

## A message from Kathy Smith

Personal property (vehicle) taxes are due today! Still need to pay? Click here to pay online, or view different payment options. The Department of Tax Administration will have extended hours today until 6:00 p.m. if you wish to pay in person at the Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035).

There are a lot of meetings and events happening in October in the Sully District and around the county. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will host a public information meeting on the Route 29 Widening project on Wednesday, October 10 at 6:30 p.m. at Colin L. Powell Elementary School. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can submit written comments on the project until October 22, 2018. More information is below.

Sincerely,

Kally

## **Reminders!**

#### **Health Fair with Delegate Karrie Delaney:**

Date: Saturday, October 6, 2018

**Time:** 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Poplar Tree Elementary School (13440 Melville Lane, Chantilly, VA

20151)

Del. Karrie Delaney is hosting a Health Fair in collaboration with Inova. The fair includes: BioMetric screenings, nutrition consultation, health classes, and more. Admission is free. For more information, contact the office of Del. Karrie Delaney at 703-996-9415 or by email at <a href="DelKDelaney@house.virginia.gov">DelKDelaney@house.virginia.gov</a>.

FCDOT Public Information Meeting on the Fairfax County & Franconia-Springfield Parkways Alternatives Analysis and Long Term Planning Study:

Date: Tuesday, October 9, 2018

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Navy Elementary School (3500 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA)

Date: Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Time: 7:00 p.m.

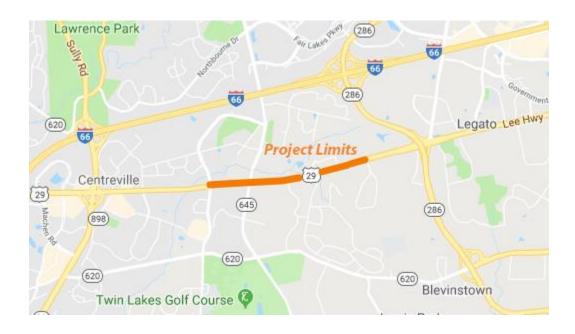
Location: Armstrong Elementary School (11900 Lake Newport Road, Reston, VA

20194)

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) will hold a public information meeting to seek input on future corridor enhancements for the

Parkways, based on residents' personal experiences and desires for multimodal access, connectivity, and overall operations. For more information, visit the study page at <a href="https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/study/fairfax-county-parkway">https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/study/fairfax-county-parkway</a>.

## **VDOT: Route 29 Widening Public Information Meeting**



Date: Wednesday, October 10, 2018

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

Location: Colin L. Powell Elementary School (13340 Leland Road, Centreville, VA

20120)

Find out about plans to widen 1.5 miles of Route 29 (Lee Highway) from four to six lanes between Union Mill Road and Buckleys Gate Drive to relieve congestion and improve operations and safety.

The project will also correct vertical alignment to improve sight distance, add/improve bicycle and pedestrian shared-use paths on both sides of Route 29, and provide connectivity to bicycle/pedestrian trails at the Fairfax County Parkway/West Ox Road interchange.

Stop by to view displays and learn more about the project and its preliminary design. A presentation will begin at **7:00 p.m.** Project staff will be available to answer your questions.

Review project information at the <u>VDOT project website</u>.

Give your written comments at the meeting, or submit them by **October 22, 2018** to Ms. Hong Ha, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, or email <a href="meetingcomments@VDOT.virginia.gov">meetingcomments@VDOT.virginia.gov</a>. Please reference "Route 29 Widening" in the subject line.

If you need information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact Hong Ha at 703-259-2907.

## Health Department Issues Rabies Alert for Centreville Area



After identifying four animals that tested positive for rabies in the Centreville area over the last 30 days, the Fairfax County Health Department is asking residents to steer clear of wild animals and to report any animal attacks right away.

Dates and locations of the four incidents are as follows:

- Sept. 6, 14800 block of Haymarket Lane. A skunk appeared ill and residents fed and cared for it before reporting the sick animal, which later tested positive for rabies.
- Sept. 14, 5400 block of Goldmoore Court. A skunk was reported for odd behavior after fighting with two dogs. The skunk, distinct looking with a

- nearly all black body, white crown and white tipped tail, tested positive for rabies.
- Sept. 21, 13000 block of Madonna Lane. A resident was bitten after stopping to assist an injured raccoon that was in the roadway. The raccoon, gray with a ringed tail, tested positive for rabies.
- Sept. 28, 6300 block of James Harris Way. A skunk was aggressive, attacking inanimate objects, some dogs and another skunk before being reported. The skunk tested positive for rabies.

During the time they were sick, these animals may have had contact with other people or pets. If you, someone you know, or a was pet touched or was bitten or scratched by these animals between Aug. 26 and Sept. 27 you are urged to call the Fairfax County Health Department's Rabies Program at 703-246-2433, TTY 711.

To read the full article, click here.

# Zoning Ordinance Modernization Project Public Meetings



#### BACKGROUND

Fairfax County is undertaking a major initiative to modernize its Zoning Ordinance, which was adopted in its current form 40 years ago. The county hired Clarion Associates, a national land use consulting firm, to assist with this important project. The effort will include reformatting the structure of the ordinance and categorizing the permitted and conditionally permitted land uses to reflect current terminology and use characteristics.

#### LAND USE CATEGORIES

In October, Clarion Associates will hold community meetings to illustrate the County's approach to combining land uses into categories, and to present a draft of the revised industrial land uses. These informative meetings are intended to continue the dialogue started at previous meetings in January and May, and to solicit feedback.

#### ATTEND PUBLIC MEETINGS IN OCTOBER 2018

Please come to the public meetings taking place on:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10 7:00 PM

McNAIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

2499 THOMAS JEFFERSON DRIVE HERNDON, VA 20171 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

7:00 PM

LEE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA (#236)

6450 FRANCONIA ROAD SPRINGFIELD, VA 22150

Presentations will also be made by the consultant to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, October 9 at 11:00 a.m. and the Planning Commission on Tuesday, October 9 at 7:30 p.m. These two presentations will be aired live on Channel 16 or can be viewed later online on the Board of Supervisors video archive or Planning Commission video archive.

#### **LEARN MORE**

To find out more about the project, please visit our project website at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/zmod

## Fall for the Book Festival



Fall for the Book turns 20 years old in style with a star-studded lineup of authors. The festival runs from Wednesday, October 10 to Saturday, October 13 at George Mason University and locations around Northern Virginia. Admission is free and open to the public.

Programs will feature discussions about books of all kinds including: novels, poetry, graphic novels, science and technology, and history. The star-studded lineup includes: Tayari Jones, Elizabeth Strout, Elizabeth Kostova, and Congressman John Lewis. Click here to view full the schedule.

## **Events at Centreville Regional Library**



#### Bilingual Korean Storytime

Saturday, October 6

10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Stories, songs, and activities in Korean and English. Ages: 3 to 5.

#### Art at the Library

Wednesday, October 10

1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Learn about American painter Wayne Thiebaud; then paint a still life using acrylics in his style. Materials provided. Ages: Teens and adults.

#### "The Fault in Our Stars" Movie

Wednesday, October 10

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Celebrate Teen Read Week. Follow-up movie with a short discussion, comparing it to the book. Light refreshments or bring your own snack. Rated: PG13. Grades: 9-12.

#### Learn to Play Dungeons and Dragons

## Tuesday, October 16

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Play the classic roleplaying game with an experiences player. Beginners welcome. All supplies provided. Grades: 9-12.

The <u>Centreville Regional Library</u> is located at 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville, VA 20121. For more information about these events, call 703-830-2223, TTY 711 or email <u>libCE@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>.

## **Sully Land Use Spotlight**



## **Upcoming Meetings:**

### **Board of Supervisors Development Process Committee Meeting -**

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Development Process Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 11:00 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.

The <u>Zoning Ordinance Modernization</u> (zMOD) Project will be the only topic of discussion with a presentation from the consultant, Clarion. To view the presentation, click <u>here</u>.

#### **Planning Commission Meeting -**

The Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 7:30 p.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. There is one Sully District case on the agenda, more information is below.

## SEA 97-Y-050 (Arlington County Chapter Inc., of Izaak Walton League of America) -

The applicant is requesting approval to amend the Special Exception (SE 97-Y-050), which currently governs the property as a Private Club and Benefit Association, to permit modifications to site layout, development conditions, and to include additional land area. The applicant proposes to continue their mission and operate the following uses on the site: Target Archery Range; Air Rifle Range; Rifle & Pistol Range; Skeet & Trap Range; Field Archery Course; Picnic Areas; Camping Areas; and a recreational Pond. These uses were permitted with the original Special Exception application. The applicant is proposing a phased development to construct additional parking spaces, minor building additions and provide for a future 31,000-square foot educational and training facility on the subject property. The applicant is also requesting permission for unlimited

membership to allow for additional funding needed to continue their mission. Staff recommends approval. For more information about this case, click <a href="here">here</a>.

## **Volunteer Opportunity**



Lane's Mill Work Day

The Historic Sites Volunteer Corps is looking for volunteers to help with a landscape clean-up at Lane's Mill on Saturday, November 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Located at the confluence of two streams, this cultural site is at risk of further damage by flood waters. Clearing the overgrowth and invasive plants will help the Park Authority protect the ruins of this 1760 mill and allow for detailed documentation. This volunteer opportunity would be great for anyone interested in history, architecture, landscaping, gardening, and community outreach. To register, click <a href="here">here</a>.

What: Landscaping Clean-Up

Where: Lane's Mill. Centreville. VA 20121

When: Saturday, November 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

## Fairfax County Fire & Rescue 2018 Open House

In celebration of Fire Prevention Week, all Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Stations will be hosting Open House on Saturday, October 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Stop by your local station that day to meet your firefighters, see the fire trucks, join in the activities and learn about fire safety.

Find your Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department Fire Station.

LOOK. LISTEN. LEARN. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere.

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## Fall Driving: Be Alert for Deer



Fall is here and white-tailed deer are on the move. Fall is the breeding season for deer and you can expect to see more of them on the roads as they search for mates.

About half of all crashes with deer occur during the months of October, November and December. Deer are most active before sunrise to mid-morning, and dusk to early evening, which is also when many Fairfax County residents are heading to and from work or school.

We urge motorists to pay attention, drive carefully, and remember these safety tips:

- Always wear your seat belt.
- Do not text and drive. Avoid distractions that might cause you to miss an animal.
- Slow down and pay attention. Watch for eye shine along roadsides.
- Use high beams as traffic allows to spot deer further away.

- If a deer is stopped in the roadway, slow down and flash your headlights.
- Slow down or stop if necessary to avoid hitting a deer, but should never swerve out of the lane to miss one. A crash with another car or anything along the roadside is likely to be more serious.
- Take your foot off the brake at time of the crash. This reduces the chance of a deer crashing through a windshield or windows when hit.
- Rely on your own senses. Never depend on hood whistles, car horns, or other devices to scare deer out of your path.
- Pay attention to deer crossing signs and be careful in areas where deer are known to travel.
- If you hit and kill a deer and you want to keep it, you must report the accident to a law enforcement officer where the crash occurred. The officer needs to see the animal before giving you a possession certificate.

If a deer is injured or killed, immediately report the crash to us on our nonemergency line at 703-691-2131.

To read the full article, click <u>here</u>.

## **Tree Care Spotlight**



## **Beech Bark Disease**

Beech bark disease (BBD) is not established in Fairfax County but has been found nearby in Virginia and Pennsylvania. BBD is a devastating disease that affects native American Beech trees (*Fagus grandifolia*) as well as ornamental beech. It is caused by a sap feeding scale insect and a fungal pathogen. The insect, a small, white, fuzzy scale known as beech scale feeds on beech sap.

Heavy infestations may make the tree appear to have been rolled in powdered sugar. In later stages of the disease, large patches of bark may be covered in small red dots which are the fruiting structures of the pathogenic fungus (see photo).

BBD was introduced to North America from infested nursery stock but is also frequently moved by firewood. To help prevent the spread of BBD, please do NOT transport hardwood firewood of any kind. Burn it where you buy it.

#### What you can do to help:

- Report any infestations to Fairfax County Urban Foresters at 703-324-1770,
   TTY 711, or pestmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.
- If beech scale is found on a tree, remove the insects with a mixture of dish detergent and water and a soft brush. Consult with an ISA Certified Arborist for further treatment.
- Check rough patches on the bark of beech trees such as old branch scars as the scale insect may seek refuge in these sheltered locations.
- Please prune trees properly; do not leave large, exposed wounds.
- Going hiking? Take a look in the woods for the "powdered sugar effect."

## **Animal Shelter Corner**



## **Meet Bingo!**

Age: 11y 2m Gender: Male

Color: Brown / Black
Spayed/Neutered: Yes

Size: Medium

Declawed: No

Meet Bingo! He's a whopping 19 pounds of tabby cat awesomeness! He was

surrendered when his owner could no longer care for him, and they had lots of good things to say about him. Bingo uses his litter box like a good boy, lived with children (although he mainly avoided them), lived with another cat who he soon became friends with, likes to sit on his people's laps, and is super playful! What more could you ask for?! For more information about Bingo contact the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at 703-830-1100 or by email at <a href="mailto:AnimalShelter@fairfaxcounty.gov">AnimalShelter@fairfaxcounty.gov</a>.