

August 14, 2020

A Message from Kathy Smith

The dog days of summer are upon us. With heat and humidity come lethargy and exhaustion. While may of us may be feeling a little tired and a little slow, things are continuing to run at an express pace here in the Sully District. We've got some exciting events and happenings just around the corner that I want to share with you.

First and foremost, on Tuesday, August 18th at 2pm, in collaboration with DeLune Corporation, my office is hosting a drive-thru food distribution. We will be providing dairy boxes that contain a weeks supply of necessary nutrition free of charge. We are grateful to Mt. Olive Baptist Church for letting us use their parking lot to host this event. For more information, please see the flyer attached in this newsletter.

On Wednesday, August 19th at 5pm, my office is teaming with the Children's Science Center to present a free online science assembly for the children in our district. This event is open to everyone and will provide exciting stimulation for the young minds of our district as they get ready to head back to school in a couple of weeks. If your children like watching fun science experiments happen in real time, they won't want to miss this! I've included a copy of the flyer for this event below for more information.

As August winds down, so will the Census. Our nation continues to make efforts to get as accurate a count as possible, and you still have time to fill out the census by going to <u>2020Census.gov</u>. I urge everyone to please fill out the census so that we can get the vital federal dollars needed in proportion to our population. The census will conclude on September 30th.

On a larger level, just this week, the Virginia State Supreme Court extended Governor Northam's eviction moratorium to September 7th, 2020. This will provide residents with extra time to assess their individual situations and make the choices that are best for them. Additional information can be found <u>here</u>.

The Virginia General Assembly will be convening for a Special Session on August 18 in order to finalize the budget for the two-year cycle of 2020 through 2022 and address additional policy recommendations. This process had been postponed in order to allow for a full analysis of the impact of COVID-19. Please take a look at Governor Northam's <u>press</u> release for more details.

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Lastly, I'd like to close with a reminder that while we have nationally relaxed to some degree, COVID-19 is still very problematic due to its virulence. This virus has actively infected well over 5 million Americans. With all of that in mind, please take due diligence to keep yourself safe by wearing a mask when you go out and by continuing to practice safe social distancing, which in some cases might mean remaining safer at home.

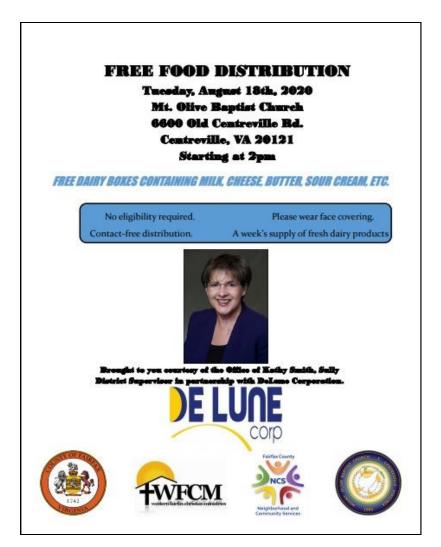
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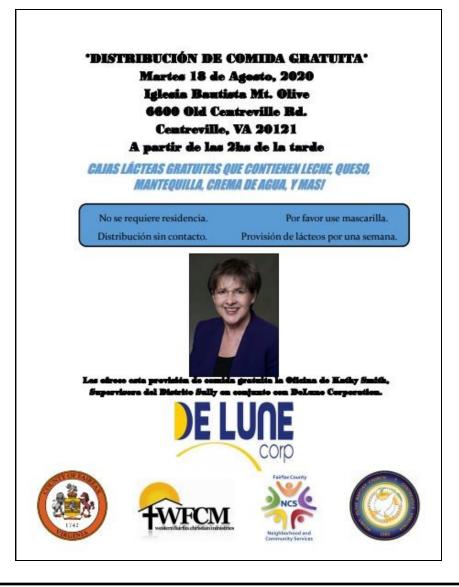
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Reminder! Sully District: Free Food Distribution Event

Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 **Time:** Starting at 2:00 p.m. **Location:** Mt. Olive Baptist Church (6600 Old Centreville Road, Centreville, VA 20121)

The Office of Sully District Supervisor Kathy Smith, in partnership with the DeLune Corporation, will host a free food distribution event on August 18, 2020. The free food boxes include a week's supply of fresh dairy products. No eligibility required. Please wear a face covering. More information is below.





Election Officers Needed

The Fairfax County Office of Elections needs election officers to assist voters on election day, Tuesday November 3, 2020. New election officer training classes will begin online in September for the November General election.

Fairfax County is the largest voting jurisdiction in Virginia with 243 precincts countywide. It takes thousands of enthusiastic and trained election officers to ensure that we have efficient and well-run elections. Compensation begins at \$175. If you are a registered Virginia voter, consider applying today!

In particular, bilingual Vietnamese or Korean speakers are needed in Annandale, Centreville, and Falls Church.

To apply: <u>https://www.vote4fairfax.com/apply/</u>. To ensure the best chance of a precinct assignment for the November 3, 2020 General Election, apply by September 15, 2020.

More information: <u>https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/officers/new-officers</u>.

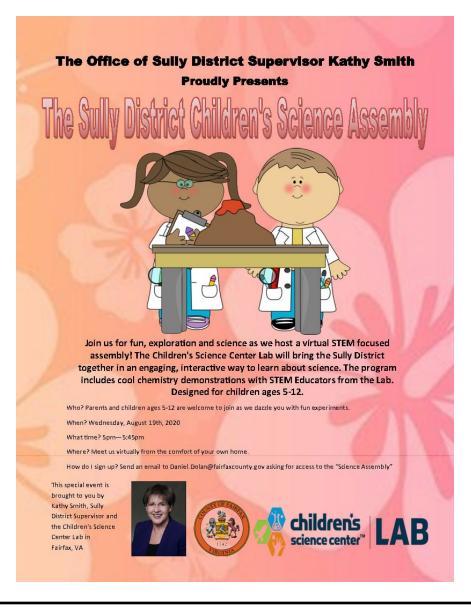
Job Fair Announcement

Healthworks of Northern Virginia is holding a job fair for its Reston office and is looking for a variety of skills!



A Little Something for the Kids

On August 19, 2020, we will be presenting a free virtual "Science Assembly" for all children ages 5-12, conducted by our partners at the Children's Science Center. The event is free and will be presented over Zoom. Please see the flyer for details.



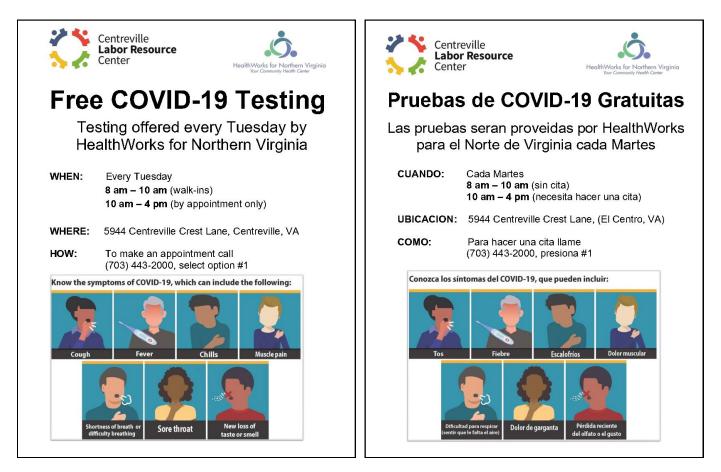
Upcoming Events at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park



This weekend features an invasive species walk. Click on the link to learn more about the event. <u>Ellanor C. Lawrence Park</u> is located at 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly, VA. For more information, contact 703-631-0013 (TTY 711) or email <u>parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>.

Coronavirus Column

FREE COVID-19 TESTING EVERY TUESDAY!



Help is Still Needed:

- The Office for Children continues to seek donations to support childcare programs in providing critical services to children and families.
 - *Essential cleaning supplies are needed, including hand soap, paper towels, disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer. <u>Click here</u> for more information.
- Face Covering Donations Smaller face coverings for kids are also needed. Cloth face masks of any size can be donated to community members in need at Fairfax County Police Stations. Drop off any time, day or night. Find a location near you.
- Donate Blood The American Red Cross is seeing an extreme shortage in blood donations. To make your appointment, click here.

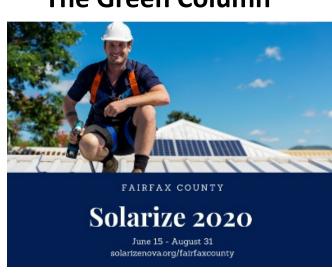
Ways to Stay Informed:

- Call our Health Department Call Center at 703-267-3511 with Coronavirus questions; open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends.
- Text FFXCOVID to 888777 to receive updates from Fairfax County about COVID-19.
- Email questions or concerns to <u>ffxcovid@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>. This email account is staffed Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. through 6 p.m.
- Visit a web portal for coronavirus that serves as a one-stop online resource for information.

Transportation

Route 28 in Centreville is going to be reduced to one lane in each direction during overnight hours next week for the continued Braddock Road/Walney Road bridge beam installation.

Braddock Road will be closed between Newton Patent Drive and Route 28 from Friday night, August 14, through early Monday morning, August 17, for paving operations. Detours will be posted using Westfields Boulevard. For more information, click <u>here</u>.



The Green Column

Solarize 2020

It's Solarize season in Fairfax County! Get a free assessment to see if solar is right for your home or business and then take advantage of discounts on your solar purchase. You can also receive a full home energy assessment, completely free. Interested in electric vehicle charging? You can bundle some chargers with your solar purchase for additional savings. Let this be your summer of solar. Discounts and assessments are available through August 31. <u>https://bit.ly/3fnwf8i</u>

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Shadow

Shadow is a two month old, neutered female kitten. She maintains a comfortable balance of snuggling and playtime.

If you are interested in adopting Shadow, send in a completed adoption questionnaire! All adoption info, steps, and forms can be found <u>online</u>.

Reminders!

2020 Census:

Enumerators (census takers) will be visiting households that have not yet responded to help collect Census information in a fast, safe, and confidential way. **Field data collection will end by September 30, 2020.** Residents in low-response areas may also receive emails asking them to complete the 2020 Census. If you respond online or by phone today, a census taker is less likely to have to visit your home to collect your response. Households can still complete the <u>2020 Census</u> online, by phone at 844-330-2020 (TTY 711) or by completing the paper survey received in the mail. **The Census Bureau does not disclose any personal information.** <u>Details</u>

Summer Entertainment Series Returns with Livestream Concerts:

The <u>Fairfax County Park Authority</u> will livestream 25 free summer concert events featuring a mix of nationally known performers and singer-songwriters. Concerts will be broadcast live via Facebook each Thursday through Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. Arts in the Parks children's shows will be livestreamed Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. The complete concert schedule, with links to join the concert live and information about the performers, is available on the <u>Park Authority's Summer Entertainment web site</u>.