

A message from Kathy Smith

This past Sunday, we held a memorial service at the Sully Government Center for the two police officers Det. Vicky Armel and MPO Mike Garbarino who lost their lives in the line of duty here 10 years ago. We will never forget them or their sacrifice. The new memorial is a large blue vase which symbolizes the thin blue line of the police. The water flowing out of the vase represents the overflowing love and joy of the broader public safety family.

Every time I walk past the fountain into my office, I'm reminded of the call to service that our brave officers answer every day and I am very thankful. I encourage you to come to the government center at 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard and see the memorial for yourself. It is both beautiful and meaningful.



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Upcoming Police Events

Interested in joining or starting a Neighborhood Watch program? Join us on <u>Tuesday, May 31st at</u> 6:30 p.m. at the Sully District Station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly, Virginia to learn about the program and receive the required training. Training will last 30-45 minutes. Please R.S.V.P. by Thursday. May 26th by replying to this e-mail.

Come join the Fairfax County Police Department as we park our cruisers and run on foot with the Flame of Hope in support of the Special Olympics VA! The route will be illuminated with glow sticks, police emergency lights and our helicopter spotlight! Gates open at 6 p.m. on June 4th at FCPD Emergency Vehicle Operations Center, 3725 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly, Virginia. Fun run starts at 8:30 p.m. The run is approximately 1.25 miles. Please register online at https://www.firstgiving.com/torchrunva/LETR-Fairfax-Light-the-Night no later than June 3rd. See attached flyer for more information.



I'm announcing my appointment of Rodney Woodruff to serve on the Fairfax County Consumer Protection Commission. Rod is a Centreville Resident and did Information Technology work for ExxonMobil from 1974-2015. Rod received both his Bachelors and Masters degrees from Penn State University. In this role, Rod will protect Fairfax County consumers from illegal, fraudulent or deceptive consumer practices in the marketplace. I'm happy to have him on my team.

Volunteer Opportunity

Tomorrow morning from 9:30-noon, Come help plant and celebrate a new pollinator meadow next to the Fairfax County Government Center! Located along a recently restored stream with accessible walking paths, we will enhance this idyllic setting with lovely native plants and a wildflower meadow that provides habitat for butterflies and other pollinators - and people, too!

At this event you will also learn about the importance of the new meadow for wildlife, streams and soils from Fairfax County's Charles Smith and Suzy Foster. Do your part for pollinators this spring!

Native plants support wildlife. Native plants flourish in Virginia's climate and soils and provide habitat and food for a diverse array of native insects and wildlife. Many flowering plants depend upon pollinators, such as bees and butterflies for fertilization. Without pollinators, we would not be able to enjoy many of foods we eat, such as fruits, vegetables, and even coffee!

Plant density improves water quality. Layers of native plants act as a buffer to the stream. They filter the runoff and reduce excessive nutrient and sediment loads into the Chesapeake Bay. Aquatic life cannot survive when there are too many nutrients in streams.

Healthy soils are nature's sponge. Deep roots from native plants create more pore space in the soil. Water soaks into the pore spaces, resulting in less runoff and more nutrient uptake by

plants. Less runoff also means less erosion, keeping nutrient-rich topsoil in place.

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Farmers Markets Opening Up

Yesterday, my staff and I visited the Farmers Market at the Government Center and came home with lots of good strawberries, rhubarb, and German bread! To find a map of all the markets, click <u>HERE</u>.



Home Repair Help

The Home Repair for the Elderly Program is designed to provide minor home repairs to eligible low and moderate income elderly homeowners residing in the property, as well as accessibility modifications for disabled homeowners. Fairfax County will provide a crew to do up to one week's labor and provide up to \$500 in materials to complete necessary repairs and maintenance. Materials are paid for by County and Federal funds.

All materials and labor for the work done under this program are provided completely **FREE OF CHARGE** to eligible homeowners.

Types of Repairs

These are the typical kinds of services that can be provided under this program:

- Interior and exterior painting
- Minor electrical repair and replacement
- Window and door repair
- Minor plumbing repair and replacement
- Screen replacement for windows and doors
- Gutter

 Installation of grab bars, railings and other accessibility devices to assist the elderly and disabled.

Emergency work cannot be provided, but expedited responses may be handled under this program. Types of repairs that are eligible include:

- Roof leaks
- Broken hot water heaters (Electrical only)
- Electrical shorts or rewiring
- Plumbing leaks

Eligibility

Homeowners meeting these qualifications are eligible to apply for the Home Repair Program:

- Resident of Fairfax County, owning and residing in the home needing repair
- Homeowner is 62 years of age or older, OR disabled, OR have disabled family members*
 - *Disabled family members are only eligible for accessibility modifications.
- Maximum income of \$46,750 for 1 person
- Maximum income of \$53,400 for 2 persons
 - *Income maximums are higher for larger families.
 - *When total family assets (excluding your house) exceed \$20,000 either actual or projected earnings are added to your income in considering eligibility.
- Monthly housing expenses* must be greater than 25 percent of monthly income.
 *Items included in housing expenses are: mortgage, insurance, utilities and real estate
 - taxes. Unreimbursed medical expenses may be eligible for inclusion in housing expenses.
 - *Households with yearly income below \$10,000 have no housing expense requirements.
- Other requirements may apply.

<u>Click here for the Home Repair for the Elderly Program Application</u>. If you have any questions, please call the Home Repair for the Elderly Program at 703-246-5179 (TTY: 703-385-3578) or email rha@fairfaxcounty.gov.