

September 25, 2020

A Message from Kathy Smith

You still have time to respond to the 2020 Census! Households can still complete the <u>2020</u> <u>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. For each resident who does not respond to the census, Fairfax County could lose \$12,000 in potential funding over the course of a decade. For more information about the 2020 Census, <u>click here</u>.

The COVID-19 pandemic has increased the need for food in our community. Stuff the Bus is working to respond to the demand. **Tomorrow, Saturday, September 26**, Fastran buses will be parked at 21 locations from **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** to collect food donations. Sully District locations include: Centreville Regional Library (14200 Saint Germain Drive, Centreville, VA 20121) and Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151). For more information about the event, <u>click here</u>.

Early Voting - What You Need to Know About Hours and Locations:

- Early voting began on September 18 at the Fairfax County Government Center, and thousands of voters have turned out since then. For now, the Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA) is the only place to vote early, and voting hours are Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Early voting will <u>not</u> be offered this coming Saturday, September 26. Regular Saturday hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) at the Fairfax County Government Center do not start until October 17.
- Additional early voting sites will open starting October 14, 2020.
 - *October 14 October 31: Weekdays from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at:

*<u>Centreville Regional Library</u> *Franconia Governmental Center *Herndon Fortnightly Library

- * Laurel Hill Golf Club
- *Mason Government Center

*McLean Governmental Center *Mount Vernon Governmental Center *North County Governmental Center *Providence Community Center *<u>Sully Governmental Center</u> *Thomas Jefferson Library *Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library *West Springfield Governmental Center.

*October 14 - October 31: Saturdays only from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Great Falls Library.

- Voter Registration Any registered Fairfax County voter can vote early, and can cast their ballot at any early voting site. The deadline to register to vote, or update an existing registration for the November 2020 election is Tuesday, October 13, 2020.
- Ballot Drop-Off Boxes A drop-off box will be available at every early voting location (outside the voting room), and they will be available only during voting hours at these locations. Ballot drop-off boxes also will be provided at every precinct on Election Day from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. At the Fairfax County Government Center, the box is located in the lobby. There's no need to wait in line, and a poll worker attends every box at all times.
- For more information, <u>click here</u>.

2020 Election—What's on the Ballot?:

- **2020 Bond Referendums** There are four bond referendums on the Nov. 3, general election ballot. For information on how the county plans to use the bond money, <u>click here</u>. Voters may vote yes or no on each of these referendums:
 - *Libraries \$90 million.
 - *Parks \$112 million.
 - *Transportation \$160 million
 - *Community and Health and Human Services \$79 million.
- Proposed Constitutional Amendments for 2020 There are two constitutional amendments on the Nov. 3, general election ballot. <u>Details</u>
 - *Proposed Constitutional Amendment #1: The proposed amendment would shift the responsibility of drawing election districts from the General Assembly and the Governor to a bipartisan commission, made up of 16 persons, half being members of the General Assembly and half being citizens of the Commonwealth. This commission would draw the election districts for the U.S. House of Representatives, the state Senate, and the House of Delegates and then submit the maps to the General Assembly for approval.
 - *Proposed Constitutional Amendment #2: This amendment would add to the list of property that is not subject to state or local taxation one motor vehicle owned and used primarily by or for a veteran, or their spouse, of the United States armed forces or the Virginia National Guard who has a one hundred percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability. The amendment says that motor vehicle means an automobile or pickup truck.

Upcoming Board of Supervisors Meeting:

- The Board of Supervisors will meet on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA) in the Board Auditorium. The <u>agenda and Board package</u> are available to view online.
- All meetings are <u>televised on Channel 16</u>, <u>streamed live online</u> and available to <u>view on</u> <u>demand</u> following the meeting. Live audio of the meeting may also be accessed by dialing 703-324-7700.

- Agenda Highlights:
 - *Public Hearing on the County and Schools' *FY 2020 Carryover Review* to Amend the Appropriation Level in the FY 2021 Revised Budget Plan
 - *Action Item 4 Approval for the Director of the Dept. of Transportation to sign a Project Agreement with the Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation to reimburse a portion of the county's costs incurred as a result of the shutdown of the Orange and Silver Lines West of the Ballston Metrorail Station.

*Public Hearing on RZ 2019-SU-010 and PCA 78-S-063-10 and PCA 81-S-076 (K. Hovnanian at The Boulevards at Westfields, LLC). More information about this land use case is below in the "Sully Land Use" spotlight.

Fairfax County Economic Development Authority - Hiring & Reskilling Virtual Career Fair:

- The FREE Hiring + Reskilling Virtual Career Fair on Thursday, October 8, 2020 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. will welcome job seekers of all backgrounds, especially those unemployed due to COVID-19.
- The open positions will span a variety of industries, and not all require a college degree.
- Participants will be able to browse companies (Amazon, Walmart, Wegmans, and more!), in the lobby, enter their booths, view open positions and training programs, and chat with company representatives in real-time...all from the comfort of your home.
- For more information, and to register, <u>click here</u>.

Schedule Your Flu Vaccine at Select Senior Centers:

- To help protect older adults in our community, the Fairfax County Health Department and Department of Neighborhood and Community Services are offering flu vaccination clinics at <u>select Senior Centers</u>. This service begins on October 6 and is available to residents 50 and older by appointment only. **The pneumonia vaccine is also available, and must be requested when making your appointment.** <u>Details</u>
- For your safety, appointments are limited, and face masks and temperature checks will be required.
- To make your appointment, **call 703-246-6010***, TTY 711. For more information, visit <u>fairfaxcounty.gov/flu</u>.

Zoning Ordinance Modernization (zMOD) Update:

- In 2017, Fairfax County launched a major initiative to <u>modernize its Zoning Ordi-</u> <u>nance</u> that was first established over 40 years ago. Dubbed "zMOD," the effort will help the County carry out its <u>strategic plan</u> to grow and diversify its economy.
- <u>Watch this video</u> to learn more about the updates and proposed changes to Fairfax County's zoning code.

Fill the Boot Goes Virtual in October:

- Fairfax County firefighters and communications professionals, working in concert with the Fairfax County Professional Firefighters & Paramedics - IAFF Local 2068 has been a leading contributor to our local office of the Muscular Dystophy Association through the annual Labor Day Weekend Fill the Boot Campaign. With the pandemic, the Fairfax County campaign has moved to October and is going virtual. A <u>secure donation website</u> has been set up for the virtual Fill the Boot Campaign.
- For those who prefer a more traditional method of donation, checks made out to the Muscular Dystrophy Association can be mailed to or dropped off at: Fairfax County Fill the Boot; c/o Fairfax County Professional Firefighters & Paramedics; 10500 Sager Ave, Suite A, Fairfax, VA 22030. If you plan to drop a check off, please call the office at 703-591-9271 to ensure someone is there to receive your donation.
- Questions about the campaign should be directed to Joel Kobersteen at 571-437-4031 or <u>Joel.Kobersteen@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Katty

Transportation News



<u>VDOT - New Ramp from Route 28 South to I-66 East Opening on or about Friday,</u> <u>September 25:</u>

- A new ramp from Route 28 South to I-66 East will open on or about the morning of Friday, September 25. Drivers on Route 28 South will stay to the right to access I-66 East using the new ramp. <u>Details</u>
- When the new loop ramp opens, the current two left-turn lanes and the spur ramp from southbound Route 28 to I-66 East will be permanently closed to allow for construction.

<u>VDOT - Traffic Pattern Change at Ramp from Route 28 North to I-66 East Starting on or about September 26:</u>

- The current ramp from Route 28 North to I-66 East will close beginning **on or about Saturday, September 26**, and be replaced by a new, temporary ramp about 250 feet farther north on Route 28. <u>Details</u>
- As part of this traffic pattern change, travel lanes on Route 28 North and on the ramp from Route 29 (Lee Highway) South to Route 28 North will be shifted slightly.

Reminder! Braddock Road and Old Lee Road Safety and Operational Improvements Study:

- VDOT will hold a virtual public meeting on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. <u>Details</u>
- To register for the meeting, <u>click here</u>. To call in without registering and participate in listen-only mode: +1-562-247-8321; Access code: 717-789-249. Please note that Internet Explorer is **not** recommended for this virtual meeting, please use another browser.
- The VDOT project team will make a presentation involving improvements at the intersection of Braddock Road and Old Lee Road, and the S-curve on Braddock Road between Pleasant Valley Road and Old Lee Road beginning at 7:00 p.m. and going until 8:30 p.m.
- Submit your written comments by October 12, 2020 via the project website, by mail to Mr. Andrew Beacher, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030 or email. Please reference "Braddock Road and Old Lee Road Safety and Operational Improvements Study" in the subject line.

Sully Land Use Spotlight

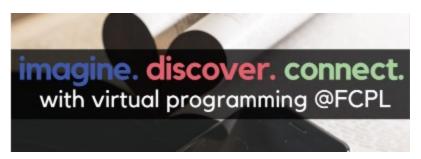


The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on **RZ/FDP 2019-SU-010 (Concurrent** with PCA 78-S-063-10 and PCA 81-S-076), also known as <u>The Boulevard at Westfields</u>, on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 4:00 pm.

The subject property is located within the Westfields Business Park at the intersection of Rte. 28 and the portion of Poplar Tree Rd. currently under construction. The proposed development includes a mix of single-family attached and multifamily dwellings.

Learn more about the proposal and how to provide public testimony on the application.

Upcoming Virtual Library Events



The library is offering virtual programs! Go to the <u>library's event calendar</u> and click on "View Events By..." and select "Digital Programs." Some programs are live or recorded and may require registration. See a listing of virtual events by age: <u>preschoolers</u>, <u>school-age chil-dren</u>, <u>teens</u>, and <u>adults</u>.

Upcoming Events:

- Monday, September 28, 2020 Online Storytime with Miss Liz (Preschoolers)
- Tuesday, September 29, 2020 Pura Belpre Reads for Hispanic Heritage Month (Teens)
- Wednesday, September 30, 2020 Virtual Yoga for All (Teens and older)
- Friday, October 2, 2020 <u>A Giant Awakes™ Understanding China in the Modern World:</u> <u>Great Traditions</u> (Adults)

Coronavirus Column

Important reminders to keep yourself and others safe:



Recent Headlines:

Sewing Center Volunteer Opportunities Available to Help Make Masks

FREE COVID-19 Testing Offered Every Tuesday:

- In partnership with the Centreville Labor Resource Center, Healthworks for Northern Virginia is offering FREE COVID-19 testing every Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for walk-ins and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. by appointment only. Location: 5944 Centreville Crest Lane, Centreville, VA.
- **Testing is available to everyone**, and you do not need to have symptoms to request a test.
- To make an appointment call 703-443-2000, select option #1.

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 <u>web portal for coronavirus</u> that serves as a one-stop online resource for information.

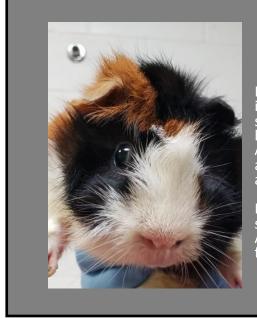
The Green Column



September CECAP Update

In late August, the county released a public survey designed to garner information about behavioral changes and support of specific policies to help reduce our collective greenhouse gas emissions. Throughout the remainder of September, staff will analyze the results of the public survey, the comments made at the public meetings, and the thoughts shared via the public inbox. A comment matrix or summary of the comments provided by the public will be prepared and presented at the next Task Force meeting on September 30. These materials will help inform future discussions and decision making.

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



Animal Shelter Corner

Meet Macaroon!

Macaroon and his siblings were found as strays, in a box behind some trashcans. Thankfully some observant passers-by rescued them and brought them safely to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. They are now available for adoption! They are not bonded and can be adopted separately.

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

Reminders!

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department (FCFRD) to Host Virtual Open House:

FCFRD will host several fun, interactive activities, and virtual events throughout Fire Prevention Week **beginning Monday**, **October 5**, **2020**. <u>Details</u>. A virtual open house will highlight the week and occur throughout the day on Saturday, October 10, 2020 on FCFRD social and digital platforms. Register online to be eligible for daily prizes, perks, and to enjoy our specially prepared weekly selections! Register here: <u>Virtual Fire Prevention Week 2020</u>.

Low-Cost Rabies Clinics:

The Department of Animal Sheltering will host three curbside, no contact, <u>low-cost rabies</u> <u>vaccination clinics</u>:

- **Cats and Ferrets:** Sunday, October 18 and Sunday, December 6, 2020 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on all dates at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter (4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030).
- **Dogs:** Sunday, October 18 and Sunday, December 6, 2020 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. on all dates at Pender Veterinary Centre (4001 Legato Road, Fairfax, VA 22033).

Pre-registration is required! Cost is \$20 per vaccination, exact cash or check only. This is a drive through clinic, and pet owners must remain in their car. Pet owners must wear a mask to receive services. For more info, <u>click here</u>.