



January 3, 2020

A Message from Kathy Smith

Happy New Year! Is your New Year's resolution to become more active in the community? Volunteers in Fairfax County contribute thousands of hours of services annually in more than 30+ program areas and on 85 Boards, Authorities, and Commissions (BACs). If you are interested in serving on a BAC, contact my office for information about available opportunities. You can also find a local volunteer opportunity below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kathy' in a cursive script.

Reminders!

WMATA - Public Feedback on Service Improvements on Blue, Orange & Silver Lines:

Metro recently released [several preliminary concepts](#) to improve reliability, meet future ridership demand, and better serve customers on the Blue, Orange, and Silver lines. The concepts, part of the two-year Blue/Orange/Silver Capacity and Reliability Study (BOS Study), include a range of infrastructure improvements and service alternatives to address both short- and long- term needs. The public is invited to provide input and suggest additional ideas for improvements through an [online survey](#). The survey is available in English and Spanish and will be **open through January 6, 2020**.

For more information about the Blue/Orange/Silver Capacity and Reliability Study, send an email to BOSstudy@wmata.com.

Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC) Public Hearing:

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Wednesday, January 8, 2020

7:30 p.m.

Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035)
in Conference Room 2/3

The Fairfax County [Environmental Quality Advisory Council](#) (EQAC) will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 to share views on the state of the environment and to identify environmental issues of concern applicable to Fairfax County. The purpose of the hearing is to solicit your views and concerns regarding environmental issues. EQAC welcomes written and/or verbal testimony. Please limit verbal testimony to three minutes per speaker. To be placed on the speakers list or for additional information, contact the Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development at 703-324-1380 (TTY 711) or send an email and/or submit written testimony to EQAC@fairfaxcounty.gov. To request reasonable ADA accommodations, call the Department of Planning and Development at 703-324-1380 (TTY 711).

Sully District Station: January CAC Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Sully District Station (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151) in the McDonnell Room

For questions, and more information, contact Officer Ruck at 703-814-7000.



**Sully Station's
January CAC Meeting**

Wednesday, January 8 at 7 p.m.

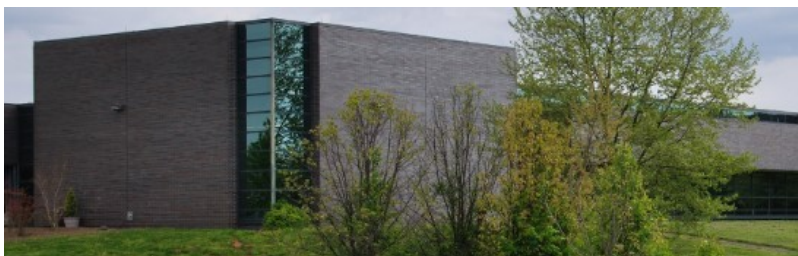
**This Month's Topic is:
Active Violence**



Presentation will discuss:

- Definition of active violence
- Review of active violence incidents in U.S. history
- Discuss options when planning a response
- Police department response
- Stop the Bleed program information

January Events at Chantilly Regional Library



Yule Ball

Saturday, January 4, 2020

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

You are cordially invited to a Yule Ball featuring Harry Potter-themed snacks, crafts, a cosplay contest, and Tonks and the Aurors -- a wizard rock band! Costumes are not required, but encouraged. Grades: 7 to 12.

Preparing for Retirement - Six Strategies to Ensure a Successful Retirement

Thursday, January 9, 2020

7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

This seminar will cover the most important financial considerations and strategies for those approaching retirement and current retirees, including Social Security, retiree health insurance options, how to address rising healthcare costs, long term care, and more. A Q&A session will follow.

Reptile Explorers

Saturday, January 11, 2020

2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Enjoy the thrill of a safari in this interactive reptile adventure. Includes a petting zoo session for everyone to touch and hold the reptiles. A field trip to the zoo - at the library! All ages. [Click here](#) to register.

Human Trafficking Awareness Panel

Saturday, January 18, 2020

3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Join us for a screening of the documentary "The Girl Next Door: The Story of a Human Trafficking Survivor" with a Q&A session following. Learn more about this important issue and discuss ways that you can stay safe. This event is being led by members of the Stepping Stones Club at Oakton High School. Ages: Teens and adults.

Promises, Promises

Monday, January 27, 2020

2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Children's author, Madelyn Rosenberg, talks about the sorts of things we'd like to do to help the world, all year round! Even the smallest deeds have a big impact and make the world a better place, because the world belongs to all of us! Her book, *Take Care*, as well as other books will be available for signing and purchase. Grades: Pre-K to 6.

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The [Chantilly Regional Library](#) is located at 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, VA 20151. For more information about these events contact the library by [email](#), or call 703-502-3883, TTY 711.

Sully District Station: Car Seat Inspection Dates for January 2020



Dates: January 16 & 30, 2020

Time: 5:00 to 8:30 p.m.

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

Come out to get your car seat inspected at Sully District Station! Inspections are done on a first come, first serve basis. Be sure to install the child safety seat yourself, so the inspection can be performed. The seat will be properly re-installed if necessary, and you will learn how to install the seat properly in the future.

For more information, contact the Sully District Police Station at 703-814-7000.

Volunteer Opportunity



[Information Service Support Volunteer](#)
[\(Centreville Regional Library\)](#)

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Looking for an adult volunteer to help with the Youth Services Department. Duties will vary, but may include: preparing Storytime crafts, helping with bulletin boards, spot checking the order of the picture books on the shelves, creating flannel boards, checking a variety of inventory lists, and helping to prepare for programs. Minimum age to volunteer is 18.

Qualifications: Experience using a computer and familiarity with the library's online catalog.

Location: Centreville Regional Library (14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville, VA 20121)

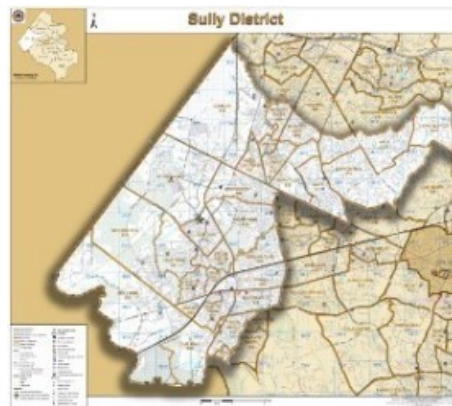
Contact:

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Sully Land Use Spotlight



Upcoming Meetings:

Planning Commission Meeting:

The Planning Commission will meet on **Wednesday, January 8, 2020** 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 broadcast live on [Channel 16](#). There is one Sully District application on the [agenda](#). More information about this case is below.

SE 2019-SU-019/2232-Y19-8 (Milestone Tower Limited Partnership) -

Located on 12.3 acres zoned R-1, WS in the Sully District. The applicant has filed for review by the Planning Commission to determine whether a proposed telecommunications facility satisfies the criteria of location, character, and extent pursuant to [Sect. 15.2-2232](#) of the [Code of Virginia](#) and requests a Special Exception approval to construct and operate a wireless telecommunications facility and associated equipment in a fenced compound area. County staff recommends that the Planning Commission find that the facility proposed under 2232-Y19-18 satisfies the criteria of location, character, and extent as specified in Sect. 15-2-2232 of the [Code of Virginia](#), and therefore is substantially in accord with the provisions of the Comprehensive Plan. County staff also recommends approval of SE 2019-SU-019, subject to the proposed development conditions contained in Appendix 1 of the [Staff Report](#).

Volunteer Fairfax: *Give Together*

Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Everybody can be great, because anybody can serve." On Monday, January 20, 2020 [Volunteer Fairfax](#) will be commemorating Dr. King with their 11th annual family volunteering event *Give Together*. The event will take place at the **Pozez Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia** (8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, VA).



GIVE TOGETHER
MONDAY
JANUARY 20, 2020

Fostering a legacy of **volunteerism** in the generations to come

★ Register Online

VISIT WWW.VOLUNTEERFAIRFAX.ORG.
Click "Events", Click "Give Together"

*Registration REQUIRED,
walk-ins NOT PERMITTED*

Join your elementary school-aged children to work on service projects benefitting our community. Together, you'll create Valentine's cards for youth in foster care, prepare cat adoption kits, assemble snack packs for food insecure children, create fleece lap blankets for veterans and much more.

★ Time

- Shift 1: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Shift 2: 12:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- Shift 3: 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

★ Event Details

This free event in Fairfax County is open to families with children between the ages of 5 and 12 years old. Teens can be involved by registering as a Teen Event Volunteer.



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January Workshops at the Parent Resource Center



Parenting Children with Challenging Behaviors

Friday, January 10, 2020

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Parenting can be difficult, but it is even more stressful when children refuse to follow directions, throw tantrums, and are continuously disruptive. Attend this important session to learn about:

- Reasons for challenging behaviors
- Recognizing and preventing power struggles
- Recognizing and encouraging appropriate behaviors
- Communicating effectively with your child

Presented by Laurie Andrew and Kurt Soderstrom, FCPS Special Education Teachers. [Click here](#) to register. This workshop is for adults only.

Mind in the Making Series

Multiple sessions from January 16 to March 5, 2020

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

At this workshop you will learn the research behind the Seven Essential Life Skills Every Child Needs. Learn strategies for improving these skills, the importance of them in children's lives, and activities to promote these evidence-based executive functioning skills. [Registration](#) includes attendance at all eight sessions. This workshop is for adults only.

Calm Conversations with Your Adolescent

Friday, January 24, 2020

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Join Corinne Coppola, M.A., and Well-Being Professional in this important workshop to learn tools to take yourself off of the emotional roller coaster and engage in ways that are helpful and supportive. This workshop is for adults only. [Click here](#) to register.

All workshops will take place at the Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services (2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, VA 22027) in Room 100. All workshops are **FREE** to parents, educators, and community members.

For more information, call 703-204-3941 or visit: <https://www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-center>. Please call to make a request for ADA accommodations. Interpreters are available with at least two weeks' notice.

Top Books for 2019 in Fairfax County



As we enter 2020, you may be looking for some good reading (or listening) material to kick off the new year. Here is a good place to start – check out this list of the top books for 2019 (as measured by checkouts) provided by our [Fairfax County Public Library](#). Our library’s annual circulation (print and electronic) is more than 11 million, with almost 5 million visits to our [branches](#).

Most Popular Adult Fiction:

1. *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens
2. *The Reckoning* by John Grisham
3. *Kingdom of the Blind* by Louise Penny
4. *Long Road to Mercy* by David Baldacci
5. *Dark Sacred Night* by Michael Connelly

Most Popular Adult Nonfiction:

1. *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover
2. *Becoming* by Michelle Obama
3. *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean
4. *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by J.D. Vance
5. *Fear: Trump in the White House* by Bob Woodward

Most Popular Teen:

1. *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak
2. *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas
3. *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
4. *The Giver* by Lois Lowry
5. *To All the Boys I've Loved Before* by Jenny Han

Most Popular Children:

1. *The Pigeon Needs a Bath!* by Mo Willems

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2. *The Duckling Gets a Cookie!?* by Mo Willems
3. *Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs* by Mo Willems
4. *That is Not a Good Idea!* by Mo Willems
5. *The Day the Crayons Came Home* by Drew Daywalt

To read the full article, [click here](#).

Demographic Reports 2019



The *Demographic Reports* for 2019 are now available [online](#). The reports are a compilation of population, households and housing unit estimates and forecasts; market value estimates; residential development activity estimates; and industrial and commercial gross floor area estimates.

Sully District Demographics 2019:

- Population - 136,448
- Housing Units - 43,992
- Households - 43,837
- Acres - 36,000
- Population per Acre - 3.8
- Housing Unit Inventory - 21,340 single family homes; 0 duplexes; 14,344 townhouses; 1,640 multiplexes; 5,492 multifamily 1-4 stories; 686 multifamily 5-8 stories; 0 multifamily 9+ stories; and 490 mobile homes
- Median Market Value of Owned Housing Units - \$496,036; Increased by 3.5 percent from 2018 (\$479,036)
- Industrial and Commercial Gross Floor Area by General Activity - Industrial: 13,792,273; Office: 18,152,042; Retail: 11,978,894
- Forecasted Population in 2045 - 157,281
- Forecasted Number of Households in 2045 - 50,49

For questions regarding the *Demographic Reports*, contact the Economic, Demographic, and Statistical Research unit within the Fairfax County Department of Management and Budget by email at DMBinfo@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The Green Column



Purple Can Club Participants Makes Glass-to-Glass Recycling Possible

Starting in January 2020, North America's largest glass recycler, Strategic Materials, will begin transporting glass from the county's glass processing plant in Lorton, VA, to one of their recycling facilities. There, the glass will be processed and sold to manufacturers of a wide range of glass products. One such customer is Owens-Illinois, Inc., which produces 3.6 million bottles a day at its bottle manufacturing plants in Danville and Toano, VA.

The quality and volume of clean glass from the [Purple Can Club](#), introduced in April 2019, resulted in the partnership with Strategic Materials, which is taking the glass before it is crushed.

"Fairfax County probably has the highest quality of material we've seen in a drop-off program," said Laura Henneman, vice president of marketing and communications for Strategic Materials. "The trial glass load was about 98 to 99 percent usable glass, which is incredible."

To date, more than three million pounds of clean glass have been collected! Glass collected in Virginia and recycled into glass bottles in Virginia closes the loop on the circular economy. According to Owens-Illinois, Inc. glass-to-glass recycling uses less energy than making bottles from virgin material, reduces carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, and supports hundreds of jobs.

To read the full article, [click here](#).

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Cheetah!

Cheetah always seems to have a slightly-worried expression, which we sorta love? Ok we definitely love it, and him. Cheetah was brought to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter when his owner could no longer care for him. They said he's super nice, easy-going, gets along with other cats and kids and small dogs. (He's just never been around big dogs.) He's got perfect litter box habits and is good about using his scratching post. He likes to meet new people and if he gets overwhelmed, he'll just walk away and find a quiet place to snooze.

Soon after he arrived, shelter staff noticed that he was drinking a lot and peeing a lot. A vet exam and some diagnostics revealed that Cheetah is diabetic, and they have been getting his insulin dosage fine-tuned. He is doing well and on the right track to being regulated. If you are interested in adopting Cheetah, definitely talk to your vet and see if his care is something you will be able to do, both physically and financially. He's a good, chill cat who will do great and be a real joy for his adopters!

For more information about Cheetah, contact the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at 703-830-1100 or send an email to AnimalShelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.