

February 14, 2020

A Message from Kathy Smith

This coming Tuesday, February 18, 2020, the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) will hold a community input meeting on proposed Fairfax Connector service changes. The proposed service changes include a new express Route 697, which will provide service between the Stringfellow Park & Ride and D Street, SW near L'Enfant Plaza. More information about this meeting, and the proposed changes are below.

Save the date! The 2020 Paving and Restriping Program public meeting for the Sully District will be held on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sully Governmental Center. This program improves hundreds of miles of roads in Fairfax County every year. The list of proposed streets to be paved, restriping plans, and safety information will be available on the project page closer to the meeting date. More information is below.

All Fairfax Government offices will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2020 in honor of George Washington's birthday/President's Day. My office will reopen on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

Sincerely,

Kally

Reminders!

Comment on the Route 50 Safety and Operational Improvements Study (STARS):

This study is assessing potential safety and operational improvements for nearly two miles of Route 50 between Route 28 and Stringfellow Road. A public information meeting was held on January 30, 2020. If you were unable to attend, you may still submit comments via an <u>online survey</u> or by <u>mail</u> through **Tuesday, February 18, 2020**. For more information about the study, <u>click here</u>.

Rocks with Cops 2.1:
Saturday, February 15, 2020

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

Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151) in the Community Rooms

Reserve your spot ASAP as there will only be 200 slots. All ages are welcome at this "Kindness Rock" event. Join us on Saturday, February 15, 2020, at the Sully District Station (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151) to paint rocks with Cops! Come by anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. We will have rocks & supplies but please feel free to bring your own as well. Make sure to RSVP so we can ensure we have enough rocks! Click here to register.

Coats for Kids - CSB Coat Drive:

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB) Youth & Family Outpatient staff are holding a coat drive to benefit CSB clients and the community. Bring new or gently used coats, hats, scarves, and gloves to CSB's Chantilly Office (14150 Parkeast Circle, Suite 200, Chantilly, VA 20151) now through February 28, 2020. For more information, click here.

Comment on the Braddock Road and Old Lee Road Study in Chantilly:

The study is assessing potential improvements at two locations along Braddock Road in Chantilly.

Concepts being studied include:

- Enhancements at the Braddock Road and Old Lee Road intersection, including turn lanes and potential innovative intersection improvements.
- Realignment of the S-curve on Braddock Road between Pleasant Valley and Old Lee roads.

Send comments to VDOT by Friday, March 6, 2020. Email them to meetingcomments@vdot.virginia.gov or mail comments to Mr. Andrew Beacher, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.

For more information about the study, click here.

Important Dates for the March 3, 2020 Democratic Presidential Primary Election:

- Now until Saturday, February 29, 2020 Absentee voting begins.
- Now until Saturday, February 29, 2020 In-person absentee voting is available at the Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035) in Conference Rooms 2/3. <u>Click here</u> to view voting hours.
- Monday, February 10, 2020 Voter registration deadline. In-person/by mail: 5:00 p.m.; online: 11:59 p.m. (This deadline has passed.)
- Saturday, February 22, 2020 In-person absentee satellite locations open, including the <u>Sully Governmental Center</u> (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151)
- Tuesday, February 25, 2020 Deadline to apply to receive an Absentee Ballot by mail, fax, and online: 5:00 p.m.

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- Saturday, February 29, 2020 Deadline for in-person absentee voting: 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 3, 2020 2020 Democratic Party Presidential Primary Election Day. Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. On Election Day you vote at your polling place. Absentee Ballot return deadline: 7:00 p.m.

For more information about the 2020 Democratic Presidential Primary Election, click here.

Save the Date! Sully District Budget Town Hall



Sully District Town Hall to discuss the Fairfax County FY 2021 Budget





From left to right: Supervisor Kathy Smith and School Board Member Stella Pekarsky

Wednesday, March 4, 2020 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Please join Sully District Supervisor Kathy Smith, School Board Member Stella Pekarsky, The Sully District Council, and Budget Staff from Fairfax County and Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) to discuss the FY 2021 budgets for FCPS and Fairfax County.

Location:

Sully Governmental Center McDonnell Room 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard Chantilly, VA 20151 For more information, contact: Email: sully@fairfaxcounty.gov Phone: 703-814-7100

This event is co-sponsored by Supervisor Kathy Smith, School Board Representative Stella Pekarsky, and the Sully District Council.

Save the Date! 2020 Paving & Restriping Program Public Meeting



Monday, March 2, 2020 7:00 p.m. Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151) in the McDonnell Room

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)'s Northern Virginia Paving Program improves hundreds of miles of roads in Fairfax County every year. VDOT and the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) use this program as an opportunity to increase driver, bicyclist, and pedestrian safety with road and crosswalk improvements while minimizing the financial investment in restriping work.

The community is invited to provide feedback by attending a public meeting, or by submitting comments online. The deadline for public comments is Monday, March 16, 2020 for the Sully District meeting.

Comments on proposed striping modifications can be submitted electronically to FCDOT; forms will be available with a list of proposed projects for all districts prior to every public meeting. Check the <u>project pages</u>, which will list proposed streets to be paved, restriping plans, and safety information.

Paving-related comments should be submitted through the <u>myVDOT portal</u>. Unfortunately, no additional roads can be added to the preliminary 2020 paving schedule at this point. If you would like to request road repairs, follow the "I need a road repaired" link on the VDOT portal or call 1-800-367-7623.

For more information about the 2020 Paving and Restriping Program, click here.

Public Input Sought on Fairfax Connector May 2020 Service Changes



Tuesday, February 18, 2020 7:00 p.m. Eagle View Elementary School (4500 Dixie Hill Road, Fairfax, VA) in the Cafeteria

<u>Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT)</u> will hold a community input meeting on <u>Fairfax Connector</u> proposed service changes that aim to enhance service for customers. The meeting will be held **Tuesday**, February 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria at Eagle View Elementary School, 4500 Dixie Hill Road in Fairfax. Transit access: Fairfax Connector <u>605</u>, <u>621</u> and <u>623</u>.

The public is invited to attend and comment on the proposed changes. In addition to the community meeting, Fairfax Connector staff will connect with customers, in person at various locations affected by the changes.

- Take the Online Survey
- Meeting Presentation

The proposed service changes include a new express **Route 697** providing service between the <u>Stringfellow Park & Ride</u> and D St., SW near L'Enfant Plaza. The route will feature 10 morning trips to downtown D.C. and ten afternoon trips to the Stringfellow Park & Ride.

The proposed changes also include adding two morning trips and two afternoon trips on **Route** <u>699</u> and to adjust departure times on most trips to better align with rider demand.

Public comments will be accepted until **Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 5:00 p.m**. After receiving and reviewing public feedback, FCDOT staff will present the final proposed changes to the <u>Fairfax County Board of Supervisors</u> in March 2020. If approved, the changes will **go into effect May 11, 2020**.

There are several ways you can provide input on the proposed service changes:

- Take the online survey
- Fill out a comment form at the meeting.
- E-mail fairfaxconnector@fairfaxcounty.gov
- Call 703-339-7200, TTY 703-339-1608

For more information, click here.

Fairfax County's Annual Black History Month Celebration

In Celebration of Black History Month Fairfax County in Partnership with Cox Proudly Presents...







EMBRACING, CELEBRATING & EDUCATING
Our Significant African American Culture

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Friday, February 21, 2020 | Fairfax County Government Center Forum (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035)

6 p.m. Reception featuring music, entertainment & light refreshments

7 p.m. Program begins

For more details, call Emma Marshall at (703) 324-7483.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Bryan Hill County Executive Fairfax County, Virginia



Highlighting historic African American communities

Learn about tracing your genealogy

Honoring historically black churches

For information on how to reach this location using public transportation contact the Fairfax Connector at 703-339-7200, TTY 703-339-1608, or visit their website at www.fairfaxconnector.com. You may also contact the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority at 202-837-7000, TTY 202-838-3780, or visit their website at www.wmata.com.



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Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in all county programs, services and activities. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request. To request accommodations, to acquire this information in an alternate format, or for more information about this event, call Emma Marshall at 703-324-7483, TTY 711.

Are You Ready to Be Counted? Census Day is April 1



Wondering how you can improve the quality of life in our community? Of the many things you can do, one of the easiest and most important is to fill out your census form in April.

For each resident who does not respond to the census, Fairfax County could lose \$12,000 in potential funding over the course of a decade.

What is the Census?:

The census is a count of everyone currently living in the country. It happens once every 10 years, as required by the U.S. Constitution.

The census helps determine how much funding Fairfax County receives from the \$675 billion that the federal government allocates each year to improve transportation; provide education, healthcare and affordable housing; and to prepare for emergencies.

The census also helps determine where Fairfax County resources should go based on where people live. This includes schools, roads, firehouses, police stations and clinics.

It even determines how many representatives we send to Richmond and Washington, D.C., to advocate for our community.

Completing the Census:

In March, the U.S. Census Bureau will mail every household an invitation to complete a simple questionnaire about who is living at your address on April 1. You can respond online, by phone or by mail. To ensure a complete and accurate count, census takers will visit residents who do not respond.

The census will ask for names, age, sex, race and the relation of everyone living in your household.

Confidentiality:

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Federal law keeps all responses safe, secure and confidential. Your name and address cannot be shared with law enforcement, immigration enforcement or any other government agency under any circumstance.

To read the full article, click here.

14 Carrot Gold Food Safety Excellence Award Winners Announced



The <u>Fairfax County Health Department</u> has announced the winners of its 14 Carrot Gold Food Safety Excellence Award of 2020.

Nine local food service operations are being recognized for maintaining outstanding food safety practices and employee education. This year's winners were selected from the more than 3,800 permitted establishments inspected each year by environmental health specialists with the Health Department.

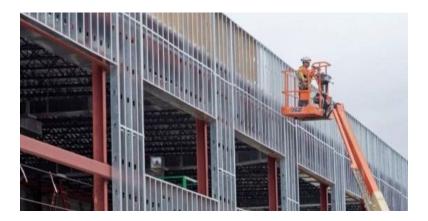
The 2020 recipients of the Fairfax County Health Department's 14 Carrot Gold Food Safety Excellence Award are:

- Bestway Supermarket, 5695 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA
- Burke Health Care Center, 9640 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA
- California Shabu Shabu, 3081 Nutley Street, Fairfax, VA
- Columbia Baptist Church, 103 West Columbia Street, Falls Church, VA
- Fairfax Food Service & Caterers, 8352 F Terminal Road, Lorton, VA
- GMU Panda Express, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax, VA
- Poe Intermediate School, 7000 Cindy Lane, Annandale, VA
- Poplar Tree Elementary School, 13444 Melville Lane, Chantilly, VA
- Potomac River Cafe, 1875 Explorer Street, Reston, VA

For more information about the food safety program or to review inspection reports, visit: https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/food or call 703-246-2201 (TTY 711).

To read the full article, click here.

Sully District: Capital Project Quarterly Update



Projects in the Sully District:

Project Number	Project Name	Project Description	Total Project Est. (\$k)	Current Status	Project Complete
SD-000031-245	Dulles Maintenance Facility Salt Dome	The Dulles Material Facility site at 4450 Upper Cub Run, Chantilly is one of three sites that is being developed for salt storage facilities to meet MS4 requirements.	2,700	Construction	Summer 2020
HS-000022-001	Sully Community Center	Design and construction of a new Sully Community Center located at 12800 Wall Road, Herndon.	20,000	Construction	Fall 2021
OP-000007-001	Criminal Justice Academy 2018	Renovation and capital renewal upgrades at the existing facility, approximately 110,000 SF, located at 14601 Lee Road, Chantilly.	18,000	Pre-Design	TBD
PS-000012-001	Emergency Vehicle Operations Center & K9 Training Center	A new 14,750 square foot Emergency Vehicle Operations Center and K9 Training Center at 3725 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly. The facility will replace the current double-wide trailers.	12,000	Design	TBD
SD-000031-127	Stream & Water Quality Improvements – Flatlick Branch Phase III (CU9214)	Restore ~3,800 linear feet of stream channel using natural channel design for improved water quality.	3,155	Construction	Spring 2020
SD-000031-169	Stream & Water Quality Improvements - Sully Basins Retro (0326DP, 0964DP, 1481DP)	Retrofit three detention basins to constructed wetlands from improved water quality.	2,936	Design	Spring 2021
SD-000031-186	Stream & Water Quality Improvements - Center Ridge PD 6 (BR9108/0736DP)	Retrofit detention basin to constructed wetland for improved water quality.	1,819	Design	TBD
SD-000031-221	Stream & Water Quality Improvements – Ashburton Manors Sec 1 & 2 (Multiple)	Retrofit two detention basins to constructed wetlands and restore one basin's outfall for improved water quality.	1,161	Design	TBD
SD-000031-222	Stream & Water Quality Improvements – Schneider Seg 1 @ Sully Road (CU82-0002)	Restore ~1,000 linear feet of stream channel using natural channel design for improved water quality.	2,100	Design	TBD
SD-000031-240	Round Lick Br @ Cub Rn Sx Pk (CU82- 0001)	Restore ~5,600 linear feet of stream channel using natural channel design for improved water quality.	6,570	Design	TBD
WW-000007-014-C	Collection System Replacement & Rehabilitation	This sewer rehab project located in the Flatlick Stream Valley South of Rte. 50 and East of Walney Rd. includes ~1,500 linear feet of 24" Diameter Cured in Place Pipe liner. The sewer lines are parallel to the Flat Lick Stream in Chantilly.	500	Design	Summer 2020
WW-000007-014-D	Collection System Replacement & Rehabilitation	Phase 2 of this sewer rehab project located in the Flatlick Stream Valley South of Rte. 50 and East of Walney Rd. includes ~1,500 linear feet of 24" Diameter Cured in Place Pipe liner. The sewer lines are parallel to the Flat Lick Stream in Chantilly.	2,000	Design	Summer 2020

For more information, visit: https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/capital-projects/capi

Volunteer Opportunity

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Flatlick Stream Valley Park Cleanup

Our stream valleys receive litter left on roadways, sidewalks, parking lots, and other open areas, much of it carried through storm drains whenever it rains. Volunteers age 18 or older are welcome to work alone or organize and lead a group clean-up. Use your own trash bags and work gloves, or contact the volunteer coordinator if you need bags provided. Elevate the impact of your work by taking photos and sending them to the Park Authority with a brief summary of what you accomplished. An informal email to the volunteer coordinator will suffice. To extend your learning experience, read more about how trash gets into streams: https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/litter.

Contact:

Julie Tahan; Community Support Specialist

703-324-8740

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Youth Vaping - What Parents Need to Know



Business Licenses Due March 2, 2020



When it comes to business licenses, it doesn't matter if you're an architect, doctor, childcare provider, Uber driver, car mechanic, dog groomer, builder, independent contractor working from home or a Fortune 500 corporation.

Every Fairfax County business must get an annual <u>Business</u>, <u>Professional</u>, <u>Occupational License</u> — or BPOL for short—including home-based businesses. (However, businesses located in the cities of Fairfax, Falls Church and Alexandria, and the towns of Clifton, Herndon and Vienna do not need a county BPOL license.

Renewal notices were mailed to business owners in January. To avoid a 10 percent penalty, the deadline to renew BPOL licenses is Monday, March 2, 2020.

The easiest and fastest way to renew is <u>online</u>. Renewing online is free when paying with a checking or savings account. A 2.5 percent processing fee applies to credit and debit card payments.

Businesses are required to register with the <u>Fairfax County Department of Tax</u> <u>Administration</u> within 75 days of starting operations in Fairfax County. A 10% penalty will be charged for failing to file within 75 days. Businesses that are applying for a BPOL license for the first time may also do so online.

For more information or questions, contact the Fairfax County Department of Tax Administration at dtappdbusiness@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-222-8234 (option 4), TTY 711.

To read the full article, <u>click here</u>.

The Green Column



New Outdoor Lighting Standards Will Be More Energy Efficient

Fairfax County is updating our outdoor lighting standards to reduce glare and excessive illumination and match the expanded use of LED lights, which can improve the quality of life for county residents.

On February 11, 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved an amendment to the outdoor lighting regulations of the <u>Zoning Ordinance</u> to match lighting industry standards that lean toward more energy efficiency and warmer color temperatures.

New Lighting Regulations:

Most outdoor light fixtures will now have a maximum color temperature of 3000K. Sports fields and courts are permitted to go up to 5700K. Color temperature for outdoor lighting is measured in kelvins (K), which range from warm with an orange/yellow tint to cool with blue/white tint.

A typical incandescent bulb has a color temperature of approximately 2600K. LED bulbs, which are becoming more common, are available in a wide range of color temperatures. Higher color temperatures are associated with increased glare, which can impact human health and wildlife.

The new regulations only apply when property owners replace bulbs or light fixtures that are above the 3000K color temperature standard. The amendment also includes revisions to the exemptions for single family dwellings, motion-activated lights and sports illumination plans.

To read the full article, <u>click here</u>.

Animal Shelter Spotlight



Meet Caesar!

Will you be Caesar's Valentine? Caesar wins the award for most adorable ears! One up, one down... he's either listening very closely or not at all. Who knows! Caesar is a sweet boy who will make a great companion for a lucky adopter. Unfortunately, his family could no longer care for him, but they had so many good things to say about him. He soooo wants to be a lap dog and will smother you with affection. He is super smart, knows lots of commands, and loves getting lots of exercise. He is housebroken and does not chew up anything that is not his. He was great with their younger kids and watched over them. He loves playing with ropes, fetching tennis balls, and chewing on antlers. He lets you know when there are strange noises outside, like people walking around or a leaf shaking. He can get a little over excited with strangers or visitors, but he tends to warm up quickly. His adopter just needs to let him go at his own pace getting adjusted to new people and situations.

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