

A message from Kathy Smith

Fairfax County agencies and local non-profit organizations are continuing to assist the individuals affected by the fires on May 2. Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM) will now accept both monetary donations and gift cards to support the residents impacted. Read below for more information.

The county will host three Zoning Open Houses in May and June where you can learn more about how proposed zoning changes may affect you and your neighborhood. I encourage you to attend one of these events. The closest open house will take place on Wednesday, May 23 at Chantilly High School. More information is below.

Save the date! I will host an open house and food drive at the Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151) on Saturday, June 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. I hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Assistance for Those Affected by the Centreville Fires

As we continue to assess the needs of the residents displaced by the fires on May 2, 2018, we have identified two additional needs:

Monetary Donations -

While gift cards continue to be a great resource, cash will work best for addressing housing needs, including application costs, deposits, rent, etc. Please consider designating a cash donation to Western Fairfax Christian Ministries, the organization taking the lead to work directly with the county and the affected residents, for this immediate need.

You can mail or drop off donations to <u>Western Fairfax Christian Ministries</u> (WFCM); 4511 Daly Drive, Suite J, Chantilly, VA. WFCM can receive donations in person from 9:00 a.m.to 3:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

WFCM is also accepting online cash donations at wfcmva.org. To donate online, first click the "Donate" button on the main page. You can then direct your funds to fire victims by scrolling down to the "Select a Designation" section and choosing the "Support Fund – Victims of Centreville Fire May 2018" option. For additional information, call 703-988-9656 or email rkolowe@wfcmva.org.

Housing -

Long-term affordable housing options for those displaced by the fire, particularly our older adult residents, is a primary focus right now. We are looking for tax-credit affordability level and accessibility (ADA) among other criteria.

For offers or information on housing criteria, contact <u>Elisa Johnson</u> with the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development at 703-279-7302, TTY 711.

In addition, <u>Volunteer Fairfax</u> continues to receive donations of generic gift cards on behalf of the coordinating community-based organizations serving the residents. Denominations of \$20 or less are preferred. Gift cards can be dropped off during normal business hours or mailed to their office at 10530 Page Ave, Fairfax, VA 22030. Alternatively, call Volunteer Fairfax at 703-246-3460 or email <u>volsrus@volunteerfairfax.org</u> to coordinate your gift. After hours, leave a message and someone will contact you to coordinate your donation.

Go Fund Me Campaigns:

You may have noticed several Go Fund Me accounts created online related to the Forest Glen and Sully Station fires. Please note that these are not official Fairfax County-sponsored fundraising efforts. Fairfax County, through its donations management plan within the county's emergency operations plan, has at this time identified Western Fairfax Christian Ministries and Volunteer Fairfax as the official custodians of donations to residents affected by the fires.

For Residents Affected by the Fires:

People impacted by the Centreville fires may contact the county's <u>Coordinated</u> <u>Services Planning</u> at 703-222-0880, TTY 711 for short-term or long-term needs.

Reminders!

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.

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

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services/news/creative-

aging-festival.

NVTA Public Meeting on Transportation Projects:

Fairfax County will hold a public meeting to present and seek public input on the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) 60 Candidate Projects for their

FY 2018-2023 Six Year Program. Click here to see the list of Candidate Projects.

Location: Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center

Parkway, Fairfax, VA)

Date: Thursday, May 17

Time: 7:00 p.m.

NV Rides Presents Safe Driving as You Age:

NV Rides will host 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 asses when

the time is right to stop driving.

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

Date: Thursday, May 17

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Transform I-66 Outside the Beltway Project Spotlight



Overnight lane closures are scheduled to occur on eastbound I-66 between U.S. Route 50 and Route 123 (Chain Bridge Road) this coming weekend, May 11 to 13. Crews will shift travel lanes and set up work zones for construction on the Transform 66 Outside the Beltway project.

Closures are scheduled to begin at 9:00 p.m. on Friday, May 11 and Saturday, May 12.

Details include:

- Single lane closure at 9:00 p.m. on eastbound I-66 near Monument Drive
- Multi-lane closure at 10:00 p.m. on eastbound I-66 near U.S. Route 50
- Closure of one of two lanes at 10:00 p.m. on the ramp from eastbound and westbound U.S. Route 50 to eastbound I-66

Following this weekend work, all lanes on eastbound I-66 between U.S. Route 50 and Route 123 will be shifted toward the inside median.

Drivers are advised that once this lane shift is implemented, the "red X" signs in use between U.S. Route 50 and Route 123, which are part of VDOT's Active Traffic Management (ATM) system, will be taken out of service. East of Route 123 the "red X" signs will remain operational until later this year. Four travel lanes will be available during peak periods throughout construction of the Transform 66 project.

All work is weather dependent and will be rescheduled if inclement weather occurs.

The work is part of the Transform 66 Outside the Beltway project. The I-66 Outside the Beltway Express Lanes are expected to open in December 2022.

Travel on I-66? Park for FREE and Ride Select Fairfax Connector Routes for \$1



As construction work is underway to <u>transform 22.5-miles of I-66 Outside the</u>

<u>Beltway</u>, from I-495 to near Route 29 in Gainesville, Fairfax County travelers are urged to <u>consider alternative commuting options</u> to driving alone. The construction work will continue until late 2022, when the new express lanes are expected to open.

Park for FREE and Ride to Metro for \$1.

Beginning Monday, May 7, 2018, travelers and commuters along I-66 will be able to <u>ride select Fairfax Connector bus routes</u> serving the Vienna Metrorail Station for \$1. Park your car for **FREE** at the following park and ride locations, catch a bus and ride to Metro:

- AMF Centreville Lanes (Routes 630 and 641)
- Centreville Stone Road (Routes 640, 642, 644)
- Centreville United Methodist Church (Routes 630 and 641)
- Fairfax County Government Center (Routes 621 and 623)
- Greenbriar Park (Routes 632 and 640)
- Poplar Tree Park (Routes 632 and 640)
- Stringfellow Road (Routes 630, 631 and 632)
- Sully Station (Routes 640 and 642)

For a complete list of routes that you can take for \$1 to the Vienna Metrorail Station, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/l-66/bus-connections.

Know All Your Travel Options:

To further reduce the potential for travel delays, Fairfax County is urging employers to allow telework and the use of flexible work schedules whenever possible.

There are also more than 4,000 parking spaces available at various <u>Park-and-Ride</u> <u>facilities across Fairfax County</u> that are open to <u>carpoolers</u> and sluggers (with access to <u>HOV and HOT lanes</u>), and many provide convenient express or regular bus service to Arlington and Washington, D.C. Most of these facilities offer FREE parking.

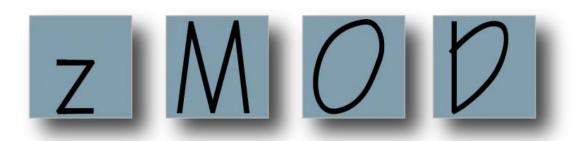
<u>Expanded carpool, vanpool and telework incentives</u> are available beginning this month for commuters and employers along the I-66 corridor through programs sponsored by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and local partners as part of the Transform 66 Outside the Beltway project.

Know Your Options and Stay Informed:

For day-to-day information and assistance with your Fairfax County travel during I-66 construction:

- Visit www.transform66.com for construction alerts and updates.
- Sign-up for Fairfax County text/email "Commuter Alerts" at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/alerts.
- Call Fairfax County Commuter Services (FCCS) at 703-877-5600, TTY 711, or visit <u>www.commuterconnections.org</u>, for assistance with ridesharing services and planning.
- Call Fairfax Connector's Telephone Information Center (TIC) at 703-339-7200,
 TTY 703-339-1608, for information on bus connections.
- Visit a Connector Transit Store.

2018 Zoning Open Houses



Community gardens, farmers markets, craft manufacturing, signs, assisted living communities, and short-term rentals, like Airbnb —these are some of the topics where Fairfax County is considering changes to its zoning rules.

Come to one of three open houses in May and June where you can learn more about how these proposed zoning changes may affect you and your neighborhood.

They will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of these schools:

- Monday, May 21: <u>Colvin Run Elementary School</u> (1400 Trap Road, Vienna, VA)
- Wednesday, May 23: <u>Chantilly High School</u> (4201 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, VA)
- Monday, June 4: <u>South County High School</u> (8501 Silverbrook Road, Lorton, VA)

At the open house, you will be able to:

- Hear short presentations on proposed zoning changes
- Learn how zoning affects land use and development
- Talk one-on-one with staff

Ask questions about zoning issues

Every year, the Board of Supervisors adopts a <u>work program for zoning ordinance</u> <u>amendments</u>, and this program guides which zoning changes are considered. The 2017 program contains 39 proposed amendments that include:

- Community Gardens/Farmers Markets: The proposed changes are to broaden the areas where community gardens and farmers markets would be permitted in the county, loosen current restrictions for both uses and create use limitations.
- **Small-Scale Production:** A new category of uses is <u>proposed to allow</u> <u>small-scale</u>, <u>artisanal production of goods in commercial areas</u>.
- Lighting: The proposed changes would update the county's current lighting standards.
- Short-Term Lodging: These are properties that are rented less than 30 days on websites like Airbnb, Flipkey, Homeaway, VRBO and many others.
 The county is looking at changes that regulate where these rentals would be allowed, what kinds of properties could be rented and how often they could be rented out.
- Signs: Because of a U.S. Supreme Court ruling, the county must <u>rewrite its</u>
 zoning rules to make sure they are "content neutral." Our current ordinance
 regulates or classifies certain sign types based, in whole or in part, on the
 messages on them.
- Continuing Care Communities: The proposed changes are to consider creating a new use or zoning district to accommodate "full spectrum" care and accommodations, such as memory care or assisted living facilities.

Public input is key to shaping proposed zoning amendments that ultimately must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. Residents are encouraged to offer their thoughts early in the process, and the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors also hold public hearings on proposed amendments.

For questions about the scheduled open houses, reasonable ADA accommodations or to offer feedback on proposed amendments, contact the Zoning Administration Division by email at or call 703-324-1314, TTY 711.

Sully Land Use Spotlight



Board of Supervisors Meeting:

The Board of Supervisors will meet on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035) in the Board Auditorium. The meeting will be televised live on Channel 16. Click here to access the agenda and material for this date. There is one Sully case on the agenda and one case that will affect the entire county. More information is below.

PA 2013-III-DS1 (Dulles Suburban Center) -

PA 2013-III-DS1 was recommended for approval with modifications by the Planning Commission on April 26, 2018. The plan amendment was a large scale, planning study to update the Dulles Suburban Center elements of the Comprehensive Plan. The study was submission-driven with the public able to propose optional uses for the various Land Units subject to the study (for a list of the original submissions and original submission details click here). Editorial changes were also incorporated into the study to clean-up and modify the areawide plan text. Both the nominations and editorial changes were extensively reviewed over the course of several meetings (from March 2016 to February 2018) by an advisory group consisting of Sully District residents and community members (click here to access the meeting records and material). The staff report for the study is available here. For the verbatim from the Planning Commission meeting, please click here.

ZOA Rear Yard Coverage -

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 percent of the minimum required rear yard on a by-right basis. To move beyond existing caps, 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 for allowable rear-yard coverage and would have introduced a less stringent application option (via a special permit) in place of the conventional district Variance process. For more information and to see modifications proposed by the Planning Commission click here. The amendment was recommended for approval, with modifications, by the Planning Commission on May 3, 2018.

Planning Commission Meeting:

The Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, May 17, 2018 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 2018 Zoning Ordinance Amendment Work Program as well as the North County Site Specific Plan Amendment Process. Click here to view the agenda for the meeting. There are no specific Sully cases on the agenda; however, there is one case, short-term lodging, that will affect the entire county. More information is below.

ZOA Short-Term Lodging -

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, including the envisioned language of the amendment, please see the associated staff report here. The Planning Commission voted to recommend deferral at a public hearing on May 3, 2018.

Events at Centreville Regional Library



Falafel Making

Thursday, May 17 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Learn how to make falafel; see it being made and take home a recipe. Ages: Teens and adults.

Healthy Strides Wellness Book Club

Saturday, May 19 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Make healthy strides in your own life by joining the Healthy Strides Wellness Book Club. This club meets at different Fairfax County Public Library sites each month. Discussion on the featured books will be led by a Fairfax County Park Authority fitness and wellness expert on topics in health, fitness, nutrition, and wellness. This month's title is *Relax into Yoga for Seniors : A Six-week Program for Strength, Balance, Flexibility, and Pain Relief* by Kimberly Carson. Ages: Older adults.

Art at the Library

Wednesday, May 23 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Urban Sketching. Bring your sketchbook and drawing materials of choice. Ages: Teens and adults.

Korean Traditional Dance Performance

Saturday, May 26 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Enjoy Korean folk dances performed by Centreville's Senior Korean Folk Dance Group. All ages.

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

Volunteer Opportunity in Sully



VOICES Team

Join the VOICES team! You can make a difference in our community by sharing your time and talents. The Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (OFWDSVS) utilizes volunteers in a variety of positions and has created a program that not only helps them meet the needs of our community, but is also flexible enough to meet the needs of today's volunteer. They have opportunities for those who want to support clients directly and other work that can support their agency's operations. Their volunteer opportunities range from one-day special projects to long-term commitments with evening and weekend opportunities available. Group/corporate volunteer opportunities where you can serve with your family, friends or coworkers; this is a good option for those wishing to volunteer with individuals under the age of 21. Additionally, you could choose to serve as a Hotline Advocate from the convenience of your own home. VOICES volunteers come from diverse backgrounds and bring a wide array of skills to OFWDSVS. Whether you have a few hours or a few days, they are grateful for your time.

What you can expect as a volunteer:

- Information and regular in-services to carry out your volunteer role.
- Ongoing support and supervision by your On-Site Supervisor and the Volunteer Services Coordinator.
- The Volunteer Services Coordinator is committed to a set of core ethical values: philanthropy, respect, responsibility, compassion and generosity, justice and fairness, and trustworthiness.
- A professional and team-oriented environment.
- Recognition for your volunteer service.

What they expect from you as a volunteer:

- Select a volunteer role that is best suited to your interests, talents and schedule. They want your experience to be meaningful.
- Be dependable.
- Record hours contributed in the online Volunteer Management System.
- Complete documentation of work through online data system.
- Be respectful of the confidentiality and sensitivity of client's needs. A breach
 of confidentiality will result in termination of your position.
- Follow the County's Code of Ethics and program's policies and procedures.
- Participate in all required trainings and in-services.

For more information please email <u>VOICES@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>.

Smoking Safety

So far this year, 40 percent of the structure fires firefighters and paramedics have responded to have been caused by the improper disposal of smoking materials. These fires are 100 percent preventable!

Please help your Fairfax County firefighters and paramedics prevent the 9-1-1 call! Share this message and spread the word!

Acting Fire Chief John Caussin would like to remind all residents who smoke to remember the following safety tips about on how to safely smoke and dispose of smoking materials:

 Never dispose of cigarette butts in potted planting soil. The soil, when it gets too dry, can become highly flammable.

- Never flick cigarettes into mulch or shrubbery. Dispose of them in a suitable ashtray or bucket with sand. Ensure designated outside smoking areas have an appropriate fireproof container, ashtray or bucket.
- Completely douse butts and ashes with water before throwing them away,
 as they can smolder and cause a fire.
- Never smoke in bed.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays with a center support for smokers. Check furniture for any dropped ashes before going to bed. Empty ashes into a fireproof container with water and sand.
- Keep smoking materials away from anything that can burn (i.e., mattresses, bedding, upholstered furniture, draperies, etc.).
- Never smoke in a home where oxygen is being used.
- If you smoke, choose fire-safe cigarettes. They are less likely to cause fires.
- To prevent a deadly cigarette fire, you must be alert. You won't be if you are sleepy, have been drinking, or have taken medicine or other drugs.
- Keep matches and lighters up high, out of children's sight and reach.

SMOKING SAFETY



Improperly discarded smoking material is one of the top three causes of fires in Fairfax County. Know how to protect yourself and your property.



PUT CIGARETTES OUT ALL THE WAY EVERY TIME.

Put water on the ashes and butts to make sure they are really out.



DO NOT FLICK INTO MULCH, SHRUBBERY, OR POTTING SOIL.

Put your cigarette out in an ashtray or bucket with sand.



BE ALERT

Be alert. Do not smoke after taking medicine that makes you tired. Never smoke around medical oxygen. Never smoke in bed.

2018 Paving Map is Now Available Online



The <u>2018 Paving Map</u> is now available online. The map shows which VDOT maintained roads are going to be resurfaced this year and when. The map includes details about the resurfacing including: treatment type, location, and contact information. The map is updated every Monday.

Pavement Treatment Types:

Treatments are chosen based on a variety of factors, including the current pavement condition, the ride quality, and the volume of traffic a road carries. Roads slated for surfacing will receive one of the following treatments:

Slurry -

- A type of pavement sealant that consists of liquid asphalt, cement, lime, fine aggregates and water. It is applied as a thin layer over the existing surface.
- In order to give the new surface time to harden, drivers are shifted to other travel lanes or encouraged to use an alternate route for several hours.
- · Learn more about slurry.

Latex -

 This material is similar to slurry seal, although it is more durable and typically used on higher-volume routes.

Asphalt Paving (Plant Mix) -

- Tar and gravel covered in a fine grade of stone to reduce the likelihood of pieces of gravel from being thrown from under car tires.
- Residents can typically use the road soon after the last application of gravel is applied.

Learn more about paving treatments and how they are selected.

Discovery Trail 2018 Begins May 26



<u>Discovery Trail 2018</u> kicks off this month across Fairfax County parks. The journey features 12 distinctive sites that give children and adults the chance to discover each site's unique features. Pick up a Discovery Trail map at any RECenter, nature center, staffed historic site, county golf course, or county library beginning **May 12**.

Visit eight or more sites and get a prize package, valued at \$93, and be entered in a drawing for a free bike!

Another Chance to Win:

Heralding this year's map theme are Virgil and Ginny Cardinal, characters representing our state bird and offering another opportunity for park visitors to win. If you spot them along the trail, snap a selfie with them and post it on Instagram with #VirgilandGinny. Weekly winners will be selected to receive their choice of RECenter or mini-golf guest passes.

Lake Accotink Park Master Plan Revision



Interested in the future of Lake Accotink? The Park Authority wants to hear from you! The public comment period is open through May 28, 2018.

Since Lake Accotink was created in 1940, the increasing flow of sediment from upstream has complicated management of the lake. The lake has been dredged three times in the past to maintain sufficient water depth to support recreational use of the lake, but the time span between dredges continues to decrease while

the cost to dredge continues to rise. The accumulated sediment is reaching a critical point once again.

The options considered in the study include:

- No Direct Management, allowing the lake to continue to fill in
- Continue Current Dredging Method, as has been done in the past
- Dredging with the Addition of a Forebay, allowing for smaller, yearly dredges
- Single Stream Channel with Reclaimed Land, modifying the existing dam to revert the land condition to the original stream corridor
- Single Stream Channel with a Smaller Lake, modifying the dam to create a single stream but retaining a smaller, offset lake

Details for each of these options can be found by viewing the <u>presentation</u> and <u>information boards</u> shared with the community at the January 22, 2018 meeting. More in-depth analysis can be found in the <u>Lake Sustainability Study</u>.

For more information, please visit https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/planning-development/lakeaccotink.

Tree Care Spotlight



Feel Free to Plant a Tree!

Trees provide multiple benefits including oxygen production, energy savings, and aesthetic value. A great time to plant trees is in the spring or fall. Before you plant a tree, make sure that the space will accommodate the tree you select in terms of mature height and root growth.

When digging a hole for your tree, make sure it is at least 2 to 3 times the width of the root ball and no deeper than the height of the root ball. Make sure to leave the root flare exposed, the part of the trunk where it widens just above the root system. Do not fill the hole with compost, instead use native, non-amended soil to encourage roots to grow beyond the hole. Tamp down soil well so that the tree won't sink, shift or fall over.

Once the planting hole has been filled in, water the tree well so that the soil becomes saturated. Place a tree gator or watering bag with perforated holes on the bottom around the tree for ease of watering for newly planted trees. Your newly planted trees will also benefit from a wide, shallow ring of shredded hardwood mulch. Remember to water your new tree regularly during the first year.

When selecting a tree to plant, it will likely be in a pot or balled and burlaped. Only select trees where the main stem has not been pruned. Before selecting a tree, it should be carefully inspected in the nursery to ensure that it is not pot bound. This can be done by gently lifting the tree out of its pot and looking for circling roots, do not select any trees with circling roots. In balled and burlaped trees, remove any ropes or ties and peel back and remove at least 1/3 of the burlap and wire basket around the root ball once the tree is in the hole. Ensure also that any tags or labels have been removed from the tree after planting. If stakes and ties are used, remove them after 1 year; otherwise they will damage the tree.

For a list of native trees that are suitable to plant in Fairfax County and other tree planting information, please see the Urban Forest Management Division website at https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/benefits-planting-trees or call 703-324-1770, TTY 711.

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Shiloh!

Age: 13y 10m Gender: Male

Color: White / Brown
Spayed/Neutered: Yes

Size: Large

Milo is a sweet, easygoing lil 'ol man who is absolutely adorable in all of his floofiness! At 13 years old, he's not looking for a lot in life. All he really wants is a big, comfy, smooshy bed - preferable situated by a window where he can

bask in happy sunbeams - and lots of regular walks where he can take his time and sniff EVERYTHING in his path! Oh, and of course a loving family who will worship and care for him throughout his golden years. That's not too much to ask, is it? In return, he'll reward you with sweet, small kisses and head nudges to show you how appreciative he is. For more information about Shiloh, please contact the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.

