

# *Sull-E Newsletter*



## **A message from Kathy Smith**

Tomorrow, the Board will hold a public hearing on our Legislative package at 3 p.m. on Tuesday at The Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway). To learn more, [click here](#). If you are interested in commenting on the future of E. C. Lawrence Park, you can find more information below. Also below, you will find Halloween Safety Tips from the Fairfax County Police Department.

Remember that you can stop by my office at 4900 Stonecroft Blvd to vote tomorrow (9 am-5pm) and next week Monday through Friday (2-8pm).

*Kathy*

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# Happy Halloween

Halloween is a wonderful holiday, but because of increased foot traffic out at night, the potential for automobile related accidents with young pedestrians increases four times on this night according to a Center for Disease Control study. Streets are literally crawling with all sorts of witches, ghosts, goblins, super heroes, princesses and other costumed creatures. This adds more responsibility to drivers to make sure they drive safely.



## Halloween safety tips for drivers

Remember, children and parents tend to be preoccupied with Halloween fun. We ask drivers to be extra cautious on Halloween night.



- Don't use your cell phone or other electronic device while driving on Halloween night. Virginia has a law that prohibits texting while driving every day of the year.
- Slow Down! This allows you time to brake if you see a child run out into the street, especially around intersections and crosswalks.
- Do not pass other vehicles that may be stopped on the roadway, they may have seen something that you didn't in the roadway.
- Be aware that children may be shorter than parked cars and wearing dark clothing.
- Use your hazard lights if you are going to be slow or stopped in any roadway.
- Carefully enter and exit driveways and alleys.



# Think Safety on October 31

**A MESSAGE FROM THE FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**CRIME PREVENTION UNIT**



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As children take to the streets to trick or treat, their risk of being injured by motorists increases greatly. In fact, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that Halloween is consistently one of the top three days for pedestrian injuries and fatalities. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that children are four times as likely to be struck by a motor vehicle on Halloween than any other day of the year. Because excited trick-or-treaters often forget about safety, parents must be even more alert.



## Things for parents to remember and share:



- Every child under 12 should have a responsible adult accompany them.
- Plan and discuss the route your trick-or-treater will follow, in familiar areas.
- Remind children to never enter a stranger's house and stop only at well lit houses.
- Establish a time for children to return home and discourage eating any treats until they return home and their goodies are checked by an adult.
- Review pedestrian and traffic safety rules with your children, like only crossing streets at intersections or corners and not between parked cars.
- Make sure costumes do not obscure view and have some sort of reflective quality if the costume is dark to enhance visibility for drivers.
- Trick-or-treat in groups and carry a flashlight. Remember to keep the light pointed at the ground, not into drivers eyes or at cars.
- Walk on sidewalks whenever possible. If there is no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic.



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**Animal Shelter Corner**



Piper is a special dog in SO many ways. She is friendly and outgoing, looooooves people, and has gotten along with every dog we've introduced her to. She is a ball of fun who is super playful, wiggly, and happy. And she loves to get attention from any and all people. All of the shelter staff and volunteers have fallen in love with this sweet little girl. She also appears to be deaf and has a condition that makes her a little wobbly, but she doesn't even seem to notice that she's a little different from the other dogs. She is beginning to pick up on some of the hand signals our dog walkers are teaching her and her health is currently very good. We think she would be a great addition to just about any home and hope that a special adopter can see the beauty of this special girl! Learn more about Piper and the Animal Shelter here: <http://www.petango.com/Adopt/Dog-Terrier-American-Staffordshire-33305836>

### Your Thoughts Needed: Ellanor C. Lawrence Park Master Plan

The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) is seeking your input. As the Park Authority continues the process of revising the Ellanor C. Lawrence Park Master Plan, it is important to learn what matters most to residents of Fairfax County. Your opinions matter to us!

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We realize that spare time is always at a premium, so with that in mind we have added an online survey to our input options for this planning process. The initial response has been positive, and we want to hear from as many people as possible. If you haven't already done so, we invite you to [participate in our online questionnaire](#). Help us understand how you use the park today and how you want the park to be in the future.

The new survey and information about this plan update can be found on the [Ellanor C. Lawrence Park Master Plan project website](#). Already, park planning staff has gained a great deal of insight from attendees at our June open house, comments received via email and conversations with residents. Your feedback is greatly appreciated. If you haven't shared your thoughts, there is still time! The survey will remain open through the winter to inform the development of the draft master plan revision.

Stay informed about the master plan process. A visit to the website will allow you to:

- Read the latest project updates, documents and meeting announcements.
- Learn about the rich natural, historic and recreational features of the park.
- Learn about the park master planning process.
- Provide your thoughts and suggestions through the online survey.

For more information, contact Project Manager Ryan Stewart at 703-324-8787, call the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662, or email [parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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