



A message from Kathy Smith

There are several events happening around the county this weekend, including the Starlight Drive-in Cinema on Saturday, August 4. Come watch the *Little Mermaid* at the Trinity Centre (5860 Trinity Parkway, Centreville, VA). Admission is free and the movie starts at dark. More information is below in the "Reminders" section.

This weekend is also a Virginia Sales Tax Holiday. From Friday, August 3 to Sunday, August 5 you can purchase qualifying school supplies, clothing, emergency preparedness items, and more without paying sales tax. Read below on what items are eligible.

Just a reminder the Board of Supervisors does not hold any regular Board meetings or Board committee meetings during the month of August. Board committee meetings will resume on Tuesday, September 18 and the next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25, 2018.

Sincerely,

Kathy

Reminders!

Frying Pan Farm Park 4-H Fair & Carnival:

The 70th Annual 4-H Fair and Carnival is coming to [Frying Pan Farm Park \(2709 West Ox Road, Herndon, VA\)](#) on August 2-5, 2018.

Carnival Hours:

- Friday, August 3: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 4: 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Sunday, August 5: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For more information, click [here](#).

Starlight Drive-in Cinema:

Every Saturday in August will feature a new movie at the Starlight Drive-in Cinema. Free children's games and activities. Food and drinks available for purchase. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets if you wish to sit outside. Gates open at **6:00 p.m.** Movie starts at dark. Free admission.

Little Mermaid

Date: Saturday, August 4

Location: Trinity Centre (5860 Trinity Parkway, Centreville, VA)

For more information, click [here](#).

Workhouse Brewfest:

Brewfest takes place **Saturday, August 4, 2018 from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m.**, rain or shine. Brewfest will be held at the **Workhouse Arts Center (9601 Ox Road, Lorton, VA 22079)**.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, please visit <http://workhousebrewfest.org/>.

Deer Management Program Public Information Meetings:

Fairfax County's Police Department will hold public meetings to provide an overview of the [Deer Management Program](#) on the following dates:

Date: Tuesday, August 7

Time: 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Location: Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035) Conference Rooms 2/3

Date: Thursday, August 9

Time: 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Location: North County Government Center (1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston, VA 20190) Community Room

For more information, please contact the Fairfax County Wildlife Management Specialist, Dr. Katherine Edwards at 703-246-6868.

Developmental Disability Housing Fair:

Visit provider tables in the north and south atriums, available throughout the day, and attend the presentation offered three times during the day in Conference Room 4.

Date: Wednesday, August 8

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035)

For more information, contact Shanise Allen at 703-324-4428 or visit

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/community-services-board/events/2018-08-08-dd-housing-fair>.

Virginia Sales Tax Holiday This Weekend



When is it?:

August 3-5, 2018. The 3-day sales tax holiday starts the first Friday in August at 12:01 a.m. and ends the following Sunday at 11:59 p.m.

What is it?:

During the sales tax holiday, you can buy qualifying school supplies, clothing, footwear, hurricane and emergency preparedness items, and Energy Star™ and WaterSense™ products without paying sales tax.

What items are eligible?:

- School supplies, clothing, and footwear
 - Hurricane and emergency preparedness products
 - Energy Star™ and WaterSense™ products
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Detailed lists of qualifying items and more information for retailers can be found in the [2018 Combined Sales Tax Holiday Guidelines](#).

VDOT Traffic Alert



Overnight Closures and Lane Shifts on I-66 East in Centreville Area This Week

Overnight lane closures on eastbound I-66 between Route 29 in Centreville and Stringfellow Road began on Tuesday, July 31, and will continue through the weekend. This work is needed to shift lanes toward the inside median to create work zones for construction on the Transform 66 Outside the Beltway project.

Three left lanes of eastbound I-66 will be closed between Route 29 in Centreville and Stringfellow Road so that crews can remove lane markings and make long-term lane shifts. Occasional 15-minute stoppages and slowdowns along eastbound I-66 will occur. Work is scheduled for:

- **Saturday, August 4 - 9:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.**
 - **Sunday, August 5 - 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.**
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Additionally, the ramp from Route 28 to eastbound I-66 will be narrowed to a single lane from Saturday, August 4, at 9:00 p.m. to Monday, August 6, at 4:00 a.m., with intermittent 15-minute stoppages and slowdowns during overnight periods.

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

The I-66 Outside the Beltway Express Lanes are expected to open in December 2022.

Collect for Kids School Supply & Backpack Drive



In an effort to ensure that every child in the school district is prepared for school, Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) has again joined forces with [Collect for Kids](#), a consortium of not-for-profit, for-profit, and government organizations promoting and coordinating school supply and backpack drives to benefit FCPS students. The drive will provide school supplies for the 2018-19 school year for students who qualify for free and reduced-price meals. Roughly 55,000 FCPS students receive free and reduced-price meals and many need help acquiring school supplies and backpacks.

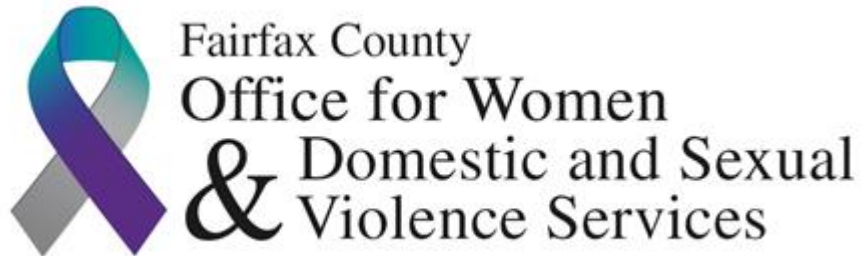
This year, there are two ways donors may support this effort:

- **Monetary Donations:** [Contributions can be made online](#) through the generous support of the Foundation for FCPS and their support of Collect for Kids effort. Donations will be used to purchase school supply kits in bulk at special pricing.
- **Backpack Donations:** New backpacks can be brought to a variety of locations in August, including two FCPS administration buildings, any Apple Federal Credit Union location in Fairfax County, and to some not-for-profit partners, including Britepaths, Cornerstones, and Western Fairfax Christian Ministries. Search under Get Involved on the [Collect for Kids](#) website for addresses and guidance on the types of backpacks needed.

So that students have the supplies necessary to succeed on the first day of school, the majority of the Collect for Kids activities occur **between July 16 and August 17**. Monetary donations are accepted year round, and backpacks are accepted through August.

For more information, visit the [Collect for Kids](#) website or contact Kathy Ryan at 571-423-1206 or krryan@fcps.edu.

Volunteer Opportunity



Help the Office for Women

The county's [Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services](#) (OFWDSVS) seeks volunteers to work as hotline counselors, court accompaniment advocates, hospital advocates, and facilitators for 18-week psycho-educational groups. Long and short term commitments and evening and weekend opportunities are available. Contact Nadia Hoonan at nadia.hoonan@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-324-9495 and drop by an upcoming orientation:

- **Tuesday, August 14, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Government Center Conference Room 7 (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035)**



Survey for Young Adults: Help Target Drug Prevention Efforts



In an effort to better target opioid and other drug prevention efforts, the [Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board](#) (CSB) is seeking opinions of young adults between the ages of 18-25. The [survey](#) is anonymous and voluntary, and asks questions about use of alcohol, prescription drugs, and heroin. The survey takes no more than five minutes to complete.

An initiative of the Partnership for Success and the OMNI Institute, an organization that works to help organize substance use campaigns, the survey seeks comparison data from residents in various areas across the Commonwealth of Virginia concerning attitudes, knowledge, and drug use of young people.

As an incentive, all those taking the survey will be eligible to enter to win a \$250 gift card. *(Contact information for the drawing will be collected in a separate location and will not be linked to survey responses)*

Participants in the survey must be Virginia residents and between the ages of 18 and 25.

The survey is live now through August 31, 2018; please help by sharing the link with young adults in your community:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3Y37BBJ>.

Learn more about [CSB's Wellness & Prevention](#) efforts in Fairfax County.

Tree Care Spotlight



Funds Available to Plant Trees on County Properties & Common Open Spaces

The Tree Preservation and Planting Fund was established to support projects to preserve existing trees and plant new trees by County agencies and non-profit tree planting organizations on both public properties and homeowner association commonly-owned open space. Homeowner associations can partner with non-

profits to submit project proposals and schools can also apply to fund projects with Tree Preservation and Planting Funds. Proposals are reviewed by an inter-agency panel including representatives from Fairfax County Urban Forest Management Division, Stormwater Planning Division, Tree Commission, and NoVA Soil and Water Conservation District. To view the application information online, click [here](#).

In addition to the environmental benefits that trees provide such as improved air and water quality, stormwater management, and protecting soils, research also shows that there are numerous and important socio-economic and health benefits that trees provide <http://depts.washington.edu/hhwb/>. A direct benefit of trees to homeowners is increased property values. Homes that are adjacent to naturalistic parks and open spaces are valued at 8-20% higher than comparable properties. Living near green areas, having a view of vegetation, and spending time in urban natural settings can reduce stress, and contribute to enhanced wellness for city dwellers. Pieter Anthony Sheehan, Director of the Division of Environmental Health, Fairfax County Health Department, says: “Urban forests play an extremely important, multifaceted role in maintaining and improving not only the economic and environmental quality conditions of communities but the health of their inhabitants.”

Schools are more frequently integrating nature into education, often using gardens or outdoor classrooms. Nature-based, experiential learning can support education about environmental stewardship, math, science, natural and plant processes, ecology, soil, recycling, reuse of materials, plant propagation, food and nutrition, and language arts. A preliminary study of schools that use the Environment as an Integrating Context for learning (EIC) suggests those EIC students tend to academically outperform their peers at traditional schools.

Planting projects are wonderful opportunities to increase property values, raise awareness of the many benefits of trees and teach stewardship to younger generations who will benefit most from trees planted today.

Video: Emergency Preparedness



Watch this video from the Office of Emergency Management to learn how to prepare for an emergency and stay safe during an event.

More information:

Ready Fairfax: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergenc...>

Ready NOVA: <http://www.readynova.org>

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Cheddar!

Age: 7y 9m

Gender: Male

Color: Orange

Spayed/Neutered: Yes

Size: Medium

Cheddar's folks were moving and now this handsome guy is looking for a

forever home. Shy when he first arrived, Cheddar is slowly acclimating and getting used to other cats and the noise of the shelter. He is a big fan of toys and catnip, so in addition to being a best bud, he'll provide lots of entertainment as he endlessly tries to catch the red dot of the laser pointer! For more information about Cheddar contact the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at 703-830-1100 or email animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.
