

A message from Kathy Smith



This week I participated in a Virginia Beautification Event with Virginia Secretary of Transportation, Shannon Valentine, VDOT staff, and others (pictured above). We picked up litter in the vicinity of the Stringfellow Park and Ride Lot. The Keep America Beautiful Foundation estimates that 51 billion pieces of litter are thrown out every year at an annual clean-up cost of \$11.5 billion. Please place your trash in the proper receptacle. Littering can result in very negative environmental impacts. For more information about littering and how to participate in a clean-up, <u>click here</u>.

Sincerely,

Katty

VDOT Traffic Alert Update

Due to weather, the closures on Fox Mill Road in Herndon detailed below have been rescheduled. Fox Mill Road will now be continuously closed from 8:00 a.m. Monday, May 20 until 4:00 p.m. Thursday, May 23; closures will then occur Tuesday, May 28, Wednesday, May 29, and Thursday, May 30 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. each day.

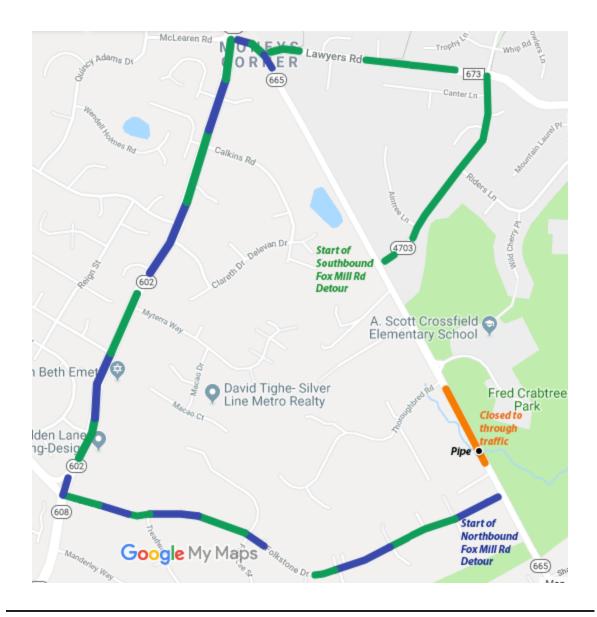
Fox Mill Road (Route 665) between Loveless Lane and Thoroughbred Road will be closed to replace a pipe within the culvert that carries Little Difficult Run under Fox Mill Road.

Residents within the closure area and emergency vehicles will have access to the closed portion of Fox Mill Road; however, they will not be able to go beyond the point of pipe replacement in either direction.

Through traffic will be detoured via the following routes:

- Northbound Fox Mill Road: Folkstone Drive and Lawyers Road (Routes 602 and 665) back to Fox Mill Road.
- Southbound Fox Mill Road: Steeplechase Drive (Route 4703), Lawyers Road (Routes 673, 665, and 602) and Folkstone Drive back to Fox Mill Road.

Southbound Fox Mill Road traffic will still have normal access to A. Scott Crossfield Elementary School and Fred Crabtree Park; northbound Fox Mill Road traffic will need to follow the above detour to access them.



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>. **The online survey will close at midnight on May 20, 2019.**

Democratic Party Primary on June 11, 2019



On **Tuesday, June 11, 2019**, Fairfax County will conduct a Democratic Party Primary Election **only**.

The Republican Party chose to select its candidates for the November 2019 General Election by means other than a primary. When you register to vote in Virginia, you **do not** register to vote by party. Virginia is an Open Primary State which means that any registered voter in Virginia may vote in either Democratic or Republican primary. When both parties hold a primary election, you will be asked which party's ballot you would like to vote when you check in at the polling place with your photo ID. Note, you may only vote in one primary when two primaries are being held.

Sample Ballots:

- Precincts 902 (Brookfield), 905 (Franklin), and 931 (Carson) <u>Sample Ballot</u> <u>#9</u>
- All other Sully District Precincts <u>Sample Ballot #8</u>

Important Deadlines:

- Monday, May 20, 2019 Voter Registration Deadline. In-person: 5:00 p.m.; Online: 11:59 p.m.
- **Tuesday, June 4, 2019** Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail, 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, June 8, 2019 Final day to vote absentee in-person, 5:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, June 11, 2019** Deadline to return your ballot to the Office of Elections, 7:00 p.m.

In-person absentee voting is currently underway for the June 11 Democratic Party Primary Election. You can vote in-person absentee at the Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035) in Conference Rooms 2/3 from now until 5:00 p.m. on June 8, 2019. **Satellite locations will be open for one day only on Saturday, June 8, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** For more information about absentee voting, <u>click here</u>.

For more information, <u>click here</u>. If you have any questions, contact the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776, TTY 711 or by email at <u>voting@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>.

NAMI Event at Centreville Regional Library



NAMI Northern Virginia & Centreville Regional Library present

NAMI In Our Own Voice

An Interactive Presentation About Mental Health



Two NAMI- trained presenters bravely share their personal journeys toward recovery and wellness to increase understanding about mental health conditions and inspire hope. Through these powerful stories, audience members will learn, "What Happened, What Helped and What's Next" and are invited to ask questions.

When: Tuesday, May 28th 7:00pm - 8:30pm Where: Centreville Regional Library (meeting room 1&2) 14200 St Germain Drive, Centreville, VA 20121

NAMI Northern Virginia, the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is a non-profit organization providing education, support and advocacy for individuals living with a mental health condition, family members, and our community. Programs are provided at no cost to participants thanks to generous support from our local community.

www.NAMI-NorthernVirginia.org info@nami-nova.org 571-458-7310

Volunteer Opportunity

HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST!

Fairfax County administers a competitive countywide grant program that provides limited funding for programs and services that fill critical human services needs among the most vulnerable populations.

WE NEED COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

willing to participate on the Selection Advisory Committee to review and evaluate proposals and make recommendations on how to distribute funds among the many applicants from across the county.

The review period for FY2021-2022 applicants runs from January – March 2020.

Orientation sessions will be held.

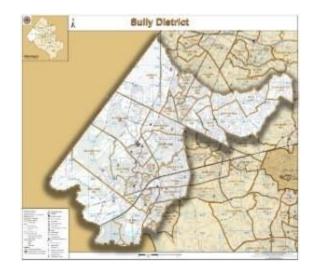
If you are interested in learning more about this critical volunteer opportunity, please contact:

Michelle Brizzi Department of Procurement and Materials Management michelle.brizzi@fairfaxcounty.gov

You can also visit us online at https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/procurement/sponsoredprograms/fundingpool



Sully Land Use Spotlight



Upcoming Meetings:

Board of Supervisors Meeting -

The Board of Supervisors will meet on **Tuesday, May 21, 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 no Sully District cases on the <u>agenda</u>.

Planning Commission Meeting -

The Planning Commission will meet on **Wednesday, May 22, 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 audio cassettes, both of which are available for review at the Planning Commission office, by appointment. There is one Sully case on the <u>agenda</u>. More information about this case is below.

PCA 2006-SU-025-04/FDPA 2006-SU-025-04 (Regency Centers Acquisition LLC) -

Location: Northeast corner of the northern intersection of Newbrook Drive and Westfields Boulevard. Proposal: To amend one acre of RZ 2006-SU-025, previously approved from a mixed-use development of 36.78 acres, to add a drive-through automated teller machine (ATM) to a previously approved financial institution. County staff recommends approval of this application. To read the Staff Report, <u>click here</u>.



Take the Discovery Trail 2019

Discovery Trail returns for its fabulous fourth year beginning Saturday, May 25. Visit eight of 12 featured sites and earn a prize packet of park activities worth \$93. You will also be entered into a drawing to win one of four bicycles courtesy of Spokes, Etc. Free trail maps will be available at Park Authority <u>RECenters</u>, <u>nature</u> <u>centers</u>, <u>staffed historic sites</u>, and <u>golf courses</u> along with <u>libraries</u>, Spokes, and <u>Board of Supervisor offices</u> beginning May 18.

Apply for the Girls Fire & Rescue Academy **Summer Camp**



GIRLS FIRE AND RESCUE ACADEMY

The Academy is open to female students who will be freshmen, sophomores, juniors, or seniors in the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. Participants must be a Fairfax County resident.

JULY 11-13, 2019

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Fairfax Fire and Rescue Academy 4600 West Ox Road Fairfax, VA 22035

During the academy, campers will experience:

- Fun-filled experiences,
- Physical training
- Fire/EMS simulations.
- Visit a Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Station to experience the everyday life of a Firefighter/EMT.
- · Interact, ask questions, and eat dinner with an onduty crew.

The program is completely FREE of charge. The Academy will be limited to 24 applicants, so apply today! To apply, visit:

www.fairfaxcounty.come/fire-ems

Podcast: County Executive Bryan Hill on the Budget



The "Connect with County Leaders" podcast is a monthly opportunity to meet and connect with Fairfax County leaders, to learn about the latest county news and information, and hear more on specific Fairfax County programs and services.

On this edition of "Connect with County Leaders," host Jim Person connects with County Executive Bryan Hill to talk about the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget, which the Board of Supervisors approved on May 7. For more on the budget, <u>click here</u>.

To listen to this podcast, <u>click here</u>.

Park Authority Updates E-bike Regulations



On April 10, 2019, the Park Authority Board voted to approve an update to Park Authority Regulation 1.14, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, to align with Virginia Code and NOVA Parks regulation on the use of electric powered bikes (e-bikes) on park trails. Guidelines were also approved to provide recommendations for e-bike use on park trails.

Commonwealth of Virginia law allows the use of e-bikes wherever regular bicycles are allowed. The Virginia Code regulate e-bikes with a power rating less than 1,000 watts, and top powered speed of 25 mph as bicycles that can be used on trails and shared use paths.

The amended regulations can be found in Appendix 6 of the <u>Fairfax County Park</u> <u>Authority Policy Manual</u>. <u>Click here</u> to learn more about the Park Authority's guidelines on e-bikes.

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

Solving Drainage & Erosion Problems



The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District (NVSWD) has received a high number of requests for their technical assistance from Fairfax County residents and communities due to the record-breaking amount of rainfall our area has received this year. There is currently a wait of approximately 10 weeks before a NVSWD team member can get out to a property for a site inspection.

If you are a homeowner and experiencing drainage and/or erosion problems, view the <u>Guide for Homeowners</u> on the NVSWD website before contacting them for a site visit. This guide is intended for use by homeowners on small-scale home projects. Larger projects may require permits or hiring a contractor.

If you have additional questions, email NVSWD at <u>conservationdistrict@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>. Please include your address, description of your concern, and clear photos or videos of the issue.

The Green Column



Your Guide to Snakes in Fairfax County

As temperatures continue to rise, the warm weather will encourage snakes to become more active and increase opportunities for people and their pets to encounter these secretive reptiles.

Fairfax County is home to an array of snake species, most of which are nonvenomous and pose no threat to people. Among the most frequently observed resident snakes are: the Eastern rat snake, Eastern garter snake, Dekay's brown snake, Northern water snake, and Northern ring-necked snake; common and important predators in our ecosystems. These snakes, and others, are beneficial and provide a valuable service in our communities in the way of pest control.

The Northern copperhead is the only venomous snake species commonly found in Fairfax County. Copperheads may be found basking in the sun on trails, in rocky areas, and in stream valleys. They are most active between April and October. For information on identification of the Northern copperhead and harmless look-a-like species, visit the <u>Virginia Herpetological Society</u>.

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

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Aria!

Age: 6y Gender: Female Color: Tan Spayed/Neutered: Yes Size: Medium

Meet Aria! She's a mature, sweet dog who came to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter because her owners were moving to a place that did not allow pets. She has been a terrific guest at the shelter. As one of the shelter's staff members pointed out when she did Aria's evaluation, this pup loves people: "Aria is a friendly dog who LOVES to be petted. She'll lean on you and will lean so far she slides on the floor! During the assessment, she introduced herself to every person in the assessment area and solicited petting and more petting." She also enjoys exploring, walks nicely on a leash, and is treat motivated which should make training a snap. Her owners said she was selective about her doggy friends, but she did well on doggy introductions during her evaluation. As always, the shelter recommends bringing potential doggy siblings to meet her. Come visit her today! For more information about Aria, contact the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at 703-830-1100 or email<u>AnimalShelter@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>.