



## A message from Kathy Smith

Memorial Day is the day where we come together as a country to honor and remember our service members who died defending our freedom and democracy. My office will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2019 in honor of the Memorial Day Holiday. The office will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 28, 2019.

Save the date! The Sully District Summer Open House/Food Drive will take place on Saturday, June 22, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151). Learn about volunteer opportunities with the Park Authority, how to prevent mosquito and tick bites, and more. Donate non-perishable food items that will benefit Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' Food Pantry. Admission is free. More information about this event is below.

Sincerely,  
*Kathy*

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# Save the Date!

## Sully District Summer Open House on June 22



### Sully District Summer Open House

**Meet!**  
Supervisor Kathy Smith and her staff

**Donate!**  
To Western Fairfax Christian Ministries  
Bring non-perishable food items:  
- Canned chicken/tuna  
- Canned Pasta, e.g. Ravioli or Spaghetti's  
- Peanut Butter or Jelly  
- Canned Fruit (pears, peaches, mixed fruit)  
- Pancake Mix, syrup or cereal  
- 100% Fruit Juice (boxes or pouches)

**Learn!**  
Park Authority Volunteer Opportunities, Mosquito and Tick disease prevention, and Summer REC Center Class Info

**See you there!**



**Saturday June 22, 2019**

10 am - 2 pm

4900 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly VA 20151



**Join the Fight Against Hunger  
in western Fairfax County.**

**Don't forget to bring non-perishable food  
for hungry families in our community.**

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Foods most needed are:

- Canned Fruit (pears, peaches, mixed fruit)
- Individual Fruit Cups
- 100% Fruit Juice (individual boxes/pouches)
- Spinach, collard greens, beets, mixed vegetables
- Regular or flavored/seasoned boxed rice
- Pasta sauce and pasta
- Canned pasta, e.g. ravioli or spaghetti'os
- Canned or bagged beans – black, red, or white
- Peanut Butter and Jelly (jelly most needed)
- Chicken, Tuna, or Hamburger Helper Meals
- Canned Chicken or Tuna
- Pancake Mix/Syrup or Cereal
- Ketchup, mustard, mayo, and salad dressing

Toiletries needed (Toiletry items cannot be purchased  
with food stamps):

- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Deodorant and Body Wash
- Dish Soap
- Diapers size 4, 5, 6 and Baby Wipes

**Western Fairfax Christian Ministries**  
4511 Daly Drive, Suite J • Chantilly, Virginia 20151  
Phone 703-988-9656 • Fax 703-988-9655 • [www.wfcmva.org](http://www.wfcmva.org)

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# Reminders!

## **Deadline Extended Until June 3 for Fairfax County & Franconia-Springfield Parkways Survey:**

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) has posted [Frequently Asked Questions](#) about the [Fairfax County & Franconia-Springfield Parkways Alternative Analysis and Long Term Planning Study](#), and has extended the deadline for the [online survey](#) for two weeks. **The online survey will close on June 3, 2019, at 11:59 p.m.**

The survey was developed based on community input from first round survey results last year. The current survey will gather feedback from residents on future corridor transportation improvements and help the project team decide which improvements will be selected for screening and testing.

## **Democratic Party Primary Election:**

### **Important Deadlines -**

- **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, [click here](#).

For more information, [click here](#). If you have any questions, contact the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776, TTY 711 or by email at [voting@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:voting@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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## Save the Date! Disability Inclusion Conference

**JUNE  
29,  
2019**

**INCLUDING ADULTS WITH  
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES  
IN COMMUNITY LIFE**

# **DISABILITY INCLUSION CONFERENCE**

Come discuss inclusive employment,  
creative housing initiatives, social  
opportunities and more! Coffee and  
light breakfast provided

**12000 GOVERNMENT CENTER PKWY**

**FAIRFAX, VA 22035**

**8:30AM - 12:30PM**



Hosted by The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors & The Arc of Northern Virginia

For ADA accommodations, please call 703-324-2321 TTY 711

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## Fairfax County Seeks Board of Zoning Appeals Member



The Fairfax County [Board of Zoning Appeals](#) (BZA) has an opening for one member. The BZA's powers, duties, and procedures are set forth in state law, and they are further detailed in the county's [Zoning Ordinance](#). Such powers and duties include: hearing and deciding appeals of administrative decisions made pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance, hearing and deciding upon applications for special permits and variances as authorized by the Zoning Ordinance, and hearing and deciding on applications for interpretation of the Zoning Map where there is uncertainty as to the location of a zoning district boundary.

**Interested candidates must apply by Wednesday, June 5, 2019**, to the [Fairfax Circuit Court](#), which appoints the board's seven members. Applicants should send their resume to Judge Bruce D. White, Fairfax Circuit Court, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA 22030.

The appointment for this open position will be effective until April 15, 2023. BZA members are appointed for staggered, five-year terms. **Applicants must be residents of Fairfax County and serve as private citizens, not as county employees.**

For more information, [click here](#).

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## Volunteer Opportunity



The Centreville Library Friends group is currently recruiting new members, and multiple positions are available. The Friends group supports, assists, and promotes library activities for our community. The group holds book sales, and the proceeds are donated to the library to help acquire books and equipment as well as sponsor children's and adult programs, including Summer Reading. If you are interested in joining the Friends group, send an email to [libCE@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:libCE@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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## Sully District DPWES Capital Projects Update



[Click here](#) to view the April 2019 summary report on capital projects in the Sully District from the [Department of Public Works and Environmental Services](#).

The report includes details such as, what the status of each project is and when it is projected to be completed.

### **Sully District projects include:**

- A new 14,750 square foot Emergency Vehicle Center and K9 Training Center on Stonecroft Boulevard.
- Renovations and upgrades at the Criminal Justice Academy in Chantilly.
- Design and construction of a new Sully Community Center.
- Stream and water quality improvements throughout the district.

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## **Park Authority: Honoring America's Veterans**

The Fairfax County [Park Authority](#) is proud to honor those who serve and have served in the U.S. Armed Forces with a free day at RECenters and lakefront parks **on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2019**. Amenities vary by location. This offer excludes the Water Mine, regulation golf, and food vendors.

For more information, [click here](#).



# HONORING AMERICA'S VETERANS

MAY 27, 2019



To all who serve and have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, please enjoy Memorial Day, with your family at any Fairfax County RECenter or lakefront park at no charge. It's our way of saying thank you for your service to our country.

Complimentary RECenter Admission* includes use of:	Lakefront park amusements include**:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• pools</li><li>• fitness rooms</li><li>• drop-in fitness classes</li><li>• gyms</li><li>• mini golf</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• carousel</li><li>• boat rides</li><li>• train rides</li><li>• mini golf</li><li>• camping</li></ul>

*\*Amenities vary by location.*

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*Offer excludes the Water Mine, regulation golf and food vendors.*

Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks) for locations and details.



Inclusion and ADA Support  
(703) 324-8563. TTY Va. Relay 711



# Fathers Matter Cookout

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual **Fathers Matter** **Cookout**

### It's a Celebration!

All dads, their families and professionals are invited to help us celebrate fathers! Families will get to spend time with each other and enjoy nature hikes, tot lot, Frisbee toss, arts and crafts, and giveaways. A cookout with hot dogs, hamburgers, assorted treats and beverages. **Non-Fairfax County residents: Show this flyer at the front gate for free admission.**

### **RSVP** by May 30, 2019

Call Bennie Herron at 703-474-6822 or email [bennie.herron@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:bennie.herron@fairfaxcounty.gov). For Spanish, call Kim Torres at 703-324-3064.

**Saturday**

**June 1, 2019**

**11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
(Rain or Shine)

**Burke Lake Park**  
**7315 Ox Road, Shelter A**  
**Fairfax Station, VA 22039**



  
Fairfax County Department of  
**Family Services**  
[Fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices](http://Fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices)



Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in all county programs, services and activities. Where a TTY number is not indicated, use 711/Virginia Relay. Reasonable accommodations made upon request; call 703-324-7800

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# 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fathers Matter Cookout

## It's a Celebration!

Todos los padres, sus familias y profesionales están invitados a apoyarlos a celebrar a los padres! Disfrute parque infantil, lanzar discos, artesanías y regalos. Una parrillada con salchichas, hamburguesas, también habrá otras delicias y bebidas. Importante: Si no son residentes de Fairfax traigan el foletto para entrada gratis.

### RSVP para el 30 de Mayo

Para responder o mayor información, contacte a Kim Torres en el 703-324-3064 (español) [Kimberly.Torres@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Torres@fairfaxcounty.gov) o a Bennie Herron en el 703-324-7308 (Inglés).

Sábado

June 1, 2019

11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
(con lluvia o sol)

Burke Lake Park  
7315 Ox Road, Shelter A  
Fairfax Station, VA 22039



El Condado de Fairfax está comprometido a no discriminar en función de la incapacidad en todos los programas, servicios y actividades del condado. Cuando no se indique un número de TTY por favor marque el 711, Virginia Relay. Se puede solicitar adecuaciones razonables llamando al 703-324-7800.

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## Reducing the Number of People With Mental Illness in Jail



[Stepping Up](#) is a nationwide initiative to reduce the number of people with mental illness in jails, and this May, Stepping Up is leading the a full Month of Action, during which time counties will demonstrate their impact and highlight their efforts toward reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jail. So how are we "Stepping Up?"

### **Diversion First:**

We operate a successful [Diversion First](#) program, which offers alternatives to incarceration for people with mental illness or development disabilities who come into contact with the criminal justice system for low level offenses. Close to 1,400 people have been diverted from potential arrest thanks to the initiative.

### **Mental Health Docket:**

The [Mental Health Docket](#) will allow commonwealth and defense attorneys to require a defendant to complete different phases of treatment and "graduate" before that defendant's charges will be resolved. A pilot docket, which began in August 2018, has already helped more than 180 people. The docket has been approved by the Virginia Supreme Court and will officially launch in Fairfax County this July.

**Veterans Docket Graduation:**

The [Veterans Treatment Docket](#) provides court services and support for veterans of our armed forces. This docket has been in place in the county since February 2015, and is designed to address the mental health and substance abuse issues that often result from the combat stress of military service.

**Stakeholders Meeting:**

Each quarter, a variety of stakeholders interested in diversion come together to discuss the county's progress and future efforts. The meetings are open to anyone interested in learning more about Diversion First in Fairfax County. For more information about these meetings, [click here](#).

To read the full article, [click here](#).

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## 5 Safety Tips to Conquer Home Improvement Season



May is Building Safety Month - just when you may start to wander the aisles of your local home improvement store, dreaming of updated outdoor patios, kitchens, and other upgrades to a house or condo.

Hiring a contractor, permitting, and inspections will most likely be part of your plan, but you may not realize when or how. We are here to help!

### **Swimming Pools -**

Did you know that any pool that is 24 inches deep or deeper needs a permit before use? Why? Pools can be a real safety risk, especially for small children. Building code requires that homeowners place a proper barrier around or over a pool of this size to prevent accidental drownings. For more information about pool regulations, [click here](#).

### **New Decks -**

Most often, you or your contractor will need to supply plans for review before obtaining a permit for deck construction. Luckily, we have [standard deck construction plans](#) available to submit in lieu of a plan, making the application process easier. If you already have a deck, be sure to maintain it regularly and inspect it often. To learn more, [click here](#).

### **Gas Appliances -**

You gas fireplaces, furnaces, water heaters, dryers, and ovens all need a permit before first installation AND when you need a replacement. It may seem like a hassle, but the consequences of a faulty installation can be catastrophic.

### **Tree/Play Houses -**

When building outside play structures for your kids, just keep in mind the size. Anything over 256 square feet requires a building permit. This is the same rule that applies to sheds and any outdoor "accessory structure." Regardless of the size, if you are putting electrical or plumbing in this kind of structure, you will need trade permits.

### **Hiring a Contractor -**

Verify the contractor is licensed. You can look them up on Virginia's Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation [website](#) or call 804-367-8511. Though you may obtain permits in your own name, we recommend that your contractors be listed on your permit application to indicate their responsibility for the work. Make sure you read the contract before you sign and request a cost estimate. Always

ask questions for clarification. Check references and seek advice when needed.

To read the full article, [click here](#).

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## **Park Authority Updates Regulations on Remote Control Devices & Unmanned Aircrafts**



On April 10, 2019, the Fairfax County Park Authority Board approved an administrative update to Park Authority Regulation 1.17, Remote-Control Devices and Powered Models or Toys, to align with the Virginia Code. The revised regulation pertains to the use of privately-owned unmanned aircraft systems or drones.

Pilots have been allowed to fly unmanned aircrafts in the parks system without prior authorization from the Park Authority since July 1, 2018. However, pilots must still operate within the Federal Aviation Administration's safety and airspace regulations. The use of hobby rockets and remote-controlled cars and boats remains prohibited without a Park Authority-issued permit.

The Park Authority reminds users to fly safely and respectfully of other park

visitors. It is recommended that pilots not operate near unmaintained, wooded, or natural areas, as our parks are home to wildlife species that may be sensitive to these aircrafts.

To read the full article, [click here](#).

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## Take Time to Talk to Teens About Emotional Health



Adolescence is a difficult time for teens and their parents. This time of year, with exams, tests, social events, and the upcoming end of the school year, emotions and stress can be exacerbated.

**Here are step parents and caring adults can take:**

- **Ask** - Pick a time that feels comfortable, and ask your teen how they are doing.
- **Listen** - The most important thing you can do for your teen is to listen without judgment to what they are experiencing and how they feel.

- **Validate** - Do not brush away their feelings as "just" teen angst. Let them know that mental health disorders are common and treatable. It will get better for them, even if they are going through a rough patch.
- **Talk about next steps** - If they have been open to talking to you about what they are going through, discuss what ways they might be comfortable to get help.

Mental health and wellness issues are not a one-time conversation. Letting them know that you are there for them, that you care, and that you will support them in anything they are dealing with can help your child navigate the bumpy teen years.

To read the full article, [click here](#).

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# The Green Column

The Fairfax County [Park Authority](#) has rolled out a new [Information and Education Portal](#) to provide a one-stop source for facts, reports, infographics, and videos that tell the story of parks and recreation in the county. For more information, contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662 or send an email to [Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov).



## Celebrate Adoption! Fee-Waived Event



**Date:** Saturday, May 25, 2019

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Fairfax County Animal Shelter (4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030)

One of the shelter's volunteers is celebrating their birthday in a big way: by sponsoring a one-day, fee-waived adoption event! Help our shelter pets celebrate in the best way possible: by adopting your new best friend! Whether you are looking for a dog, cat, rabbit, guinea pig, or other small animal, the shelter can help you find your perfect companion. All adoptions will be completely fee-waived on Saturday, May 25, to help our shelter pets celebrate (their) adoption!

To view current available pets, [click here](#) (or see our Pet Spotlight below!). For more information about the adoption process, [click here](#).

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## Animal Shelter Corner



### Meet Jelly Roll!

**Age:** 7y 1m

**Gender:** Female

**Color:** Grey

**Spayed/Neutered:** Yes

**Size:** Large

**Declawed:** No

Jelly Roll is a pretty silly name for a cat, but hey, it kind of fits her. She's a fun, easy-going, pretty chill cat! She was originally found just sitting outside someone's back patio, and after days of her not leaving, they took her in. Not being able to keep a cat themselves, Jelly Roll was brought to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. The shelter thinks she is about seven years old, and she is a solid cat at almost 12.5 pounds. She is the prettiest grey tabby color, with green eyes and a burgundy nose that just begs to be smooched. For

more information about Jelly Roll, contact the shelter at 703-830-1100 or by email at [AnimalShelter@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:AnimalShelter@fairfaxcounty.gov).