

A message from Kathy Smith



This Thursday, November 16, I attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Interstate Batteries store on Brookfield Corporate Drive in Chantilly (pictured above). I was excited to celebrate the opening of their new store in the Sully

District.

This year my office is participating in the Northern Virginia Refugee Blanket & Coat Drive. This drive, which is organized by the NOVA Relief Center, will run from now until Saturday, December 2. New or gently used blankets and coats can be dropped off in the donation box outside of my office. More information is below.

In this newsletter you will find information about an adoption event at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, the I-66 Inside the Beltway dynamically tolled express lanes, how to help someone with an opioid addiction, and much more.

Sincerely,

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2017 Northern VA Refugee Blanket & Coat Drive

Since 2013 Northern Virginia citizens, businesses, local governments, religious groups, and non-profit organizations have come together to collect and donate blankets and coats to assist refugees.

The 2017 drive, being organized by NOVA Relief Center, began on Wednesday, November 1 and will conclude on Saturday, December 2.

For anyone who wishes to contribute may do so by one of two means. New or gently used blankets and coats may be dropped off to one of the **drop-off locations**, including the Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151), and/or a monetary donation may be made specifically for the

drive. All monetary donations will go toward the purchase and distribution of blankets. To make a tax-deductible donation, visit NOVA Relief Center's website at https://secure.piryx.com/donate/r93sDe73/NOVA-Relief-Center-Inc/blanket-coat-drive.

For questions or further information, visit their website at www.NOVAReliefCenter.org.



VDOT: Rigged and Ready for Winter



The Virginia Department of Transportation's resources are in place for when winter arrives in northern Virginia.

Almost \$84.9 million is set aside for snow removal in northern Virginia this winter, and the agency's state and contracted fleet is ready with more than 4,500 pieces of equipment. More than 120,000 tons of salt, 250,000 gallons of brine, and 25,000 tons of sand are on hand and will be restocked regularly through the season.

Those resources will be used to plow and treat 13,585 lane miles across Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William, and Arlington counties (Arlington maintains its own secondary roads). More than 11,000 of those lane miles are secondary and subdivision streets.

Resource Reminders:

Residents are asked to bookmark and keep <u>virginiadot.org/novaemergency</u> on hand for news releases, important messages, frequently asked questions, and links to many other resources, including:

- » @vadotnova on Twitter
- » 511virginia.org for road conditions

- vdotplows.org for neighborhood status and locations of plows
 my.vdot.virginia.gov or 800-FOR-ROAD (367-7623) to report issues

<u>Learn more</u> about northern Virginia's winter resources, operations, what residents can expect during snow and ice.

Sully Land Use Spotlight



Upcoming Land Use Cases:

Board of Supervisors: Tuesday, November 21, 2017

ZMod-Minor Modifications -

This zMod project would streamline the minor modification process as laid out in the Zoning Ordinance. It would enable more situations to be administratively addressed that are a minor topic or change. Additionally, it would enable certain board items to be expedited, via the County Executive, that do not warrant full public hearings. Certain single issue modifications, which do not qualify for the above mechanisms could be processed for public hearing with an accelerated timeframe.

RZ 2016-SU-015 (Old Lee Road, LLC) -

This re-zoning case would enable the construction of a vehicle storage and service facility adjacent to the County Bus facility not far from Westfields High School. The site will be situated off of Old Lee Road and will consist of a 22,900 sq. ft. major/light vehicle service facility. This facility would have 18 service bays and 65 associated parking spaces. A separate, fenced-in portion of the site would allow for the storage of about 325 vehicles on the property.

<u>SE 2017-SU-020 (Milestone Limited Partnership III; Cellco Partnership DBA Verizon Wireless)</u> -

This case would enable the construction of a telecommunications tower on property associated with the NOVEC Pleasant Valley Substation. The larger immediate area features the substation as well as a power transmission corridor featuring several tall transmission towers. This monopole was previously approved for development in 2014, but had to be relocated due to associated developments on the NOVEC site.

PCA 2003-SU-035-03; SE 2017-SU-015 (DD South Retail LC) -

This multi-application case would enable the construction of one of two options (on top of the previously approved option) for the application location. The two new options could be either a fast food restaurant with a drive-thru or a retail/commercial facility (potentially an urgent-care type facility). Previously, a drive-thru financial institution was approved. The application location is situated on the larger Dulles Discovery Retail campus situated between Air and Space Museum Parkway and Historic Sully Way.

PCA 85-S-061-05 (COPT Parkstone, LLC) -

This proffer condition amendment application would enable the construction of two 164,959 square feet office facilities on a parcel of property previously approved for a single office facility off of Conference Center Drive and Parkstone Drive. The larger immediate area is developed as an office park with several office facilities. Existing wetlands south of the proposed facilities and near Braddock Road will be preserved along with the current asphalt trail.

Fairfax County Animal Shelter Adoption Event



Looking for a new friend to share your Thanksgiving leftovers with? Come visit the Fairfax County Animal Shelter on Friday, November 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., for their Black Furday Adoption Event! All adoptions are free thanks to a very generous anonymous couple, who donated to the Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter's fund to support adoption events. The Animal Shelter is located at 4500 West Ox Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030. You can view all available animals online at http://www.petango.com/fairfaxcountyanimalshelter.

College and Career Conference for Students with Disabilities

Future Quest is a free college and career conference held every two years for middle and high school students with disabilities, young adults with disabilities, their families, and professionals who work with them. It is organized by George Mason University and the Northern Virginia Transition Coalition. One of the largest events of its kind in Virginia, Future Quest features more than 40 workshops and 40 exhibits related to successful life after high school.



- » Career Planning
- » College Application Process
- » Career/Technical Schools » Supports and Resources in College

Register » www.futurequestgmu.org

Sponsored by The Northern Virginia Transition Coalition www.novatransition.org and the Virginia Department of Education's Training and Technical Assistance Center at George Mason University



E-ZPass Needed Starting Dec. 4 for New I-66 Express Lanes



Beginning Monday, December 4, dynamic tolling will be in effect along a 9-mile stretch of I-66, from I-495 to U.S. Route 29 in Rosslyn during peak hours – 5:30 to 9:30 a.m. eastbound and from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. westbound, Monday through Friday.

If you are driving alone, you will need to pay a toll with an <u>E-ZPass</u>. If carpooling as HOV-2+, you can travel for free with an <u>E-ZPass Flex</u>. Buses will travel the lanes for free with an E-ZPass Flex or E-ZPass classified as a bus.

The lanes will remain free to all users during the off-peak periods, including weekends.

How It Works:

Dynamic tolls will manage demand for the lanes and keep traffic moving in order to move more people, provide more reliable trips and offer new travel choices. The tolls will change with variances in traffic volumes and speed.

- Electronic signs will display current toll prices at each entry point.
- Drivers will see two pricing signs before committing to take the express lanes.
- Signs will show the prices for up to three destinations. Even if your exit is not displayed, you will be able to get a general idea of the toll to your destination.
- Drivers will lock in their toll price automatically when entering the express lanes.

The revenue from the tolls will be reinvested in the I-66 Corridor to help fund new transit routes and park and ride lots.

How To Get an E-ZPass:

- Visit www.ezpassva.com
- Visit your nearest <u>E-ZPass Service Center</u>
- Call 877-762-7824
- Visit a Connector Store
- Visit one of the following:
 - AAA Mid-Atlantic locations
 - Select Wegmans locations
 - Select Giant Food stores
 - Virgina Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) centers

Alternatives to the Tolls:

For those commuters who are looking for alternate transportation, our county's Department of Transportation offers a few options:

 The <u>Fairfax Connector</u> bus system offers numerous routes throughout the county and the region. Call 703-339-7200, TTY 703-339-1608.

- Fairfax County Commuter Services can help with ridesharing options and planning. Call 703-877-5600, TTY 711.
- Visit a <u>Connector Transit Store</u> to get customized travel planning assistance.

Teaming Up to Benefit Toys For Tots



For the past 13 years Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department has been a partner with the <u>United States Marines Toys for Tots Program</u>. This year, **G & C Express Tire and Auto Service at 14008 Willard Road in Chantilly, VA** will serve as a hub for businesses who want to help collect toys. G&C will also serve as a toy drop off site. If you are a business and want to be a collection site to assist our efforts, please stop by G & C for a box and poster.

The fire stations in Fairfax County will start collecting Toys for Tots on Friday, November 24.

Know Someone Who Needs Help for an Opioid Addiction?



It is in the news every day – people are dying from opioid overdoses. It has been declared a national public health emergency and it is taking lives in our own community. County officials and several county agencies, including the <u>Community Services Board</u> (CSB), are committing substantial resources to end this crisis.

What can you do?:

Read Susan's story below and get information on how you may be able to help prevent another death from opioids. (We are using a pseudonym, rather than her real name, to protect her privacy.)

First, Do You Know What An Opioid Is?:

We hear the term opioids a lot, but do you know what an opioid is?

Here is basic information:

- Often prescribed to relieve pain. Morphine, oxycodone, hydrocodone, tramadol, methadone and fentanyl are all opioids.
- The illegal drug, heroin, is also an opioid.
- · Highly addictive, even lethal, if used improperly.
- Opioids act on the brain and produce an euphoric effect.
- Heroin laced with <u>carfentanil</u> (an opioid tranquilizer used on large animals)
 and <u>fentanyl</u> has appeared in illegal drug markets and is extremely dangerous
 for humans.

Susan's Story:

On a cold October Monday morning at the Government Center, 28-year old Susan bravely shared with a room full of local officials and community members her dark and chilling personal experiences with addiction. She described a tough upbringing that included heavy emotional abuse. "Before I was 21 years old, I was a human trashcan," Susan told the hushed audience.

"I did every drug you can think of; replacing one drug for another. From the age of 13, I was addicted. I started with alcohol and cigarettes; quickly moving on to marijuana, cocaine, PCP, heroin," she recounted. "My mother was the 'fun mom' and we used together. At the time, I thought she was the coolest. We partied hard."

Despite multiple stints in jail and rehab, poor health, knots in her arms and dramatic weight loss (down to 80 pounds), it wasn't until she was homeless that Susan finally decided that she was done with drugs "for good."

Susan says she helped find her path to recovery through the help of people who cared enough to take the time to listen to her and who understood her struggles and how hard it was. "My probation officer, CSB staff with <u>A New Beginning</u> and <u>Crossroads</u>, and so many others helped saved my life; and eventually my mother's life too."

Sadly, hard stories like Susan's are not uncommon in Fairfax County.

I Know Someone Like Susan, How Can I Help?:

- If the situation is immediately life-threatening, call 911. Our Fire and Rescue personnel carry medication that can prevent deaths from opioid overdose.
- If it's after business hours, call CSB Emergency Services at 703-573-5679; available 24/7, every day of the year, including weekends and holidays.
- If you or someone you love needs help to overcome drug dependence, call us during business hours at 703-383-8500. Our staff can help you find appropriate treatment and recovery resources. Youth and adults can also come in person, without prior appointment, to Entry & Referral Services at the CSB's Merrifield Center Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to be screened for services. Youth walk-in evaluations are offered during these times and also until 7 p.m. on Tuesdays. [Learn what happens during an assessment.]

It is Not Just Susan, These Are The Numbers:

In Fairfax County in 2016:

 More than 100 drug-related deaths – more than any other jurisdiction in our state.

- 80 of the deaths were related to opioid overdoses (compared with 60 opioidrelated deaths in 2015).
- EMS workers reported 369 uses of naloxone to reverse opioid overdose.
 (Jan-Sept)

Get Resources and Information

4th Annual Fairfax County Police Department Victim Services Section Holiday Gift Card Drive



HOLIDAY GIFT CARD DRIVE

Fairfax County Police Department Victim Services Section

Help us spread cheer this holiday season by participating in the 4th Annual Holiday Gift Card Drive. As the holidays approach, it's important to stop and reflect on the joy and blessings in our lives while also being aware that there are children in need. As we all know, the holidays are not always joyous for everyone.

In 2017, the Victim Service Section worked over 300 cases involving child victims and witnesses of domestic and sexual violence. Many of these children will not to get to celebrate holidays this year due to the financial burden that comes with being a victim of crime. In the true spirit of the season, we ask you to please join us in brightening the holidays for our courageous children by participating in this drive.

Your generous donation of gift cards will help those families most impacted by crime bring a smile to the faces of their children who have had a tough road due to the violence they have witnessed or been a victim of themselves.

HOW IT WORKS

Now through Friday, December 15, 2017 we are seeking gift cards for our child victims (both young and teenagers) to places like *Giant*, *Safeway*, *Walmart*, *TJ Maxx*, *Target*, *Kohl's*, *local restaurants*, *and clothing stores*. Gift cards, will allow parents to be active participants in purchasing gifts for each child and practical needed items that they would normally go without.

HOW CAN I HELP?

You can drop off or mail gift cards to:

Saly Fayez

Director, Victim Services Section

12099 Government Center Parkway

Fairfax, VA 22035

Thank you in advance for your support! Your generosity will brighten the eyes and hearts of our child victims, will bring so much joy, and most importantly will make an impact this holiday season.

For more information, please contact:

Saly Fayez at 703-246-2465 or saly.fayez@fairfaxcounty.gov

Event at Sully Historic Site



Sully Historic Site is gearing up for the holidays with a variety of events from November to January.

On **Sunday, November 26, 2017**, learn what the holidays used to be like for Sully's enslaved community. Find out how the slaves who once worked at Sully marked the holiday season. This program for participants age five to adult runs from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person.

Sully will host a special exhibit of nutcrackers throughout the holiday season. The exhibit will be on display from **Wednesday**, **November 22 through Monday**, **January 8** and is included with a tour of the 1794 house. No reservations are necessary. Tour hours are 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and the cost is \$7 for adults, \$6 for students, and \$5 for seniors and children.

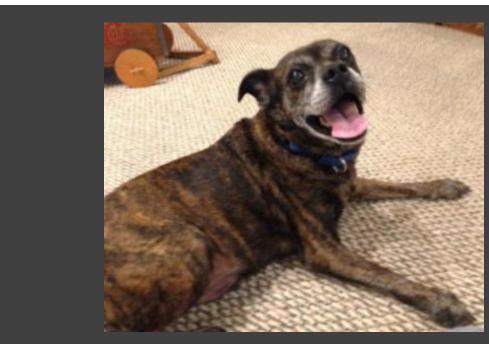
Tour the historic house from **Wednesday**, **November 29 through Friday**, **December 29** and see it decked out in past holiday style. Relive the 1885 holiday

memories of a young Sully visitor seeing the tree decorated in Victorian splendor.

Slave Life at Sully

Sully Historic Site is located at 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly, VA. For more information, call 703-437-1794 or visit <u>Sully Historic Site</u>.

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet BJ!

Age: 9y

Gender: Male **Color:** Brindle

Spayed/Neutered: Yes

Size: Medium

Don't let BJ's grey muzzle fool you! This little guy is always up for some fun, frolic, and adventures. He's been on a couple of outings with the animal shelter's volunteers, and they're in love. Here's what one of them had to say about BJ: "Yesterday I took BJ to Centreville Day for a couple of hours. This little guy was great all around. He was great in the car, great with kids, and great with dogs. He is very energetic and I did not manage to tired him out...but he was willing to be a little love bug when I wanted to sit and chill out. He is very well mannered. He'd be great for anyone who wants a dog who can handle long outings, but who also snuggles when desirable. He does get a little anxious from time to time, but it doesn't affect his good manners. Hoping this sweet boy finds his forever family soon!" Come see this handsome boy today!

For more information, please visit http://www.petango.com/Adopt/Dog-Pug-36763200.

Volunteer Opportunity in Sully



Instructors Needed at the Sully Senior Center

Basic Art Instructor:

The Sully Senior Center is looking for a basic art instructor to teach a class one hour a week, with a focus on charcoal and pencil drawing.

Basic Spanish Instructor:

Basic Spanish Instructor to teach a class to participants once or twice a week for one hour.

Book Club Leader:

The Sully Senior Center is looking for a volunteer to lead participants in a book club once a month for two hours.

Bunko Leader:

The Sully Senior Center is looking for someone to lead Bunko once a month for two hours. The center has all of the supplies.

Location:

14426 Albemarle Point Place Chantilly, VA 20151

Contact:

Volunteer Solutions

703-324-5406

VolunteerSolutions@Fairfaxcounty.gov

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm