

A message from Kathy Smith



This past Saturday at SpringFEST, Fairfax County was recognized as a Tree City USA (pictured above). The county earned the Arbor Day Foundation designation for the 36th consecutive year. Each year since its inception in 1976, thousands of urban foresters across the country submit applications to be considered to receive this esteemed recognition.

Earth Day has passed, but there are still several opportunities for you and your family to help protect the environment. Ellanor C. Lawrence Park is holding a rain barrel workshop on Saturday, May 25. At this workshop you will learn how to build, install, and maintain a rain barrel. The Solarize program, Fairfax County's campaign to reduce the cost and complexity of installing solar panels, is going on now through June 14, 2019. More information about this program can be found in the "Green Column" below.

Sincerely, Kally

Reminders!

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

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT), in coordination with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), is conducting a multimodal corridor study for the Fairfax County Parkway from Route 7 to Route 1. For more information about the study, <u>click here</u>. You can provide your input by taking the <u>online survey</u>. Comments will be accepted through **May 6, 2019**.

Sully District Station - CAC Meeting



Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Time: 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA

20151) in the McDonnell Room

Meeting Agenda:

- Opioid Update for Fairfax County. Detective JT Hoffman, with the Fairfax County Police Organized Crime and Intelligence Bureau will discuss:
 - The Overdose Investigations Unit
 - The unit's mission
 - Fairfax County Statistics to include the types of cases
 - The increasing prevalence of fentanyl
 - o Opioids on the Dark Web and pending legislation
- Sully District update; Captain Dean Lay, Commander, Sully Station
 - "Ask the Captain" questions from the community

This meeting is open to the public. No prior registration is necessary. For more information contact Officer Ruck at 703-814-7000.

May Events at Centreville Regional Library



Leones de Oro Demo Latin Dance

Date: Saturday, May 4, 2019 **Time:** 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The Leones de Oro Latin Dance Team will spice up your Cinco de Mayo weekend celebrations. Get your groove on and try out some of their moves yourself. All ages.

For Teens... Land That Job!

Date: Monday, May 6, 2019

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

Everyone begins somewhere! Start by learning to craft powerful resumes or complete a job application with greater impact. Next, Author Carla Bass will demystify the process of interviewing, so that you can put your best foot forward.

Ages: 15 and older.

Protect Yourself From Fraud and Identity Theft

Date: Monday, May 13, 2019

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

Learn how to spot and avoid identity theft and fraud. Tools and resources to

protect yourself and your family. Ages: Adults.

Centreville Library Friends Membership Drive

Date: Saturday, May 25, 2019

Time: All Day

Centreville Library Friends are inviting all interested community members in joining

their group. Please stop at the library service desk or

email <u>libCE@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>.

The <u>Centreville Regional Library</u> is located at 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville, VA 20121. For more information about these events contact 703-830-2223, TTY 711 or email <u>libCE@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>.

May Events at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park



We 'Heart' Our Park Campfire

Date: Friday, May 10, 2019 **Time:** 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy your neighborhood park with games and s'mores by the campfire.

This program is free. Ages: 3 and older.

A Buzzy Bee Tea Party

Date: Sunday, May 12, 2019

Time: 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Have some honeyed treats as you learn about the busy pollinators in Ellanor C.

Lawrence Park. Observe their beehive and learn how you can care for native bees in your back yard. Make a bee-inspired craft to take home. Cost: \$15 per person. Ages: 8 and older.

Growing and Protecting a Park Forest

Date: Saturday, May 18, 2019

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

Walk with the Resource Manager and get insights into how a 650-acre county park of forests, meadows, and streams is kept healthy and thriving. Learn about some of the native plants and invasive species that make up the wildlife habitat. Cost: \$8 per person. Ages: 4 and older.

Rain Barrel Workshop

Date: Saturday, May 25, 2019 **Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Learn how to build, install, and maintain a rain barrel. You will take the barrel home with you. The programs is led by staff from the Northern Virginia Soil and Water

Conservation District. Cost: \$55 per barrel.

<u>Ellanor C. Lawrence Park</u> is located at 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly, VA. For more information about these events, call 703-631-0013, TTY 711 or email <u>Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>.



Museum Docents Needed at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum

Do you have a passion for aeronautics or space exploration? Would you like to share your knowledge while learning more? Well then, the National Air and Space Museum's docent program is looking for you.

The Museum is currently accepting applications for its volunteer docent (tour guide) corps. While many docents have a personal or professional history in aeronautics or space exploration it is not a requirement. All docents, regardless of background, receive extensive training on the Museum's collection, galleries, and research areas; as well as on techniques for conducting effective tours.

Trainings will be held on 15 scheduled Saturdays between September 2019 and March 2020. Docent positions are available for both the Museum in Washington, DC and the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, VA. A two-year, 160-hour commitment is required. Fluency in other languages, including ASL, is a plus.

Applications are being accepted now through June 7, 2019. For information, or to apply, <u>click here</u>. If you have any questions about the program email <u>NASM-VisitorServices@si.edu</u>.

Sully Land Use Spotlight



Upcoming Meetings:

Board of Supervisors Meeting -

The Board of Supervisors will meet on **Tuesday, May 7, 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 is one Sully case on the <u>agenda</u>. More information is below.

PA 2018-III-DS1 (Land Unit J of the Dulles Suburban Center):

Plan Amendment (PA) 2018-III-DS1 proposes to add a recommendation for new residential and retail land uses for Land Unit J of the Dulles Suburban Center. The majority of Land Unit J is part of the Westfields International Corporate Center at Dulles, and other areas include some new residential and retails uses allowed by recent Plan amendments and zoning approvals. The Plan amendment proposes a new option to replace planned non-residential uses in Land Unit J with approximately 4,250 new multi-family and single-family attached residential units and the addition of approximately 200,000 square feet of retail uses. The new uses would remain within the currently planned intensity of 0.50 FAR. County staff does recommend this item for plan amendment. To view the staff report, click here.

Planning Commission Meeting -

The Planning Commission will meet on **Wednesday, May 8, 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>.

Sign Ordinance Webpage



Did you know that Fairfax County recently adopted a new Sign Ordinance? On March 19, 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved the new regulations, which were made effective the following day.

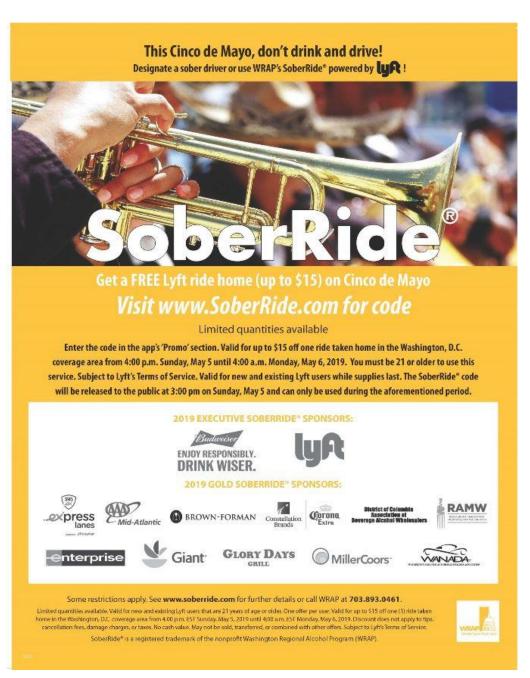
The Ordinance regulates all types of signs on private property within the county. For this reason, the Ordinance is of interest to both homeowners and business owners.

For homeowners, the new regulations establish "yard signs," allowing homeowners to display small signs for a variety of purposes. For businesses and other non-residential uses, the new regulations allow for certain types and sizes of permanent signs, as well as a number of different "minor sign" types (formerly

referred to as "temporary signs"). The minor sign types that are allowed include: banners, A-frame signs, and window displays.

For more information, click here.

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Fairfax County Participates in Building Safety Month



May 2019 is Building Safety Month in Fairfax County. Building codes and the officials who enforce them make our families and communities safer and more resilient. Homes and buildings built in compliance with building safety codes result in structures that minimize the risks of death, injury, and property damage. Building safety affects everyone, and modern, updated building codes save lives.

Throughout May, the county will host a variety of events to educate residents about the importance of building safety. Also, residents can access a new <u>website</u> that provides a one-stop-shop for planning, permitting, and construction in Fairfax County.

Schedule of Events:

- Saturday, May 4, 2019 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; County staff will be at the Reston Home Depot (1651 Reston Parkway, Reston, VA).
- Wednesday, May 8, 2019 The Code Talk podcast about Building Safety Month drops.
- Friday, May 10, 2019 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.; Class on structural connectors at the Herrity Building (12055 Government Center Parkway, Room 106/107, Fairfax, VA).

- Saturday, May 11, 2019 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; County staff will be at the Fairfax Home Depot (12275 Price Club Plaza, Fairfax, VA).
- Friday, May 17, 2019 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; Class on trusses at the Herrity Building (12055 Government Center Parkway, Room 106/107, Fairfax, VA).
- Saturday, May 18, 2019 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; County staff will be at the Fairfax Home Depot (12275 Price Club Plaza, Fairfax, VA).
- Tuesday, May 21, 2019 The Board of Supervisors proclaims May Building Safety Month at their meeting at the Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA).

To read the full article, click here.

May is "Together in Teal" Ovarian Cancer Month in Fairfax County

At the April 9, 2019 Board meeting the Board of Supervisors designated May 2019 as "Together in Teal" Ovarian Cancer Month in Fairfax County.

Ovarian cancer is difficult to detect, especially in the early stage. This is partly due to the fact that ovaries are deep within the abdominal cavity. See the graphic below for some signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer.

To learn more, or to join the fight to break the silence on ovarian cancer, <u>click here</u>.



Signs and Symptoms of Ovarian Cancer.



Feeling the need to urinate urgently or often



Trouble eating or feeling full quickly



Pelvic or abdominal pain

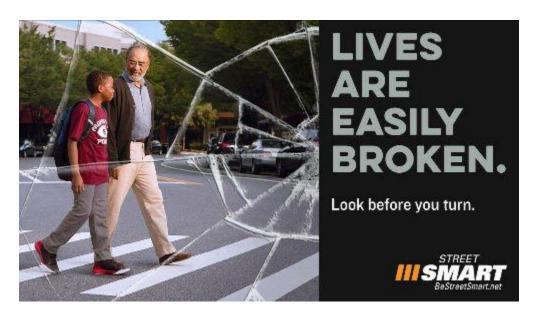


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Street Smart Initiative Aims to Reduce Rising Number of Pedestrian Fatalities



Pedestrian and cyclist deaths account for more than 33 percent of all traffic fatalities in the region, according to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. In Fairfax County so far this year, there have been 43 pedestrian crashes, eight pedestrian fatalities, and more than 40 pedestrian injuries.

What You Can Do:

- It is important for pedestrians to know that you do not have right of way when you are on the curb. VA Code §46.2-924 specifically states "No pedestrian shall enter or cross an intersection in disregard of approaching traffic." Once in the crosswalk, drivers are required to yield right of way to the pedestrian. However, the pedestrian needs to ensure the roadway is clear before stepping into the crosswalk.
- You should not assume that drivers can see you in a street just because
 you can see a car's headlights. Drivers cannot see pedestrians in the dark.
 These conditions have played a factor in recent pedestrian fatalities in
 Fairfax County.

- Always cross the street at a marked crosswalk and intersection.
- Watch for turning vehicles look left, right and left again.
- Always wear bright/reflective clothing when you are walking at night.
- Drivers should slow down and obey the posted speed limit.
- Both drivers and pedestrians need to put their phones down and avoid distractions – pay attention to your surroundings.
- When making a right turn on red, drivers should stop and then look back to the right for pedestrians and bicyclists before turning.

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

GIS Streamlines Site Construction Complaints



To streamline the process of reporting potential problems at Fairfax County construction sites, <u>Land Development Services</u> (LDS) has upgraded its online Geographic Information Systems (GIS). The public can now <u>file a complaint</u> and identify on the map the exact location of the complaint. This will ensure that LDS staff can efficiently and quickly respond to the issue.

A <u>Site Construction Complaint Report web map</u> will show all complaints submitted during the past 30 days. The public can use this map to track the status and

resolution of all site construction complaints. The construction phone hotline will also still be available for filing complaints and those complaints will also be viewable in the Site Construction Complaint Report web map.

Call the construction hotline at 703-324-7470 or file online. Online complaints will be addressed the next regularly scheduled business day.

To read the full article, click here.

Programs at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter



Workshops for Kids:

The <u>Fairfax County Animal Shelter</u> offers several different workshop packages for kids' groups.

- Workshops are offered on the first Wednesday of every month, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and the third Saturday of every month, beginning at 11:00 a.m.
- Children's activities are ideal for ages 6 and older.
- Submit your request at least two weeks in advance.

 Workshop topics include: What is an Animal Shelter?; Pet Safety; and Wildlife 101.

Shelter Tours:

Now booking for April 2019. The Animal Shelter offers guided tours of their adoption floor (with some behind-the-scenes moments) to children's and adult community groups. Group size is limited to 20 attendees (including chaperones). Tours last approximately 30 to 45 minutes and can be scheduled for the following days: Wednesday from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Click here to view the schedule.

Shelter Tour Plus Reading to a Shelter Pet:

The shelter also offers a tour and reading to the animals session to help the animals relax for bedtime. Kids are given the opportunity to learn about the shelter and then sit outside of a shelter animal's cage to read to them. Group size is limited to 20 attendees (including chaperones). Duration: 1.5 hours. Schedule: Fridays only. Tour begins at 6:30 p.m. and the reading is from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m.

For more information about any of their humane education offerings, please email AnimalShelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The Green Column



Solarize Fairfax County is Back Through June 14

Solarize, Fairfax County's spring campaign to reduce the cost and complexity of installing solar panels, is going on now. Participants receive a free solar site assessment and discounted prices, as well as access to vetted contractors and community workshops and support.

This year, Solarize contractors are offering their lowest prices yet - 17 percent lower than the average price in Virginia for a 6 kW system. For the first time, in addition to solar panels, Solarize is offering Level 2 electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. These can be installed independently or in conjunction with solar panels. If you install a charging station with solar panels, you will get an additional \$250 discount.

The 2019 campaign is open now through June 14, 2019. For more information, or to sign up for the program, <u>click here</u>. For an in-depth discussion with contractors and program staff, <u>attend one of their information sessions</u>.

To read the full article, click here.

Animal Shelter Corner



Bunny Adoption Extravaganza!

Date: Saturday, May 4, 2019 **Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Location: Fairfax County Animal Shelter; Training Room (4500 West Ox

Road, Fairfax, VA 22030)

Bunny 1 through Bunny 17 were taken into the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, and are now ready to be adopted! Shelter staff is hoping that all of you who have been so patiently waiting to rescue one of these former pet store bunnies comes in to adopt one or two! Some of them are in bonded pairs, and they will be clearly labeled. All of them are very cute and playful, and have been doing great and getting lots of TLC in their foster homes. Those who are not adopted this weekend will remain at the shelter in the small animal room, waiting for their forever families. The adoption fee for bunnies is \$15. Click

<u>here</u>, to read about the adoption process. For questions and more information, contact the Shelter at 703-830-1100, TTY 711 or email <u>AnimalShelter@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>.