

A message from Kathy Smith

Please mark your calendars! There are several important events coming up in the next few weeks.

Absentee voting at the Sully Governmental Center will begin on Monday, October 16 in the Frank Room and end on Saturday, November 4. Voting times are 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

The Board of Supervisors and the Fairfax County Department of Transportation are seeking community input to help prioritize unfunded transportation projects. You can view the list of proposed unfunded projects online at https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/pdf/tpp_2017/project_list_final.pdf. The list of public meeting dates and times are below.

The 2017 Low Cost Rabies Clinic will be at the Sully Governmental Center on

Sunday, October 22. You can also purchase dog licenses at an additional cost. More information is below.

Finally, I hope you can join me at the 25th Annual Centreville Day celebration on Saturday, October 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Centreville Historic District. The family-friendly event includes a parade, pet pageant, performers, and much more.

Sincerely,

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Community Feedback Sought on Prioritizing Proposed Transportation Projects for Funding



The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Fairfax County

Department of Transportation (FCDOT) are seeking feedback from the

community to help prioritize unfunded transportation projects in the county. The results of this outreach will assist the Board of Supervisors in selecting transportation priorities that can be implemented with existing revenue sources through Fiscal Year 2023, and with additional funding that may become available in the future.

The county has identified more than 100 unfunded capital and operating projects important for improving the efficiency and safety of the county's transportation network. These projects are *in addition* to the <u>approximately 300 projects</u> that are already funded and underway (in the amount of approximately \$3 billion).

These unfunded projects would provide new capacity, and include interchange improvements, roadway extensions, spot improvements, roadway widening projects, transit, and pedestrian and bicycle improvements. With very limited amount of funding available for these proposed projects (approximately \$100 million), the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors would like to know which of these projects are most important to you. Below are some resources on the proposed unfunded projects as well as projects already funded and currently underway:

- <u>List of Proposed Unfunded Projects</u> (PDF)
 - o <u>Interactive Map</u>*
 - o Static Maps (PDF)

*NOTE: In this interactive map, you can view both the unfunded projects under consideration, and the projects already funded and currently underway.

FCDOT has scheduled a series of public meetings for the community to learn more about the projects proposed for funding. Each of the meetings will begin with an open house followed by a formal presentation and a Q&A session. There will be map display boards for residents to view of the unfunded projects as well as transportation projects currently underway. These meetings will be held at:

- South County Government Center 8350 Richmond Highway,
 Alexandria Wednesday, October 11, 2017, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- North County Governmental Center 1801 Cameron Glen Drive,
 Reston Thursday, October 12, 2017, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- Fairfax County Government Center 12000 Government Center
 Parkway, Fairfax Monday, October 23, 2017, from 7:00 to 9:00
 p.m.
- Thomas Jefferson Library 7415 Arlington Boulevard, Falls Church
 Monday, October 30, 2017, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

> LIVE ONLINE CHAT - Join the conversation at noon on October 17, 2017

If you are unable to attend a public meeting, you can join FCDOT staff for a live Ask Fairfax! online chat on Tuesday, October 17, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

> ONLINE SURVEY - Comments accepted through November 9, 2017

You can also let FCDOT know which projects you want to be considered for funding by filling out a survey. Your responses are confidential and you may take the survey only once. Comments are accepted through Monday, November 9, 2017:

- Take the survey online now!
- Print out <u>a paper copy of the survey</u> (PDF), fill it out, and mail it to: Fairfax County Department of Transportation/TPP 2017 Survey 4050 Legato Road, Suite 400 Fairfax, VA 22033

If you would like to stay informed or spread the word in your community on the ways to provide input:

- Follow and share our posts with the hashtag #TPP17 on Facebook and Twitter.
- Sign-up for "Transportation News and Information" email and text alerts through <u>Fairfax Alerts</u>.
- Download and distribute the <u>Public Input Opportunity Flyer</u> (PDF -English and Spanish)

FCDOT ensures nondiscrimination in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you need this information in an alternate format, contact FCDOT at 703-877-5600, TTY 711. Requests for assistance must be received at least 7 business days in advance of an event.

2017 Low Cost Rabies Clinic



Location: Sully District Government Center - 4900

Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151; McDonnell Room

Date: Sunday, October 22, 2017

Time: 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Please note:

- Dogs, cats, and ferrets will be vaccinated at the clinic.
- Dogs MUST be on leashes. Cats and ferrets MUST be in carriers.
- All pets will receive a 1-year rabies vaccine. To obtain a 3-year vaccine, bring your pet's rabies certificate showing your pet's current rabies vaccination and expiration date.
- Only rabies certificates will be issued (no tags).
- The cost of each vaccination is \$15.00; cash and check only.
- 2017 County Dog Licenses will be sold at each clinic at additional cost of \$10.00 each.

Fire and Rescue Stations Open House



In celebration of Fire Prevention Week, all Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Stations will be hosting an Open House on **Saturday, October 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Stop by your local station that day to meet your firefighters, see the fire trucks, join in the activities and learn about fire safety.

Locations in Sully:

- Station 15 14005 Vernon Street, Chantilly, VA
- Station 17 5856 Old Centreville Road, Centreville, VA
- Station 21 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax, VA
- Station 38 6001 Oday Drive, Centreville, VA

Environmental Spotlight



I am happy to provide a spotlight on an exciting environmental initiative taking place at the County's I-95 Landfill facility. The Honeybee Initiative Pollinator Program (HIPP) is a creative re-use of turf land situated at the Landfill. It is a collaborative project and partnership between George Mason University and Fairfax County's Department of Public Works and Environmental Services. The focus of the program is the creation of pollinator habitats and supporting a healthy area ecosystem. Several hives and apiaries have been established in newly created meadows. These meadows were converted from existing, high-maintenance turf land. The meadow habitats help to beautify the facility, improve run-off related water quality, and provide a safe shelter for area wildlife.

Interestingly, the meadow fields were established using dredged material from Lake Royal and locally-composted leaf waste. The fields reduce overall maintenance costs for the County and have produced an exceptional re-use of landfill land. It also goes a long ways towards supporting the County's Environmental Vision over the next 20 years.

More information on the program can be found at the following link: https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/news/honey-bee-initiative-pollinator-program.htm

More information on the County's Environmental Vision can be found at the following link:

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/environment/environmental-vision-2017.pdf

Moving on to Life in the Community



Don't miss this free Resource Fair for students with disabilities and their parents! Learn about vocational, residential, leisure, recreational, independent living, and advocacy options. This Resource Fair is for all individuals requiring ongoing employment and community support services after graduation. Register now!

Tuesday, October 17, 2017 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.

Lake Braddock Secondary School 9200 Burke Lake Road Entrance 14 or 15 Burke, VA

All workshops are FREE to parents, educators and community members. For more information, call 703-204-3941 or visit:

https://www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-center.

If you need ADA accommodations or an interpreter for the workshop, please call 703-204-3941.

Events at Chantilly Regional Library



Location: 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, VA 20151

Full STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) Ahead

Date: Thursday, October 3

Time: 4:45 p.m.

Each month we will focus on a different STEAM concept with age appropriate stories and activities. Age 5-7.

Meet Children's Author Pamela Ehrenberg

Date: Wednesday, October 11

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Meet the author of *Queen of the Hanukkah Dosas*. Books available for sale and signing. Cosponsored by Fall for the Book. Age 3-7 with adult.

Teen Volunteer Information Night

Date: Wednesday, October 18

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Volunteer Fairfax helps teens find agencies in need of volunteers and explore opportunities to earn service hours, including at VolunteerFest. Age 12-18.

For more information and to register, please visit http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ch/.

Stay Off Train Tracks: It is Trespassing & Deadly



Trespassing on train tracks is against the law and has led to deaths in our county. About every three hours, a person or vehicle is hit by a train in the U.S. and Fairfax County wants to end that trend.

Many residents are not aware that our modern trains are much quieter and faster – and can have a stopping distance of one mile or more. What may seem to be a harmless selfie opportunity or crossing tracks to get home faster can be very dangerous. It is also considered trespassing, a criminal violation.

"Part of what we do as a police department is prevent tragedy through education campaigns, like railroad safety," Chief Roessler said. "Trespassing on tracks is a crime."

Police officers regularly patrol the train tracks in the county.

What to know:

- Train traffic through the county is higher than many other parts of the United States. Eastern Fairfax County hosts a heavily used freight corridor that is also used by VRE and Amtrak. Western Fairfax County hosts Norfolk Southern's Washington District mainline used by VRE and Amtrak.
- The county has made great progress at closing and eliminating atgrade roadway crossings. Roberts Parkway, Burke Lake Road, Rolling Road, and others have all been reconfigured over the past several years to safely bridge roadway and pedestrian traffic over the railroad tracks.
- In 2016, 980 deaths and injuries occurred nationwide because of trespassing on railroad tracks and 2,039 vehicles were struck at grade crossings. Virginia accounted for approximately 17 trespass and 30 grade crossing incidents.

Fairfax County Well Water Clinic



Virginia Cooperative Extension

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What's In Your Water?



Do you know what's in your drinking water? While public water supplies are tested daily for contaminants, most private water supplies, like wells and springs, are rarely tested. It is recommended that well owners test their water at least annually for bacteria and nitrates.

Learn more about the quality of your water and how to care for your water system at our

Fairfax County Well Water Clinic

PRE-REGISTRATION IS RECOMMENDED

KICK-OFF

Oct. 16, 2017 from 7:00PM - 8:30PM Virginia Cooperative Extension (Pennino Building) 12011 Government Center Parkway, 10th floor (Virginia Room) Fairfax, VA 22035

SAMPLE DROP OFF Oct. 18, 2017 from 6:30AM-10:00AM ONLY Pennino Building

RESULTS/INTERPRETATION Nov. 15, 2017 from 7:00PM - 9:00PM Pennino Bldg., 2nd floor (Room 206)

Virginia Household Water Quality Program (VHWQP) analyzes samples for the following: (For more information on this statewide program go to www.wellwater.bse.vt.edu/clinics)

- arsenic iron
- - total dissolved solids total coliform bacteria

- manganese

- E. Coli bacteria

- nitrate
- sulfate
- sodium

- copper

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A Great Day for Kids!



Kids of all ages – get ready for a great day of fun and activities in the Centreville Historic Park during the 25th anniversary of Centreville Day on Saturday, October 21, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.! Parade - pet pageant – performers – games – arts and crafts – food – face painting – Trick or Treat Trail – Hula Hoop Contest – it is all there for you and your family! Wear your Halloween Costume if you would like. Find out more at www.historiccentrevilleva.org.

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Emily!

Age: 10y 1m

Gender: Female

Color: Brown / Orange Spayed/Neutered: Yes

Size: Small

Declawed: No

Emily is a really, really sweet cat. She leans into being petted and loves having her chin scratched. She has the tiniest paws and loves to curl up in her giant bed. She enjoys fleece blankets, and she likes to be up high! She is currently sharing an office with an animal shelter staff member and she likes

to jump to the top of the cabinet over the desk and perches up there. She would probably enjoy a tall cat tower to perch on in her forever home! Emily doesn't like living with other animals, and would really really like to be an only pet! If you are interested in meeting Emily, please email the Animal Shelter at animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Volunteer Opportunity in Sully



Volunteers Still Needed for Watershed Cleanup Days

It is time for our stream valleys to get their regular physicals. Watershed Clean-Up Day is nearing, and with it comes an opportunity for individuals, students, families, scouts and other community groups to be part of this year's International Coastal Cleanup. Help clear the earth's arteries by collecting tires, bed springs, bottles, cans and other debris from your local waterways. Give your community a clean bill of health, and earn the gratitude of your furred, feathered and scaled neighbors. Wear boots, old clothes and bring gloves. Trash bags and appreciation provided. This is a

great community service project!

Help at one of these sites from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 14, 2017.

Sign up online or call one of the sites to reserve a spot for a group.

- Cub Run RECenter (Cub Run Stream Valley), 703-817-9407
- Walney Visitor Center in Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, (Flatlick Branch, Big Rocky Run, Cub Run and Frog Branch), 703-631-0013