

A message from Kathy Smith



This past Wednesday, September 11, I attended a ceremony at the Fairfax County Public Safety Headquarters to remember the individuals who lost their lives during the tragic events of that day. We will never forget.

Sincerely,

Reminders!

Rocks with Cops!:

Date: Saturday, September 14, 2019

Time: 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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

20151)

The Kindness Rocks Project encourages people to leave rocks painted with inspiring messages along the path of life. Join the Sully District Police Station to paint rocks with Cops! They will provide the supplies, but please feel free to bring your own as well. For more information, or to RSVP, <u>click here</u>.

Help Shape the Future of Fairfax County:

Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2019

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

Location: Chantilly High School (4201 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, VA 20151)

Come hear about the nine areas of focus that teams have been working on, then share your thoughts, insights, opinions, and experiences that will be used to help further shape a countywide strategic plan. To register for the event at Chantilly High School, <u>click here</u>. To view the full schedule of community conversations, <u>click here</u>.

Rain Gardens for Homeowners Workshop:

Date: Saturday, September 21, 2019

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

Location: Sully Governmental Center; James McDonnell Room (4900 Stonecroft

Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151)

Learn about designing and planting a rain garden at your home! Rain gardens are attractive landscape features that allow rain water and snow melt to infiltrate into the ground. Admission is free. Registration is required.

Route 28 Widening Project Design Public Hearing:

Date: Monday, September 23, 2019

Time: 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Centreville Elementary School (14330 Green Trails Boulevard,

Centreville, VA)

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) will hold a Design Public Hearing for the Route 28 Widening Project on Monday, September 23, 2019. A formal presentation will be held a 7:00 p.m. Comments are due by Monday, October 7, 2019. For more information about the project, click here.

Important Dates for the November 5, 2019 Election:

- September 20, 2019: Absentee Voting begins at the Office of Elections (12000 Government Center Parkway, Conference Rooms 2/3, Fairfax, VA 22035)
- October 15, 2019: Voter Registration Deadline. In-person by 5:00 p.m.; online by 11:50 p.m.
- October 17, 2019: In-person Absentee Voting begins at satellite locations.
- October 29, 2019: Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail by 5:00 p.m.
- November 2, 2019: Final day to vote absentee in-person by 5:00 p.m.

For more information about the upcoming election, <u>click here</u>.

Public Input Sought on Proposed Fairfax Connector Service Changes



Date: Thursday, September 19, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Eagle View Elementary School; Cafeteria (4500 Dixie Hill Road, Fairfax,

VA)

The <u>Fairfax County Department of Transportation</u> (FCDOT) will hold a community input meeting on proposed service changes to <u>Fairfax Connector</u> bus service that aims to enhance customer experience. Changes to five existing Fairfax Connector routes (<u>306</u>, <u>395</u>, <u>640</u>, <u>650</u>, and <u>950</u>) include major schedule adjustments to improve on-time performance and provide customers with more dependable service. To view the September 19, 2019 Community Meeting Presentation, <u>click here</u>.

In addition to the community meeting, Fairfax Connector staff will be meeting with current passengers, in person, on routes that would be affected by the proposed service changes throughout September.

Proposal Highlights:

- Route 640 (Stone Road/Westfields Boulevard) Modify the 4:30 p.m.
 weekday trip leaving the Vienna Metrorail station and the corresponding
 return trip from Stone Road Park and Ride. Bus service at these locations is
 also provided on Routes 632 and 642. This adjustment will improve on-time
 performance and dependability.
- Route 650 (Chantilly) Service to Sullyfield Circle will be realigned while
 Route 651 will continue to provide service to Sullyfield Circle during morning
 and afternoon rush hour. Passengers traveling outside of rush hour can

access services at Walney Road. This adjustment will improve on-time performance.

Public comments will be accepted **until Tuesday**, **October 1**, **2019**, **at 5:00 p.m.** There are four easy ways to provide comments:

- 1. Complete an online survey. Completa la encuesta.
- 2. E-mail fairfaxconnector@fairfaxcounty.gov.
- 3. Reach out to them on <u>Twitter</u> or <u>Facebook</u>.
- 4. Call 703-339-7200, TTY 703-339-1608 (Monday-Friday, 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.)

For more information, click here.

Try Transit Week & Car Free Days



To encourage Fairfax County residents and visitors to get out of their cars and give transit a try, the <u>Fairfax County Department of Transportation</u> (FCDOT), <u>Fairfax County Commuter Services</u>, and other regional transportation partners are offering commuters the chance to win great prizes during <u>Try Transit</u> Week (September 16-20, 2019) and <u>Car Free Days</u> (September 20-22, 2019).

FCDOT will offer two opportunities for county residents to try transit and go car-

free, including awarding a <u>FREE \$50 Smart Trip Card</u> for use on transit or parking at Fairfax County's Metrorail parking garages to residents who qualify. Second, social media users will be able to share photos of their smart commuting on <u>FCDOT's Facebook page</u> for a chance to win an Echo Dot.

In addition, participants in Try Transit Week and Car Free Days can also register for the following regional promotions:

- The VA Dept. of Rail and Public Transit is giving away a year of free transit service from a participating VA transit operator as well as a pair of round-trip tickets aboard Amtrak's Northeast Regional train to those who take the pledge to try transit, September 16-20, 2019.
- <u>Commuter Connections</u>, a program of the Metropolitan Washington Council
 of Governments, is hosting <u>Car Free Days</u>, September 20-22, 2019.
 Everyone who takes the pledge will receive a \$30 gift certificate from Nift,
 along with a raffle entry for more than a dozen prizes of sports and museum
 tickets, Capital Bikeshare memberships, and gift certificates for food and
 groceries.
- Car Free Days also will count Car Light pledges, so individuals who can find alternative modes to run errands, grab lunch, or decrease their driving over the weekend also are eligible.

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

League of Women Voters: Sully District Candidate Forum



Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Sully District Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard,

Chantilly, VA 20151)

The <u>League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area</u> (LWVFA) will hold a Sully District Candidate Forum for Board of Supervisors and School Board candidates on Wednesday, September 25, 2019.

All certified candidates have been invited. This event is free and open to the public, and questions for the candidate will come from the audience. Questions can be submitted in advance.

For questions, contact LWVFA PR Director, Katharina Gollner-Sweet at PR@lwv-fairfax.org.

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area is a non-partisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues.

Centreville Day: First Responders Photography Contest



Inviting photographers of all ages! Whether you are an amateur or a professional, you are invited to participate in the first annual First Responders Photography Contest, co-sponsored by the *Fairfax Times* and the Friends of Historic Centreville. Photos must have been taken between June 1 and October 1, 2019, and a copy mailed with the post date of no later than October 1, 2019. Winners will be announced during the Opening Ceremony on the Goodwill Main Stage at 10:00 a.m. during Centreville Day 2019. This is an extension of the Safety Expo which includes activities, games, and information booths manned by our local first responders. Look for McGruff and Sandy Dog for great photo ops! For more information about the contest, click here.

Volunteer Opportunity Save the Date! Venture into Volunteering Fair



EXPLORE A WIDE VARIETY OF OPPORTUNITIES!



For information call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or email: VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov www.fairfaxcounty.gov/OlderAdults



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Upcoming Meetings:

Planning Commission Meeting -

The Planning Commission will meet on **Wednesday, September 18, 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>. There is one Sully District case on the <u>agenda</u>. More information about this case is below.

SE 2019-SU-002/2232-Y18-35 (Fairfax County Water Authority) -

The proposal is to permit local office space and maintenance facilities for a heavy public utility facility. County staff recommends approval of SE 2019-SU-002, subject to the proposed development conditions contained in Appendix 1 of the <u>staff report</u>.

CSB Regional Partner Fair for Employment & Day Activities



Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center

Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035)

Join us to learn about employment and day options for individuals with developmental disabilities, with a special focus on meeting the needs of our aging population and those with a Medicaid Waiver.

Visit 20 vendor tables from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Marilyn Morrison of vaACCSES will review the impact of employment on benefits, especially those who have a Medicaid Waiver at 9:30 a.m. Kirsten Roman of ServiceSource will discuss services available at the Adult Day Health Centers at 2:00 p.m.

RSVP to <u>Denise Sequeira</u> and <u>Sierra Simmons</u> to attend a presentation or to request a provider display table. For more information about this event, <u>click here</u>.

U.S. Census 2020: Everyone Counts Community Dialogue

Census 2020

Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2019

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Location: Dar Al-Hijrah Mosque (3159 Row Street, Falls Church, VA 22044)

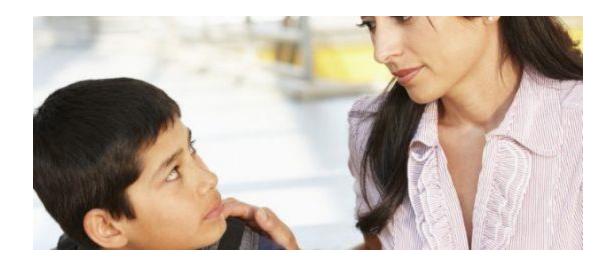
We need your help! Every 10 years, the United States Government counts every person living in the country through the U.S. Census. Fairfax County uses Census data to pay for programs, buildings, and resources our families use every day. Help us make sure everyone gets counted.

Community Dialogue:

- You are vital in helping get the word out
- · Discuss fact vs. fiction
- Learn more about the Census

Lunch will be provided. The event will be live streamed and archived. <u>Registration</u> is required.

September Event at the FCPS Parent Resource Center



The <u>Parent Resource Center</u> (PRC) offers trainings and conferences on a wide variety of topics throughout the school year! All workshops are held at the Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services (2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, VA), Entrance 1, Room 100, unless otherwise noted. Language interpreters and accommodations are available for all Parent Resource Center workshops upon request by contacting 703-204-3941 or <u>prc@fcps.edu</u>.

Voices from the IEP Table: Perspectives on Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Families

Date: Friday, September 27, 2019 **Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

This workshop explores the individual perspectives of IEP meeting participants who work with students who are culturally and linguistically diverse. All workshops are FREE to parents, educators, and community members. This workshop is for adults only. To register for this workshop, <u>click here</u>. If you need ADA accommodations for the workshop, please call 703-204-3941. Interpreters are available with at least two weeks notice.

September is National Preparedness Month



September is National Preparedness Month - a time to promote family and community disaster and emergency planning now and throughout the year. The 2019 theme is "Prepared, Not Scared."

Make a Plan to Prepare for Disasters:

- Make an <u>Emergency Plan</u> at <u>ReadyNoVa.org</u>
- Sign up for <u>alerts and warnings</u> in your area <u>Register for Fairfax Alerts</u>
- Learn your evacuation zone and have an evacuation plan

During National Preparedness Month, let's be sure to take a few minutes and complete some simple steps to ensure that your family is prepared for any and all types of emergencies that may come your way.

To read the full article, click here.

Tree Care Spotlight



Managing Trees in Preservation Areas

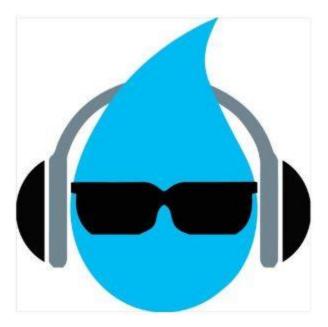
If you own property that is near a stream, it may be part of a network of preservation areas known as Chesapeake Bay Resource Protection Areas or RPAs. RPAs have been established around coastal areas and tributaries in Virginia to protect water quality in the Chesapeake Bay.

What does this mean for property owners? You may be restricted from land disturbance activities including tree or shrub removal or adding new landscaping. Situations do arise where vegetation needs to be removed from a protected RPA, usually when a tree becomes a hazard to private property or the general public. When this is the case, the property owner must request a waiver from the Department of Land Development Services (LDS) and fill out a <u>vegetation removal application</u> prior to any disturbance.

To determine if part of all of your property is within an RPA, contact the Urban Forest Management Division at 703-324-1770, TTY 711, or explore Fairfax County's new mapping application, <u>Jade</u>.

To read the full article, click here.

The Green Column

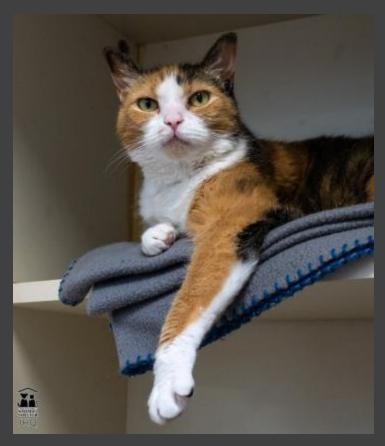


EnviroPod: Watershed Education and Outreach

EnviroPod #7 features Ecologist Danielle Wynne, Stormwater Planning Division, Public Works, talking about the Watershed Education and Outreach group of county employees who partner with the Fairfax County Public Schools to bring environmental education to school children at young ages. Through games and native plantings on school properties, the children learn about stormwater and watersheds and how to prevent water pollution.

To listen to EnviroPod #7, click here!

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Erika!

Age: 7y 1m

Gender: Female

Color: Black/Orange Spayed/Neutered: Yes

Size: Medium

Declawed: No

Erika came all the way from Massachusetts. Her owner travels a lot and therefore felt that Erika deserved an owner who could be present for her. We are not sure if Erika has a Boston accent or is a Patriots fan, but we know that she is a beautiful, beautiful girl! She was a bit nervous when she first got here but she's warmed up. She is not the biggest fan of other cats or dogs, but she is a fan of people. Erika likes to be near people and would love a perch near the TV so she can watch football (or reality TV). Come meet Erika today! For more information about Erika, contact the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at 703-830-1100 or by email.