

# *Sull-E Newsletter*



## **A message from Kathy Smith**



Thank you to everyone who attended the Strategic Plan Community Meeting this past Wednesday, September 18 at Chantilly High School (pictured above). If you were not able to attend, but still want to provide your input, there are two more meetings scheduled on [Monday, September 23, 2019 at Gum Springs Community Center](#) in Alexandria and on [Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at Marshall High School](#) in Falls Church. Can't make it to a meeting? You can also provide feedback by taking the Fairfax County Strategic Plan [Survey](#). Your input is vital as we plan for the next 10-20 years.

My office is hosting a Rain Garden for Homeowners workshop, in partnership with the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, tomorrow, Saturday, September 21, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151). Come to this free workshop to learn about designing and planting a rain garden in your yard. [Registration](#) is required. Space is limited. More information about this workshop is below.

Sincerely,

*Kathy*

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## **Reminder! Rain Garden Workshop**

# Rain Gardens for Homeowners Workshop

**September 21, 2019**

**10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**FREE!**

James McDonnell Room  
Sully Government Center  
4900 Stonecroft Blvd.,  
Chantilly, VA 20151

Registration Required  
<https://bit.ly/33oEOTC>



Rain gardens, also known as bioretention areas, are attractive landscape features that allow rain water and snow melt to infiltrate into the ground. A layer of mulch and plants intercept water running off streets, driveways, and rooftops, slowing its flow and removing pollutants before the water reaches local streams, the Occoquan River and the Potomac River, drinking water supplies for the region.

Come to this **FREE** workshop to learn about designing and planting a rain garden at your home!



Northern Virginia Regional Commission



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**Reminders!**

### **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 at 7:00 p.m. Comments are due by Monday, October 7, 2019. For more information about the project, [click here](#).

### **League of Women Voters: Sully District Candidate Forum:**

**Date:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019

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

**Location:** Sully District Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151)

The [League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area](#) (LWVFA) will hold a Sully District Candidate Forum for Board of Supervisors and School Board candidates. 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](mailto:PR@lwv-fairfax.org).

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

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## Absentee Voting Begins on Friday, September 20 at the Fairfax County Government Center



### Fairfax County Government Center:

Absentee voting at the Fairfax County Government Center began at 8:00 a.m. today, Friday, September 20, 2019, for the [general election in November](#). Voters can absentee vote in person at the Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035) in Conference Rooms 2/3. **Until October 17, 2019, the Fairfax County Government Center will be the **only** location for in-person absentee voting.**

### Fairfax County Government Center In-Person Absentee Voting Hours -

- **September 20 to October 16, 2019** - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Saturday (October 5): 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- **October 17 to November 2, 2019** - Weekdays: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Satellite Locations:**

An additional nine satellite absentee voting locations will open on Thursday, October 17, 2019, and these locations will be open on weekdays from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Please note that these hours differ from the in-person absentee voting hours at the Fairfax County Government Center.**

- [Franconia Governmental Center](#)
- [Lorton Library](#)
- [Mason Governmental Center](#)
- [McLean Governmental Center](#)
- [Mount Vernon Governmental Center](#)
- [North County Governmental Center](#)
- [Providence Community Center](#)
- [Sully Governmental Center](#)
- [West Springfield Governmental Center](#)

In-person absentee voting will not be available at all locations on Monday, October 14, 2019, due to the Columbus Day holiday. All locations will be closed on Sundays. The last day to absentee vote in-person will be Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. For more about in-person absentee voting, [click here](#).

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**Vehicle (Car) Tax Payments Due Oct. 5  
(Extended to Oct. 7)**





The county mailed out more than 800,000 annual bills to vehicle owners, and because October 5 falls on a Saturday, **this year's deadline to pay your bill is Monday, October 7, 2019**. We have many ways to pay and extended hours to help make the process easy for everyone.

#### **Understanding Your Vehicle Tax:**

Not sure why you received a bill or how the total was calculated? Watch this short [video](#) to learn more about the 2019 vehicle tax.

#### **Don't Wait Until the Last Minute!:**

If you have a question or concern about your tax bill, contact our customer service staff in the Department of Tax Administration. The hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 703-222-8234 (TTY 711) or [send an email](#).

You can also access your personal property (vehicle tax) and real estate tax account information securely online via our [MyFairfax](#) web portal.

#### **Ways to Pay:**

- [Online with credit/debit card or checking account](#).
- Use your smartphone.
- By phone with your credit card. Call 703-222-6740 (TTY 711).

- By mail. Make checks payable to "County of Fairfax". Mail to: Department of Tax Administration, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 223, Fairfax, VA 22035. **Do not send cash.**
- In person at the Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 223, Fairfax, VA 22035). Extended hours at the Government Center are available for your convenience, if you choose to pay in person:
  - **Monday, September 30 to Wednesday, October 2:** 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
  - **Friday, October 4:** 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
  - **Saturday, October 5:** 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
  - **Monday, October 7:** 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Tip:** have your bill handy, you will need the information listed on it.

**Note:** Third-party service fees applies to all credit/debit card payments.

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

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## Extreme Event Game Offers Opportunity to Build Community Resilience



# OEM

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**Date:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** National Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center (14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly, VA 20151)

The Fairfax County [Office of Emergency Management](#) (OEM) will hold two sessions of an award-winning in-person role-playing game, Extreme Event. Participants will have a taste of what it takes to build community resiliency in the face of disaster. Players work together to make decisions and solve problems during an engaging, fast-paced disaster simulation.

Attendees are permitted to park in the main parking lot. Free parking is available to all **registered** attendees. You must have a registration confirmation as proof of registration.

For special accommodations, contact OEM at 571-350-1000, TTY 711 or by [email](#). For more information, and to register, [click here](#).

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## Low Cost Rabies Vaccine Clinic

**Date:** Sunday, October 6, 2019

**Time:** 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151)

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter holds many low-cost rabies vaccination clinics throughout the year at various locations around Fairfax County. Virginia state law and Fairfax County ordinances requires that dogs and cats four months of age and older be vaccinated against rabies.



# 2019 Low-Cost Rabies Clinics

**Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – 12:30-2:30pm**

Mason District Govt Center  
6507 Columbia Pike  
Annandale, VA 22003

**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> – 12-2pm**

Mount Vernon Govt Center  
2511 Parkers Lane  
Alexandria, VA 22306

**Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – 9-11am**

Fairfax County Animal Shelter  
4500 West Ox Rd  
Fairfax, VA 22030

**Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> – 12-2pm**

Sully District Govt Center  
4900 Stonecroft Blvd  
Chantilly, VA 20151

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – 12-2pm**

Mount Vernon Govt Center  
2511 Parkers Lane  
Alexandria, VA 22306

**Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9-11am**

Fairfax County Animal Shelter  
4500 West Ox Rd  
Fairfax, VA 22030

**Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> – 9-11am**

Fairfax County Animal Shelter  
4500 West Ox Rd  
Fairfax, VA 22030

**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – 12-2pm**

West Springfield Govt Center  
6140 Rolling Road  
Springfield, VA 22152

- Cost is \$15 per pet, cash and check only.
- Dogs, cats, and ferrets may be vaccinated at these clinics.
- Dogs must be on leashes; cats and ferrets must be in carriers.
- All pets will receive a 1-year rabies vaccination. To obtain a 3-year vaccination, please bring your pet's rabies certificate (not just the tag) showing the current rabies vaccination expiration date.
- 2019 Fairfax County dog licenses will be sold for an additional \$10 per license.
- Questions? Email us at [animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov), or call 703-830-1100.

*To request reasonable ADA accommodations, call 703-830-1100 (TTY 711) at least a week prior to the event.*

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## Community Blood Drive

**Date:** Saturday, October 12, 2019

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151)

**Why Give Blood?:**

There is no substitute for blood. It can only come from one place and that is a volunteer blood donor. A growing population is creating an increased demand for blood and blood products in our community.

To donate blood you must be at least 16 years old, weigh 110 lbs., and be in good health. **To make an appointment, [click here](#).**

If you have any questions about donating blood, contact Inova Blood Donor Services at 1-866-256-6372 or visit their [website](#).



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**SUPERVISOR KATHY SMITH AND  
DELEGATE KARRIE DELANEY HOST**

# **COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE!**

Register as a blood donor and  
help us make a difference.

RSVP Today at:

<https://tinyurl.com/yy5p5jkq>

**OCTOBER 12TH | 10 AM- 2 PM  
SULLY GOVERNMENT CENTER  
4900 STONECROFT BLVD.  
CHANTILLY, VA20151**

Share your good health with someone in need! We gratefully  
accept donors from all blood groups and blood types.

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## Historic Homes & Museum in Centreville Historic Park



Centreville has been home to many since the 1700s. During [Centreville Day 2019](#), two historic homes will be open for visits: Mt. Gilead (built c. 1790s) and the Sears House (ordered by the Spindles in the early 1930s through the Sears catalog). Another building will also be open - the Stuart-Mosby Civil War Cavalry Museum. Find out more about how people lived during these different time periods, including medicine, clothing, crafts, and games. Centreville Day is free and can be enjoyed by the whole family!

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## Volunteer Opportunity



### Household Services - Centreville Area

Helps with light household tasks such as changing light bulbs, unpacking boxes, organizing paperwork, sorting mail, and writing letters. Flexible schedule, to include weekends. Minimum age to volunteer is 18.

**Contact:**

Volunteer Solutions

703-324-5406

[volunteersolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:volunteersolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov)

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## 2019 Fall for Fairfax KidsFest



**Date:** Saturday, October 5 & Sunday, October 6, 2019

**Time:** Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. & Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035)

Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. is proud to present the 27th annual Fall for Fairfax KidsFest. Enjoy exciting, interactive, and educational programs, entertainment, and activities, including: scarecrow making, pumpkin painting, pony rides, a petting zoo, and more! Admission, most activities, and entertainment are free of charge. Plenty of free parking is available. For a map of the event, [click here](#). Follow signs to visitor parking upon arrival. For more information about this event, visit <http://fallforfairfax.com/>.



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## Fairfax Area Disability Services Board: Community Needs Assessment Survey



The [Fairfax Area Disability Services Board](#) promotes the self-sufficiency and well-being of people with disabilities so that people of all abilities can fully participate in our community.

We need YOUR help to make the Fairfax area a more inclusive and accessible community. We want to know about your experiences in the areas of housing, employment, transportation, and more so we can align resources and planning to better meet the needs of people with disabilities in the Fairfax area.

**The survey closes on October 11, 2019. [Click here](#) to take the survey!**

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### The Green Column



## The Fall Webworm in Fairfax County

"Over the past week we have received an increase in calls to the Urban Forest Management Division from residents who are concerned about large webby tents in tree branches," said Joan Allen, Chief, Forest Pest Branch, Urban Forest Management Division, Public Works and Environmental Services. These webs are caused by the [fall webworm](#). This is a native caterpillar that spins webs over leaves of deciduous trees. There is a very noticeable increase in fall webworm in the area compared to recent years. Population levels for this pest are cyclical and it is not unusual to see population levels rise and fall over a span of a few years. This insect does not pose a serious risk to trees and native trees are well adapted to this pest.

For more information about trees, call the Urban Forester of the Day at 703-324-1770, TTY 711.

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## Animal Shelter Corner



## Meet Jujube!

**Age:** 12y 1m

**Gender:** Female

**Color:** Black/Tan

**Spayed/Neutered:** Yes

**Size:** Medium

Meet Jujube - or JuJu to her besties! She is an adorable, friendly older gal who is looking for a fun retirement home where she can spend time relaxing but also get out and live life. After she came to the shelter from one of their rescue partners, the shelter sent her to a foster home to get to know a little more about her. Here is what her foster mom had to say:

"Jujube has so many great qualities that should make her a great pet for someone looking for a super senior. She gets along with cats (!), other dogs (!!), and toddlers (!!!). She goes up stairs okay, but you can tell she gets a little slower at the top and has more trouble after a walk. She is a great leash walker, no pulling and she really seems to enjoy it. She needed a boost into

the car, but was happy to have help. We had one accident in the house, so I have been crating her when I leave (just short stints so far) and she tolerates it fine. She is a pretty cool dog. I love the wrinkles on her face when she smiles."

Are you looking for a sweet, calm pup who is gotten over all her puppy foolishness? Come see JuJu! For more information about JuJu, contact the Fairfax County Animal Shelter by [email](#) or call 703-830-1100.

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