



2018 Teen Job Fairs / Real Estate Assessment Changes February 28, 2018

Announcing 2018 Fairfax County Teen Job Fairs

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Other Happenings

- Save the Date: Springfield District Tax Relief Workshop - Mar 5
- Community Meeting for Slug Line Users and Commuters - March 22
- Springfield District Budget Town Hall - Mar 22
- Paving and Restriping Community Meeting - April 5
- JCA 50+ Employment Expo - Apr 30
- 2018 Shredding Event Dates - Jun 16

Teen Job Fair

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Since holding my first teen job fair in 2014 at West Springfield High School, I have partnered with the Connection Newspapers, other Supervisors, local chambers of commerce, Fairfax County Public Schools and the county government to grow to six job fairs this year across the county. During our four job fairs last year we had combined attendance of over 2000 Fairfax County teenagers and 120 employers. These job fairs provided hundreds of teenagers the opportunity to get in front of employers and for employers and volunteer organizations to find talented, driven Fairfax County students to fill their positions.

These events will focus on student job seekers (approximately ages 16 to 18) looking for full time employment, after-school employment, seasonal positions, internship opportunities, or volunteer experiences. They are open to all teens in Fairfax County looking for employment or wanting tips to build their resume. Volunteer opportunities and resume building workshops will be available for younger students looking to begin to build their resume. We ask that students [click here](#) to register.

Businesses and organizations have the opportunity to showcase their companies, brand their business in the local community, and advertise the positions they have available. It does not cost to participate. Businesses and organizations seeking to secure space at the job fair should [click here](#) to fill out the application form.

Many thanks to the Connection Newspapers, FCPS and the county government that co-sponsor all of the job fairs with me. The schedule and the other individual co-sponsors are listed below:

Saturday, March 10th

1 pm to 3 pm

Woodson High School

Co-sponsored by Supervisor Linda Smyth, Supervisor John Cook, Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, and Woodson High School

Saturday, March 17th

1 pm to 3 pm

South County High School

Co-sponsored by Supervisor Dan Storck, South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, South County Federation, and South County High School

Saturday, April 7th

11 am to 1 pm

Chantilly High School

Co-sponsored by Supervisor Kathy Smith, Chantilly HS STEM Academy, and Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce

Saturday, April 14th

11 am to 1 pm

Mount Vernon High School

Co-sponsored by Supervisor Dan Storck, Supervisor Jeff McKay, Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce, and Mount Vernon High School

Saturday, April 21st

11 am to 1 pm

South Lakes High School

Co-sponsored by Supervisor Cathy Hudgins and Reston Chamber of Commerce

Saturday, April 28th

12 noon to 2 pm

West Springfield High School

Co-sponsored by West Springfield HS Student Government Association and Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce

2018 Real Estate Assessments

2018 real estate assessments are now available online and were mailed to all property owners on February 20th. Based on equalization changes (market driven value increases or declines for your home), countywide residential real estate assessments are up an average of 2.17%, with 64.5% of home values increased. This year the county's Department of Tax Administration (DTA) has made a change in the way they handle property tax appeals. DTA encourages property owners to file appeals as early as possible, however administrative appeal applications must be postmarked by May 1, 2018, or filed online by midnight (EST) of May 1, 2018. After that date homeowners would need to go through a court process to appeal their assessment.

Why Your Assessment May Have Changed

There are several factors that affect real estate assessments:

- Sales in the neighborhood.

- Economic factors such as average number of days homes have been for sale and sales volume.
- Improvements to the property (remodeling, additions).
- New construction and rezoning.
- Property characteristics (such as size, age, condition and amenities).

Assessments Are Not a Bill

The real estate assessment notice is not a bill. Most homeowners pay real estate tax as part of a monthly mortgage payment. Your mortgage company then sends the taxes directly to the county. However, some homeowners pay their real estate taxes directly (due July 28 and Dec. 5). Contact your mortgage company if you are not sure how your taxes are paid. Here's a sample assessment you'll receive in the mail.

Notice of Assessment, Contact and Appeal Information

Upon receipt of their annual assessment notice, property owners with questions or comments may contact DTA at 703-222-8234. Citizens may also choose to visit the new County website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/taxes. By doing so, they can review individual property characteristics, including their own, and obtain a list of residential sales within each assessment neighborhood. They may also review answers to frequently asked questions, and download appeal forms.

Administrative appeals can be filed with DTA if property owners believe their assessment is not equitable in comparison with similar properties, or if they believe their assessment exceeds fair market value. Both non-residential and residential property appeals may be made in writing to the Real Estate Division of DTA, but only residential assessment appeals can be initiated online through DTA's website, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/taxes. Appeal application forms can also be obtained by calling DTA, or by downloading them directly from DTA's webpage. DTA encourages property owners to file appeals as early as possible. Administrative appeal applications must be postmarked by May 1, 2018, or filed online by midnight (EST) of May 1, 2018. Administrative appeals will not be accepted after this date.

Springfield District Tax Relief Workshop - March 5

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is hosting a series of free tax relief workshops in late February and March at several locations throughout the County. The Springfield District workshop will be held at the West Springfield Government Center (6140 Rolling Road in Springfield) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, March 5. Real estate and vehicle tax relief is available for older adults over 65 years of age and people with disabilities who meet certain qualifications. Staff from the Fairfax County Department of Tax Administration (DTA) will be at this workshop to assist with filling out the application form, as well as answer any questions residents may have. No

appointment is necessary and residents may attend the workshop that is most convenient for them regardless of where they reside.

For the full list of workshops, visit the [Dept. of Tax Administration website](#).

Springfield Garage Design Update: Community Meeting for Slug Line Users and Commuters - March 22

Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) and Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) staff have revised the proposed ground floor design of the new parking garage in response to comments received at the previous community meeting regarding this project. A [follow up meeting](#) is set for Thursday, March 22, 2018, at 7 p.m., in Cafeteria A of Edison High School, located at 5801 Franconia Road in Alexandria. Commuters who use the existing Old Keene Mill Road Park and Ride lot at 7039 Old Keene Mill Road and adjacent commuter parking lots at Springfield Plaza, Springfield United Methodist Church and the American Legion are invited to learn about the planning and updated design of the new parking garage.

For more information or to submit questions [click here](#); in writing to FCDOT, 4050 Legato Road, Suite 400, Fairfax, VA 22033; or by calling 703-877-5600.

Springfield District Budget Town Hall - March 22

On Thursday, March 22 at 7 pm, I will host the Springfield District Budget Town Hall at my West Springfield Office (6140 Rolling Road, Springfield). Both the new County Executive and CFO will be in attendance. I look forward to hearing your thoughts on the proposed budget and hope you can join us.

RESCHEDULED: Paving and Restriping Community Meeting - April 5

FCDOT and VDOT will hold a public meeting on proposed repaving and restriping changes in the Springfield District on Thursday April 5 at the West Springfield Government Center (6140 Rolling Road). VDOT has completed its draft list of roads to be repaved this season and FCDOT has proposed striping changes on some of these roads in conjunction with the repaving work in order to accommodate cyclists as designated on the County's Bicycle Master Plan. Community members are invited to give feedback on these proposals either at the meeting or by [submitting comments online](#). The comment period will be open through April 15, 2018.

JCA 50+ Employment Expo - April 30

Jewish Council for the Aging (JCA) will hold a 50+ Employment Expo for seniors 50+ in our community. The Expo will take place on April 30, 2018, 10 am - 2:00 pm at the Fair Oaks Marriott Hotel located at 11787 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway in Fairfax. The Expo is FREE to all employers, community resources, and jobseekers. Employers and Community Resources/Training/Education need to pre-register prior to the Expo to reserve a table. No pre-registration for jobseekers. For further information contact Micki Gordon at mgordon@AccessJCA.org or 703-652-1511.

2018 Shredding Events

The Fairfax County Dept. of Public Works has announced its annual list of dates for free shredding services. The Springfield District event is set for Saturday, June 16, but there are other events nearby scheduled earlier than June. Visit the [Dept. of Public Works website](#) for the full list of dates.

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