

A message from Kathy Smith

The Teen Job Fair at Chantilly High School will take place tomorrow, Saturday, April 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The event is for student job seekers looking from full-time or part-time employment, seasonal positions, internships, or volunteer opportunities. There will also be a resume building workshop. My office is currently seeking interns for the summer. Stop by our table tomorrow to learn more. I hope to see you there!

The deadline to file your taxes this year is Tuesday, April 17. Still need to file? Go to the library! The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program will be at Centreville Regional Library on Tuesdays from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. from now until Tuesday, April 17. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will be at Chantilly Regional Library on Thursdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. from now until

Saturday, April 14. Please note there are income eligibility limits for each program. More information is below.

Sincerely,

Kathy

Teen Job Fairs



2018 FAIRFAX COUNTY TEEN JOB FAIRS

SPONSORED BY SUPERVISOR PAT HERRITY, CONNECTION NEWSPAPERS, FAIRFAX COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Saturday, March 10th 1 pm to 3 pm

Woodson High School

Co-sponsored by Supervisor Linda Smyth, Supervisor John Cook, Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, and Woodson High School

> Saturday, March 17th 1 pm to 3 pm

South County High School

Co-sponsored by Supervisor Dan Storck, South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, South County Federation, and South County High School

> Saturday, April 7th 11 am to 1 pm **Chantilly High School**

Co-sponsored by Supervisor Kathy Smith, Chantilly HS STEM Academy, and Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce

Employers & Students Register Here: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ springfield/teenjobfairs

11 am to 1 pm

Mount Vernon High School

Co-sponsored by Supervisor Dan Storck, Supervisor Jeff McKay, Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce. and Mount Vernon High School

> Saturday, April 21st South Lakes High School 11 am to 1 pm

Co-sponsored by Supervisor Cathy Hudgins and Reston Chamber of Commerce

> Saturday, April 28th 12 noon to 2 pm

West Springfield High School

Co-sponsored by West Springfield HS Student Government Association and Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce

- Full time employment
- After-school employment
- Seasonal positions
- Internship opportunities
- Volunteer experiences

Reminders!

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program:

The <u>AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program</u> provides free tax preparation and electronic filing services to taxpayers of all ages. The program runs from **Thursday, February 1 to Tuesday, April 17, 2018.**

Location: Centreville Regional Library - 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville, VA 20121

Date/Time: Tuesdays from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. (Closed on February 13); and Wednesdays from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA):

If you worked in 2017, and earned less than \$54,000, then you may qualify for this free service provided by community volunteers who are designated by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as certified tax preparers. They will ensure that you receive the maximum tax refund and help determine if you are eligible for tax credits. You will need to bring photo ID and other documents.

Location: Chantilly Regional Library - 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, VA 20151 **Date/Time:** January 20 - April 14; Thursdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Sully District Citizen Advisory Committee

SULLY CAC INVITES YOU TO:

Community Emergency Response Team
Presentation

APRIL 11, 2018 7:30 P.M.

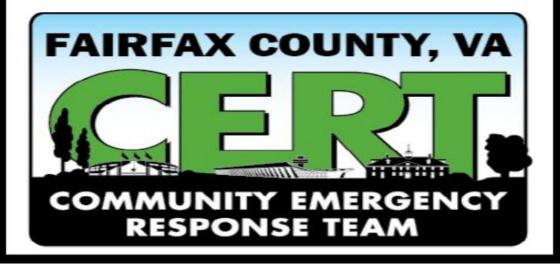
4900 STONECROFT BLVD, CHANTILLY VA

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program prepares citizens to safely help themselves, their families, and their communities in the event of major disasters where first responders are delayed.

CERT is a group of community members that train to support emergency or disaster response operations in the case that emergency services become overwhelmed.

Fairfax County CERT program and how it fits in with the Ready.gov information on "Have a Plan, Make a Kit, and Keep informed"

See a display of various radios that are utilized for "Emergency Communications" and show how the CERT Radio Team can provide communications for local events (non-emergency) like road races, parades, and community activities.



Fairfax County Board, Authorities, and Commissions (BACs)

VOLUNTEER IN SULLY DISTRICT

BOARDS, AUTHORITIES & COMMISSIONS

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs

Are you, or someone you know, interested in volunteering as a Sully district appointee? The Sully District currently has four vacancies for which we are considering candidates.

If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact the Sully District office at sully@fairfaxcounty.gov, or by phone at 703-814-7100. Please be prepared to provide a current résumé.

CURRENT VACANCIES INCLUDE



Animal Services Advisory Commission



Board of Building & Fire Prevention Code Appeals (professional experience required)



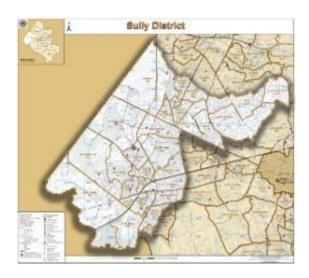
Barbara Varon Volunteer Award



Consumer Protection Commission



Sully Land Use Spotlight



Recent Sully Cases:

FY 2019-2023 Advertised Capital Improvement Program (CIP) -

At the April 5, 2018 Planning Commission (PC) meeting the PC approved the proposed FY 2019-2023 CIP and recommended approval to the Board of Supervisors. Details on the CIP, which include Sully District and countywide facility proposals, may be found here.

Upcoming Meetings:

Board of Supervisors Meeting -

The Board of Supervisors will meet on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035) in the Board Conference Room. The meeting will be televised live on

Channel 16. There is one Sully case on the agenda. More information is below. <u>Click here</u> to view the entire agenda and presentation material.

SE 2017-SU-008 (Vigario Management) -



The application would enable the construction of a fast-food restaurant on a vacant parcel situated between an Exxon Service Station and the Centreville Crossing/Pickwick Shopping Center. The application was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission at its March 15, 2018 meeting. For more information on the case, <u>click here</u>.

Events at Centreville Regional Library



Chesapeake Critters

Saturday, April 7 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Under the Sea will present live critters such as blue crabs, oysters, mud crabs & killifish. Learn about the importance of the Chesapeake and the challenges it has faced in the past and today. Ages: 6 and older.

Lollipop Arrangements & Painted Planters

Monday, April 16 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Enjoy making fun spring crafts with Shannyn Snyder. Grades: 7 to 12.

Art at the Library

Wednesday, April 25 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

April theme: Watercolor. Materials provided. Ages: Teens and adults.

Bilingual Korean Storytime

Thursday, April 26 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Learn stories, songs, and fingerplays in Korean and English. Ages: 3 to 5.

The <u>Centreville Regional Library</u> is located at 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville, VA 20121. For more information please contact the Centreville Regional Library at 703-830-2223; TTY: 711.

Volunteer Opportunity in Sully



Human Resource Committee Member

Duties:

- Attend quarterly committee meetings
- Oversee hiring of new employees

Qualifications:

- HR experience with specific expertise in benefits preferred but not required
- Organized, committed, works well with others in a collaborative environment
- Ability to meet deadlines and follow through on commitments
- Minimum age is 18

Length of Commitment: One year

Location: Labor Resource Center (5944 Centreville Crest Lane, Centreville, VA 20121); Additional work from home and via email.

For more information, please visit http://centrevilleimmigrationforum.org/centreville-labor-resources-center/volunteer/.

2018 National Crime Victims' Rights Week

Join our Victim Services Section as we launch the 2018 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, with the 6th Annual 5K Walk and Crime Victim Tribute. For this free event, we invite crime victims, survivors, family members, friends, and the community to come out to raise awareness for victims' rights in Northern Virginia and show their support for all victims of crime.

The 2018 National Crime Victims' Rights Week will be commemorated April 8 to 14, 2018. This year's theme is-*Expand the Circle: Reach All Victims*. The theme emphasizes the importance of addressing how the crime victims field can better ensure every victim has access to services and support. It also reminds us that law enforcement, the criminal justice system, and communities can work together to reach all crime victims.

Participants of the 6th Annual 5K Walk and Crime Victim Tribute on April 8 are encouraged to arrive at 4:30 p.m. to check in. At the conclusion of the walk, please stay as Allan McCullough of Grace Hill Church pays tribute to all victims of crime with a benediction.

To register please go to: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018NCVWR.



VDOT Public Hearing: Funding the Right Transportation Projects



You are invited to share comments on transportation projects that have been recommended for funding in the FY 2019-2024 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP). Additionally, pursuant to § 33.2-202, comments will be accepted for new projects valued in excess of \$25 million. The Commonwealth Transportation Board will take your comments into consideration as it develops the FY 2019-2024 SIYP. The program allocates public funding to highway, road, bridge, rail, bicycle, pedestrian, and public transportation projects. All federally eligible projects in the SYIP will be included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program to document how Virginia will obligate its federal funds.

Date: Monday, April 30, 2018

Location: Northern Virginia District Office (Potomac Conference Room; 4975

Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030)

Time: 5:30 p.m.

<u>Click here</u> to view meeting materials. **Please note that materials will be available** beginning April 16, 2018.

You can also summit your comments by email or mail by May 30, 2018:

- For roads and highways: <u>six-yearprogram@vdot.virginia.gov</u>, or Infrastructure Investment Director, Virginia Department of Transportation (1401 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219).
- For rail and public transportation: <u>DRPTPR@drpt.virginia.gov</u>, Public Information Office, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (600 East Main Street, Suite 2102, Richmond, VA 23219).

The Commonwealth is committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of its services on the basis of race, color, or national origin, as protected by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need further information on these policies or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, please contact the Virginia Department of Transportation's Title VI Compliance Officer at 804-786-2730 or the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation's Title VI Compliance Officer at 804-786-4440; TTY 711.

Child Abuse Prevention Month - Events



Pinwheel Gardens

April 1-30, 2018

Be on the lookout for Pinwheel Gardens that are being "planted" at 15 Fairfax County Public Libraries, several Fairfax County Offices, Green Spring Gardens, and some area churches and business to raise awareness in our community.

Purchase and plant your own garden of pinwheels.

Choosing Quality Child Care Workshop Monday, April 9, 2018 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Richard Byrd Library (7250 Commerce Street, Springfield, VA)

Choosing Quality Child Care Workshop presented by the Fairfax County Office for Children. Learn about different types of child care arrangements, what to look for when visiting child care programs, and how to maintain the relationship between you, your child, and your child care provider or program. Free and open to all.

Keeping Our Children Safe - A Community Responsibility Saturday, April 14, 2018 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

South County Governmental Center (8350 Richmond Highway, Room 217, Alexandria, VA)

Presented by <u>SafeSpot</u>. Please attend this panel discussion about child abuse prevention programs with representatives from the Fairfax County Department of Family Services, SCAN, ConnectED4Safety, and SafeSpot. Free, but space is limited. To learn more about the event, <u>click here</u>.

8th Annual Fairfax CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Run for the Children 8K Race & 3K Run/Walk Saturday, April 28, 2018 8:00 a.m.

This event will be held in historic Fairfax City, starting and ending at the Fairfax Courthouse complex on Chain Bridge Road. This race raises almost \$85,000 each year to support Fairfax CASA's advocacy work with abused and neglected children in the community. Free parking. Click here to register.

Veterans Treatment Docket Turns Lives Around



For the past three years, our county has been assisting U.S. military veterans who have committed non-violent misdemeanor and felony offenses to get treatment instead of being incarcerated.

The <u>Veterans Treatment Docket</u>, which was launched in 2015 as the first of its kind in Virginia, is designed to address the mental health and substance abuse issues that often result from the combat stresses of military service. The goal is to restore the veteran to the community and the family, capable of facing the future in a productive way without reoffending and without resorting to alcohol or drugs. Across the U. S. more than 230 court-supervised veterans treatment programs have been created in courtrooms since 2008.

There are currently 14 veterans participating in the county's docket. Ten others have graduated.

Established by a Marine Corps Veteran:

The Veterans Treatment Docket was started by Fairfax Circuit Court Judge Penney Azcarate, who was a <u>General District Court</u> judge at the time. Also a Marine Corps veteran, she had seen veterans coming back from overseas and finding themselves in her courtroom time and time again. She established the docket to address young combat veterans' unique issues such as post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury.

Since the Treatment Docket opened its doors, it has connected veterans struggling with mental health and substance abuse issues to treatment, housing and employment benefits. Three dockets have been established at <u>each level of the court system</u> and continue to expand. Two more dockets will begin operating in Virginia during 2018.

How It Works:

The court-supervised treatment program asks an intensive commitment from the participants, outlined in a 30-page handbook. Participants are required to appear in court twice each month, and the judge receives a progress report from the treatment team regarding drug test results, attendance and participation in treatment and compliance with the probation officer. Veterans also must complete 100 hours of community service.

Each veteran is supported throughout the 18- to 24-month program by a mentor, also a veteran, who is a coach, guide, and role model. They receive special training for the job.

A Success Story:

This may strike many as an odd thing to say about being arrested for a DUI: "That night, as awkward as it might sound, the stars aligned. This was meant to happen."

For Marine Corps veteran Chris Rios it was the beginning of a journey that eventually did culminate in a courtroom—for a celebration. In late January, Rios' graduation from the Veterans Treatment Docket marked the successful completion of 24 months of comprehensive treatment.

Rios was joined at the ceremony by Sameer Khan, the county police officer who stopped him. Khan, a veteran himself, says that Rios' success story, "may really resonate with our generation of veterans."

Code Compliance Corner



Hoarding – Hoarding may be defined as 'a pattern of behavior characterized by the excessive acquisition, collection, and retention of objects (newspapers, trash, unopened sale items, clothing, paper, rotting food and even animal(s), along with an inability or unwillingness to discard those objects, causing significant distress or impairment.' It is considered to be a mental illness or a medical condition that may require evaluation and treatment. Hoarders are generally unaware that their lifestyle is a problem and rarely seek treatment, and it is difficult to change this type of behavior without professional assistance. Conditions in the home of a hoarder can become so extreme that all available space from floor to ceiling may be occupied and the day-to-day activities, as well as the emergency access, of the home's occupants are impeded.

For suspected hoarding situations in your neighborhood, please contact DCC rather than attempting to clean up the house or solve the person's hoarding problem yourself. Click here to see the DCC Hoarding Protocol for when a complaint is filed.

44 Million Trees In Our County – That's Throwing Some Shade!



Look closely and you'll see that the trees in your backyard and in our neighborhoods are beginning to turn green. And despite our cooler than usual spring, in just a few weeks trees will be sprouting leaves everywhere. And we do mean everywhere – did you know there are approximately 44 million trees in our county?

Trees are an important part of our community that provide a lot of benefits to us beyond shade on a hot summer day. There's a lot you should know about trees and why we need you to plant more!

7 Things to Know About Our Trees:

- 1. Tree cover in Fairfax County is 51.2 percent.
- 2. The most common species in our county, in order, are the American Beech, red maple, and the tulip tree.

- 3. Trees in the county remove 4.538 tons of pollution each year.
- 4. Our trees produce 232.9 thousand tons of oxygen per year.
- Trees in the county provide building energy savings of more than \$34 million per year.
- 6. The trees in our county have a structural value of more than \$32 billion.
- 7. Fairfax County Earns Tree City USA Designation for 35th Consecutive Year

Why We Should Plant More Trees:

We encourage you to increase the county's tree cover and consider <u>planting trees</u> (or adding more trees) to your property. Here are two good reasons:

- **Energy conservation**: Homes with shade often have energy costs that are 20-25 percent lower than those without. Plant trees about 20 feet away from your home on the western exposures for optimum energy conservation.
- Increased property values: Healthy, mature trees add an average of 10 percent to a property's value.

Get Advice on Planting Trees
Read Tree Care FAQs

Protecting Trees From Pests:

Emerald ash borer, gypsy moth, and the fall cankerworm are just a few of the pests that can harm or kill our trees. It takes a communitywide effort to keep our trees healthy and information is provided below for you. If you have questions regarding these and other forest pests call us at 703-324-5304, TTY 711.

- Emerald Ash Borer
- Fall Cankerworm

- Gypsy Moth
- Asian Longhorned Beetle

Learn More About Tree Pests

Big Trees:

The Fairfax County Tree Commission and our Urban Forest Management Division have developed a <u>county database of Big Trees</u> to promote public awareness and appreciation of these trees as the largest of their species. Big Trees, also called Champion Trees, are strictly rated by size, including circumference (in inches), height (in feet) and 25 percent of the average crown spread (also in feet). The total of each score determines the largest tree.

Nominate a Tree for Big Tree Designation

More Resources:

- Everything About Trees in Fairfax County
- Education Programs
- Tree Commission

Code Talk Podcast - Decks



Code Talk is a podcast where they discuss building code and its impact on residents and business owners in Fairfax County.

In this podcast, they are talking about decks - one of the most common reasons homeowners come to the county seeking a building permit. Listen as Caleb Sulzen, a supervising combination inspector with the Building Division of Land Development Services, discusses the ins and outs of properly getting a deck added to your home.

To find out more, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov and search "Decks." And for more information on Land Development Services, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/landdevelopment. To reach the Building Division, call 703-631-5101 or email ldsbdmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Click here to listen to the podcast.

Tree Care Spotlight



The Emerald Ash Borer

The emerald ash borer (EAB) is an introduced invasive insect that has wiped out ash trees in more than 30 states including Virginia where there are unlikely to be many remaining, healthy ash trees. When an ash tree is attacked by EAB, it will almost certainly die if nothing is done to protect it.

However, after many years of research and effort, several options are available to help protect the remaining ash trees from emerald ash borer. Some of the best management practices include injecting pesticides and utilizing biological control, which is the process of releasing predators to help control an invasive species' population. Pesticides are recommended for individual yard or street trees which still have 30-50 percent of their canopy in-tact. Biological control is best suited for groups of living ash trees in natural or forested sites. Trees that are dead or dying will not respond to treatment of any kind.

Most recently, Fairfax County Urban Foresters have released parasitoids*, a type of biological control of the emerald ash borer, in publicly owned forests in the county. There is an opportunity for civic or homeowner associations with groups of ash trees in forested common areas to potentially release parasitoids as well. Urban Foresters are asking that these groups that have ash trees within forests on their property contact the Urban Forest Management Division to discuss potential options. County urban foresters cannot be directly involved in ash treatment or parasitoid release but are available for presentations and to give advice.

The Virginia Department of Forestry (VDoF) has also recently adopted an EAB cost share program. Interested parties may apply for up to 50 percent assistance for pesticide treatment costs (up to a certain amount). The form to apply is located on the VDoF website under Forest Health, form 6.5:

http://www.dof.virginia.gov/forms/index.htm. Additional guestions on the EAB cost

http://www.dof.virginia.gov/forms/index.htm. Additional questions on the EAB cost share can be directed to the state EAB coordinator, Meredith Bean (Meredith.Bean@dof.virginia.gov).

More information on pesticide treatment or other management options for residents can be found here: https://www.slideshare.net/fairfaxcounty/emerald-ash-borer-homeowner-management-options or at https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/forest-pest. For additional information or to schedule a presentation to your civic group, please contact the Urban Forest Management Division at 703-324-1770; TTY 711 or pestmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

*All parasitoids were produced and supplied by the U. S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) EAB Parasitoid Rearing Facility in Brighton, MI. For parasitoid information call 866-322-4512.

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Katie!

Age: 12y 6m

Gender: Female

Color: Tan

Spayed/Neutered: Yes

Size: Large

Katie is a sweet, older girl who just wants to curl up next to you and give you as many kisses as possible. She loves meeting new people - you can tell because of her wagging tail, happy face, and the way she leans up against you to get all the pets she can. She appears to like other dogs, but would probably do best with a lower energy, older dog, like herself.

Katie recently spent the weekend with one of the shelter's fosters, and this is what her foster mom had to say: "She's so easy! She's housebroken, great in a crate, and didn't get into anything she wasn't allowed to. She's still got plenty of pep in her step and loves going for walks to explore. She is the PERFECT companion for couch chilling! Her favorite thing in the world is cuddling up with her human to get belly runs and ear scratches. If you're not up for couch cuddling, she's happy to snooze away on a dog bed nearby - she just wants to know you're close. And even though she's a bit older, she's in great shape! I really hope someone can look past her grey face and scarred forehead and see her for the beautifully sweet and affectionate dog she is!

She is at the shelter because her owner was ill and could no longer care for her. We can't wait to find her a quiet home with a comfy bed where she can hang out with her people and soak up the love!

For more information about Katie, please contact the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at 703-830-1100, or by email at animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.