



A message from Kathy Smith

As we enter day 35 of the federal government shutdown, Fairfax County will continue to provide assistance to individuals and families to get them through this difficult time. [Western Fairfax Christian Ministries](#) (WFCM) will be open to all Fairfax County residents from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on the following two Wednesdays, January 30 and February 6, 2019 for any employee or contractor affected by the government shutdown. They will distribute pre-bagged food for families which include shelf-stable items. If possible, and while supplies last, they will also include fresh meat, milk, cheese, and produce. A limited amount of gas gift cards will be available. Proof of Fairfax County residency and financial impact is required. For more information, call WFCM at 703-988-9656. WFCM is located at 4511 Daly Drive, Suite J, Chantilly, VA 20151. Read below for more information about other resources available to individuals and families affected by the shutdown.

Sincerely,

Kathy

Update: Assistance for Individuals & Families Affected by the Federal Government Shutdown



*Updated information is highlighted in yellow.

Thousands of federal workers, contractors, vendors, and service providers in our county are being impacted by the partial federal shutdown. It can be frightening and stressful to be without a paycheck and unsure of when you will go back to work. Whether it is food, financial assistance, or other needs, we can provide you with the resources to get you and your family through this difficult time.

Want to help your neighbors in need? [Watch this video](#).

How to Get Help:

- We invite those in need to please contact [Coordinated Services Planning](#) at 703-222-0880, TTY 711, for assistance. Staff will help connect you to resources that can aid you during this time.

- **Assistance with Child Care:**
 - **Child Care Assistance and Referral Program (CCAR)** - Families participating in the CCAR program have signed on with a 12-month eligibility. During this period, if you find yourself without income you can request that your child care co-payment be lowered. CCAR staff are available to speak with families to discuss their ongoing child care needs. Call 703-449-8484 or email DFSccarinfo@fairfaxcounty.gov to seek information and help.
 - **School Age Child Care (SACC)** - Families impacted by the federal government shutdown may continue to use services and apply for a reduced fee and/or develop a payment plan as needed. Alternatively, families may request to be placed in a temporary inactive status, which allows the family to discontinue services temporarily while maintain their child's enrollment space in SACC. Call 703-449-8989 or email saccregistration@fairfaxcounty.gov to discuss ongoing needs for before and after school child care with SACC staff.
- **Free Connector Bus Rides:** Beginning Thursday, January 17, 2019, Fairfax Connector will provide free rides [system-wide](#) for federal government employees affected by the government shutdown who are still required to report for work.
 - **You must show your federal photo ID to the bus operator when boarding to ride free.**
 - By showing your federal photo ID, trips taken on [all Fairfax Connector bus routes](#) are free, including express routes to and from the Pentagon and Downtown D.C.
- **Pet Supplies:** The Fairfax County [Animal Shelter](#) has pet food and limited other pet supplies available for furloughed federal employees. The supplies are available during shelter business hours and no appointment is needed. For more information, call 703-830-1100 or email animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.

- **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.
- **Unemployment Benefits:** Federal government employees who have been separated from their job due to the shutdown and have questions about unemployment benefits should contact the [Virginia Employment Commission](#) at 866-832-2263.
- **Northern Virginia Community College:** NOVA's Workforce and Economic Development Office is offering a free (non-credit) class to furloughed federal employees and contractors. Employees can choose from select Business & Management, IT & Computer Skills, and Professional Development classes. Some of the classes have prerequisites and proof of federal employment is required. Call 703-878-5770 for more information.
- **SNAP (food stamps):** Recipients will receive their February food benefits in January. No benefits will be issued in February. SNAP recipients are encouraged to carefully plan their shopping accordingly. Contact the Fairfax County Department of Family Services at 703-324-7500 with questions.

Two Ways to Help Our Neighbors in Need:

1. The county's [Stuff the Bus events](#) begin on Saturday, January 19. Bring your food and cash donations and help us support our local nonprofit food pantries as they work to provide assistance for individuals and families in need.
2. We encourage you to contact our local nonprofits for information on providing donations. If you need assistance locating a nonprofit, we have a [Human Services Guide](#) with descriptions and contact information. A simple search will help you find a nonprofit near you!

Consumer Affairs Resources:

Our [Consumer Affairs](#) office has compiled some tips and information if you need assistance with: tenant-land issues, mortgages, credit cards, credit bureaus, donating to charities, and paying your phone and utility bills. Click [here](#) to view tips and resources.

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

Shaping the Future Together: Fairfax County Launches Strategic Planning Effort



What does the future of Fairfax County look like?

Fairfax County Government is beginning a strategic planning process with the community to shape the future together. Our goal is to hear all voices and reach all segments of our community.

What are hopes and aspirations for the future of our community? What challenges do we face and what priorities must we address first?

This effort will span most of 2019, but in this first phase, the community is being asked to:

1. [Take a short five-question online survey](#)
2. Consider joining a [community conversation](#) in person between February 13 and March 6
3. Share the survey and conversation invitation with neighbors, co-workers, and county family and friends

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

Announcing the Opening of the Housing Choice Voucher Waitlist



**HOUSING WAITLIST
OPENING**

Fairfax County
Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)

APPLY ONLINE ANYTIME

JAN 29, 2019 THROUGH FEB 4, 2019

Fairfax County will begin accepting pre-applications for the HCV Waitlist from **Tuesday, January 29, 2019 8:00 a.m. EST through Monday, February 4, 2019 11:59 p.m. EST.**



Use any internet connected device to apply online!



GO TO: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/housing/waitlist
Click on **"APPLY HERE"** Button

SUBMIT: Register online, select the HCV Waitlist and submit the pre-application. You may apply **ANYTIME** during this time period for an equal chance to be placed on the wait-list.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I APPLY?

A computer generated random selection will be run and 2000 applicants will be placed on the waitlist. You will be notified by email whether you are selected or not.

WHERE CAN I GO FOR MORE INFORMATION?

For more information, please visit our website at:
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/housing/waitlist



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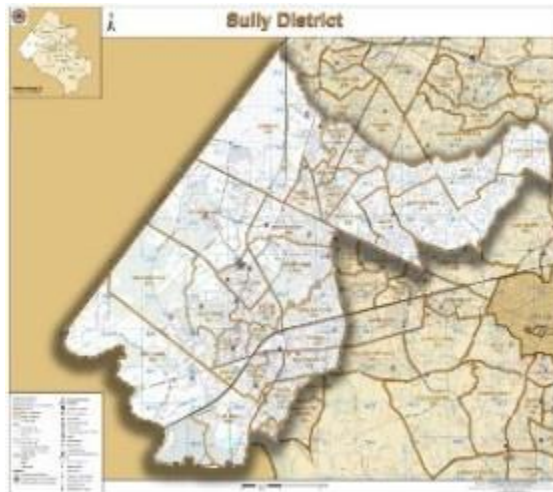
Fairfax County is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in all County programs, services and activities and will provide reasonable accommodations upon request. Please call 703.246.5101 or TTY 711. Please allow 48 hours in order to make arrangements.

Changes to SACC Opening Hours When Schools Are Delayed for Inclement Weather



Starting January 7, 2019, on days when **Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS)** announces a **two-hour delayed opening**, [School Age Child Care](#) (SACC) centers **will open at 8:00 a.m.** for children enrolled in the Before School session. The one-hour delayed opening of SACC is to provide additional time for road conditions to improve and be adequately assessed, and parking lots and sidewalks to be cleared as needed. For more information about this new policy, please contact SACC at 703-449-1414, TTY 711 or email DFSCChildCareCentral@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Sully Land Use Spotlight



Upcoming Meetings:

Planning Commission Meeting -

The Planning Commission will meet on **Wednesday, January 30, 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 [Channel 16](#). 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 [agenda](#). More information is below.

FDPA 2006-SU-007-03 (DPWES, Capital Facilities, Building Design Branch) -

The applicant seeks approval of a Final Development Plan Amendment and 2232 review to permit site modifications to construct a public facility (Sully Community

Center). Staff recommends approval of FDPA 2006-SU-007-03 subject to the execution of the proffers consisted with those found in Appendix 1 of the [Staff Report](#).

Planning Commission Meeting -

The Planning Commission will meet on **Thursday, January 31, 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 [Channel 16](#). Meetings are also recorded on videotapes and audiocassettes, both of which are available for review at the Planning Commission office, by appointment. There are no Sully District cases on the [agenda](#).

Volunteer Opportunity



[Be a Mentor](#)

January is National Mentoring Month, and Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) needs adult mentors for students at all levels. FCPS provides training and guidance.

MentorWorks is the school-based mentoring program in FCPS with a mission to connect every student to a caring, responsible adult.

Mentoring occurs at the students' school site during the school day. Typically, mentors meet with students every week for 30 minutes. MentorWorks asks that mentors make a one-year commitment to mentoring a student.

Register for a mentoring training session via the [Mentoring Onboarding Process form](#). For more information, please contact Martha Macdonald, Conflict Resolution and Mentoring Specialist, at 571-423-4273. A FCPS background screening is required.

Centreville Labor Resource Center Seeks Licensed Contractors



**Centreville
Immigration
Forum**

The Centreville Labor Resource Center (CLRC) is looking for licensed contractors

who can teach various skills training classes. Immediate need is for framing, and door and window installation instructions for a building project at the center. Other skills such as electricity, plumbing, and tile installation are needed for future skills training classes.

If you are a contractor looking for extra money, or a furloughed employee currently without a paycheck, please email s.zaboli@thecifva.org for more information.

Spanish is a plus, but not required.

The CLRC is a division of the [Centreville Immigration Forum](#). The Labor Center is a safe space where employer and employees meet to agree on terms and prices for temporary work. They also provide language and skills training classes for members while they wait for work. These classes are mostly practical presentations and demonstrations that allow for hands-on experience and practice.

Metro Seeks Public Input on FY2020 Budget Proposal



Metro is inviting the public to comment on its proposed Fiscal Year 2020 budget, which is committed to delivering better service and value to riders while controlling costs and identifying efficiencies.

Customers may provide feedback online, in person, or by mail through 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 5, 2019:

- [Take the online survey and provide comments](#)
- Attend an open house and public hearing at one of the following locations*:
 - **Tuesday, January 29, 2019:** Metro Headquarters Building (600 5th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001); **Open House at 5:30 p.m.;**
Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.
 - **Wednesday, January 30, 2019:** The Durant Arts Center (1605 Cameron Street, Alexandria, VA 22314); **Open House at 6:00 p.m.;**
Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m.
 - **Thursday, January 31, 2019:** Greenbelt Library (11 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770); **Open House at 6:00 p.m.;** **Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m.**
 - Submit written comments by mail to: Office of the Board Secretary; Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; 600 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001

*Note that the Open House/Public Hearing dates may change due to weather. Check the [website](#) for any schedule changes. Speak registration will be on-site only.

For more information, click [here](#).

Make Bath Time a Safe Time for Your Child!



January is National Bath Safety Awareness Month. After pools, bathtubs are the second leading location where young children drown according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury death in children ages 1-14 in the United States according to the World Health Organization.

Here are some drowning prevention safety tips from the Consumer Product Safety Commission:

- Never leave young children alone near any water, tub, or basin with fluid. Young children can drown in even small amounts of liquid.
- Always keeps a young child within arm's reach in a bathtub. If you must leave, take the child with you.
- Don't leave a baby or young child in a bathtub under the care of another child.

- Never leave a bucket containing even a small amount of liquid unattended. Toddlers are top heavy and they can fall headfirst into buckets and drown. After using a bucket, always empty and store it where young children cannot reach it. Don't leave buckets outside where they can collect rainwater.
- Consider placing locks on toilet seat covers in case a young child wanders into the bathroom.
- Learn CPR. It can be a lifesaver when seconds count.

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

Signs & Symptoms of Hypothermia and Frostbite



It is COLD out there! Please dress appropriately and avoid prolonged exposure to the cold. Not dressing appropriately and staying outside too long in cold temperatures could lead to serious cold related illness and injury such as Hypothermia or Frostbite.

Signs and Symptoms of Hypothermia:

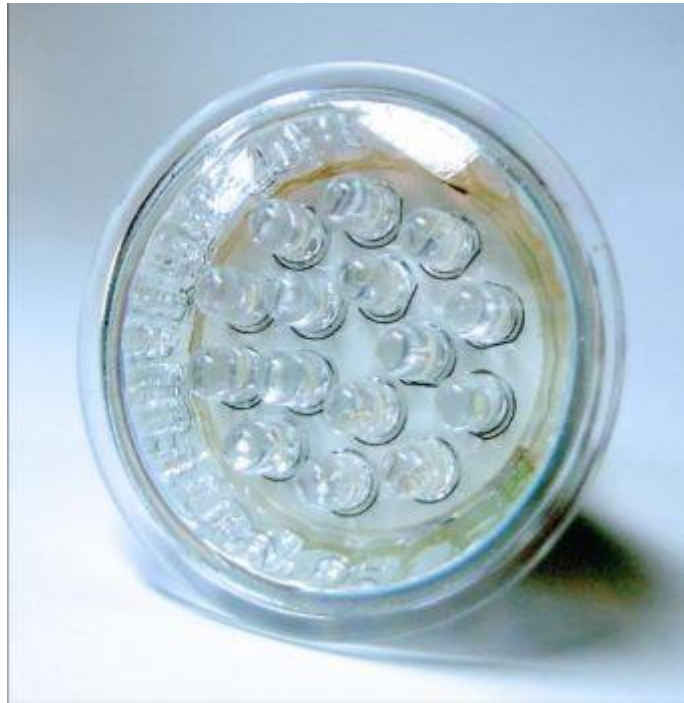
- **Early symptoms:** shivering, fatigue, loss of coordination, confusion, and disorientation
- **Late symptoms:** no shivering, blue skin, dilated pupils, slowed pulse and breathing, and loss of consciousness
- **First Aid:**
 - Request immediate medical assistance.
 - Move the victim into a warm room or shelter.
 - Remove wet clothing.
 - Warm the center of their body first.
 - If conscious, warm beverages may help increase body temperature.
 - Once temperature has increased keep them dry and wrapped in a warm blanket, including the head and neck.
 - If no pulse, begin CPR.

Signs and Symptoms of Frostbite:

- **Symptoms:** reduced blood flow to hands and feet, numbness, aching, tingling or stinging, and bluish or pale, waxy skin.
- **First Aid:**
 - Get into a warm room as soon as possible.
 - Unless necessary, do not walk on frostbitten feet or toes. Immerse the affected area in warm (not hot) water, or warm the affected area using body heat.
 - Do not massage the frostbitten area.

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

The Green Column



LED Bulbs Now Accepted at Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites

Light-emitting diode (LED) bulbs are not accepted in curbside recycling bins; however, Fairfax County residents may bring LEDs to the county's two household hazardous waste drop-off areas for recycling. The drop-off areas are located at the [I-66 transfer station](#) in Fairfax and the [I-95 landfill complex](#) in Lorton. LEDs are accepted free of charge.

LEDs have become the bulb of choice because they are more efficient than incandescent bulbs, but they often contain hazardous substances such as lead, nickel, silver, copper, and arsenic. Unlike compact fluorescent bulbs which contain

mercury, LEDs may be discarded as municipal solid waste, or regular trash. This new recycling option exceeds current federal and state regulatory statutes for the disposal of LEDs.

Household Hazardous Waste Hours:

- **I-66 Transfer Station** (4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA): Monday-Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **I-95 Transfer Complex** (9850 Furnace Road, Lorton, VA): Monday-Sunday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information, click [here](#).

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Charlie!

Age: 5y 3m

Gender: Male

Color: Brown / White

Spayed/Neutered: Yes

Size: Medium

Meet Charlie! This boy is all hound, from his handsome face and floppy ears to his bellowing bark! When Charlie came to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter from one of their rescue partners, he had an old injury to his rear leg that was making him lame. The shelter sent him off to their vet for surgery and he's recovered and ready to go. Charlie is a big, friendly dog who loves getting and giving attention and is super curious - always sniffing, always exploring, always following his nose. He doesn't like to share his food or treats, so adopters should be ready to work with him on his guarding tendencies. He wants to try really hard to learn all the things though!! For more information about Charlie, please contact the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at 703-830-1100 or by email at animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.
