

A message from Kathy Smith

Happy Thanksgiving! 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 8. New or gently used blankets and coats can be dropped off in the donation box outside of my office. More information is below in the "Reminders" section.

In this week's newsletter you will find information about a holiday event at the Sully Historic Site, where to properly dispose of American Flags, and much more.

Sincerely,

Katty

Reminders!

VDOT - Fall Transportation Public Meeting:

Date: Wednesday, November 28, 2018
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: NOVA District Office (4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030); Potomac Conference Room

You are invited to participate in a public meeting held by the <u>Commonwealth</u> <u>Transportation Board</u>. The meeting will begin with an open house followed by a public comment period. At the open house you can learn about various transportation initiatives, as well as Virginia's project prioritization process (<u>SMART</u> <u>SCALE</u>), Virginia's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, and the VTrans Multimodal Transportation Plan. Comments will be accepted at the meeting and may also be submitted via email or online at <u>www.CTB.Virginia.gov</u>. Comments will be accepted until **December 13, 2018**.

Fairfax County & Franconia-Springfield Parkways Online Survey:

The <u>Fairfax County Department of Transportation</u> (FCDOT) has launched an <u>online survey</u> requesting feedback from residents on future Fairfax County and Franconia-Springfield Parkways corridor enhancements, part of the Fairfax County & Franconia-Springfield Parkways Alternative Analysis and Long Term Planning Study. The <u>online survey is also available in Spanish</u>. The survey deadline has been extended to **Friday, November 30, 2018**.

Visit the Fairfax County & Franconia-Springfield Parkways website for up-to-date

information about the project.

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. You can drop off coats and blankets of all sizes and fabrics for adults and children. Sweaters and sweatshirts are also welcome. All items must be clean and new or in gently-used condition. For more information please visit <u>www.novareliefcenter.org</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

Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Participating in TOYS FOR TOTS Campaign



The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department is participating in the Annual National Capital Region Fire and EMS Departments' 2018 TOYS FOR TOTS Campaign. The intent of the campaign is to "bring holiday joy and deliver a message of hope to children." Stations will accept donations from now until **Wednesday, December 12, 2018**. Toys will not be accepted after this date.

Children who are served by this campaign include toddlers and youths through age 17. The campaign will only accept new unwrapped toys and you can drop them off at any of the <u>Fire and Rescue Stations</u>. Toys used as weapons or considered to be weapons (i.e., toy guns or knives of any kind) will not be accepted. Check or money orders for donations must be payable to TOYS FOR TOTS.

For more information, click <u>here</u>.

Sully Historic Site: A Visit with Santa

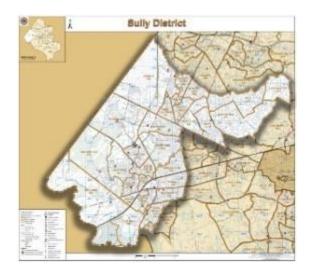


Date: Saturday, November 24, 2018 **Time:** 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Bring your camera to take a picture with Santa in front of a real, open-hearth fire. Make a festive ornament to deck your own halls and see a holiday puppet show. Take a brisk wagon ride (weather permitting). This is an ongoing event; Santa and wagon ride time slots are based on arrival time. Ages: 2 and older. Cost: \$7 per person. All attendees must pay for registration, including accompanying adults. To register, click <u>here</u>.

The Sully Historic Site is located at 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly, VA 20151. For more information about this event call 703-437-1794, TTY 711, or email <u>FCPASully@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>.

Sully Land Use Spotlight



Upcoming Meetings:

Dulles Suburban Center: Land Unit J Task Force Meeting -

The <u>Dulles Suburban Center Land Unit J Task Force</u> will meet on Wednesday, November 28 at 7:00 p.m. at Stone Middle School (5500 Sully Park Drive, Centreville, VA 20120) in the Cafeteria. For more information visit the <u>meetings</u> <u>page</u>.

Planning Commission Meeting -

The Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, November 29 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</u> <u>16</u>. There are no Sully District cases currently on the <u>agenda</u>.

Volunteer Opportunity



Current Volunteer Opportunities with Centreville Immigration Forum:

- Take photographs of worksites and special events (2-4 hours/month)
- Assemble scrapbooks/photo displays (1-3 hours/month)
- Teach English to speakers of other Languages (4-6 hours/month on Wednesday morning, Thursday morning, or Sunday evening)
- Do marketing outreach (2-6 hours/month)
- Plan special events (seasonal)
- Webmaster (3-8 hours/month)
- Spanish/English translators (2 hours/month)

The Centreville Immigration Forum was organized in 2010 with the vision of a community that welcomes all immigrants. To volunteer, contact <u>volunteer@theClFva.org</u> or fill out an <u>online form</u>.

Podcast: Connect with County Leaders - County Executive Bryan Hill



The "Connect with County Leaders" podcast is a monthly opportunity to meet and connect with Fairfax County leaders, to learn about the latest county news and information, and hear more on specific Fairfax County programs and services.

On this very first edition of "Connect with County Leaders," host Jim Person connects with Fairfax County Executive Bryan Hill.

Mr. Hill was appointed county executive on January 2, 2018. He came to Fairfax County from James City County, VA, where he served as administrator and prior to that spent years with Beaufort County, SC as deputy county administrator.

To listen to the podcast, click here.

Where to Properly Dispose of American Flags in Fairfax County



Old Glory sometimes gets old, tattered, and torn.

If you have an American flag like this, you can now properly dispose of it at a few county government locations:

- Government Center When you walk into the lobby of the Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035), you will see a new flag disposal box located near the main information desk. The American Legion will collect flags and conduct a Flag Retirement Ceremony at its site.
- I-66 and I-95 Transfer Stations Flag disposal boxes are now located at the I-66 Transfer Station and I-95 Landfill Complex and are available during residential hours. The American Legion will collect flags and conduct a Flag Retirement Ceremony at its site.

 Police Stations - All Fairfax County Police stations accept American flags and they are collected twice a year by Police Honor Guard for proper disposal.

To read the full article, click here.

Fairfax County Eases the Conversion of Empty Retail Stores to Other Uses



Sears, Toys R Us, Mattress Firm, and Best Buy are among the companies that announced major store closures this year. These retailers make up some of the nearly 5,000 stores to turn off the lights in 2018.

As retailers shutter their brick-and-mortar locations, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors <u>approved changes to the land use plan</u> on October 30, 2018, to make it easier to convert empty storefronts into other uses. The changes offer the flexibility to repurpose these vacant spaces into entertainment venues, doctor's or lawyer's offices, cultural or civic uses like libraries or makerspaces.

The move is part of the county's overall efforts to make land use and <u>zoning</u> regulations more modern and flexible. As the county grapples with about 18 million square feet in empty office space, it adopted land use changes that ease the way for <u>offices in mixed-use areas to be repurposed</u>. In March, similar changes were made for <u>suburban offices</u>.

To read the full article, click here.



Fairfax County Government Agency Spotlight

Fairfax Circuit Court

Location: 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA 22030 Clerk of the Court: John T. Frey Phone #: 703-691-7320, TTY 711 Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Fairfax Circuit Court serves the residents of Fairfax County and Fairfax City. The Fairfax Circuit Court (19th Judicial Circuit) is the trial court of general jurisdiction and is the largest trail court in Virginia, composed of 15 full-time trial judges. It has authority to try a full range of cases, both civil and criminal, jury and non-jury.

Services:

- Jury Duty Information The Jury Department of the Fairfax Circuit Court is located on the fifth floor of the Fairfax County Courthouse at 4110 Chain Bridge Road in Suite 503. The Department is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Phone #: 703-246-2292, TTY 711. Fax #: 703-359-4389. Email: jurymailbox@fairfaxcounty.gov.
- Land Records Information The Land Records Division of the Fairfax Circuit Court is located on the third floor of the Fairfax County Courthouse at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 317. Phone #: 703-691-7320 (press 3, then 3), TTY 711. The Land Records Division accepts documents from property transactions in Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax.
- <u>Marriage Information</u> The Public Service Division of the Fairfax Circuit Court is located on the first floor of the Fairfax County Courthouse at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 116. Phone #: 703-691-7320 (press 3, then 4), TTY 711. Marriage licenses are issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court. There are no residency requirements to obtain a marriage license in Virginia. A couple may go to any circuit court in Virginia to obtain this license. The marriage license is valid for 60 calendar days and the marriage must take place in Virginia.

For more information about the Circuit Court, click here.

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Kit-Kat!

Age: 11y 1m Gender: Male Color: Tan/White Spayed/Neutered: Yes Size: Medium

Meet Kit-Kat! He's as sweet as the sweetest candy bars you picked up at Halloween! He came to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter as a stray and is a friendly, happy dog who loves to play and hang out with his people. He is easy to walk and loves going for walks to explore outside. Don't let his age fool you! This boy still has a lot of pep in his step, and he loves his toys, his food, and his people! Are you looking for a handsome, friendly boy who still enjoys living a dog's life? Come visit Kit-Kat! For more information about Kit-Kat contact the Animal Shelter at 703-830-1100 or by email at <u>AnimalShelter@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>.