

A message from Kathy Smith

This week, I'm dedicating a portion of the Sull-E newsletter to talk about the election. We have a lot of important issues to vote on this fall. Besides our presidential and congressional elections, this fall's ballot will include a referendum on a meals tax, two constitutional amendments, and three bond referendums. More information from the county's office of elections is provided below.

The meals tax referendum will allow the Board of Supervisors to enact a 4% additional tax on prepared food items with 70% of the revenue going to school funding and 30% going to other county expenses. The measure is estimated to raise approximately \$100 million which will help us diversify our revenue stream and could allow for property tax relief and help fund other needs in our community. Many people have asked about how I will vote on this issue and I'm taking this opportunity to disclose that information in the interest of transparency. I will be voting for the meals tax because our teachers' salaries remain below market average and I believe our public schools and county services need to be

adequately funded in order to keep our community a great place to live. For more information about the meals tax referendum, please <u>CLICK HERE</u> to read a memo from the task force which considered this topic.

I will also be voting in favor of all the bond referendums. I am supporting the bond for Human Services and want to highlight that this year's bond includes a new Community Center to be built here in Sully District! This community center will also include a new senior center. The current senior center is in the VDOT right of way for the improvements to I-66 and Rte 28. It will move to a temporary location until the new community center can be built. There will be an opportunity for the public to provide comments on this plan in the coming months.

Remember that you can stop by my office at 4900 Stonecroft Blvd to vote tomorrow (9 am-5pm), the following Saturday (9am-5pm), and weekdays starting on the 17th (2-8pm). If you have any questions about the election, please reply to this email or call my office at 703-814-7100.

Katty



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Dulles Suburban Area Advisory Group

The next meeting of the Dulles Suburban Area Advisory Group will be at the Fairfax County Government Center, Rooms 9 and 10, on Tuesday October 18th at 7 p.m. Advisory Group members will discuss three plan amendment submissions:

- South of Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy (Route 50) and east of Walney Road
 - o Address: 13909, 13911, 13915 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway
 - Proposed Change: Consolidate recommendations for all of the parcels to reflect the existing auto dealerships and increase maximum building height and Floor Area Ratio.
 - o <u>http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/dullessuburbancenter/submissions/dsc-e4-1/</u>
- East of Stonecroft Boulevard, south of Lee-Jackson Memorial Highway (Route 50)
 - Address: 4101 Pepsi Place
 - **Proposed Change:** Add option for an auto dealership use on the western portion of the parcel.
 - o <u>http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/dullessuburbancenter/submissions/dsc-h-1/</u>

- Northwest of the intersection of Wall Road and Centreville Road
 - Proposed Change: To revise the mixed use development to replace 76,600 square feet of approved retail uses and 40,600 square feet of approved office uses with 100 single-family attached dwelling units.
 - o http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/dullessuburbancenter/submissions/dsc-d3-1/

Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held at the Board of Supervisor's regular meeting on Tuesday, October 18 at 3 pm at the Government Center. This hearing is for a Special Exception application to permit a combination of fast-food, eating establishments, and/or quick service food stores in a 7,911 square-foot portion of one of the three buildings in an existing 50,400 square foot office complex. The complex is located on a single 6.58 acre parcel at 4500 Daly Drive, Chantilly, VA 20151. Click on the link below for additional information:

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/bdagenda/2016/board-package-oct18.pdf



Animal Shelter Corner

Murdock was a bit of a mess when he came to us as a stray. He was really scared, had a lot of skin issues, was a bit on the skinny side, and has a crooked tail from an old injury. But with a little time and love from our staff and volunteers, he has made a terrific turn around! He is a friendly boy who would love to find a family who will make sure he gets lots of exercise, a little structure and obedience training, and most of all a lot of love! Learn more about Murdock and the Animal Shelter here:

http://www.petango.com/Adopt/Dog-Terrier-American-Staffordshire-32229868

Voting in Fairfax County

Weekday Schedule at the Government Center

You can see estimated wait times here: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm

- September 23 to October 14
 - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 - Monday, October 10, Columbus Day OFFICE CLOSED
- October 17 to November 4
 - Monday Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday Schedule (November 5 is the last day to absentee vote in-person)

• October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Absentee Voting at Satellite Locations

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Click absentee voting location links for an interactive map of the location. You may also open an <u>interactive map of all absentee voting locations.</u>

Satellite Voting Locations:

Providence Community Center - 3001 Vaden Dr., Fairfax, 22031 Franconia Governmental Center - 6121 Franconia Rd., Alexandria, 22310 McLean Governmental Center - 1437 Balls Hill Rd., Community Room, McLean, 22101 North County Governmental Center - 1801 Cameron Glen Dr., Community Rooms, Reston, 20190 West Springfield Governmental Center - 6140 Rolling Rd., Springfield, 22152 Mason Governmental Center - 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, 22003 Mount Vernon Governmental Center - 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, 22306 Sully Governmental Center - 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly, 20151

SATURDAYS ONLY (Closed Weekdays)

Lorton Library - 9520 Richmond Hwy., Lorton, 22079

Absentee Voting by Mail

Important note if you are voting absentee by mail using the United States Postal Service (USPS): The USPS has changed its delivery standards and First Class mail delivery is now two to five days. Standard delivery is now two to nine days. Please take this into consideration and allow ample time to apply for and mail-in your absentee ballot so that it is delivered to the Office of Elections by Election Day, Nov. 8 (7 p.m.).

You can keep tabs on the status of your mail-in absentee ballot application and ballot. Go to the <u>Virginia Citizen Portal</u> and click on Absentee Status.

Deadline to apply for an absentee ballot online, by mail, fax or email is **November 1 at 5 p.m**.

What you need to do:

• You can apply for your absentee ballot online

Or

- Print the <u>absentee ballot application</u> (PDF). Absentee ballot applications are also available at county governmental centers and library branches, or call the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776 (TTY 711).
- Complete the absentee ballot application (PDF) make sure you sign the application.
- Fax the application to the Office of Elections at 703-324-3725. Or, scan then email the application to <u>absenteeballot@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>. Or, mail to the Office of Elections, Box 10161, Fairfax, VA 22038.
- Once your *completed* application is received, your absentee ballot will be sent to you within three business days, beginning on or about September 23. If you have questions about your ballot, call the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776 (TTY 711).

The deadline to return your absentee ballot to the Office of Elections is November 8, 2016 (Election Day), by 7:00 p.m.