

Sull-E Newsletter



A message from Kathy Smith

If I told you we were having a fair, you might think, “déjà vu”. We just finished the Celebrate Fairfax fair last week, but this coming week we have another opportunity to get out and have a good time.

Fairfax County is celebrating 275 years of history. If you were looking for something to do, this historically oriented fair on Saturday, June 17 is a great event for the whole family. Your kids (maybe even yourself) can learn a little something about the history of Fairfax.

With all these outdoor events, and the recent heat wave we have been experiencing, I am including information in this newsletter about the Fan Care program, which provides help to those needing assistance cooling their homes this summer. I would greatly appreciate it if you shared this information with anyone who you think might need it.

Sincerely,

Kathy

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Shop for a Cause on June 22 at Whole Foods



Shop at a [Whole Foods Market](#) located in Fairfax, VA (**Fair Lakes, Reston, Springfield, Tysons or Vienna**) on **Thursday, June 22, 2017** and 5 percent of net sales will be donated to the Fairfax County Park Foundation to help Frying Pan Farm Park, Hidden Pond Nature Center, and other Fairfax County park programs!

If you are a regular Whole Foods customer, consider changing your

shopping day to Thursday, June 22. If you shop elsewhere for food, consider experiencing what Whole Foods has to offer on June 22.

The Foundation is pleased to participate in Shop for a Cause where 5 percent of the net sales will be donated to the Park Foundation. This is the first time that five stores are supporting Fairfax County parks on the same day. Changing your shopping routine for one week will mutually benefit you, county parks, and Whole Foods Market.

Animal Shelter Adoption Event



All month long, adoption fees for all cats over seven months of age will be half off! That's 50% off their adoption fee, thanks to a generous adoption event sponsorship from the [Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter](#)! All of the cats are spayed/neutered, fully vaccinated with age-appropriate vaccinations, combo tested, dewormed, and microchipped prior to adoption. If you have been thinking about adopting a cat or two, definitely make sure to keep an eye on the shelter's Petango page

(<http://www.petango.com/fairfaxcountyanimalshelter>) which lists all their available pets. Then come on in and visit the shelter when you see a cat you like!

History Spotlight: Old Stone Church



The Old Stone Church, built in 1854, has become an iconic picture of the Civil War. It was the first designated Union Army surgical hospital, receiving major casualties from the Battles of Blackburn's Ford (1861), First Manassas (1861), and Second Manassas (1862). As Centreville changed hands between Union and Confederate forces throughout the Civil War, so did the medical services of the Old Stone Church. The Church of the Ascension invites you to further explore the history of their church and the rest of the Centreville Historic Park now and during the **25th anniversary of Centreville Day on Saturday, October 21, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, <http://www.historiccentrevilleva.org>.

Honey Bee Initiative Pollinator Program



Honey bee hives in Virginia have declined by two-thirds since 1970 due to colony collapse disorder, invasive mites, and manmade pesticides. Bees pollinate one-third of the food we eat, so their health is tied to ours.

The Department of Public Works and Environmental Services has partnered with [George Mason University's Honey Bee Initiative](#) to create pollinator habitat at the I-95 landfill complex and build apiaries, clusters of bee hives.

GMU's program began in 2012 and now includes 40 hives located throughout Northern Virginia. The goals of GMU's program are education, collaborative research, and improving the security and sustainability of Northern Virginia's ecosystem.

Landfill complex supervisor Eric Forbes, a GMU alum, contacted former classmate and bee expert German Perilla about managing bees at the landfill. Nearly five acres of previously mowed turf at the landfill complex have been seeded to grow a native meadow for pollinating insects. The meadows will beautify the landfill, improve water quality, create pollinator habitat, and reduce mowing costs. Landfill staff have built 12 bee hives (three apiaries) and the goal is to build more to support 30,000 bees.

Dredged material removed from Lake Royal was used as topsoil. The landfill

complex composts leaves on-site and that organic material was used to enrich the soil.

The Honey Bee Initiative Pollinator Program will receive \$50K over the next five years (\$10K/year) from the county's Environmental Improvement Program. The program supports the county's 20-year Environmental Vision and creates educational opportunities for students and community groups. This program is one of the ways in which the landfill is transforming into a destination for environmental experimentation and education.

Watch this short [16 Around Fairfax video](#) about the program.

Cooling Assistance & Fan Care Programs



Fairfax County residents who need help to keep their homes cool this summer and to prevent a health emergency resulting from extreme heat may be able to get assistance from two programs locally administered by the

county's Department of Family Services.

The Cooling Assistance Program:

The Cooling Assistance program, a federally funded program, helps eligible low-income households with at least one person considered especially vulnerable to heat: a child under age six, a disabled individual, or an adult age 60 or older. Cooling assistance can be used to help with:

- Payment of electric bills to operate cooling equipment.
- Payment of security deposits for electricity to operate cooling equipment.
- Repair of a central air conditioning system or heat pump.
- Purchase of a whole-house fan, including ceiling or attic fans.
- Purchase and installation of one window unit air conditioner for households where there is no unit or where the unit must be replaced.

Applications for the Cooling Assistance Program will be accepted from June 15 through August 15.

[Apply Online](#)

For more information, or an application form, visit the Virginia Department of Social Services [Cooling Assistance](#) page. Then complete the application and mail it along with a copy of your current electric bill and a pay stub to:

Fairfax County Department of Family Service - Lake Anne Building

11484 Washington Plaza West

4th Floor

Reston, VA 20190

You may also request an application by calling 703-787-3100; TTY: 711 or pick one up at any of the county's DFS offices:

- Annandale - Heritage Center, West Wing, 7611 Little River Turnpike, 5th Floor, Annandale
- Fairfax - Pennino Building, 12011 Government Center Parkway, Suite 232, Fairfax
- Reston - Lake Anne Office Building, 11484 Washington Plaza West, 4th floor, Reston
- Richmond Highway/Alexandria - South County Center, 8350 Richmond Hwy (Route 1), 4th floor, Alexandria

The Fan Care Program:

The Fan Care program is another way to help older Fairfax area residents stay safe in the summer heat. This electric fan distribution program, sponsored by Dominion Virginia Power in partnership with the Virginia Department for the Aging, annually provides about 200 free fans and/or window air conditioners to eligible senior adults in the Fairfax area.

To qualify for Fan Care, a person must be at least 60 years old, need a fan to prevent heat-related health problems and meet income eligibility requirements. Not everyone in the home needs to be an older adult to qualify for a fan, but all incomes must be counted. There is a limit of one fan per household.

The Fan Care program begins on June 1 and runs through the end of September. To request an application, call the Fairfax County's Department

of Family Services – Fairfax Area Agency on Aging at 703-324-7694, TTY 703-449-1186.

Comment Online on the E.C. Lawrence Draft Master Plan Revision



The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) continues to explore new ways to engage with the community in its park master planning efforts. As the Park Authority requests public input related to the revision of the Ellanor C. Lawrence Park Master Plan, citizens who wish to comment are now able to use CiviComment as an alternative to email.

CiviComment is a crowdsourcing website that allows users to comment directly into the draft master plan document and discuss comments made by other reviewers. We understand that many residents will choose to provide their comments via email, in writing, or in person, which is fine. We welcome all comments! For those who are unable to download and print large documents (such as on a public computer) or those who prefer a more collaborative experience, please consider giving CiviComment a try.

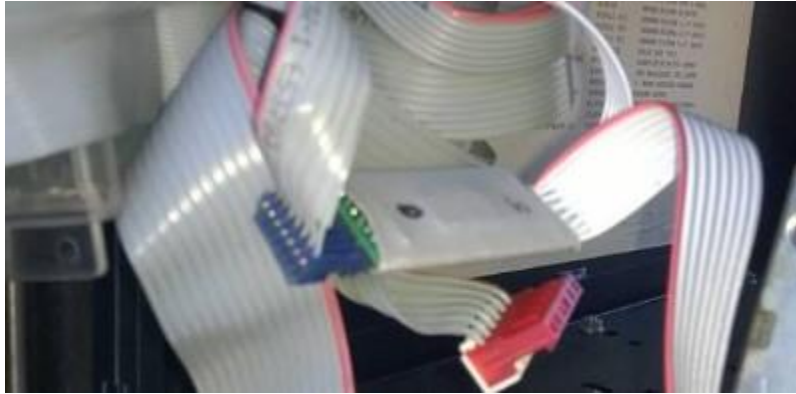
The Ellanor C. Lawrence Park draft master plan revision is available for review on the project's website at [Ellanor C. Lawrence Park Master Plan Revision](#). After following the link from the project's website to the CiviComment site, users will be asked to create an account before participating.

As CiviComment is a new tool for the Park Authority, we would appreciate any feedback about your experience using CiviComment. If the experience is beneficial, we may expand use of the service to supplement our public planning process on future projects.

All comments on the Ellanor C. Lawrence draft master plan revision must be **received by July 10, 2017**, to be included in the official public record. If not using CiviComment, written comments should be directed to Project Manager Ryan Stewart, Planning & Development Division, Fairfax County Park Authority, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 421, Fairfax, VA 22035. Email comments may be sent to: Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov. After all comments have been considered, the plan will be modified, as necessary, and presented to the Park Authority Board for final consideration and approval.

For more information, contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

Protect Your Wallet: Scammers Using High-Tech Skimmers at Gas Stations



Scammers have found a way to empty your bank account within minutes.

Our police department's financial crimes detectives are seeing a concerning trend at local gas stations. **Criminals are using high-tech skimming devices to steal your bank card information and money.** In the last year, our investigators have removed **21 individual skimmers from 15 different locations** in Fairfax County.

What's also **concerning is a new wave of Bluetooth skimmers are harder to detect.** They're completely inside the pump and there's no real warning sign to look out for when you go to pay.

The financial crimes unit is working diligently, but there are some steps you can take to better protect your pocketbook:

1. **Use a credit card when possible and not a debit/ATM card** where you need to enter a PIN. New technology allows them to get your PIN and clone your card in no time. It also may be more difficult to have personal bank funds reimbursed.
 2. Try to **avoid older gas pumps** which are easier to infiltrate and alter.
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3. **Check your bank and card statements regularly** for any suspicious charges. If you notice anything fraudulent or questionable, contact your bank or credit card company immediately.
4. If you feel you've been a victim of financial crime in Fairfax County, you can **report it online through the Financial Crimes Online Reporting (FiCOR) system** [Report a Financial Crime](#)

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Smokey!

Age: 8y 2m


Gender: Male

Color: Black / Brindle

Spayed/Neutered: Yes

Size: Medium

Smokey is a beautiful, brindle boy who always seems to have such a serious look on his face. We can only assume that he's thinking very hard about how he can find his next awesome forever home! He is a friendly, sweet dog who actually has an acrobatic side. His owners said that he can climb tree trunks, and the height he gets on his jumps would make any NBA player jealous! Unfortunately, they had to give him up because they couldn't afford to have a dog. They said he is friendly, sweet, and housebroken. He appears to get a long great with other dogs, but the shelter recommends an introduction with potential doggy siblings. To learn more about Smokey email the animal shelter at animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.



HISTORIC FAIRFAX COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Celebrate
FAIRFAX COUNTY'S 275TH
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!

*Meet the
14th Lord and
Lady Fairfax
of Cameron!*

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 For reasonable ADA accommodations, call 703-324-5421 or TTY Va. Relay 711

Volunteer Opportunity



Mentor With BeFriend-A-Child!

The BeFriend-A-Child Mentoring Program matches adult volunteers with children between the ages of 5-12 who are in need of a mentor. All have experienced trauma in some form or another, such as child abuse or neglect, familial substance abuse, domestic violence, or parental absence. Our hope is that through developing a relationship with a mentor, these children will increase their confidence, have a healthy and positive outlet, and develop resiliency against life's adverse experiences. Mentors and mentees are matched for two years. Mentors must be at least 21 years of age and able to pass background checks. Mentors must be able to make a two year commitment, spending at least 8 hours every month with their mentee and participating in monthly program outings at least once per quarter. Mandatory training is provided

Minimum Age to Volunteer: 21

Contact:

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<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/childreyouth/befriendachild.htm>
