

A message from Kathy Smith

As we gather with family and friends during Thanksgiving, I am thankful to live in a wonderful community and have my family living nearby. Fairfax County is a great place to call home. I hope you'll take some time over the next two months to enjoy the events available at the Sully Historic Site. You can learn more below.

Remember to plan ahead when you go back to work on Monday the 28th as the next round of WMATA Safetrack will impact the Orange and Silver Lines.

Wishing your family a safe and happy Thanksgiving,







Animal Shelter Corner



Are you searching for a special companion with a zest for life? Meet Alfred (Alfie)! This handsome, energetic young boy is built for action and any adventure you might have in mind. He loves to go for long walks or runs and has a playful personality. But don't let all this activity fool you. He also loves nothing more than to cuddle up with his people and give you lots of kisses! Alfie is housebroken, crate trained, and knows some basic commands. He is a quick learner and ready for someone who will continue his training to become the best family member he can be. Learn more about Alfred and the Animal Shelter here: http://www.petango.com/Adopt/Dog-Terrier-American-Staffordshire-33076380

Metro SafeTrack Surge #11 Begins Nov. 28; Orange and Silver Line Customers Impacted

Beginning Monday, Nov. 28, 2016, through Dec. 21, 2016, Orange and Silver Line riders will be affected by SafeTrack Surge #11. Metrorail Orange Line trains will continuously single track

between West Falls Church and East Falls Church, and trains will arrive and depart from only one platform at East Falls Church. With service being cut by two-thirds, **WMATA** is very strongly advising that people may not be able to get on a train in Arlington due to crowding, and are asking riders to divert.

Residents, visitors and others who travel via Metrorail and on any of the major corridors within Fairfax County including I-66, I-495, Dulles Toll Road, and I-95, will be impacted by the track work. To continue to reduce the potential for gridlock, Fairfax County is urging commuters to telework and use flexible work schedules whenever possible, and encouraging the use of alternate ways to commute that do not involve driving alone.

Weekday Metrorail service will operate as follows during SafeTrack Surge #11:

- Orange Line trains will run every 20 minutes between Vienna and New Carrollton.
- Silver Line trains will run every 20 minutes.

Trains on the Orange and Silver Lines will be extremely crowded, especially during rush-hour periods. Metro riders who have the ability to do so should consider alternate travel options and avoid traveling during rush hour if possible.



Delight in Victorian Decorations and Candlelight Tours for the Holidays

<u>Sully Historic Site</u> will be decked out in its holiday finest from **Wednesday**, **November 30**, **through Monday**, **December 26**, **2016**. Don't miss this chance to see delicate greens adorning the period rooms and a tree decorated in Victorian splendor, based on a description from a young girl who visited Sully in 1885.

View a fun exhibit case – "Nuts about Squirrels" – and learn about squirrels in history and the white squirrel that was a pet to the Lee family at Sully during the late 1790s through the early 1800s.

Find the beauty in holidays past as you tour the main house from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day, except Tuesdays. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$6 for students, and \$5 for seniors and children. Groups of 15 or more require reservations.

Special candlelight tours during the season will give visitors a true sense of how the house looked without electric lights.

On **Saturday**, **December 10**, enjoy a Civil War Candlelight tour. On the grounds, see Civil War re-enactors celebrating the holiday as they cook their dinner and share with visitors what it was like for them during this time. Inside, enjoy period music and costumed dancers. Learn more about the enslaved community when you visit the laundry and kitchen. On **Saturday**, **December 17**, take a Victorian Era Candlelight Tour as you enjoy music, a puppet show and a visit from an old-fashioned Santa.

Both nights include cider and homemade cookies. Visitors will also be able to make a holiday decoration reminiscent of the time period to decorate their own holiday tree.

The 45-minute candlelight tours leave every 15 minutes from 4:45 through 7 p.m. The cost is \$10.

Civil War By Candlelight REGISTER >

Victorian Candlelight Tour REGISTER >

Sully Historic Site is located at 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly, Va. For more information, call 703-437-1794 or visit **Sully Historic Site**.



