

A message from Kathy Smith

There were two major fires in Centreville on Wednesday, May 2 that occurred within an hour of each other and displaces numerous residents. Thank you to the first responders from Fairfax, Prince William, and Loudoun Counties as well as the Office of Emergency Management, and all of the other agencies that assisted with Wednesday's events. A big thank you to all of the residents and businesses that were handing out water and food to the first responders as they worked tirelessly in the heat to combat the fires. You are what makes this community so great! If you are interested in assisting those impacted by the fires, the County recommends donations of gift cards. Please call Volunteer Fairfax at 703-246-3460 or email volsrus@volunteerfairfax.org to coordinate your gift.

For people impacted by the Centreville fires, please contact the County's Coordinated Services Planning at 703-222-0880 for assistance.

Sincerely,

Katty

Reminders!

Get Up to Five, Free LED Lightbulbs at the Library:

Get a free LED and if you bring up to four of your incandescent or compact fluorescent lightbulbs, we will exchange them for LEDs.

Location: Chantilly Regional Library - 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, VA 20151 Date: Tuesday, May 8 Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

ZMOD Public Meeting:

Fairfax County is undertaking a major initiative to modernize its Zoning Ordinance. The county hired Clarion Associates to assist with this important project. The effort will include a reformatting of the structure of the ordinance and a recategorization of land uses to reflect current terminology and use characteristics. Clarion Associates will hold public meetings on the proposed new structure of the Zoning Ordinance, as well as trends in classifying land uses based on nationwide best practices.

Location: Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035) Board Auditorium Date: Wednesday, May 9 Time: 7:30 p.m.

Save the Date! Sully District Summer **Open House & Food Drive**

& FOOD DRIVG IN PARTNERSHIP WITH Western FAIRFAX **CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES**

SULLY DISTRICT

summer open house

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Bring non-perishable food items

TOUR Sully Governmental Center Flatlick Stream Valley Park

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Learn!

Park Authority Volunteer Opportunities How Fairfax tap water is produced Mosquito and Tick disease prevention Summer REC Center Class Info

Meet

Supervisor Kathy Smith and her staff



JUNE 2, 2018 10AM-2PM see you there! 4900 STONECROFT BLVD. CHANTILLY, VA 20151

Get a Free Ride Home on Cinco de Mayo with SoberRide





2018 Creative Aging Festival



Residents across Fairfax County are joining in a month-long celebration of the visual, literary, and performing arts and the profound impact they have on older adults.

During the 2018 Creative Aging Festival senior centers throughout the county will be hosting demonstrations, performances, and interactive classes involving writing, drawing, painting, crafting, music, and dance.

Sully District:

Interactive African Drumming Class -

Location: Sully Senior Center (14426 Albemarle Point Place, Chantilly, VA 20151) Date: Monday, May 14 Time: 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Kofi Dennis believes in the concept of learning through play. Join us for a fun afternoon of songs, beats, and movement.

For the complete schedule of activities, please visit <u>https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services/news/creative-aging-festival.</u>

NV Rides Hosts Free Workshop on Safe Driving as You Age

NV Rides Presents Safe Driving as You Age

Thursday, May 17 9:30 am-1:30 pm Cost: Free

Location: Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive Clifton, VA

The IIV Rides program supports a network of volunteer driver programs, and is a partnership between the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia (the J), Fairfax County, and Jewish Council for the Aging (JCA).

This program is co-hosted by NV Rides and Shepherd's Center of Western Fairfax County, with sponsorship from Innovation Health. Join us in Clifton as NV Rides hosts a morning of workshops presented by experts in their field offering tips and best practices to help you stay on the road safely, and for as long as possible. Learn how to stay safe on the road, and to know how to assess when the time is right to stop driving.

Workshop highlights include:

- Steps you can take to ensure safety
- How to keep your mind and body healthy
- The latest in adaptive equipment
- How to use technology to find rides
- Keeping your body and mind healthy
- How to help your non-driving neighbors
 How to find safe and reliable transportation
- when it is time to hang up the keys • The event will include an exhibitor fair to
- showcase services available to older adults. A light lunch will be provided. If you plan

to stay for lunch, an RSVP is requested for planning purposes. RSVP to Gina Cocomello at 703.537.3070

Cost: Free



For more information and to RSVP, please contact Gina Cocomello by calling 703-537-3070 or email GinaC@NVRides.org

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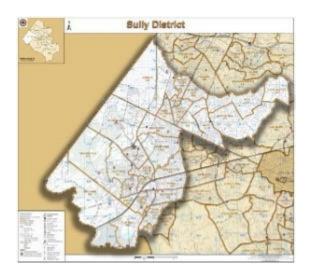








Sully Land Use Spotlight



Recent Cases:

Minimum Rear Yard Coverage Z.O. Amendment -

The minimum rear yard coverage amendment arose in response to issues regularly occurring with respect to accessory structures and uses situated in the minimum required rear yard. Under the pre-existing standards in the current Zoning Ordinance, accessory structures and uses are capped at 30% of the minimum required rear yard on a by-right basis. To move beyond this 30 percent cap, an applicant would have to seek a variance in a standard residential district or a final development plan amendment (FDPA) in a planned district. This ordinance enables a by-right increase in the percentage cap, with cap exemptions for certain size lots, and would have introduced a less stringent application option (via a special permit) in place of the conventional district Variance process. For more information, click <u>here</u>. The amendment was first heard before the Planning Commission on April 18, 2018 and was recommended for approval at a decision

only hearing on May 3, 2018. It is scheduled before the Board of Supervisors on May 15, 2018.

Short-Term Lodging Z.O. Amendment -

The Short-Term Lodging (STL) Zoning Ordinance Amendment arose as a result of the 2017 passage of Virginia Code § 15.2-983 by the General Assembly and the increasing popularity of platforms like Airbnb and VRBO. The proposed amendment would allow limited STL operations in the interest of balancing community protection and the desire, by some community members, to operate STLs from their homes/residential properties. For more information, click <u>here</u>. This item was deferred to May 17 Planning Commission meeting. It is scheduled before the Board of Supervisors on June 19, 2018.

Upcoming Meetings:

Board of Supervisors Development Process Committee Meeting -

The Board of Supervisors will meet on Tuesday, May 8 at 9:30 a.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035) in Conference Room 11. The meeting will be televised live on Channel 16. Click <u>here</u> to access the agenda and meeting materials.

Planning Commission Land Use Process Review Committee Meeting -

The Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035) in the Board Auditorium. The committee will review the status of the Zoning Ordinance Modernization Project. Click <u>here</u> for more information about this project.

Events at Chantilly Regional Library



Master Gardner Plant Clinic -

Date: Saturday, May 5 **Time:** 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Experts answer your gardening questions on Saturday mornings. Ages: adults.

Friends of Chantilly Library Used Book Sale -

Date: Sunday, May 6 **Time:** 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Find bargains and treasures from a great selection of gently used fiction and nonfiction books, DVDs, CDs, and audio books, for children and adults. Fill a box for \$10. All ages.

LED Lightbulb Exchange -

Date: Tuesday, May 8

Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Energy Action Fairfax will give each household a free 60W-equivalent warm, white LED bulb during the two-hour exchange. Each household may also exchange up to four incandescent or compact fluorescent (CFL) bulbs for LED bulbs, while supplies last. Ages: adults.

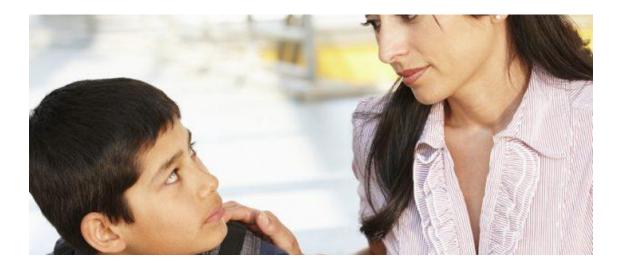
INOVA Blood Drive -

Date: Wednesday, May 9 Time: 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Consider giving blood to help save a life as we partner with INOVA blood donor services. Ages: adults.

The <u>Chantilly Regional Library</u> is located at 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, VA 20151. For more information, please contact 703-502-3883; TTY 711.

Volunteer Opportunity in Sully



Child Safety Facilitators

Volunteers are needed to facilitate the <u>Speak Up</u>, <u>Be Safe</u> elementary school program that focuses on child safety and abuse prevention. The goal is empowering children when threatened or victimized. Training is held on June 29, and you must commit for one school year. That means facilitating four, two-hour, weekday classes per month. Background checks are required. For more information, contact Cecilia Tatis at 703-324-7210 or email cecilia.tatis@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Safe Disposal of Medicines

Miss the drug take-back event this past Saturday? Read below to learn how to dispose of unused or expired medications yourself.

For more information on proper disposal of medications go to: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/drug-disposal.



Safely Dispose of Unused Medications

Flushing medications can contaminate the water supply and unused medications thrown in the trash can be found by children and pets.

Use a permanent dropbox or Drug Take Back Day

- Permanent dropboxes will take medications any time of the year during business hours. Liquids and sharps (needles and syringes) are not accepted.
- In Fairfax County, Drug Take Back Days occur twice a year. Check with your local pharmacy or law enforcement agency.

Get a deactivation kit

Deactivation kits contain a substance that neutralizes medications. Fairfax County offers deactivation kits. To use:

- Place unused medication in pouch. Each pouch can deactivate 45 pills or 6 oz. liquid or 6 patches.
- · Fill halfway with warm tap water and wait 30 seconds.
- · Seal, gently shake pouch and throw out in trash.

Mix medications with an inedible

substance and throw in the trash Check the pill bottle for any instructions on proper disposal. If none are present, follow these steps:

Remove medication from original

and throw away in trash.

containers. Do not crush tablets or capsules. Mix medication with undesirable substance like kitty litter or used coffee grounds.

Place mixture in a sealable bag, or container

 Black out all personal information on the prescription label so that it is unreadable.
 Guidance for sharps disposal

dry detergent bottle or bleach bottle.

or RE-SHEATHE the needle.

NOT place in the recycle bin.

RECYCLE."

the lid.

Sharps are more commonly known as needles and syringes. Use the following steps for disposal of this home generated medical waste: Use a RIGID CONTAINER with a screw-on cap such as an empty laun-

LABEL the Container "CAUTION! SYRINGES - NEEDLES. DO NOT

CLIP the needle and carefully place into labeled container or RECAP

After container is full, SEAL with screw-on lid and WRAP tape over

DISPOSE of the sealed, full container with your household trash. DO



Deactivation Kit Locations

Annandale District Office 7611 Little River Tnpk., 400-E Annandale, VA 22003 (703) 534-8343, TTY 711

Herndon-Reston District Office 1850 Cameron Glen Dr., #100 Reston, VA 20190 (703) 481-4242, TTY 711

Mount Vernon District Office 8350 Richmond Hwy., #233 Alexandria, VA 22309 (703) 704-5203, TTY 711

Springfield District Office 8136 Old Keene Mill Rd., A-100 Springfield, VA 22152 (703) 569-1031, TTY 711

Joseph Willard Health Center 3750 Old Lee Hwy. Fairfax, VA 22030 (703) 246-7100, TTY 711



Permanent Dropbox Locations

Walgreens Pharmacies Available in the following

locations: Alexandria

Annandale Centreville Springfield

Spectrum Healthcare Resources 10580 Arrowhead Drive Fairfax, VA 22030

(571) 432-2600 Kaiser Reston

1890 Metro Center Drive Reston, VA 20190 (703) 709-1560



For more information on proper disposal of medications go to: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/drug-disposal

For more information on guidance for sharps disposal go to: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/hazardous-waste



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CSB Centers Host New Wellness &

Recovery Courses



Have you or someone you care about experienced mental health or substance use disorders? Are you interested in a learning how to create simple wellness tools that can help you cope with life's everyday challenges?

Consider signing up for the CSB's new <u>Wellness Recovery Action Plan</u> (WRAP) classes starting in May and June.

The WRAP process is widely used by people in all kinds of circumstances, as well as by health care and mental health systems to help address all kinds of physical, mental health, and life issues. WRAP will help participants discover individualized wellness tools, develop a list of steps to take each day to understand the cycles of wellness, and identify early warning signs of stress or anxiety.

Each series consists of eight 2-hour classes grounded in mental health recovery concepts. Attendees will learn self-help tools and resources that can help lower stress and feel better during difficult times. Classes are free.

Classes will be held at three locations across Fairfax County:

- <u>Tuesdays, beginning May 8, 2018</u>
 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 Consumer Wellness Center
 Heritage Building, East Wing
 7611 Little River Turnpike
 Annandale, VA 22003
- Wednesdays, beginning May 30, 2018

 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
 Reston Northwest Center
 1850 Cameron Glen Drive, Suite 600
 Reston, VA 20190
- Fridays, beginning June 1, 2018

 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
 Merrifield Peer Resource Center
 8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, first floor
 Fairfax, VA 22031

Learn how to create an individualized "wellness toolbox," recognize anxiety triggers and early warning signs of trouble, and develop tools on what to do in a crisis. Through a combination of lecture, discussion, and group exercises, course participants will learn how to implement the key concepts of recovery (hope, personal responsibility, education, self-advocacy and support) in their day-to-day lives.

Building better health is key to overall psychological well-being. Being mentally healthy is more than being free of depression or anxiety; it also means having a sense of contentment, resilience and an ability to maintain balance between work and play.

Contact Information:

Interested? Contact <u>Michelle Hurrell</u> (703-964-6073) for more information or to register. Classes fill quickly.

Fairfax County Holds Public Meetings Seeking Public Input on NVTA Transportation Projects



Fairfax County will hold two public meetings to present and seek public input on the <u>Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA)</u> 60 Candidate Projects for their FY 2018-2023 Six Year Program. Click <u>here</u> to see the list of Candidate Projects.

The meetings will be held:

• Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., <u>Mt. Vernon Governmental Center</u> Community Room (2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA) • Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., <u>Fairfax County Government Center</u>, Conference Rooms 9/10 (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA)

If you are unable to attend these meetings there are other ways to give your feedback:

- Make a public comment at the NVTA Open House and Public Hearing on Thursday, May 10, 2018, NVTA offices, 3040 Williams Avenue, Suite 200, Fairfax, VA. Open House will start at 5:30 p.m. and the Public Hearing will commence immediately following a 7:00 p.m. presentation.
- 2. Fill out a comment submission form at: <u>http://thenovaauthority.org/syp-</u> <u>comment</u>
- 3. Email: <u>SYPcomment@thenovaauthority.org</u>
- 4. Send a letter to NVTA: 3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200, Fairfax, VA 22031

Public comments are due by May 20, 2018. In June 2018, the FY 2018-23 Six Year Program will be adopted.

Be Alert to Phone Scams!



Please be aware that the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office will never call you and make threats, claiming that a warrant is outstanding for your failure to appear in court or that you missed jury duty, failed to pay a utility bill or owe the IRS for unpaid taxes. The same is true for the courts and the police.

Telephone scammers, FALSELY claiming to be Sheriff's deputies, are seeking personal information and threatening you with arrest so that they can take your money. The scammers may request credit card information for court costs and provide you with a "new" court date. Or they will direct you to go to Walmart, CVS, or Rite Aid and purchase a green dot money card. PLEASE HANG UP on these scammers! Do NOT go out to meet anyone who calls you and makes these claims! Do not give out personal information such as your Social Security number, bank account or credit card numbers, passwords or any other identifying information about yourself or your family members. Regularly monitor all of your monetary accounts and always use strong passwords.

Learn more about avoiding various scams, how to recover from identity theft, and how to report if you have been the victim of a financial crime. Please share this information with your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

- If you are the victim of a scam in Fairfax County, report it to through the Police Department's Financial Crimes Information and Reporting System.
- To verify if you or someone else may have an outstanding warrant, call the Police Department's warrant desk at 703-246-4231;TTY 711.
- To confirm a jury duty summons, contact the Circuit Court jury duty clerk at 703-246-7816 and press 0; TTY 711.
- For information about tax scams, visit the <u>IRS consumer alerts page</u>.
- To learn more about identity theft reporting and recovery, review the <u>Federal</u> <u>Trade Commission's help guide</u>.
- To learn more about consumer issues, visit <u>Fairfax County's consumer</u> education page.

Be Bear Aware –

It is the Season for Bear Sightings



Virginia is black bear country – including Fairfax County.

But while bears are not commonly encountered in our community, multiple bear sightings are reported each spring and summer as bears wander into residential areas in search for food.

Awaking From Their Slumber:

Black bears and cubs emerge from their winter dens from March through May in Virginia. Bears typically avoid humans, but may be drawn into populated areas due to the smell of food around homes. Bears are attracted by bird feeders, garbage, outdoor pet food, compost piles, fruit trees, beehives and berry-producing shrubs.

8 Ways to Make Your Property Unattractive to Bears:

Preventing problems with bears is a shared responsibility. The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and our county wildlife management specialist recommend the following simple steps to reduce your chances of encountering a black bear in your neighborhood:

- 1. **Secure your garbage** in bear-resistant trash cans or store it in a secure building.
- If you have trash collection service, put your trash out the morning of the pickup, not the night before.
- Do not store household trash, or anything that smells like food, in vehicles, on porches or decks.
- 4. **Remove bird feeders** if a bear is in the area and keep them down for 3-4 weeks. Birdfeeders are a common lure for bears in Fairfax County.
- 5. Keep your grill clean. Do not dump drippings in your yard.
- 6. Don't put meat scraps in your compost pile.
- 7. Don't leave pet food outdoors.
- 8. Make sure your neighbors are following the same recommendations.

If You Notice a Bear...

In almost all cases, a black bear will detect you and leave the area before being noticed. However, if you do encounter a bear, here are some suggestions:

- Respect the bear's space. If you see a bear, enjoy watching from a distance.
- Never run from a bear. Running could prompt the bear to chase. If in a group, stay together and make sure that any dogs stay leashed.

- If a bear is up a tree on or near your property, give it space. Do not approach, and bring your pets inside to provide the bear a clear path to leave your property.
- If the bear hasn't seen you, calmly leave the area, while making a bit of noise so the bear will not be surprised by you.
- If the bear has seen you, back away slowly while facing the bear.
- If a bear huffs or "woofs," clacks its teeth, growls or slaps the ground, it is warning you that you are too close.
- Never feed a bear under any circumstances. In Virginia, it is illegal to feed bears on both public and private lands.

Please Report Bear Sightings:

Bear sightings should be reported to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries through the Virginia Wildlife Conflict Helpline at (855) 571-9003, TTY 711. Unless the animal is sick or injured, or poses a threat to public safety, the Fairfax County Animal Protection Police do not take actions to remove bears from a neighborhood. Black bears have a natural fear of humans, and in most cases, would rather flee than encounter people.

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Jojo!

Age: 4y 1m Gender: Female Color: Black / White Spayed/Neutered: Yes Size: Medium

Jojo is an enthusiastic, happy dog who even knows how to dance and twirl for you when asked! She is the type of dog who loves life and is always looking for the next adventure. According to her owners, she loves people, is housebroken and crate trained, and has very nice house manners. She also loves curling up with you in bed at the end of a long, eventful day. They had to bring her to the shelter because she was reactive toward the other dogs in their apartment community and felt she would do better in a home with a yard and a fence. She's done well with dogs at the shelter; however, they do recommend a meet and greet with any potential doggy siblings. Come meet Jojo, and we think she will dance her way into your heart!

For more information about Satchmo, please contact the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at <u>animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>.