

A message from Kathy Smith

Starting tomorrow, Saturday, November 10 to Saturday, December 8 my office will be a drop-off location for the NOVA Relief Center's Blanket and Coat Drive for refugees. You can donate new or clean gently-used blankets, coats, and other winter items. More information is below.

Beginning this week, I will send out separate "VDOT Traffic Alert" emails on Fridays. These alerts will include upcoming lane closures and traffic changes for the Transform I-66 Outside the Beltway project.

Sincerely,

Katty

Reminders!

Lane's Mill Work Day:

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2018Time: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.Location: Lane's Mill, Centreville, VA 20121

The Historic Sites Volunteer Corps is looking for volunteers to help with a landscape clean-up at Lane's Mill. 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 <u>here</u>.

VDOT Incident Management Open House:

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2018
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Location: VDOT Northern Virginia District Office (4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030)

Meet the team of responders from VDOT, law enforcement, fire and rescue, towing, and more at the Incident Management Open House. Admission is free. An outdoor touch-a-truck exhibit with 50+ pieces of apparatus will feature a simulated crash scene to help the public see an incident from the perspective of first responders who work in the roadway every day. Attendees can watch live demonstrations of patient extrication, towing recovery, drone operations, and tree removal. For more information, and to register, click <u>here</u>.

Public Screening of the Documentary Written Off:

Date: Thursday, November 15, 2018
Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Location: Chantilly Regional Library (4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, VA 20151)

The documentary *Written Off* is challenging conventional thinking about addiction. The hour-long film tells the true story of a young man named Matt whose journals chronicle his 10-year struggle to escape dependency on prescription painkillers. For more information about this event and to register, click <u>here</u>.

Sully Holiday Food Drive



Please place items in the designated box located in the Sully District Station lobby. Any questions? Please email Megan, Hawkins@fairfaxcounty.gov

NOVA Relief Center: Blanket & Coat Drive for Refugees



Date: Saturday, November 10 to Saturday, December 8Location: Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151)

The <u>NOVA Relief Center</u> is holding a blanket and coat drive for refugees starting this Saturday, November 10 to Saturday, December 8.

FAQs:

What kinds of coats and blankets do you accept?

• All sizes and fabrics - for adults and children.

• All items must be clean and new, or in gently-used condition. Please do not donate anything that is dirty, has stains, or excessive wear.

What about other clothing/winter items?

- Sweaters and sweatshirts are welcome, too in clean and excellent condition.
- Gloves, hats, or scarves need to be in new condition only.

Where exactly will these coats and blankets go?

• All coats and blankets will be shipped to three camps in Northern Jordan, on the Syrian border: Mafraq, Jerash, and Irbid.

For more information please visit <u>www.novareliefcenter.org</u>.

Sully District Police Station: Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting



Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Time: 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Sully District Station (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151)

Lt. Brendan Hooke, the supervisor for the Fairfax County Police Department's Computer Forensics Unit, will be discussing digital forensics.

Discussion Topics:

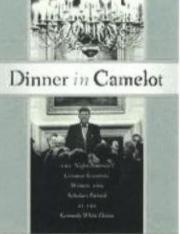
- The capabilities of the Computer Forensics Unit
- The dark net
- Block-chain and crypto currency
- Cyber-security
- Recent scams and cases

For more information, contact CPO Ruck at 703-814-7000.

Meet the Author Event - Joseph Esposito



Paradise Springs Winery 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton, Virginia www.paradisespringswinery.com/Home



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Author Event

Thursday, November 15 • 1:00

Meet Joseph Esposito, author of Dinner in Camelot: the Night America's Greatest Scientists, Writers and Scholars Partied at the Kennedy White House. Bring a friend or meet some new ones in the cozy, rustic atmosphere of Clifton's Paradise Springs Winery. Hosted by Centreville library staff at the winery. Book signing. Adults.

Centreville Regional Library 14200 St. Germain Drive Centreville, VA 20121 703-830-2223



www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library-



Reasonable accommodations will be

A made upon request. Call 703-324-8360 or TTY 703-324-8365.

August 2017

Events at Chantilly Regional Library



StoryWalk

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2018

Time: All Day

Take a Walk, Read a Book, Have an Adventure! Read the children's book posted along the outside walking path, and enjoy a reading experience in nature! All ages.

Karate Power!

Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2018

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

This class is a free introduction to martial arts, offered by the Focus Family Academy, geared towards adults and teens 13 and older. The class will focus on a few powerful strikes and leadership training. Come and try something new!

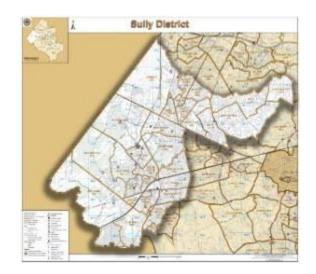
Adventures in Art

Date: Wednesday, November 28, 2018

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

Join us as we explore the exciting world of art through a combination of stories and art projects. Come dressed to get messy. Ages: 4 to 7 with a caregiver.

The <u>Chantilly Regional Library</u> is located at 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, VA 20151. For more information about these events, please contact 703-502-3883, TTY 711 or email <u>libCH@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>.



Sully Land Use Spotlight

Upcoming Meetings:

Planning Commission Meeting -

The Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, November 15, 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 <u>Channel 16</u>. There are no Sully District cases currently on the <u>agenda</u>.

There are no Board of Supervisors meetings scheduled for next week.

Volunteer Opportunity



Volunteers Needed for "Scouting for Food" Drive

Volunteers are needed to help with the annual Boy Scout "Scouting for Food" Drive to benefit Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' Food Pantry. It is set for **Saturday**, **November 10**, at the parking garage at 14280 Park Meadow Drive in Chantilly. Students, families, and other groups are welcome to lend a hand. Strong arms/backs are helpful to lift crates of food and to also be a truck driver helper.

Three hour shifts are available between 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information and to sign up email <u>ScoutingForFood@wfcmva.org</u>.

Food for Fines



During the month of November, the <u>Fairfax County Public Library</u> will be hosting a food drive called "Food for Fines." Customers can donate canned goods and other non-perishable items to reduce or eliminate fines accrued on the individual's account. Food items collected during the drive will be donated to <u>Food for Others</u>, a not-for-profit food pantry and food rescue operation that serves Fairfax County. Each item donated will erase \$1 from a patron's overdue fines up to a maximum of \$15. Customers may also donate to the food drive even if there are no fines accrued.

Fairfax County Animal Shelter Adoption Event



Date: Tuesday, November 13 to Sunday, November 18

Time: Tuesday to Friday: 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Saturday to Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Location: Fairfax County Animal Shelter (4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030)

Are you a fan of the wizarding world of Harry Potter and Newt Scamander? Then do we have an adoption event for you: Fantastic Pets and Where to Find Them! (Hint: At our animal shelter!) Join the animal shelter November 13-18 as they transform the shelter into a magic-filled Pawgworts, and discover adoption discounts from 25%-100% on all pets seven months and older. To view all available pets, click <u>here</u>.

For more information contact the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at 703-830-1100 or by email at AnimalShelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.

What We Can Do to Prevent Pedestrian Crashes & Fatalities



On October 25 and 26, there were two pedestrian fatalities in Fairfax County. So far in 2018, there have been 100 pedestrian crashes and 10 fatalities.

And we're not alone. According to a recent <u>study by the National Highway Traffic</u> <u>Safety Administration</u>, in 2016 there were 5,987 pedestrians killed in traffic crashes in the United States.

What Can Drivers Do?:

- Stop for pedestrians at crosswalks and be careful when passing stopped vehicles.
- Slow down and obey the posted speed limit.
- Yield to pedestrians and bicyclists when turning.
- Look before opening your door.

• Allow three feet when passing bicyclists.

What Can Pedestrians Do?:

- Cross the street at marked crosswalks and intersections.
- Watch for turning vehicles. Before crossing look left, right, then left again.
- Use pedestrian pushbuttons.
- Begin crossing the street on the "walk" signal.
- Stay visible after dark and in bad weather.
- Watch out for trucks & buses backing out of parking spaces and driveways.

Click here to learn about Pedestrian Safety Projects in Your Community.

To read the full article, click here.

Tree Care Spotlight



Rain Gardens at Home

Compared to a lawn area, rain gardens absorb 30 percent more water, preventing runoff, erosion, and flooding which is becoming a problem for many municipalities and their stormwater infrastructure. As forests and farms are replaced by cities and suburbs, runoff from impervious surfaces has increased dramatically and damaged the environment in significant ways.

Rain gardens reduce stormwater runoff and help prevent some of this damage. Every homeowner and business that installs a rain garden will be doing their part to protect: communities from flooding, streams and lakes from pollution, sedimentation and erosion; the water table and underground aquifers; and the beauty of local communities.

Rain gardens are comprised of plants that are good at trapping and slowing water and sediment runoff after rainfall. They also provide valuable habitat for pollinators, birds, and butterflies. In order to be effective, rain gardens must be constructed in a specific way. A rain garden is not a pond and is intended to be dry between rainfalls. Water in rain gardens should quickly soak into the ground.

Some planning is required before a rain garden can be installed. For assistance and more information on rain gardens and their construction, visit the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District website at https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/soil-water-conservation/, or call 703-324-1460, TTY 711.

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Whippy!

Age: 12y Gender: Male Color: Black / Brown Spayed/Neutered: Yes Size: Large

Contrary to his name, Whippy is a laid back, chill kind of guy who loves hanging with his people and giving them kisses and snuggles. He does love his toys and food and isn't too keen on sharing, but he probably feels like he's earned the right to have a few things all to himself. So just give him a little room while he's eating, and all is good! He came to the shelter as a stray, so they don't know much about his past. But as sweet and cuddly as he is, they think he has a very bright future! Wouldn't you like to be part of it? For more information about Whippy, contact the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at 703-830-1100 or by email at <u>AnimalShelter@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>.