

A message from Kathy Smith



Starting this week all Fairfax County Police Stations, including the Sully District Station, have permanent Drug Take Back boxes. Bring your unused or expired medications to the Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151) for a safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of drugs.

Accepted items include: prescription medications, prescription ointments, over-thecounter medications, and medications for pets. Prohibited items include: needles, liquids of any kind, illegal drugs, medications from businesses or clinics, nonprescription ointments and lotions, aerosol cans, and inhalers.

Sincerely,

Katty

Assistance for Individuals & Families Affected by the Federal Government Shutdown

We are aware that the effects of a prolonged federal government shutdown may be having an impact on the lives of many families living in Fairfax County. We are here to assist those families during this time.

Fairfax County services have not yet been impacted by the shutdown, and our Health and Human Services agencies are continuing to operate as normal to connect families and individuals to county and community-based resources to assist them in meeting their needs (including food, utility, and rent assistance).

We invite those in need to please contact <u>Coordinated Services Planning</u> at 703-222-0880, TTY 711, for assistance. Staff will help connect you to resources that can aid you during this time.

Support from Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS):

- Breakfast and lunch will be provided to all students regardless of ability to pay or temporary financial circumstances. Unpaid balances will be allowed to accrue during this time.
- FCPS will hold a hiring event for furloughed federal employees interested in substitute teaching positions on Tuesday, January 15 from 2:00 to 4:30
 p.m. at the FCPS Administration Center (8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church, VA 22042). Individuals interested in attending this even should complete the Eventbrite registration. The initial event, scheduled for Friday, January 11, is at capacity.

Public Information Meeting on Public Safety Unmanned Aircraft Systems



Date: Thursday, January 24, 2019
Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Location: Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151) in the McDonnell Room

Fairfax County is developing a comprehensive Public Safety Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) program and would like to hear from our residents on what they think.

Each public information meeting will include a static display of unmanned aircrafts followed by a presentation outlining the program. After the presentation, there will be an opportunity to ask questions from representatives from the Office of Emergency Management, County Attorney's Office, Police, and the Fire and Rescue Department. The formal presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Please send your feedback or questions to <u>uas@fairfaxcounty.gov</u> or through the link located on the <u>UAS webpage</u>. Written comments on the draft program must be received by close of business on February 8, 2019 to be included in the official public record.

For more information about the UAS program, click here.



Events at Chantilly Regional Library

Retirement Savings Seminar

Date: Saturday, January 12

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Join Doug Hellauer of Edward Jones Investments for a free presentation about how you can meet your retirement savings goals. Learn about the most common investment mistakes and how to avoid them, investing strategies to help you meet your long term goals, and what you can do now to prepare for retirement. Ages: Adults.

World Wildlife Fund Wee Wildlife Warriors

Date: Sunday, January 13

Time: 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Join Ms. Alison, a Panda Ambassador with the World Wildlife Fund, for a program about wildlife conservation for preschoolers. There will be a musical story time and animal yoga! Ages: 3 to 5 with a Caregiver.

Winter's Nature Photography Hotspots

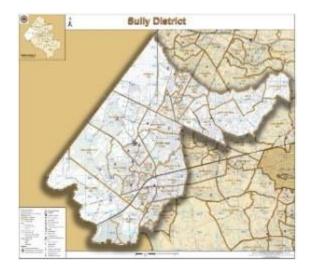
Date: Tuesday, January 15
Time: 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
When and where in the mid-Atlantic to find close-up wildlife from January to March. Winter is a surprisingly good time to get great nature photographs.
Come and join author and wildlife photographer Barbara Saffir to learn more about this free talk. Ages: Adults.

College Saving Seminar

Date: Thursday, January 17 Time: 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Join Doug Hellauer of Edward Jones Investments for a free presentation about how to save for college. Learn questions to consider as you establish a college savings goal, savings strategies to help you reach your goal, and features and benefits of various education savings plans. Ages: Adults.

The <u>Chantilly Regional Library</u> is located at 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, VA 20151. For more information about these events, 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 Wednesday, January 16, 2019 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 <u>Channel 16</u>. Meetings are also recorded on videotapes and audiocassettes, both of which are available for review at the Planning Commission office, by appointment. There is one Sully case on the <u>agenda</u>. More information is below.

PAG Chantilly P1, LLC (RZ 2018-SU-016/SE 2018-SU-011) -

The applicant is requesting a rezoning of the subject property from the I-5 district to the C-8 district to allow two Special Exceptions permitting the construction of an automobile dealership and a waiver of minimum lot size requirements to reduce lot width along Route 50 from 200 feet to 198 feet. Staff recommends approval. For more information on this application, click <u>here</u>.

Volunteer Opportunity



Grocery Shoppers

Help get groceries for an isolated older person or person with disabilities! Drivers are needed to take them, or to go on their behalf. Alternatively, you can also help someone set up an online grocery store delivery/pick-up order, and do the pick-up if necessary. There are various options to make a big difference! The timeframe is flexible, approximately two hours/every other week.

Minimum Age to Volunteer: 18

Location: Opportunities available throughout Fairfax County

Contact: Volunteer Solutions 703-324-5406 volunteersolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov

Park Authority Seeking Public Comment on Proposed Fee Adjustments



Date: Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Herrity Building (12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035) in Room 106

The <u>Fairfax County Park Authority</u> has scheduled its annual public comment meeting on the agency's proposed fee adjustments. The public is invited to share their perspectives on the proposals with the Park Authority's Board either at the meeting, via correspondence, or by email. Information outlining all proposed fee changes is available for review on the <u>Fee</u> <u>Meeting</u> webpage.

The 30-day public comment period began on Thursday, January 3, 2019. Mail and email comments must be received no later than **Friday, February 1, 2019**. Feedback will be accepted via email at <u>Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>, or you may send your written comments to: Attention Public Information Office/Fee Comments, Fairfax County Park Authority, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 927, Fairfax, VA 22035.

The public meeting agenda includes a brief presentation on the fee process followed by an opportunity for public comment. If you wish to sign up to speak in advance, please contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662. You do not need to register in advance to speak. Individuals may speak for three minutes and organizations will be allotted five minutes. Each organization may have one five-minute speaker.

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

New Express Service from Vienna Metro Station to the Pentagon Set to Launch January 22



Beginning January 22, 2019, Fairfax Connector's newest express <u>Route 698</u> will provide non-stop service from the <u>Vienna Metrorail Station</u> to the Pentagon.

Things to Know for a Smooth Commute:

- Regular express fare per ride is \$4.25; older adults and people with disabilities pay \$2.10. You can pay by <u>SmarTrip</u> card or cash.
- Route 698 will offer 10 rush-hour trips in the morning and in the afternoon. The average ride time is 35 minutes.
 - Morning service with regular departures from the Vienna Metro begins at 5:40 a.m. with the last departure at 8:22 a.m.
 - Afternoon service with regular departures begins at 3:30 p.m. from the Pentagon and the last departure will be at 6:10 p.m.
- Park **FREE** and begin your commute for \$1 on select Fairfax
 <u>Connector bus routes</u> serving the Vienna Metrorail Station. Park you car at the park and ride locations below, catch a bus to the Vienna Metrorail Station and ride Route 698 to the Pentagon.
 - <u>AMF Centreville Lanes</u> (Route <u>630</u> and <u>641</u>)
 - o <u>Centreville Stone Road</u> (Routes <u>640</u>, <u>642</u>, <u>644</u>)
 - <u>Centreville United Methodist Church (Routes 630 and 641)</u>
 - Fairfax County Government Center (Routes 621 and 623)
 - <u>Greenbriar Park</u> (Routes <u>632</u> and <u>640</u>)
 - Poplar Tree Park (Routes <u>632</u> and <u>640</u>)
 - <u>Stringfellow Road</u> (Routes <u>631</u> and <u>632</u>)
 - <u>Sully Station</u> (Routes <u>640</u> and <u>642</u>)
 - Have an emergency? Sign-up for <u>Guaranteed Ride Home</u>.

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

Mini-grants Available for Youth-led Anti-Stigma Initiatives



The <u>Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board</u> (CSB) is once again offering mini-grants for youth-led projects to reduce stigma among their peers, using funds from a suicide prevention grant from the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

These mini-grants will fund youth-planned, youth-led projects within Fairfax County, Fairfax City, and Falls Church City.

Proposals are due February 1, 2019. Review the <u>Request for Proposals</u> to find out how to apply, and email <u>csbprevention@fairfaxcounty.gov</u> with questions.

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

Home Security Reminders



There has been at least 13 residential burglaries that have occurred in the McLean, Reston, and Fair Oaks police districts over the last two months. Please be on the lookout for suspicious people, cars, and noises. Do not hesitate to call the non-emergency number, **703-691-2131**, to report suspicious activity or 911 for an emergency.

The following are crime prevention tips that the Fairfax County Police Department recommend:

- Keep all doors and windows closed and locked.
- Secure sliding glass doors by placing a metal rod or a wooden dowel rod in the track.
- Lock the door to an attached garage.
- Make your residence appear occupied, even when no one is home, to help deter criminals.
- Keep the perimeter of your home well lit.
- Have a trusted neighbor collect mail and newspapers while you are away.
- Keep landscaping trimmed away from entrances and walkways.

- Organize or join a Neighborhood Watch program.
- Get a free home security check from a Crime Prevention Officer.
- Keep an inventory of your property.
- Store ladders, tools, and any other outside objects in a locked shed or garage.
- Make sure the home's address is visible for police, firefighters, and paramedics.

The Green Column



Organize a Community Cleanup!

The <u>Clean Fairfax Council</u>'s Community Clean Up Program supports county-wide cleanups by individuals, groups, schools, churches, and businesses.

To plan a cleanup, pick a day, gather a few volunteers, select a site, and let the Council know of your plans. They will send you supplies on a first come, first serve basis. These supplies include 30 gallon trash bags, clear bags for recyclables (upon request), safety vests (upon request), safety tips, and any other supplies that they might have to support the cleanup. **All items are free of charge.** Once your order has been filled, the supplies will be sent to the district office nearest to you or directly to a public school. For Sully District residents, the pick-up site is the Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151). Please give the Council 10 business days to get your supplies to you.

For more information about this program, click here.

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Whippy!

Age: 12y 2m 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 out 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 - he's 12 years old, after all! Whippy needs a home that doesn't have a lot of stairs in it, and he'd really like a home with no small kids in it either. He's an old guy and just needs an easy, relaxing life. He came to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter as a stray, so they don't know much about his past. But as sweet and calm as he is, they think he has a very bright future! For more information about Whippy contact the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at 703-830-1100 or email AnimalShelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.