

August 16, 2016

Zika Virus Town Hall

On Thursday, August 18th at 7:00 pm, the Fairfax County Health Department and my office will be hosting a Zika Virus Town Hall Meeting at the **West Springfield Government Center**. As of August 11th, 2016, *60 cases of Zika virus have been found in Virginia*, all contracted through international travel. *29 of those cases are in the Northern Virginia area*. Only one in five people with the virus show symptoms. More info on Zika and the Town Hall below.

7th Annual Golf Outing to Support Scouting

On Monday, September 19th, I will be co-hosting the 7th Annual Golf Outing to Support Scouting at Prince William Golf Course (14631 Vint Hill Rd, Nokesville). This golf tournament will benefit the Boy Scouts of Northern Virginia. Please scroll down to learn more about how to participate.

CAAB Food Drive

The Community Action Advisory Board (CAAB) will be collecting non-perishable foods (pasta, canned vegetables and fruit, etc.) to help restock the shelves of some of our local food banks for our neighbors in need. Have anything you'd like to donate? Come drop it off at my office! Donations can also be dropped off at Supervisor Gross, Supervisor Foust, and Supervisor McKay's offices as well as the Providence Community Center and Fairfax County's Massey building. Get information more by emailing CAABFoodDrive@aol.com.

Pokémon Safety Tips

On Friday, August 5th, I hosted "Pokémon in the Park" with the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD), Springfield District Council, and Burke Lake Park. It was quite the success! Over 600 children came out to learn Pokémon safety tips. Make sure to scroll down below and watch the Pokémon safety video below with your child, created by the FCPD at our event.

Burke Lake Golf Facilities

Great news for golfers! On Monday, the Fairfax County Park Authority started construction on the Burke Lake Park's Golf Course clubhouse, driving range, and expansion of the parking lot. The new clubhouse will be 4,000 square feet and will have a two-story driving range. Please read below for more information.

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In February, the World Health Organization declared Zika virus a Public Health Emergency of International Concern due to outbreaks occurring throughout Central and South America, Mexico, the Caribbean and parts of the Pacific. Although the virus *produces symptoms in only one in five people*, it is linked to severe birth defects in babies whose mothers were infected with Zika during pregnancy. There is no vaccine to prevent or medicine to treat Zika.

To date, 60 cases of Zika virus infection have been confirmed in Virginia, all related to international travel; 29 of the cases are in the Northern Virginia area. No known case of mosquito-to-human transmission has yet occurred in Virginia, although at the time of print there are 30 cases of apparent mosquito-to-human transmission in Florida. Florida has 452 total cases of Zika virus.

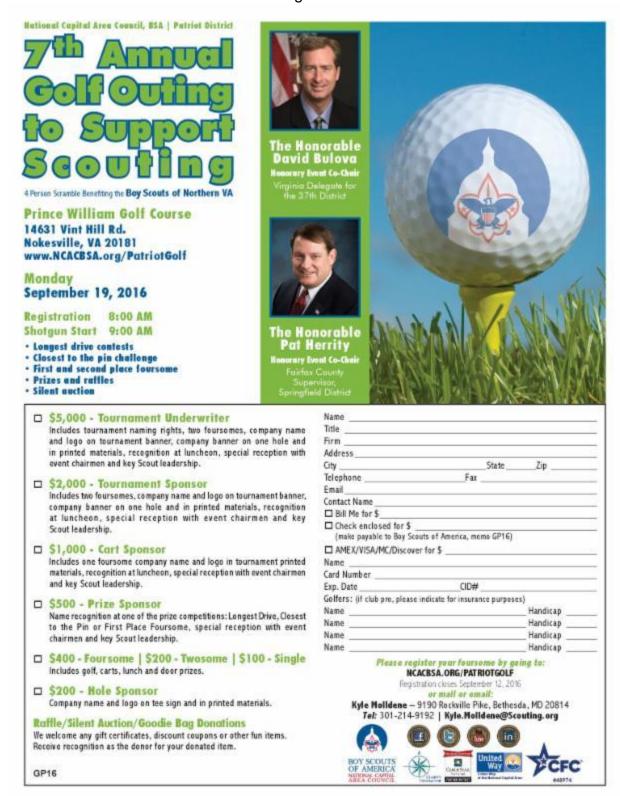
Earlier this month, the CDC issued an unprecedented travel advisory for pregnant women, their partners, or those expecting to get pregnant against travel to parts of Miami because Zika is being spread by mosquitos in that area. The CDC release can be viewed here.

As part of its Zika response plan, the Fairfax County Health Department will be aggressively monitoring for Zika within the *Aedes* species of mosquitoes through trapping and testing, coordinating with health care providers to conduct human surveillance, testing and case management, providing free Zika protection kits to pregnant women, conducting targeted outreach and mosquito control efforts wherever local transmission of the virus is confirmed, and launching a broad public awareness campaign to highlight actions residents can take to minimize the spread of all mosquito-borne illnesses.

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longest drive contest, closest to the pin challenge, first and second place foursome, and a silent auction. Please click the image to visit the event website.



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Burke Lake Park Golf Facilities

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The construction for the driving range will continue through April 2017 and be open to the public in May 2017. Completion of the total project is expected in October of 2017. The clubhouse will continue to remain open throughout the entire duration of the project and residents, golfers, and trail users should expect construction traffic from time-to-time.

As a reminder from my previous Herrity Report, the Fairfax County Park Authority has begun construction of approximately 7,000 linear feet of sewer line throughout Burke Lake Park. This project was the subject of several public meetings held over the last year. This sewer line will connect with the proposed clubhouse and allow for future connections to existing park facilities. Construction began earlier this month and will continue through March 2017. Residents can expect occasional construction traffic entering and exiting the site from the main park entrances. Trail users can expect short duration, temporary trail closures and/or detours where necessary. The volleyball courts will be closed after Labor Day to accommodate the sewer construction with restoration of the courts to follow.