

# *Sull-E Newsletter*



## **A message from Kathy Smith**

As a 14-year school board member, I have a strong background in handling tough budget issues and that experience has come in very handy these past three weeks. This year, I advocated strongly for a full step increase and a market rate adjustment for our county staff and for our teachers. I'm happy to report that the final budget will include these as well as a \$40 million investment toward bringing our teacher salaries closer to the midpoint of surrounding jurisdictions, though we are still have a ways to go.

To afford that investment, I voted in favor of a \$1.13 real estate tax rate this year. After hosting a public budget hearing and receiving lots of input from the public, I determined that a tax increase was necessary to fund the county services on which our residents depend. Our tax system is very reliant on real estate taxes. That's why I'll be advocating for a meals tax on this year's November ballot. By putting the tax on the ballot, I hope we can come together to have a community dialogue about the services we need and the ways we should fund them.

I realize that you may have many questions and comments about these proposals. You can always reach me by emailing [SupervisorSmith@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:SupervisorSmith@fairfaxcounty.gov) or you can call my office at 703-814-

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7100. I look forward to hearing from you! Please also follow me on Facebook and Twitter to stay up to date.

*Kathy*

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### **Friends of Centreville Library Book Sale**

Huge selection of books for all ages will be offered at bargain prices. Subject matter includes children's books, cookbooks, mysteries, romance, thrillers, lots of fiction paperbacks and hard covers, literature, biographies, history, foreign language, and more, plus movie DVDs and music and book CDs. The Used Book Sale, will be held at 14200 St. Germain Drive April 28 - May 1.

Thursday 3:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Friday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.

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Proceeds from the book sale benefit Centreville Regional Library and its patrons by helping to fund educational programs for young and adult readers and by supporting maintenance of the library itself. For more information call the library at 703-830-2223 or visit [www.friendsofcentrevillelibrary.blogspot.com](http://www.friendsofcentrevillelibrary.blogspot.com).



I'm very proud to announce my appointment to the Health Systems Agency Board - Birgit Retson. Birgit is the Public Health Nurse Care Coordinator in FCPS, working for the FFX County Health Department. In that role, she is responsible for overseeing the health of approximately 4,500 students in 5 schools. In the past, Birgit was the military community health advisor for about 25,000 people while stationed at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, VA. With experience in trauma care, nursing, oncology, and health care consulting, I know Birgit will be a valuable addition to the board.

### **Open Board Position**

We still have a few open positions that I need to fill. If you or someone you know is passionate about non-motorized transportation and would like to be on the Trails and Sidewalks committee, please reach out to my office at 703-814-7100 or email me at [Supervisorsmith@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Supervisorsmith@fairfaxcounty.gov)

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