

A message from Kathy Smith

Last week, the Virginia General Assembly went back to work. My colleagues on the Board of Supervisors and I continue to advocate for legislative changes that will benefit our region. We are especially focused on improving funding for education and transportation.

The next Board of Supervisors meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 24. We will consider three land use applications from Chantilly and three from Centreville. These applications include: the first Lidl Grocery store in the United States, a new Chick-fil-A at the Sully Plaza Shopping Center, and a new gas station at the Chantilly Costco. If you would like to speak during any of the public hearings, please sign up here:

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker_bos.htm or call 703-324-3151.

Anytime you have a question or a comment about these or any issues coming before the Board, please reach out to my office by calling 703-814-7100 or simply

responding to this email.

Sincerely,

Katty

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Animal Shelter Corner



Harley is the cutest, cuddliest, friendliest dog you will meet! He loves to meet new people and will literally make the rounds in a room to meet each and every person. But he is a special needs boy. About a year ago, he slipped a disc in his back and lost most of the use in his back legs. Thanks to the Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, the shelter has started doing physical therapy with him. He is already improving, although they don't anticipate that he'll ever have full use of them again. So they are looking for a special adopter who is willing to devote the time and energy needed to helping little Harley make the most of life, even with his physical limitations. Could that be you? To learn more about Harley email the animal shelter at animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Birthday Party at Sully Historic Site



Sully Historic Site will be celebrating the 255th birthday of Richard Bland Lee on **Saturday, January 21, 2017**, and everyone's invited.

Lee represented Northern Virginia in the first congress of the United States, and Sully was his country home. During your house tour, learn about Lee's impressive political career and how he demonstrated his concern for the future of our nation. Be sure to stop in Sully's east wing for a piece of birthday cake. The birthday celebration coincides with the site's annual celebration of the presidency. During your visit, you can also learn about the animals that presidents have kept as pets and play Sully's Preamble Scramble game.

The cost of the house tour and activities from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. is \$7 for adults, \$6 for students, and \$5 for seniors and children. These events will be canceled if the weather turns bad.

Sully Historic Site is located at 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly, VA. For more information, call 703-437-1794 or visit <u>Sully Historic Site</u>.



Ellie's Hats was founded by Jay Coakley, a FCPS teacher at Woodburn Elementary School. He was inspired by a student at the school named Ellie who was undergoing cancer treatments. Jay had noticed Ellie's fondness for fun hats, and organized a hat drive to provide Ellie with a broader selection of hats to wear, and Ellie's Hats was born. <u>Watch video</u>.

The mission of Ellie's Hats:

- Donate hats to children battling cancer.
- Support families who have a child battling cancer.
- Raise awareness of childhood cancer

There is an Ellie's Hats donation box in front of my office if you would like to drop off a donation.



We need your help! As the holiday decorations come down and the cold winter months settle in, **many people continue to go hungry in our community**. For many local, nonprofit food pantries, this is the time of year where **donations drop to one of the lowest points**. To help address this need, Fairfax County is promoting its annual **"Stuff the Bus: Helping Fairfax Families"** program at 14 locations from January 14 to February 20, 2017. This collaborative program, now in its seventh year, is a partnership among Fairfax County Government, local grocery stores and nonprofits to restock the shelves.

Each week a Fastran bus staffed by MV Transportation personnel will **park at a different location and collect food donations**. The campaign kicks off January 14, 2017, the weekend leading up to the Martin Luther King Day of Service, and will run each weekend until George Washington's Day, February 20, 2017. <u>Full schedule</u>.

Saturday, February 18

Clifton Giant 5740 Union Mill Road Colonnade Clifton, VA 20124 Benefitting Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM)

All donation hours are from **9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**