

## A message from Kathy Smith

Happy Memorial Day! Thank you to all our military personnel for your service and your sacrifice. My office will be closed on Monday, May 28 in honor of Memorial Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, May 29 at 8:00 a.m.

The Park Authority will honor those who serve and have served in the U.S. Armed Forces with a free day for military families at RECenters and lakefront parks on Memorial Day.

More information is below.

This weekend kicks off the opening of many pools in our area. Read below to learn about how to stay safe around water this weekend. Don't forget to wear sunscreen!

Next weekend on Saturday, June 2, I will host an Open House at the Sully Governmental Center from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please share the event with family, friends, and neighbors. I hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Kally

## **Sully District Summer Open House & Food Drive**

Summer is almost here! Learn about opportunities to give back, get outdoors and have fun in the community!

DONATE to support Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' summer food drive.

TOUR a nearby stream valley park to learn about ways our community can protect our precious natural resources.

Plus, LEARN more about:

- Park Authority Volunteer Opportunities
- Tap Water Production in Fairfax
- Mosquito and Tick Disease Prevention Tips...
- Summer REC Center Class Info

MEET Supervisor Kathy Smith and her staff – share your opinions on what matters most to you as a Sully district resident.

# SULLY DISTRICT symmer open House

& FOOD DRIVE

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

**Western Fairfax CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES** 

## DOMATEL

Bring non-perishable food items

# TOUR

Sully Governmental Center Flatlick Stream Valley Park

# Learn!

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

# MG9T!

Supervisor Kathy Smith and her staff











**June 2, 2018** 10AM-2PM

See you there!

4900 STONECROFT BLVD. **CHANTILLY, VA 20151** 



# Join the Fight against Hunger in western Fairfax County.

## Please donate non-perishable food for hungry families in our community.

#### Foods most needed are:

- Pasta Sauce (no glass)
- Canned Fruit (pears, pineapple, mixed fruit)
- Individual Fruit Cups
- 100% Fruit Juice (Individual Boxes/Pouches)
- Spinach, collard greens, beets, mixed vegetables (Please no green beans, corn or tomatoes)
- Regular or flavored/seasoned boxed rice
- · Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Chicken, Tuna, or Hamburger Helper Meals
- Canned Chicken or Tuna
- Pancake Mix/Syrup
- Oatmeal or Cereal
- Ketchup, mustard, mayo, pickles

Toiletries needed (Toiletry items cannot be purchased with food stamps):

- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Deodorant and Body Wash
- Dish Soap
- Diapers size 4, 5, 6 and Baby Wipes

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries
4511 Daly Drive, Suite J • Chantilly, Virginia 20151
Phone 703-988-9656 • Fax 703-988-9655 • www.wfcmva.org

### Save the Date! Starlight Cinema



## **Stay Safe Around Water This Weekend!**



Each Memorial Day weekend, swimming pools around the area open for the summer season. Also, families head toward the ocean shoreline, rivers and lakes to vacation and participate in a variety of water activities. With that in mind, your Fairfax County Firefighters and Paramedics ask that you take a moment to review the helpful water safety tips from our friends at the <u>American Red Cross</u>.

Our firefighters and paramedics do not want to meet you, or your loved ones, by "a preventable accident" today, tomorrow or ever.

#### **Make Water Safety Your Priority:**

- Swim in designated areas supervised by lifeguards.
- Always swim with a buddy; do not allow anyone to swim alone. Even at a public pool or a lifeguarded beach, use the buddy system!
- Ensure that everyone in the family learns to swim well. Enroll in ageappropriate Red Cross water orientation and Learn-to-Swim courses.

- Never leave a young child unattended near water and do not trust a child's life to another child; teach children to always ask permission to go near water.
- Have young children or inexperienced swimmers wear U.S. Coast Guardapproved life jackets around water, but do not rely on life jackets alone.
- Establish rules for your family and enforce them without fail. For example, set limits based on each person's ability, do not let anyone play around drains and suction fittings, and do not allow swimmers to hyperventilate before swimming under water or have breath-holding contests.
- Even if you do not plan on swimming, be cautious around natural bodies of water including ocean shoreline, rivers and lakes. Cold temperatures, currents and underwater hazards can make a fall into these bodies of water dangerous.
- If you go boating, wear a life jacket! Most boating fatalities occur from drowning.
- Avoid alcohol use. Alcohol impairs judgment, balance and coordination;
   affects swimming and diving skills; and reduces the body's ability to stay warm.

<u>Click here</u> to read the full article.

# Park Authority Salutes Military with Free Admission Day



The Fairfax County Park Authority will honor those who serve and have served in the U.S. Armed Forces with a free day for military families at RECenters and lakefront parks on Memorial Day – **Monday, May 28, 2018**. It is the Park Authority's way of saying thank you for your service to our country.

The Honoring America's Veterans program is made possible through generous contributions to the Fairfax County Park Foundation from individual donors and John Marshall Bank. It is also supported by donations to the Park Foundation that honor the life of Lt. Col. Gary F. Smith, a civilian employee of the Army who, at the time of his death, was attending a meeting at the Pentagon when American Airlines Flight 77 struck.

With complimentary admission to the county's recreation centers, families can enjoy such amenities as pools, fitness rooms, drop-in fitness classes, gyms, and mini-golf. The lakefront parks offer amusements such as carousel rides, boat rides, train rides, mini-golf, and camping. Amenities vary by location. Find details about the features at each facility by visiting the <a href="Park Authority">Park Authority</a>. To learn more about this promotion visit <a href="Honoring America's Veterans on Memorial Day">Honoring America's Veterans on Memorial Day</a>.

This offer excludes the Water Mine, regulation golf, and food vendors.

For more information, please contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662 or via <a href="mail@fairfaxcounty.gov">Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov</a>.

### 2018 Orange Cones. No Phones.

The 2018 "Orange Cones. No Phones." campaign is a joint effort by Transurban, operator of the 495 and 95 Express Lanes, the Virginia Department of Transportation, Virginia State Police, and AAA Mid-Atlantic. The campaign aims to improve safety by reducing distracted driving within the 395 Express Lanes work zones.

# HEADS UP. ORANGE CONES. NO PHONES.

A recent survey of D.C. area drivers\* shows that nine in 10 drivers use a cellphone while behind the wheel. Everyone knows that distracted driving is dangerous, but it's especially dangerous in a work zone.

Avoid close calls and put your phone down in the 395 Express Lanes work zone.

Orange cones. No Phones. is a safety campaign focused on protecting workers in the 395

Express Lanes' work zone and those driving through it. Learn more at

www.orangeconesnophones.com. When you see the cones, remember no phones.



7/10 drivers say they stop cellphone use while driving after seeing a sign advising them to do so.

78% of drivers say seeing a police officer causes them to stop cellphone use while on the roads.



54% of drivers admit to using a cellphone at least occasionally while driving.



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drivers say they keep their phones close when driving, and one in six has it in their hand.



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drivers have had an accident or near accident due to cellphone use.



\*Online survey of 1,093 Washington D.C. area drivers who travel I-355 at least monthly was conducted by international market research firm YouGov between March 21 and March 28, 2018.









## **Sully Land Use Spotlight**



#### **Recent Cases of Interest:**

#### ZOA Short-Term Lodging (Planning Commission Meeting 5/24/2018) -

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 and associated staff report, click <a href="here">here</a>. The Planning Commission deferred this item to June 14, 2018.

#### **Events at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park**



Victory in Europe Ice Cream Social

Monday, May 28 1:00 p.m.

In 1945 when World War II ended in Europe, America celebrated! Join our celebration at the Spindle Sears House in Historic Centreville Park on the 77th anniversary of this event! Crank home-made ice cream, spot airplanes, pose like Rosie the Riveter, and learn about other ways residents of Fairfax County helped support the War effort. Then tour the Spindle Sears House. Bring your own picnic. Donations accepted to support Historic Centreville Park. Located at 5714 Mt. Gilead Road, Centreville, VA. Canceled in the event of rain. Ages: 5 and older. Cost: Free.

#### Nature Quest Camp

Monday, June 11 to Friday, June 15 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Explore plants and animals that put life in our park wildlife. Crafts, games, live animals and field study are part of this weeklong adventure. Download camp forms from website. Ages: 3 to 6. Cost: \$198 (county resident); \$212 (non-resident).

#### **History Tots**

Wednesday, June 6 9:45 to 10:30 a.m.

Bring your toddler to explore history through sight, sound, smell and touch. Programs include indoor and outdoor activities. Adult must be able to participate with children. Topics vary with the seasons: Textiles in April, Trains in May and Farming in June. Ages: 1 to 3. Cost: \$6 (county resident); \$8 (non-resident).

Ellanor C. Lawrence Park is located at 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly, VA 20151. For more information, please call 703-631-0013; TTY 711 or email <a href="mail@fairfaxcounty.gov">parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov</a>.

## **Volunteer Opportunity in Sully**



Program Leader at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park

Teach kids and adults about the wonders of our cultural and natural history at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. Visitors learn all about the local environment, nature and history during our series programs and on field trips. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone with a passion for the outdoors and a drive to help instill it in a new generation.

#### **Duties:**

Program leader facilitates indoor and outdoor programs offered at the park or in the community. The program leader aids with program planning and development which may include producing visual aids, using AV equipment and room set-up. May also help with other program or park activities including leading trail walks.

#### **Qualifications:**

Volunteers should have a strong interest in nature, history, farm life or horticulture as well as an interest in the stewardship of the county's natural and cultural resources. Patience with young children and the desire to communicate effectively with children is essential. Experience in working with groups of children is helpful. Must attend site orientation and on-the-job training as required. Mandatory Volunteer, Facility Based Safety, Outdoor Safety, and Interpretive Training will be provided.

Minimum Age to Volunteer: 18

**Time Commitment:** You will be expected to volunteer four hours per month for 1 year.

#### Location:

Walney Visitor Center 5040 Walney Road Chantilly, VA 20151

#### Contact:

Alli Hartley 703-631-0013

Allison.Hartley@fairfaxcounty.gov

# Attend the "Made in Fairfax" Forum on Monday, June 18

Furniture, custom jewelry, textiles, baking, coffee roasting, and 3D printing —these are all examples of the kinds of artisanal manufacturing and craft production that are on rise. Fairfax County is considering how to facilitate this kind of small-scale manufacturing that is becoming increasingly popular in today's "maker" culture.

The County is studying the most appropriate locations for this kind of community-friendly, small-scale production. Based on findings and public input, the County anticipates that it might update its land use and zoning rules to accommodate these kinds of craft businesses.

You are invited to attend a forum on Monday, June 18, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Conference rooms 9/10.

Called "Made in Fairfax," the forum features a presentation by Ilana Preuss of Recast City – a national leader in the craft industry movement. It is also an opportunity to participate in a discussion about the opportunities and issues related to this new type of use in Fairfax County.

For questions, feedback or reasonable ADA accommodations, contact Fairfax

County Revitalization Manager Doug Loescher at 703-324-9305, TTY 711, or <a href="mailto:douglas.loescher@fairfaxcounty.gov">douglas.loescher@fairfaxcounty.gov</a>. More information can also be found at <a href="https://www.fcrevit.org">www.fcrevit.org</a>.







# Made In Fairfax

#### Small-Scale & Craft Production Forum

#### **Bringing Craft Manufacturing to Fairfax County**

To expand economic activity and build vibrant community centers, the County is exploring the potential of small scale production businesses to enhance our commercial areas.

#### What is Small Scale Production?

A growing sector of small businesses that produce locally-made goods – from textiles and beverages to 3D printing – and can create new choices for consumers, job growth for residents and business opportunities for local entrepreneurs.

#### Join the Conversation!

Talk with Ilana Preuss of Recast City – a national leader in the craft industry movement – and discuss how the creative entrepreneurs, property owners and residents of Fairfax County could benefit from this new type of economic and community development.

WHEN: Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 6:30-8:00pm WHERE: Fairfax County Government Center, Room 9/10



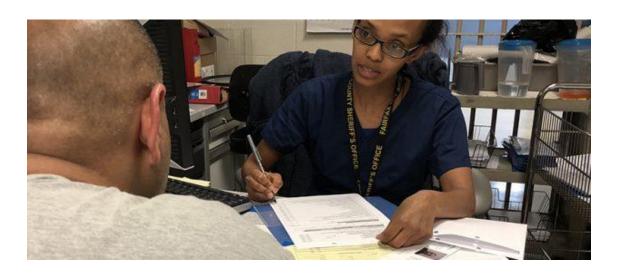


For more information, contact: Doug Loescher Office of Community Revitalization 703-324-9305 Douglas.loescher@fairfaxcounty.gov www.fcrevit.org



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# Diversion First Prevents More Than a Person A Day from Going to Jail



About one in five Americans has a mental health issue. In our county jail, the percentage is much higher. To address this, we have launched <u>Diversion First</u> so that incarceration would no longer be the default solution for individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.

#### What is Diversion First?:

Diversion First offers alternatives to incarceration for people with mental illness or developmental disabilities who come into contact with the criminal justice system for low level offenses. The goal is to intercede whenever possible to provide assessment, treatment or needed supports. People needing diversion may also have a substance use disorder, which often co-occurs with mental illness.

Diversion First is designed to prevent repeat encounters with the criminal justice system, improve public safety, promote a healthier community, and provide a more cost-effective and efficient use of public funds.

#### **Success in Our County:**

We launched Diversion First in August 2015 with the goal of reducing the number of people with mental illness brought to jail. On January 1, 2016, the <a href="Merrifield">Merrifield</a> <a href="Crisis Response Center">Crisis Response Center</a> (MCRC) opened with <a href="specially trained law enforcement">specially trained law enforcement</a> on-site to accept custody of individuals diverted by officers in the field.

During the first two years of Diversion First, 778 people were diverted from potential arrest. That means our program is helping more than one person per day find better options for treatment and assistance than jail incarceration.

Diversion looks different for each person, but typically it involves assessments that outline treatment or services that specifically address underlying behavioral health issues.

Want to take your commitment to helping those with mental health disorders a step further? Sign up for one of our free Mental Health First Aid classes.

Click here to read the full article.

## **Video: Tick Bite Prevention Tips**



MC Bugg-Z is back, and this time he's using his rhymes to target Lyme.

The number of illnesses from tick, mosquito, and flea bites has more than tripled in the United States between 2004 and 2016. Of the tickborne illnesses, Lyme disease is the most commonly reported in Virginia and throughout the U.S. There were 214 human cases reported in Fairfax County in 2016 and 178 cases in 2017. Many more cases go unreported every year because people don't see a doctor or don't get tested.

As the latest video highlights, there are simple steps residents can take against the tiny bloodsuckers:

- Avoid wooded and brushy areas with high grass and leaf litter, and walk in the center of trails. Maintain a tick-free yard by keeping grass mowed.
- Use repellent that is proven to be safe and effective at keeping ticks away: DEET, picaridin, or IR3535 on exposed skin for protection that lasts several hours. Use products that contain 0.5% permethrin on clothing and gear, such as boots, pants, socks and tents. Always follow label instructions.
- Bathe or shower as soon as possible after coming indoors
   (preferably within two hours) and conduct a full body check to find ticks that may be crawling on you. Carefully remove ticks you find with fine-tipped tweezers.
- Seek medical attention if you have symptoms such as fever, headache, fatigue and rash and have had a tick bite, live in an area known for Lyme disease, or have recently traveled to an area where Lyme disease occurs.

## Consider Becoming a Foster Parent; Help a Child in Need

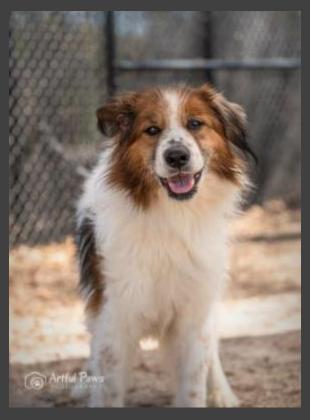


Every child needs a safe and nurturing home. There are more than 200 children living in foster homes in our county and we need more foster parents especially for older youth (ages 9+), children with special needs and siblings.

<u>Foster care</u> is a temporary home for a child because of abuse, neglect or other circumstances that put the child at risk. During this time, family problems are addressed so that the child can return home safely or plans are made to find a safe and nurturing home for the child outside their birth family.

<u>Click here</u> to read the full article.

### **Animal Shelter Corner**



Meet Rocky!

Age: 11y 1m Gender: Male

Color: White / Brown
Spayed/Neutered: Yes

Size: Large

Are you looking for a laid back, calm dog who would make a perfect couch buddy and Netflix-streaming companion? Meet Rocky! He is a handsome, mature gentleman who is at the shelter because his owner was moving and

couldn't take him. He loves people and will greet you with a smile on his face and a wag in his long, bushy tail. He's not looking for much in life - just a comfy bed, some tasty treats, and the love of his human. Come see him today! You know you want to feel the floof first hand! For more information about Rocky please contact the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at 703-830-1100 or by email at <a href="mailto:animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov">animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov</a>.