully to get all your steps in. It takes about 386 steps to get from the Visitor Center to the main house. How many will it take you? Find out while you explore the site and take in the fall colors.

The grounds also include an 18th century ornamental garden, where you can catch a glimpse of some of our pumpkins and gourds! Afterward, follow the road down to Cain's Branch Trail to check out our seasonal fall colors while you get your steps in.

Beyond our beautiful grounds, all the tours involve walking! Inside, trek up three flights as you learn about the history of the house and about the life of Richard Bland Lee, Northern Virginia's first congressman. Outside, take a Forgotten Road Tour, which explores the outbuildings and the lives and experiences of the enslaved people who lived at Sully; or take a Cain's Branch tour to learn more about the archaeological and local history of the site.

Tours of the 1794 house and accompanying outbuildings are available Thursday through Sunday. House tours are offered at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Forgotten Road Tours are offered at 2 p.m. Cain's Branch Tours are offered every other Thursday at 11 a.m.

For more information or to preregister, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully or call 703-437-1794.

Sully Historic Site is located at 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly, Virginia. For more information, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully; or call 703-437-1794.

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Sully Historic Site Seeks Public Input on Interpretive Themes

Sully Historic Site seeks public input on new interpretive themes. The site's interpretive plan is updated every few years and is open to the community for comment. These themes, which cover both broad and more specific aspects of Sully's history, are designed to guide future interpretation of Sully, including research, programs and education. These guiding themes will inspire future historians to explore creative avenues for research and interpretation, and provide our community and visitors with the best possible experience. By providing your feedback, you are collaborating with staff and helping us continue our commitment to presenting and sharing local history.

Consider a family tour experience! Questionnaires are available at both the main house and the Visitor Center. You can fill one out during a house tour or simply stop by our Visitor Center Thursday through Sunday from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. to read our proposed themes and submit your feedback. We will take comments during October.

Sully Historic Site is a Virginia Landmark and is on the National Register of Historic Places and the National Park Service's Underground Network to Freedom, and it is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums.

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