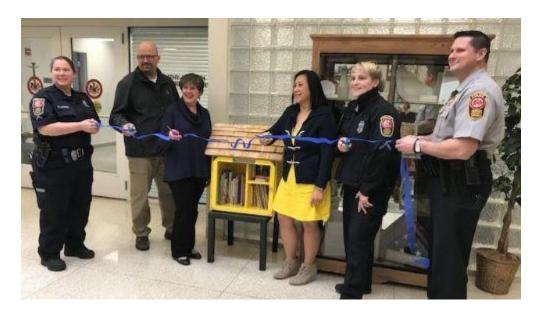


A message from Kathy Smith



This past Monday, the Sully Governmental Center opened a "Little Library" in the lobby with free books for all ages. Take a book, leave a book (if you are able). The reading material is free to any member of the community to take home and keep as long as they like. There are no deadlines, no overdue notices, and no late fees.

The 2019 Paving and Restriping Program Public Information meeting for the Sully District is this coming Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151). Community members will have the opportunity to learn about VDOT's repaving program, proposed striping changes, and give feedback. If you cannot make it to the meeting you can also view the list of proposed projects for the Sully District online. More information about this meeting is below in the "Reminders" section.

Sincerely,

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Reminders!

2019 Paving & Restriping Program Public Information Meeting:

Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Sully Governmental Center; McDonnell Room (4900 Stonecroft

Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151)

The community is invited to provide feedback by attending a public meeting or by submitting comments online. The deadline for public comments will be two weeks after each district meeting is held.

Comments on proposed striping modifications can be submitted electronically to <u>FCDOT</u>. To view the list of proposed projects for the Sully District, <u>click here</u>.

Made in Fairfax Forum:

Date: Thursday, March 28, 2019

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

Location: Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center

Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035)

Please join us for our second Made in Fairfax Forum to hear from Ilana Preusa of Recast City, a national leader in the small-scale production industry, who will present findings and recommendations from a six month study on how creative entrepreneurs and the County can work together to support this innovative blend of economic and community development. The forum is open to all residents, businesses, and property owners/investors in Fairfax County. To register for this event, click here.

For questions, feedback, or reasonable ADA accommodations, contact Fairfax County Revitalization Manager Doug Loescher at 703-324-9305, TTY 711 or email douglas.loescher@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Gabrielson Garden Bridge Community Meeting

Date: Monday, April 1, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Navy Elementary School (3500 West Ox Road)

Last year, the Gabrielson Garden Bridge, over the Difficult Run Stream Valley, was removed. The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) and my office are holding a follow-up meeting to provide an update on the replacement of the bridge.

FCPA will present the concept design plan for the bridge and an update on land rights and funding.

Fairfax County & Franconia-Springfield Parkways Alternatives Analysis & Long Term Planning Study



The <u>Fairfax County Department of Transportation</u> (FCDOT) will host a second round of public meetings in late March and early April:

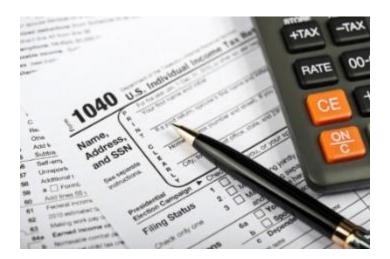
- Wednesday, March 27 at Willow Springs Elementary School (5400
 Willow Springs School Road, Fairfax, VA)
- Thursday, March 28 at Armstrong Elementary School (11900 Lake Newport Road, Reston, VA)
- Thursday, April 4 at Sangster Elementary School (7400 Reservation Drive, Springfield, VA)

The meetings will begin with a formal presentation **at 7:00 p.m.**, followed by a questions and answer period. Participants will then have the opportunity to provide feedback to the FCDOT study team through comments and public input activities. The team will present potential future improvements to the Parkway by segment, and feedback gathered this spring will help determine which improvements will be developed for screening and testing.

For residents who cannot attend the public meetings, after April 4 the meeting presentation and a survey will be available <u>online</u>. **Comments will be accepted through May 6, 2019.**

For more information, click here.

Free Tax Preparation Assistance for Income Eligible Individuals & Families



The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program is a national program sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Each tax season, VITA volunteers prepare federal and state tax returns for low-income families, those

making \$55,000 and less in 2018.

Location: Chantilly Regional Library (4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, VA 20151)

Dates/Times: From January 26 to April 13 - Thursdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.; and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Bring the Following Items:

- Photo ID for you and your spouse if filing jointly.
- Social Security cards or Tax Payer Identifications Number for everyone in the family.
- All income statements: W-2, W-P, W-2G & 1099, etc.
- All income statements for each working dependent: W-2, etc.
- Voided check for direct deposit.
- Expense documents: dependent care, education-related expenses, home mortgage interest payments.
- Proof of health insurance coverage, i.e. form 1095A, insurance card,
 Medicare or Medicaid card.

For the full list of VITA locations, <u>click here</u>. For more information about the VITA program, <u>click here</u>.

Free Fishing Day for Kids at Flatlick Stream Valley Park

FLATLICK KIDS FISHING DAY

Saturday, April 6th | 9:00am to 1:00pm

Fairfax County will stock the recently completed Flatlick Branch stream restoration project with Rainbow Trout. Come out for a fun day of fishing and participants are encouraged to take home their catch to cook for dinner. Bring your family out to the event and cast a line into Flatlick Branch. County staff, Trout Unlimited, Scouts and other volunteers will be there to help the kids bait their hooks and find that perfect fishing spot along the stream.

Watershed science educational opportunities will also be available.

Limited fishing gear will be available to borrow at the event, so please bring your own refillable bottle for water, snacks, a plastic shopping bag or two to carry home your catch (the bag limit is set at 4 trout for the event), dress for the weather and for playing in the creek. Two port-a-potties will be provided at the event.



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Flatlick Stream Valley Park

South of Route 50 in Chantilly

The Welcome and Check-In Table located by the stream off of Placid Lake Court in Chantilly. Parking available along Chantilly Road in the Winding Brook neighborhood and along Route 50 service road. Please plan to walk to the event if you live within walkable distance to the park.

For more information, call Justin Pistore at 703-324-5685, TTY 711 or email Justin.Pistore@FairfaxCounty.gov



Volunteer Opportunity



E.C. Lawrence Park Seeks Volunteer Habitat Heroes

Date: March 23, April 20, May 18, and June 15, 2019

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

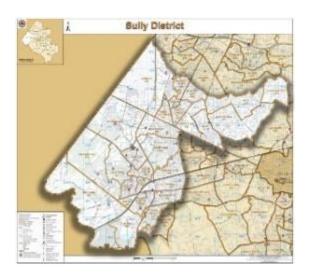
Location: Ellanor C. Lawrence Park (5040 Walney Road, Chantilly, VA 20151)

<u>Ellanor C. Lawrence Park</u> is looking for Habitat Heroes. The park seeks volunteers to work on much-needed improvements of natural areas surrounding a popular trail system. Volunteers will remove non-native invasive plants to protect native species and support wildlife habitat.

Volunteers also may take part in a small planting of native trees and shrubs to help the forest regenerate. Volunteers must be at least 13 years old, and those 15 years and younger must be with an adult. These efforts will be a tremendous help in beautifying the park.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact Kiersten Conley at 703-631-0013.

Sully Land Use Spotlight



Upcoming Meetings:

Planning Commission Meeting -

The Planning Commission will meet on **Wednesday, March 27, 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 cases on the <u>agenda</u>. The <u>FY 2019-FY 2023</u> Adopted Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is scheduled for decision only. The Sully District projects in the FY 2019-FY 2023 Adopted CIP are listed below.

Sully District Projects:

- Sully Community Center
- Housing at Route 50/West Ox Road
- Criminal Justice Academy
- Emergency Vehicle Operations and K9 Center
- Brookfield Elementary
- Lees Corner Elementary
- North West County Elementary
- Oak Hill Elementary
- Rocky Run Middle

NoVa Teen Book Festival



Date: Saturday, March 30, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Location: George C. Marshall High School (7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA

22043)

Calling all teens: Join us for the 6th Annual <u>NoVa Teen Book Festival</u>, an event featuring panel discussions, book signings, writing workshops, food, and fun.

Authors include: Libba Bray, Cinda Williams Chima, Dhonielle Clayton, Jeff Zentner, Nic Stone, <u>and more!</u> Admission is free. <u>Registration</u> is required.

2019 Special Education Conference



14th Annual Special Education Conference

Supporting Inclusive and Post-Secondary Practices for Students with Disabilities

Dr. Mary E. Morningstar Keynote Speaker



Moving from Compliance to Quality Transition Outcomes

Dr. Morningstar is the co-director of Portland State University's Think College Inclusion Oregon project and a professor in the Graduate School of Education's Special Education Department, teaching courses for preservice students focused on transition and postsecondary outcomes. She has a BSEd in special education from the University of Georgia, an MEd in special education from the University of Maryland, and a PhD from the University of Kansas. She is the author of The Educator's Guide to Implementing Transition Planning and Services (2017) and over 40 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters. For over 25 years, Dr. Morningstar has been involved in training, professional development and research regarding transition from school to adult life.

Saturday, April 6, 2019 7:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Lake Braddock Secondary School 9200 Burke Lake Road Springfield, VA 22015

- Registration for adults and students is open online at www.fcps.edu/spedconference2019 or by phone at 703-204-3941
- Visit the website for conference details, a list of workshops, and exhibitor information
- New: Self-Determination Student Strand for FCPS youth with disabilities, ages 14 -22. This 4-hour session led by I'm Determined Youth Leaders includes interactive activities and networking with other participants.
- Concessions will be available for cash purchase throughout the day
- FCPS educators who attend the entire conference can earn five recertification points
- ► This year's conference focuses on building inclusive and post-secondary practices to support the development of 21st Century skills and Portrait of a Graduate (POG) attributes



www.fcps.edu/spedconference2019

Northern Virginia Positive Aging and Wellness Fair



Date: Monday, April 8, 2019 **Time:** 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center

Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035)

In collaboration with Fairfax County and community partners, the Northern Virginia Positive Aging and Wellness Fair will offer tools and information to educate and inspire adults to achieve a fulfilling and healthy lifestyle as they age. The fair will feature 60+ local exhibitors. Welcome and Keynote Address begins at 9:45 a.m. Admission is free. Registration is required to make workshop selections and to purchase lunch (optional). Click here to register for this event.

If you have any questions or need assistance, email PAF2019@jccnv.org or call 703-537-3066.

Support Inclusion By Joining WIN



The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB) joins Fairfax County in observing March as Developmental Disabilities Inclusion Month; a time to raise awareness about the inclusion of people with developmental disability in all areas of community life, and raising awareness to the barriers that people with disabilities often face. The month focuses on three main areas: education, employment, and community living. Residents are invited to become part of the Welcoming Inclusion Network (WIN) and learn how to impact and support the lives of individuals in our community with advance employment and day services for individuals with developmental disabilities by attending a WIN meeting. To view upcoming meetings, click here.

To read the full article, click here.

John Hudson Internship Program



The John Hudson Internship Program is a paid summer internship program in Fairfax County Government for college students and recent graduates with disabilities. **Application materials are due on April 14, 2019.** Please refer to the <u>FAQs</u> if you have questions about the program. For additional questions or if you need a reasonable ADA accommodation, contact Jill Clark at <u>jill.clark@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>. For more information about the program, <u>click here</u>.

Digital Review for Site Plans & Minor Site Plans Launches on March 20



With the expansion of its <u>ePlans program</u>, Fairfax County continues to enhance its development review process for improved customer service. Beginning March 20, 2019, Land Development Services (LDS) will offer digital plan review for site plans and minor site plans, joining two building plan types (new commercial structures and commercial interior alterations) that were launched in the ePlans program earlier this year.

The county will also offer one-on-one help for customers who are ready to submit ePlans on Wednesdays from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. in March and April 2019. Just come to the customer service waiting area on the second floor of the Herrity Building, Suite 230, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA. Customers should bring a laptop with digital files ready for upload.

LDS has proposed updates to the fee structure as part of the development of its ePlans program, which can be reviewed online.

For questions about the ePlans process, call 703-222-0801, TTY 711 or email LDSePlans@fairfaxcounty.gov.

To read the full article, click here.

Video: Poison Proof Your Home!



National Poison Prevention Week is this week and runs through March 23. According to our friends at the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), unintentional poison exposures send an estimated average of 85,000 children to emergency departments and cause an average of 31 deaths every year in the United States. In addition, more than 90 percent of unintentional poisonings occur in the home.

Take time to watch to video above from CPSC that takes you through a house, identifies poison hazards and identifies actions you can take to prevent tragedy.

The Green Column



Fairfax County Collected 320 Tons of Household Hazardous Waste in 2018

Fairfax County safely disposed of 320 tons (641,951 pounds) of household hazardous waste (HHW) in 2018. This waste consists of consumer products that are toxic, ignitable, corrosive, and/or reactive. Collecting and disposing of HHW separately from other municipal waste products collection workers and protects the environment by keeping potentially harmful compounds out of landfills.

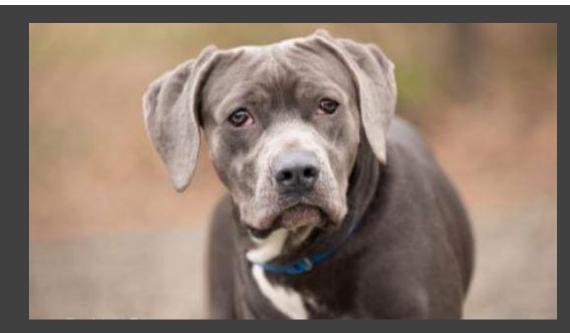
The 2018 total included solvents, oil-based paints, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), pesticides, aerosols, various non-pourable flammables, acid solutions, caustic solutions, ammonia solutions, miscellaneous lab packs (hazard classes 2-9), compressed gas cylinders, and fluorescent bulbs. HHW collected during six Very Small Quantity Generator (business waste) events was also included.

Fairfax County residents may bring HHW to drop-off areas located at the I-66 transfer station in Fairfax and the I-95 landfill complex in Lorton, VA.

For questions or more information, call hazardous waste manager, Daniel Brooks, at 703-342-6361, TTY 711.

To read the full article, click here.

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Zeta!

Age: 3y

Gender: FemaleColor: Grey/White

Spayed/Neutered: Yes

Size: Large

Are you ready for an adventure? Well, Zeta wants to join you for sure! She is

an amazingly fun dog who loves to play and zoom around at full speed! She greets you with a loose, wiggly body, wagging her little tail stump so, so fast. She has lots of energy and can get a little jumpy because she is just SO excited to see what's going to happen next! But she has had some training already and knows some basic commands like sit, down, and stay (sort of, when she wants to). Go ahead and bring potential doggy siblings for a visit. Zeta was found outside a local warehouse and brought to the Fairfax County Animals Shelter by a good Samaritan. They could not find who she belonged to, so now they are looking for an active, fun adopter who will take her on lots of adventures, help her polish her manners, and love her unconditionally. Could that be you? For more information about Zeta, contact the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at 703-830-1100 or email

AnimalShelter@fairfaxcounty.gov