



## A message from Kathy Smith

This week we heard the budget presentation from County Executive Ed Long. As we anticipated, this will be a tough budget year and there will be many difficult choices to make in the coming weeks.

The budget that the County Executive presented to the Board of Supervisors leaves a \$61 million gap between what the School Board requested in their budget and what is proposed to be transferred out of the county budget. With substantial teacher vacancies already in place, the School Board would have to consider increasing class sizes to close that gap.

Other important priorities that go unmet in the proposed budget include funding for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, the Diversion First program, and the public safety staffing program. If you would like to learn more information about the FY 2018 budget, you can review documents here:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/fy2018/advertised/fy2018-advertised-budget.htm>.

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The next step in the budget process will be when we advertise a tax rate at our February 28 meeting. The rate we advertise on that day is a maximum rate which we cannot go above when we pass a final budget later this year. I have always been a strong advocate for advertising a rate which allows the Board of Supervisors to have a conversation with the community about setting priorities in the budget.

My annual budget town hall will be held at Rocky Run Middle School on March 8 at 7 p.m. I hope you will join me and bring your ideas for how we can balance the needs of our community with our limited resources.

Finally, I want to advertise my annual Chantilly High School Teen Job Fair which I will be co-sponsoring with Supervisor Pat Herritty of the Springfield District. The Job Fair will be on March 18 at Chantilly High School. If you are a business interested in recruiting high school students, please register here: [Form](#).

Sincerely,

*Kathy*

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**Carson Middle School Band Director Named one of  
“50 Directors Who Make a Difference”**

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Congratulations to Tiffany Hitz, school band director at Carson Middle School since 2014, on being named one of “50 Directors who Make a Difference” by *School Band and Orchestra* magazine! Current and former students, colleagues, peers, parents, and other admirers submitted nominations for these outstanding band and orchestra directors.

Hitz, who also taught at Twain Middle School and Robinson Secondary School and is a 16-year veteran of FCPS, says that the arts have an important role to play in overall student achievement.

“Community is a big part of it—being part of something bigger than yourself, learning to rely on others, and knowing you have a responsibility to others. Band is so collaborative and corporate in nature, you have to leave a lot at the door and give in to what is best for the group,” Hitz said. “It is special to watch each class develop into a team, and develop their band identity. There are few experiences like this, and I know it helps develop the whole student and enables them to be more successful in the future.”

You can read the full article online at <https://www.fcps.edu/blog/carson-middle-school-band-director-named-one-50-directors-who-make-difference>.

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## Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Kelly and Helen! They were found as teeny tiny stray kittens when they were just three weeks old, and both had severe eye issues. Kelly's eyes were too damaged to save, and were removed. Helen's eyes were ok but without surgery, the problem would keep occurring, so it was determined that the best course of action was to remove her eyelids.

Both kittens are now fully recovered from their surgeries, and there is no ongoing medication needed. They get around marvelously well thanks to their cat instincts, and they rely on each other for companionship and support. The shelter has decided that they absolutely must be adopted together! Both kittens love to do all the normal kitten things: play, run around, chase each other, snuggle, be held, and of course, PURR!

If you are interested in these two amazing kittens and think you are the perfect family for them, come on in to meet them! You can view their full bio online at <http://www.petango.com/fairfaxcountyanimalshelter>. For more information about Kelly and Helen, please email the animal shelter at [animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov).



## Help Save Lives: Adopt a Fire Hydrant

Our firefighters need your help to potentially save lives. A new “Adopt-A-Hydrant” program is underway to combat obstacles created by snow, ice and winter weather, or weeds, leaves and shrubs in warmer weather. It’s simple: If you’re a resident and business owner, then consider adopting a fire hydrant close to your home or business and pledge to keep it clear for firefighters to access in case of emergency.

Immediate access to a water supply helps to swiftly extinguish the fire and prevent loss of life and property. In the event of winter weather, you are asked to clear a three-foot area around the hydrant and ensure there is a path to the roadway so the hydrant is visible and easily accessible.

### **How to Adopt a Hydrant:**

To participate in the Adopt-A-Hydrant program, simply fill out and submit an online application. After registering, a crew from the participant’s closest fire station will deliver an “adoption certificate” identifying their hydrant. Important note: Fire hydrants are the property of the Fairfax Water Authority — so do not paint, personalize or change the appearance of the fire hydrant.

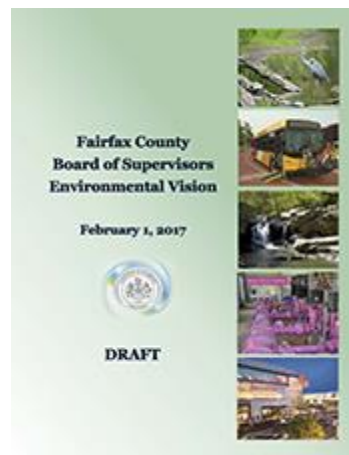
[Adopt-a-Hydrant Form](#)

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You are encouraged to take pictures with “your” hydrant and share them to Facebook or Twitter using the hashtag **#FCFRDHydrant**. You can also tag the Fire and Rescue Department at **@ffxfirerescue** on Twitter and **@fairfaxcountyfirerescue** on Facebook.

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## Environmental Vision Update



We want your input! We are currently seeking feedback on the initial draft of the updated Board of Supervisors Environmental Vision. The Board of Supervisors adopted its vision in June 2004, and it was last updated in March 2007. The current vision is organized into six major core service areas: growth and land use, air quality and transportation, water quality, solid waste, parks/trails/open space, and environmental stewardship. **Please take this [online survey](#) through Monday, March 6 to offer your comments.**

This draft incorporates public comments that we previously received when we asked people about what additions, changes, or updates they wanted. We held three public meetings and conducted an online survey to get this feedback.

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The input received so far is summarized in a presentation, and results from the survey and meetings are also provided individually.

- [Survey/Public Meetings Summary Presentation](#)

#### Survey Results:

We conducted an online survey in June 2016, and the complete results are provided.

- [Complete Survey Results](#)

#### Public Meeting Input:

Three public meetings were held in July 2016 to allow the public to offer input in person and we received additional written testimony. What we heard is provided.

- [July 20, 2016 Public Meeting Input Summary](#)
- [July 27, 2016 Public Meeting Input Summary](#)
- [July 28, 2016 Public Meeting Input Summary](#)
- [Written Testimony](#)

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## Dulles Suburban Center Study Meeting

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As part of the [Dulles Suburban Center Study](#), the Dulles Suburban Center Advisory Group is discussing land use and possible changes to the Comprehensive Plan for the area. Over the next four months, the Group will examine individual land units and specific proposals within the Dulles Suburban Center.

On [Tuesday, February 21, 2017](#), the Group will discuss [Land Unit F](#), the [Avion Submission: DSC-F2-1](#), [Land Unit I](#) and the [Long and Foster Submission DSC-I-1](#). We encourage you to attend the meeting and stay informed!

Meeting Information:

Dulles Suburban Center Advisory Group Meeting

Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at **7:00 p.m.**

Sully Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151

For additional information, please visit the Dulles Suburban Center Study website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/dullessuburbancenter/>.

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## F.A.N.tastic Times: Family Autism Nights



Family Autism Night is a program offered by Therapeutic Recreation Services – a branch of the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services. It is a **free** drop-in program **for individuals on the autism spectrum ages 2 to 22 years old and their families**. Planned activities provide an opportunity for the community to come together and have fun playing, socializing and interacting with other families.

For additional information, please contact Debbie O'Bryant by [e-mail](#) or by calling 703-324-5621, TTY 711.

### **Upcoming F.A.N.tastic Times:**

Date: Monday, February 20

Time: 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Cub Run RECenter, 4630 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151

Splash! with us at F.A.N.tastic Times -

Swimming is on a rotation schedule. Please bring your bathing suit, towel, and a change of clothes for those who are swimming. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian in the water at all times. Limited space is available so please reserve your spot by submitting your [JPMF Swim Registration Form](#). Please

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submit your reservation to Debbie O'Bryant by e-mail no later than 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 20. This is a free program.

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## **2017 Student Job & Career Fair**

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**2017  
Student  
Job  
& Career Fair**

**Saturday  
March 18<sup>th</sup>  
2017  
Chantilly HS**

**Sponsored by  
Chantilly Academy  
& Dulles Chamber of Commerce  
with  
Fairfax County  
Supervisor Kathy Smith  
& Supervisor Pat Herrity**

**Employer Information:**

**There is no cost to participate.  
The set-up includes a table with two chairs.  
Coffee and snacks will be provided.  
Event begins at 10am and ends at 12pm.  
Please arrive at 9am for set-up.**

- ✓ **Recruit summer employees**
- ✓ **Conduct on-the-spot interviews**
- ✓ **Seek candidates for part-time work**
- ✓ **Offer student internships**
- ✓ **Provide career info and feedback**



**REGISTER @ <http://bit.ly/2kO6xQG>**

## Volunteer Opportunity in Sully



### **Circulation Workroom Volunteer (Chantilly Regional Library)**

Responds to the needs of the Circulation Department, providing support processing materials and performing other workroom duties.

**Duties:** May assist with any of the following, or similar tasks: processing returns, book drop and daily delivery of materials; completing customer maintenance; searching for items to be reserved for library customers; processing periodicals and newspapers. Electronically reports volunteer hours promptly and accurately.

**Qualifications:** Ability to operate computer equipment quickly and efficiently, with minimum training. General familiarity with libraries. Ability to lift books weighing 10 lbs. Ability to push and pull full book bins and book carts. Ability to perform repetitive hand, arm, wrist and shoulder movements. Ability to stoop, bend and reach. Must be able to be physically active for two hours.

**Minimum Age to Volunteer:** 18

**Time Commitment:** You will be expected to volunteer two hour(s) per week for one year.

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**Additional Info:** Volunteers needed Mondays-Fridays between 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Location:**

4000 Stringfellow Road  
Chantilly, VA 20151

**Contact:**

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