

A message from Kathy Smith

Thank you to everyone that came to the Sully District Budget Town Hall this week. If you were not able to make it, but still want to provide input, you can send your comments/questions on the proposed FY 2020 Budget to my office by phone at 703-814-7100 or by email <u>sully@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>. Read below for more ways to provide your input on the proposed FY 2020 Budget to the Board of Supervisors, including speaking at a public hearing.

This Sunday, March 17, 2019 is the last day to complete a short survey on the Fairfax County Strategic Plan. We want to hear from you about your vision for the future of our community. To take the survey, <u>click here</u>.

Sincerely,

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FY 2020 Budget:

How to Provide Input and Stay Informed



The Board of Supervisors values your input on the <u>proposed FY 2020 Budget</u>. Here are several ways for you to provide your ideas and suggestions, and to stay informed during the <u>budget process</u>.

Public Hearings are April 9-11:

<u>Sign up</u> to attend and speak at a public hearing at the Government Center on the proposed FY 2020 Budget:

- Tuesday, April 9; 3:00 p.m. (effective tax rate; 4:00 p.m. (budget)
- Wednesday, April 10; 1:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 11; 1:00 p.m.

Provide Video Testimony:

Members of the public can submit video testimony for the April 10 and 11 budget

public hearings. Comments must be limited to issues relevant to the budget. You are given three minutes to speak; if you are the spokesperson for a group you have five minutes.

Send an Email:

<u>Email</u> your feedback and comments to our county budget staff no later than mid-April. Individual responses are not possible due to the high volume, but most answers can be found <u>here</u> during the budget process.

Stay Informed:

- Get county budget updates via text or email, by subscribing to <u>Fairfax</u> <u>Alerts</u>.
- Watch the Board of Supervisors <u>budget committee meetings</u> livestream on <u>Channel 16</u>.
- Follow Fairfax County on <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u> and like us on <u>Facebook</u>.
- Read <u>NewsCenter</u> for budget-related news.

Reminders!

2019 Tax Relief Workshop for Older Adults and People with Disabilities:

Date: Friday, March 22, 2019
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Location: Sully District Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151)

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is hosting a series of free tax relief workshops in late February and March at several locations throughout the county.

Real estate and vehicle tax relief is available for older adults over 65 years of age and people with disabilities who meet certain qualifications. Staff from the Fairfax County <u>Department of Tax Administration</u> will be at the locations to assist with filling out the application form, as well as answering questions. For the full schedule of tax relief workshops for 2019, <u>click here</u>. For more information, <u>click</u> <u>here</u> or call 703-222-8234, TTY 711.

Get a Free Ride Home on St. Patrick's Day with SoberRide





Events at Chantilly Regional Library



Art Splash Workshop By Abrakadoodle

Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Register for a fun art lesson by an Abrakadoodle art teacher. All art materials provided. Ages: Adults.

Chantilly Knitting Club

Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019

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

Bring your knitting projects and other crafting projects as well. Share tips and enjoy conversation. There will not be any formal instruction, but chances are someone in the group can teach you to knit, or help you when you get stuck on a project. Ages: Adults.

Vegetable Gardening in Spring

Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019

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

Master Gardener Robert Schulman covers planning, starting, and maintaining the spring garden. Ages: Adults.

ESL Potluck

Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Time: 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Bring a dish from your country to share. Meet ESL teachers, tutors, and other students from our English classes. Family members are welcome. All ages.

The <u>Chantilly Regional Library</u> is located at 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, VA 20151. For more information about these events call 703-502-3883, TTY 711 or email <u>libCH@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>.

Sully District Parks - March Events



Sully Historic Site (3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly, VA):

Please Touch Tour

Date: Saturday, March 16, 2019

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Put your hands on history. Tour Sully Historic Site as never before with the chance to touch objects from the past. Examples of redware dishes, blue and white china, tools, clothing, and furniture are touchable during this unique tour. The cost is \$8 per person. Ages: 5 and older.

Lunch and Learn - Women of Sully

Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019Time: 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.Learn about the women of Sully and how they worked together to make it a home.The cost is \$5 per person. Ages: 12 and older.

<u>Ellanor C. Lawrence Park</u> (5040 Walney Road, Chantilly, VA): Who Left That Behind?

Date: Thursday, March 28, 2019

Time: 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Learn park critters by the signs they leave behind. Join a naturalist on a hike to look for and identify these signs, and them complete a craft that helps you learn to identify different animal scat. Wear sturdy walking shoes. The cost is \$8 per person. Ages: 4 and older. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult.

Amphibians After Dark

Date: Saturday, March 30, 2019

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

Assist naturalists at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park with a calling amphibian survey. Learn how to identify frogs and toads by their calls as we explore pools and ponds. The cost is \$7 per person. Ages: 7 and older. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult.

Volunteer Opportunity



Springfest Volunteers Needed

Enjoy spring's arrival while helping your community at Fairfax County's official Earth Day/Arbor Day celebration!

Volunteer Jobs Include:

- Friday, April 26, 2019 set-up
- Saturday, April 27, 2019 event
- Saturday, April 27 and Monday, April 29, 2019 tear-down

You must be 13 years or older to volunteer.

Location:

Sully Historic Site (3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly, VA 20151)

Contact:

Elizabeth Gallagher elizabeth.gallagher@fairfaxcounty.gov

Sully Land Use Spotlight



Upcoming Meetings:

Board of Supervisors Meeting -

The Board of Supervisors will meet on **Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 9:30 a.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>. There are two Sully cases on the <u>agenda</u>. More information about these cases is below.

SE 2018-SU-016 (LB Franklin Farm, LLC) -

This property is located at 13360 Franklin Farm Road, Herndon, 20171. The SE application seeks approval to permit a restaurant with a drive through. Staff recommends approval of the application, subject to the proposed development conditions. To view the staff report, <u>click here</u>.

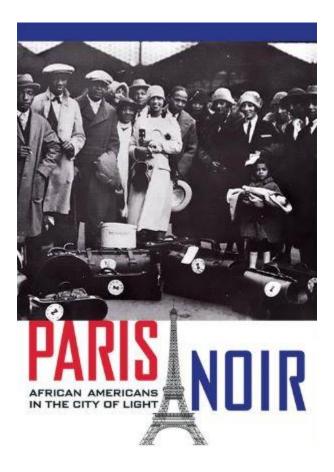
SEA 94-Y-023 (Pohanka Virginia Properties, LLC) -

This property is located on the S. side of Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, fronting on this highway, Elmwood Street, Vernon Street between Elmwood Street and Walney Road. The applicant seeks approval of a special exception amendment on Tax Map 34-4 ((1)) Parcels 49, 50, 50A, 51, and 53 to allow for the continued operations and expansion of three vehicle sale, rental, and ancillary service establishments. Staff recommends approval of the application, subject to staff's proposed development conditions. To view the staff report, <u>click here</u>.

Planning Commission Meeting -

The Planning Commission will meet on **Wednesday, March 20, 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 are no Sully cases on the <u>agenda</u>.

Screening of Paris Noir: African Americans in the City of Light



Date: Friday, March 22, 2019
Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Location: Fairfax County Government Center; Board Auditorium (12000
Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035)

View the one-hour documentary **Paris Noir: African Americans in the City of Light** that tells the story of African American men and women who found freedom, equality, and brotherhood in Paris during the early 20th century. Discover how their achievements affected civil rights across the world; impacted African American artistry and journalistic influences on Parisienne culture; and influenced the value of Black entrepreneurship within Paris' international community.

Julia Browne, owner of Walking the Spirit Tours in Paris, France, will provide a short presentation and participate on a panel discussion. Books and DVDs available for sale and signing. Ages: 12 and older. To register for this event, <u>click here</u>.

Building Resiliency in the Faith Community Conference



Date: Thursday, March 28, 2019
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Location: Little River United Church of Christ (8410 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003)

The trend in hate and bias crimes across the country - and particularly here at home in Fairfax County - has triggered concern within the faith community. Fairfax County has made combating hate and bias through community education, outreach, and intervention a high priority. Join us as we come together in strength, understanding, and fellowship to address the debilitating effects of hate and bias in our community. Registration and breakfast starts at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided.

- Network with local faith leasers and public safety officials
- Learn what resources and assistance is available to you and how to access
 them
- Understand the current status of hate crimes in Fairfax County, their causes, and the effect they have on the faith community at-large
- Hear new ideas for creating both a welcoming and secure environment at your place of worship both during and outside of religious times
- Learn what you can do to prepare for and respond to potential emergencies

To request reasonable ADA accommodations, contact 703-324-4600, TTY 711.

Space is limited. <u>Click here</u> to register for this event.

Library Acquires Read-Along Books to Encourage Early Literacy



Beginning Saturday, March 16, the <u>Fairfax County Public Library</u> will be offering a collection of more than 1,000 all-in-one read-along books aimed at developing reading skills in children. The books will be available at all 23 branches of the library in Fairfax County.

Called VOX[™] Books, the read-along books are part audio book and part print book. Each book has a permanently attached reader with simple controls that plays an audio recording of the corresponding book with the push of a button. There's no need for computers, tablets, or CDs.

The library offers additional <u>digital read-along resources</u> through its subscriptions to two online databases. <u>Early World of Learning</u> offers read-along stories in English and Spanish. <u>Overdrive</u> also offers more than 100 read-along titles as eBooks.

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

The Green Column



Using the Tree Fund

When viable tree planting sites are identified on county properties, homeowner association common open space, or for projects managed by non-profits, Fairfax County's Tree Preservation and Planting Fund administered by the Urban Forest Management Division (UFMD) can be used to help cover the costs of materials and supplies.

The Tree Preservation and Planting Fund was authorized by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in 2005 to allow developers to contribute to a county-wide tree planting program through the use of cash proffers obtained during the land development process and for reparation for violations of tree preservation commitments.

Since 2016, UFMD has utilized more than \$19,000 for tree planting and public education programs. The funds that are available now come to more than \$78,000.

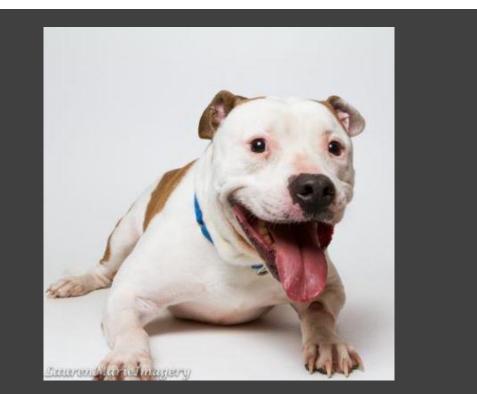
Projects that have been supported by the Tree Preservation and Planting Fund and that support that BOS environmental vision since 2016 include:

- Fairfax County Government Center main entrance, north entrance median, Volunteer Fairfax Grove, south entrance, and the pollinator meadow
- Dogwood Elementary School phases 1, 2, and 3
- The Sully Historic Site
- Mantua Elementary School phases 1 and 2

For information about the Tree Preservation and Planting Fund, contact Hugh Whitehead, Urban Forester III, UFMD, by email at <u>hugh.whitehead@fairfaxcounty.gov</u> or by phone at 703-324-1770, TTY 711.

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

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Nitro

Age: 6y 9m Gender: Male Color: White/Tan Spayed/Neutered: Yes Size: Large

Nitro is a super sweet boy who was originally transferred to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter from one of their rescue partners. He has been living with a very nice family for the past 3 years, but they have been deployed and can no longer care for him. They said that he is great with the kids that visited the home, he lived peacefully with another dog but pretty much kept to himself, he is housebroken and crate trained (he loves his crate), and he loves pretty much every person he's ever met! He is super smart and knows basic commands like sit, stay, and shake. He keeps himself busy with hard chew bones and is super affectionate and chill! He also loves walks. He is so sweet and cuddly and just makes you smile. Come see for yourself!

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