



## A message from Kathy Smith

This week at the Board of Supervisors meeting we had our budget mark-up vote. The motion passed 8-2 with Supervisor Storck from Mount Vernon and myself both voting “no”. Next week we will have the final passage vote on the budget and our newsletter will have much more information on what was included in FY18. For now if you would like to see my remarks from the budget mark up meeting just [click here](#).

Congratulations to Oakton and Chantilly high schools for winning gold medal awards in the 2017 U.S. News & World Report rankings. A gold medal award means the school ranks within the top 1% of all high schools nationally, and it is a very big accomplishment for the teachers, school administration, and students!

Sincerely,

*Kathy*

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## SpringFest Fairfax Comes to Sully Historic Site



It's the same great program in a very different place! Participate in a day full of free, environmental, and health-focused family-friendly activities and games at this year's SpringFest Fairfax –a celebration of Earth and Arbor Days on **Saturday, April 29, 2017, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at its NEW location—Sully Historic Site—3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly, VA.** Presented by Clean Fairfax in partnership with the Fairfax County Park Authority, SpringFest is Fairfax County's official celebration of Earth Day and Arbor Day. Come out rain or shine! **Admission and parking are free.**

Last year over 5,000 residents attended SpringFest. This year's performers include Billy B., and The Recycling Pirates Puppet show. See live animals, participate in an environmental scavenger hunt, race through obstacle courses and fill up on delicious food truck delights. A wide range of hands-on activities and games

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highlight some of the most interesting aspects of our environment here in Fairfax County. Attendees will also find native tree saplings, flowers, vegetables and herbs and a fun “Touch-a-Truck” activity featuring county vehicles through history as well as lots of modern equipment!

Join us at 10:30 a.m. for poetry readings, as the Park Authority’s Children’s [Poetry Contest](#) winners present their written works. This event is sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Foundation.

Celebrate Arbor Day with the annual presentation of the Arbor Day Proclamation at noon, which ensures Fairfax County continues to be a Tree City USA site. There will be a morning tree planting at the site in the morning, for those looking for an Arbor Day service project.

Kids are encouraged to pick up their Environmental Passport at the Clean Fairfax tent while supplies last. Kids can earn stamps and stickers from exhibitors as they explore different organizations, obstacle courses and activities. Return to Clean Fairfax to share what you’ve learned and receive a prize.

For more information, call 703-324-5470 or 571-338-6710 or visit online at [SpringFestFairfax.org](http://SpringFestFairfax.org) .

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## **Dulles Suburban Center Advisory Group Meetings**

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At the **Monday, May 1, 2017** [Dulles Suburban Center](#) Advisory Group meeting, Fairfax County Public Schools and Fairfax County Department of Transportation staff will present information about forecast conditions in the study area with regard to schools and the transportation network. **The meeting takes place at 7:00 p.m. at the Sully District Community Room: [4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151](#).**

On **Thursday, May 11, 2017**, the public is invited to a community meeting with Fairfax County staff to learn about the [Dulles Suburban Center \(DSC\) Study](#) and the work that the [DSC Advisory Group](#) has undertaken since September 2016. One purpose of the study is to assess current conditions and update recommendations for future land uses and development for the 5,000 acre study area. Also under review are areas that members of the public, including land owners and the development community, have proposed for change. Descriptions of the proposed change can be found on the study website: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/dullessuburbancenter](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/dullessuburbancenter). The DSC Advisory Group and County staff encourage your attendance at this meeting and welcome your comment at the meeting or by email at [DPZDullesSubCenter@Fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:DPZDullesSubCenter@Fairfaxcounty.gov).

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The meeting takes place at 7:00 p.m. at Rocky Run Middle School: 4400 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, VA.

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## General Assembly Legislation Wrap Up: Schools, Opioids, Short-Term Rentals and More



From school funding to opioids to short-term rentals (like Airbnb), a lot happened in Richmond during the recent 45-day session of the [Virginia General Assembly](#). While most legislation impacts all of us as residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia, below are some highlights of local note. The legislation either became effective when it was signed by the Governor or it will be effective on July 1, when the Fiscal Year 2018 begins.

[Read 2017 Legislative Report to Board of Supervisors](#)

### The Numbers:

- **2,959** bills and resolutions were introduced.
  - **1,830** bills were reviewed by county staff.
  - **214** bills on which the Board of Supervisors provided formal positions.
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- **\$100 billion** biennium (two-year) statewide budget for 2016-2017.

## [Find Your Representatives in the General Assembly](#)

### **School Funding:**

State funding for Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is the top priority for the county's legislative efforts. The 2016 state revenue shortfall created a school funding problem. The state's share of a salary increase for teachers and other instructional personnel was contingent on state revenues in Fiscal Year 2016 meeting their projections, which they did not. As a result, some school divisions (including FCPS) provided teacher salary raises in Fiscal Year 2017, but did not receive any funding for the state's share of the raises. FCPS would have received \$4.4 million. However, the General Assembly will provide the funding in the upcoming Fiscal Year 2018 budget. (School districts qualify if they provided at least a 2 percent salary increase in fiscal years 2017 or 2018, which FCPS did.)

The General Assembly also chose to not change the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) rate increases for full-time educational, administrative and support employees, which negatively impacts the [FCPS Fiscal Year 2018 budget](#).

Overall, the 2016-2018 biennium budget amendments adopted this year by the General Assembly were helpful to Fairfax County. They included both the funding for salaries and an increase in Virginia Lottery funding that will be distributed to the state's school divisions.

## [Read FCPS Summary of 2017 General Assembly](#)

### **Opioids:**

A series of bills were introduced during the General Assembly to tackle the epidemic of opiate addictions, which Gov. McAuliffe has declared to be a [public health emergency in Virginia](#). New legislation includes limits on initial and refill prescriptions of an opioid pain relieving drug, as well as limiting certain pain

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relieving drugs for pregnant women. In addition, bills to expand access to Naloxone (which effectively treats overdoses and saves lives) were also successful, along with bills calling for the training of a wide range of people who may be confronted with an individual who has overdosed.

## **Transportation:**

The most significant legislation pertaining to Northern Virginia transportation this year is the establishment of the Metrorail Safety Commission (MSC), designed to oversee and make improvements to safety issues for Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) Metrorail system. Federal law requires the establishment of the MSC by Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia, along with certification by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) that the MSC is able to assume safety oversight of the Metrorail system.

During the 2017 General Assembly Session, the U.S. Secretary of Transportation announced that FTA would begin withholding funds provided to Virginia, Maryland and D. C. until the MSC is in place and fully certified. This action highlights the importance of improving safety at WMATA, as well as the importance of the Metrorail system to the county and the commonwealth, as federal funding is now being withheld from transit systems throughout the state.

## **Short-Term Rentals:**

Related to concerns about community impacts of short-term rentals (such as Airbnb), new legislation authorizes a locality to adopt an ordinance requiring the registration of persons offering property for short-term rental. The bill defines "short-term rental" as renting a room or space suitable for sleeping or lodging for less than 30 consecutive days. (Examples of exceptions include hotels and established B&Bs.) The bill authorizes localities to impose fees and penalties on those who do not register or who offer short-term rentals that have multiple violations of state or federal laws or ordinances, including those related to alcoholic beverage control. The bill expressly preserves existing local zoning authority to regulate short-term

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rentals, and makes clear that it is not intended to affect any contracts, including any property associations' (such as home owners associations) agreements or covenants.

It should be noted that the county already has [rules about short-term rentals](#) in place. The Board of Supervisors has directed staff to form a work group, with input from the community, to help update and modernize the county's ordinances to address short-term rentals. Any changes made by the board will be done through a public process.

## **Local Government:**

The General Assembly authorized the creation of a Joint Subcommittee on Local Government Fiscal Stress, which is charged with studying:

- Savings opportunities from increased regional cooperation and consolidation of services
- Local responsibilities for service delivery of state-mandated or high priority programs
- Causes of fiscal stress among local governments
- Potential financial incentives and other governmental reforms to encourage increased regional cooperation
- The different taxing authorities of cities and counties.

The General Assembly also directed the [Auditor of Public Accounts](#) to establish a work group to develop an early warning system to identify localities that may be experiencing fiscal stress.

## **Cell Towers:**

The General Assembly passed a bill that modifies the approval process for the siting (or locating) of small cell wireless facilities that attach to existing structures, and retains state and local government authority to determine whether or not to

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allow access to government-owned structures. The bill involved extensive negotiations among representatives of the wireless telecommunications services industry, cable companies and the telecommunications infrastructure industry, the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Virginia Association of Counties and the Virginia Municipal League, and local governments such as Fairfax County. Because of local government efforts, and with strong support from numerous legislators, a compromise was reached to remove provisions that would have limited the county's ability to weigh in on the location of tall telecommunication towers and would have allowed telecommunications companies to attach their small facilities to any public building with nominal compensation. Some amendments were made to the bill during the reconvened General Assembly session on April 5, and the Governor has 30 days to sign or veto it.

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## Neighborhood Watch Training



PFC Tara Gerhard, crime prevention officer for the Sully District Police Station, is offering neighborhood watch training to all communities in the Sully District. Her next presentation is set for **Monday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151.** Go to

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the community room just inside the lobby on the right. RSVP to PFC Gerhard at [tara.gerhard@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:tara.gerhard@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call her at 703-814-7051. She will also be happy to answer any related questions.

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## Make the Call to Report Domestic Violence



Every month in Fairfax County, domestic violence hotlines ring.

- More than 240 calls a month
- Victims request 60+ family abuse protective orders
- A dozen families escape to an emergency domestic violence shelter
- Almost 160 domestic violence arrests are made

Yet experts **believe there are many more in our community who may need help but are either afraid to call or don't know where to turn for assistance.**

That's why the new "Make the Call" campaign is important to encourage victims, bystanders and offenders to utilize the **24-hour Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline at 703-360-7273, TTY 711.**

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## What Do Domestic Violence Call Takers Do?

Yolanda Thompson works as county program manager and plays a key role with the 24-hour hotline. “You never know what type of call you’re going to get, so you really have to have training in a variety of topics.” she said recently on a county podcast.

When victims dial the hotline, Thompson says call takers first ask if they’re safe, then proceed to provide resources such as shelter, an advocate, develop a safety plan and more, depending on the circumstances.

When taking calls from victims, concerned family or friends, Thompson says, “We don’t want people to necessarily take action because that could put that person in further harm. We want them to speak with the people covering the hotline who receive extensive training to guide and provide resources.”

- **RELATED:** [Pet Haven: Peace of Mind for Victims of Domestic Violence](#)

**Thompson says about 75 volunteers help county staff provide the 24-hour hotline service**, with a whole cadre of nonprofit partners throughout the county providing services and resources.

[Listen to the Podcast](#)

## Share This Information

Part of the communitywide success of this campaign will be for everyone to share information. Talk to those you know, post to social media or share the 15 second public service announcement video below.

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[Watch Here](#)

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## The Northern Virginia 50+ Employment Expo



Meet recruiters from dozens of employers, including nonprofits, government, healthcare, retail, technology, and more.

### Learn about:

- Résumé Writing
- Interviewing Skills
- Surfing the Net for Jobs
- Changing Careers
- Online Applications

It all happens at the 50+ Employment Expo on **Thursday, May 11, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at the Fair Oaks Marriott Hotel, 11787 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax, VA.

Sponsored by the Jewish Council for the Aging, the event is free and no registration is necessary.

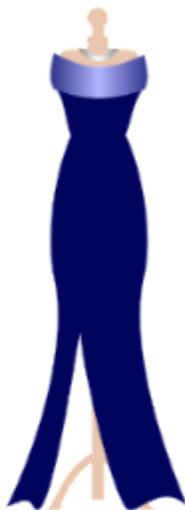
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For more information or accommodations, email [mgordon@AccessJCA.org](mailto:mgordon@AccessJCA.org) or call 301-255-4209. Learn more details at [www.AccessJCA.org](http://www.AccessJCA.org)

This event supports the Fairfax 50+ Community Action Plan. Find out more at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/OlderAdults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/OlderAdults).

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## **Centreville High School and Classroom on the Mall Students Open Prom Dress Shop**



Marketing students from Centreville High School and the Fair Oaks Classroom on the Mall program will open the annual Fair Oaks Prom Dress Shop on Friday, May 5. The dress shop, which has been in business for 11 years, has helped hundreds of financially challenged students attend prom in style each spring. Centreville High School and the Fair Oaks Classroom on the Mall are Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS).

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**Donations of stylish, high-quality, dry-cleaned prom dresses and select accessories can be dropped off in the main office of Centreville High School between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. or at the shop in Fair Oaks Mall during the shop hours listed below.**

Centreville High School Fashion Marketing students started collecting donated dresses in 2006 as a way to combine their interests in fashion with community service. They quickly came to the conclusion that students would not feel comfortable “shopping” for a dress at school, and decided that the shop should be set up in another location to give students a more authentic shopping experience, which led them to partner with the Fair Oaks Classroom on the Mall program.

The Fair Oaks Prom Dress Shop is located on the upper level of Fair Oaks Mall outside of JCPenney. The entrance to the shop is located between JCPenney and Kay Jewelers. Students from any area high school who are in need of a prom dress and do not have the funds to purchase one can come and shop from hundreds of donated dresses and accessories. They must show a valid student ID or other form of school identification in order to anonymously select a free dress during the following store hours:

<b>Friday, May 5</b>	<b>4:00 to 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, May 6</b>	<b>2:00 to 5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday, May 7</b>	<b>1:00 to 4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday, May 12</b>	<b>4:00 to 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, May 13</b>	<b>2:00 to 5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday, May 14</b>	<b>1:00 to 4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday, May 19</b>	<b>4:00 to 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, May 20</b>	<b>2:00 to 5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday, May 21</b>	<b>1:00 to 4:00 p.m.</b>

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For more information, contact Miranda Schick at 703-609-7404 or [miranda.schick@fcps.edu](mailto:miranda.schick@fcps.edu).

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## Farmers Markets Opening 1st Week of May



The Fairfax County Farmers Markets operate 11 farmers markets across Fairfax County, under the Fairfax County Park Authority. By providing access to locally grown foods, our farmers market program strives to improve the health of Fairfax County citizens, support local food producers, and protect the environment.

Our markets are strictly producer-only, meaning that all of our farmers and producers may only sell what they raise on their farms or make from scratch. We encourage our vendors to use local ingredients in the creation of their products as much as possible. Our farmers and producers all come from within a 125 mile radius of Fairfax County.

## 2017 Market Schedule

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## Wednesday

**\*McCutcheon/Mount Vernon: May 3 - December 13, 8 a.m. - Noon**

Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane

SNAP accepted, bonus dollar program!

[Details/Directions](#)

**\*Oak Marr: May 3 - November 15, 8 a.m. - Noon**

Oak Marr Recreation Center, 3200 Jermantown Road

[Details/Directions](#)

**\*Wakefield: May 3 - October 25, 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.**

Wakefield Park, 8100 Braddock Road

[Details/Directions](#)

## Thursday

**\*Annandale: May 4 - November 16, 8 a.m. - Noon**

Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike

[Details/Directions](#)

**\*Herndon: April 20 - November 9, 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Old Town Herndon, 700 Block of Lynn St., By the Red Caboose

SNAP accepted, bonus dollar program!

[Details/Directions](#)

**\*Government Center: May 4 - October 26, 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy

\*CLOSED for Celebrate Fairfax set up June 8

[Details/Directions](#)

## Friday

**\*McLean: May 5 - November 17, 8 a.m. - Noon**

Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road

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\*CLOSED for McLean Day set up May 19

[Details/Directions](#)

**\*Kingstowne: May 5 - October 27, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

In the Giant parking lot, 5870 Kingstowne Towne Center

[Details/Directions](#)

### Saturday

**\*Burke: April 29 - December 16, 8 a.m. - Noon**

VRE parking Lot, 5671 Roberts Parkway

[Details/Directions](#)

**\*Reston: April 29 - December 9, 8 a.m. - Noon**

Lake Anne Village Center, 11401 North Shore Drive

SNAP accepted, bonus dollar program!

CLOSED for Multicultural Festival September 23

[Details/Directions](#)

### Sunday

**\*Lorton: May 7 - November 12, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

VRE parking lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd.

SNAP accepted, bonus dollar program!

[Details/Directions](#)

\* = Master Gardener Plant Clinic

**For more information please visit:**

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/> or call 703-642-0128, TTY 703-803-3354.

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## Reminder!

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## **Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinets**

On **Saturday, April 29 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** the Sully District Police Station and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal to the lobby of 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151.

The DEA cannot accept liquids, needles, or sharps, **ONLY** pills or patches. The service is free and anonymous. No questions asked.

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## **Animal Shelter Corner**

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## Meet Banjo!

**Age:** 1 year and 4 months

**Gender:** Male

**Color:** Brown

**Spayed/Neutered:** Yes

**Size:** Medium

Banjo is a sweet, adorable, energetic dog who has the absolute best smile! He loves to play, go for walks, sniff everything, and track squirrels - we're still not sure what he'd do if he caught one, but he'd love to find out! He's been in and out of the shelter a couple of

times because he can be a bit anxious and nervous, and his adopters haven't known how to handle his behavior. We know that there is a wonderful, experienced adopter out there who can make sure that he gets the exercise he needs to help burn off some of that anxiety, a little training help to curb some of his nervous behaviors in the home, some socialization to build his confidence, and all the love he deserves! In return, you'll get to look at the adorable, grateful face of your new best friend every day! To learn more about Banjo email the animal shelter at [animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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# Enormous Used Book Sale

**Centreville Regional Library**

**14200 St Germain Drive - 703-830-2223**

**Thursday, May 4 - Noon - 8:30 pm**

**Friday, May 5 - 10 am - 5:30 pm**

**Saturday, May 6 - 10 am - 4:30 pm**

**Sunday, May 7 - 1 pm - 3 pm**

*Sponsored by Friends of the Centreville Library*

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*Save the Date! June 17, 2017*  
HISTORIC FAIRFAX COUNTY COURTHOUSE



# Celebrate FAIRFAX COUNTY'S 275<sup>TH</sup> Birthday!

Saturday, June 17, 2017

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

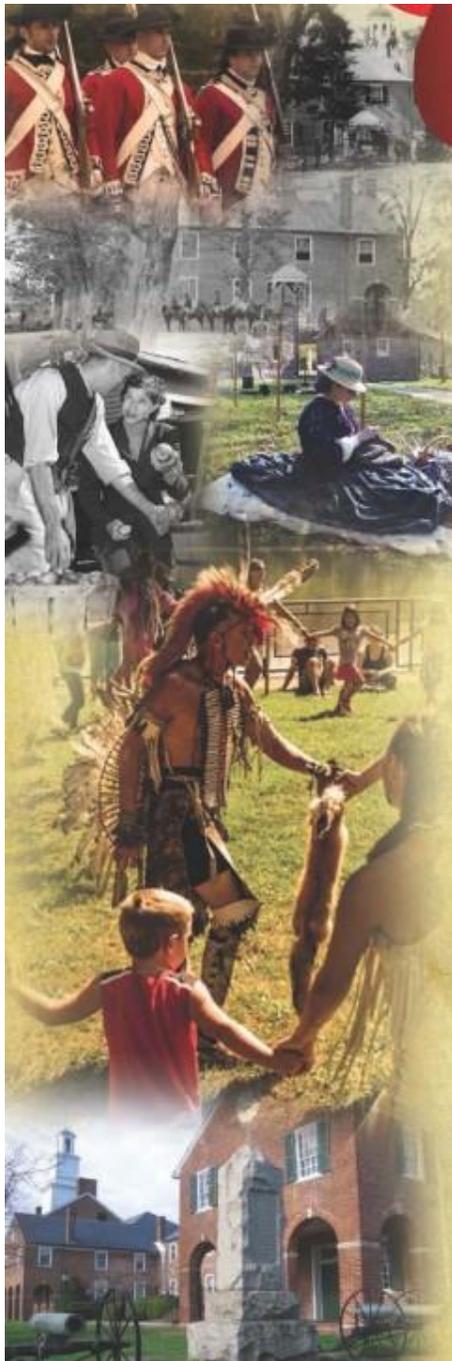
**Historic Fairfax Courthouse**

The day's events, which are free and open to the public, will include:

- Family-friendly activities
- Entertainment
- History Exhibits
- Living History
- Performances

...and more!

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for more information.



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call 703-324-5621 or 703-449-1186 (TTY).

# Volunteer Opportunity in Sully



## Fairfax Pets on Wheels Welcomes Lovable Animals

Do you have a favorite pet who would enjoy putting a smile on someone's face? Fairfax Pets On Wheels connects pets with people living in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Volunteers visit residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities with their approved pets: dogs, rabbits, and cats. Visiting with a pet brings back wonderful memories, allowing for a meaningful connection to happier times. Pet visitation can have a calming effect; touching animals helps chase away loneliness, depression, and withdrawal. Become a volunteer today and share the power of the human-animal bond. Orientations for new volunteers are held the **first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.** Prior to attending, please complete the online application found at [www.fpow.org/volunteer](http://www.fpow.org/volunteer). Find out more about how to volunteer at [www.fpow.org](http://www.fpow.org) or call 703-324-5424.

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