

A Message from Kathy Smith



October 4, 2019

To kickoff National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Fairfax County Police Department's Pink Cruiser was touring the Sully District (pictured above). The Pink Cruiser serves as a moving tribute to breast cancer victims, survivors, their families, friends, and caregivers.

Personal property (vehicle) tax payments are due this coming Monday, October 7, 2019. There are many ways to pay and the Department of Tax Administration has extended hours to help make the process easier for everyone. Watch the video below to learn what you should know about the Fairfax County car tax.

Lastly, the Fairfax County Animal Shelter will host a Low Cost Rabies Vaccine Clinic at the Sully Governmental Center this Sunday, October 6 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$15 per pet, cash or check only. Dogs, cats, and ferrets may be vaccinated at this clinic. More information is below in the "Reminders" section.

Sincerely,



Reminders!

Personal Property (Car) Tax Payments Due:

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. For more information, **click here**.

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)

Enjoy exciting, interactive and educational programs, entertainment, and activities. Admission and parking are free. Follow signs to visitor parking upon arrival. For more information, click here.

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)

Cost is \$15 per pet, cash and check only. Dogs, cats, and ferrets may be vaccinated at this clinic. 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 animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-830-1100.

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)

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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Important Dates for the November 5, 2019 Election:

- **September 20, 2019:** Absentee Voting began 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.

Glass Containers No Longer Accepted in Curbside Recycling Program



To improve the quality of single-stream recycling, the county will no longer accept glass bottles and jars in curbside recycling bins effective October 1.

Residents have two options for glass disposal:

- 1. Deliver used glass containers to purple, glass-only recycling containers; there are now <u>21 purple containers available</u>, and more sites are being evaluated to make dropping off glass more convenient.
- 2. Place used glass in the trash.

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Why is This Changing?:

The decision to remove glass from the single-stream recycling program was made after consulting with private recycling sorting centers and Covanta Fairfax, Inc., which operates the waste-to-energy plant.

Glass creates three main problems for single-stream recycling:

- Glass containers placed in curbside recycling bins breaks during collection and transport to recycling sorting centers. Broken glass contaminates bales of other more valuable recyclable items, such as cardboard and metals. Contamination has become a major problem for the recycling industry in the past two years since <u>China</u>, the <u>largest customer for recycled material</u>, <u>imposed strict standards</u> <u>on the quality of recycled material it accepts</u>.
- 2. The abrasive broken glass damages machinery.
- 3. Glass is also heavy, which adds cost to transporting recyclables to and from recycling centers.

To read the full article, click here.

Video: Fairfax County Car Tax - What You Should Know 2019



Get helpful tips about the Fairfax County Car tax, including the car tax due date, car tax rate, and how to make your car tax payment. The car tax is also known as the Fairfax County Personal Property Tax.

For more information, click here.

Sully District Police: Community Engagement Meeting



Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2019

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Sully District Station (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151)

Agenda:

1. Topic: Fairfax County Fire Department

Department update

- Collaboration with Police Department
- Special events and programs
- 2. Station Update; Commander Billeb
- 3. Presentation of the award for Officer of the Quarter

For more information, contact Officer Ruck at 703-814-7000.

Community Resiliency Group: Region 4 Meeting



Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2019

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

Location: Chantilly Regional Library (4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, VA 20151)

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Fairfax County is continuing to build a community resiliency network to provide critical assistance to people in need in the event of an emergency or disaster. The goal is to enlist the help of a variety of organizations to build a better prepared and more resilient community and help with recovery following any type of disaster.

The next Region 4 (Springfield and Sully Districts) Community Resiliency Group (CRG) meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 15 at Chantilly Regional Library. This CRG regional meeting is intended to bring together representatives of community organizations to network with one another and learn about the organization, process, and benefits of the CRGs.

For more information about the Community Resiliency Group program, and to sign-up for a meeting, <u>click here</u>.

DMV 2 Go at the Sully Government Center



Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

20151)

The DMV 2 Go Mobile Unit will be at the Sully Governmental Center on Wednesday, October 16, 2019. This event will allow you to access all the services of the <u>Department of Motor Vehicles</u> (DMV). Customers visiting DMV 2 Go are served on a first come, first served basis. Appointments are not available.

This is the perfect time to get your REAL ID before they are required in airports. Beginning October 1, 2020, Virginians will need a REAL ID compliant driver's license or ID card, or another federally approved form of identification (Example: U.S. passport or some military IDs), to board domestic flights or enter secure federal facilities.

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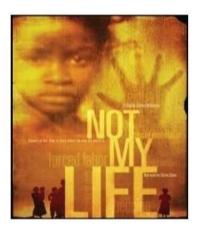
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All applicants for a REAL ID compliant credential must apply in-person and pay a \$10 one-time REAL ID surcharge in addition to the standard renewal or replacement fees. For more information about how to apply for a REAL ID, <u>click here</u>.

Screening of "Not My Life" at Chantilly Regional Library

Join us for a special screening of Not My Life, a film about human trafficking and modern slavery.

Co-sponsored by: GFWC Western Fairfax County Woman's Club Chantilly Regional Library



Not My Life, directed by Robert Bilheimer and narrated by Glenn Close, depicts the cruel and dehumanizing practices of human trafficking and modern slavery on a global scale. Filmed on five continents in a dozen countries, Not My Life takes viewers into a world where millions of children are exploited through an astonishing array of practices, including forced labor, sex tourism, sexual exploitation and child soldiering. Following the film, Karen Harrup, MPH, with NOVA-HTI will lead a discussion and cover the complex reasons that force people, particularly women and adolescents, into lives controlled by gangs and abusers.

Thursday, October 17
Refreshments at 6:15 p.m. — program begins at 6:45 p.m.
Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, VA 20151

Free to the public, but space is limited — registration required. To register, please email WesternFairfaxCountyWC@gmail.com or call Kathy at 703-407-2113.

Note: Not suitable for those under age 14.



In affiliation with the General Federation of Women's Clubs and GFWC Virginia, WFCWC is dedicated to promoting the civic, cultural, domestic and educational betterment of our community through volunteer service. WFCWC is an IRS-recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization. For more information, please visit our website at www.wfcwc.org.

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Watershed Clean-Up Days: Fall 2019



Watershed Clean-Up Days bring the community together to clear the earth's arteries by removing tires, bottles, cans, and other debris carelessly dumped in local waterways. A great community service project for individuals, families, service groups, and students.

Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019 **Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Location: Ellanor C. Lawrence Park (5040 Walney Road, Chantilly, VA)

Date: Saturday, October 26, 2019 **Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Location: Cub Run RECenter (4630 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA)

Additional sites may be added. For a complete listing, and to sign up as an individual volunteer, <u>click here</u>. Groups, please call the site of your choice.

Centreville Day 2019: Performances on the Goodwill Main Stage



It is amazing how great the talent is in our community!

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On the Goodwill Main Stage during Centreville Day 2019, you will have an opportunity to see such amazing local performers, such as the Centreville Dance Academy, Bach to Rock, Korean Washington Senior Harmonica Ensemble, Sundays on TAP, Northern Virginia Wushu Academy, Women's Autoharp Ensemble, Harmony Road Music and Arts, and Fairfax Choral Arts Society of Youth Choir. Check the schedule for the annual Hula Hoop Contest, open to all ages, come ready to compete for the coveted Pineapple Award!

To learn more, click here.

October Events at Chantilly Regional Library



Quick and Easy Meals with Chef Cal

Thursday, October 10, 2019 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Using the crock pot to make appetizers to desserts makes cooking easy. Ages: Teens and adults. <u>Click here</u> to register.

EFT, HeartMath & Mindfulness

Saturday, October 12, 2019 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Join Neil Goodman, NCW, in a fun and light-hearted setting, and learn ways to: reduce stress and tension with an introduction to HeartMath, support your physical and mental health, cultivate a mindset to support well-being, and learn the basics of Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT). Ages: Adults.

Virginia Naturalist Program

Tuesday, October 29, 2019 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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Join us as we learn about leaves and identify common critters who make their home in leaf piles. Presented by a Virginia Master Naturalist. Grades K to 3.

The <u>Chantilly Regional Library</u> is located at 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, VA 20151. For more information about these events call 703-502-3883 or send an <u>email</u>.

October Events at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park



Hot Dog, Smores! Wagon Ride & Campfire

Wednesday, October 9, 2019 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy a turkey hot dog supper roasted over the campfire and a brisk wagon ride through the Rocky Run stream valley. Discover who Ellanor C. Lawrence was and learn about the areas local and natural history. Hot dogs, buns, condiments, and s'mores will be provided. Feel free to bring your own drinks and sides. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Ages: 4 and older. Cost: \$10 per person.

Pumpkins by the Campfire

Friday, October 18, 2019 6:00 to 7:05 p.m.

Bring a small pumpkin to decorate and play games. Roast marshmallows at the campfire, enjoy cookies and juice, and make crafts as we share stories about pumpkins that aren't scary. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Ages: 4 and older. Cost: \$10 per person.

House of Reptiles and Night Ride

Saturday, October 26, 2019 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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Amazing reptiles call our park home. Play games, test your courage with a touch table, and see these wonderful creatures up close. Calm your nerves by roasting s'mores at a campfire while listening to stories and then join us for a refreshing wagon ride through the autumn woods.

<u>Ellanor C. Lawrence Park</u> is located at 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly, VA. For more information about these events call 703-631-0013 (TTY 711) or send an <u>email</u>.

Volunteer Opportunity



The 2019 VolunterFest takes place on Saturday, October 26 and Sunday, October 27, 2019. VolunteerFest is a region-wide day of community service. Your help is needed to make a difference in your community.

<u>Click here</u> to view a list of this year's participating projects. To register click on the "Sign Me Up!" button. If you have not registered with Volunteer Fairfax before, you will be prompted to create a profile.

If you have any questions about the program or need assistance in registering, contact Hollie Gordon at hgordon@volunteerfairfax.org or call 703-246-3703.

Commonwealth Transportation Board Invites Public Feedback on Transportation Programs



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Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Northern Virginia District Office; Potomac Conference Room (4975

Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030)

The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) invites the public to share feedback on transportation initiatives this fall. Representatives from the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI), the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) will highlights transportation programs, discuss ideas, and answer questions about the Commonwealth's multimodal transportation network. Meeting materials will be available online beginning October 15, 2019.

The public can submit comments on transportation projects and initiatives to the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment, OIPI Deputy Director Ronique Day, 1221 E. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219 or send an <u>email</u>. **Comments will be accepted until November 30, 2019.**

For additional information about the CTB, click here.

Hidden Messages Reveal Top Source of Water Pollution

LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE. KEEP IT CLEAN.



#onlyraindownthedrain

On October 8, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and staff members from the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) will gather in front of the Government Center to unveil hidden messages created to engage residents on stormwater pollution.

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Polluted stormwater runoff is the top cause of water pollution in our area, negatively affecting local streams and the Potomac River, a major source of drinking water for the county. The water-activated messages, created with a non-toxic, environmentally safe, invisible spray and stencils, will display informative and motivational messages emphasizing that clean water for drinking, fishing, and outdoor activities starts with a clean stormwater system.

Fairfax County, a member of Northern Virginia Clean Water Partners, is one of five local institutions participating in the "Write As Rain" campaign. The biodegradable stencils typically last for two to three months and then fade away.

To read the full article, click here.

Flu Season is Approaching - Time to Get Vaccinated



The 2019-2020 flu season is approaching, and the Fairfax County Department of Health encourages all people six months and older to receive their annual influenza vaccine and take other precautions to prevent the spread of flu.

Influenza, or flu, is a contagious viral infection of the nose, throat, and lungs, that easily spreads from person-to-person and can cause severe illness. When someone who has the flu sneezes, coughs, or even talks, the virus passes into the air and may be breathed in by anyone close by. People also can get the flu from touching something that was contaminated by secretions from someone who has the flu.

A flu vaccine is recommended every flu season. There are many flu viruses, and they are always changing. There is no live flu virus in the injectable vaccine and it cannot cause the flu.

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The best time to get vaccinated for optimal protection is before the end of October, which provides enough time for the vaccine to become fully effective before you are likely to be exposed.

To read the full article, click here.

The Green Column



Top Tips for Energy Efficiency During Energy Action Month

October is Energy Action Month and presents a great opportunity to fine tune your energy-saving strategies at home, at work, and on the go.

This October, join your neighbors and take one step toward a more energy efficient future. Here are this year's top tips for energy efficiency:

- Small Change, Big Impact: Look around your home or office and choose five or more incandescent or fluorescent lights to replace with LED bulbs. These bulbs consume up to 90 percent less electricity than typical incandescent bulbs and can last 25 times as long.
- Let the Sun Shine, or Don't: Depending on the season, actively adjusting your blinds and shades to let natural light in or to block it can have a real impact on your heating and cooling bills. In the winter, let the light in from your west-and south-facing windows. In the summer, pull the shades during the hottest part of the day to prevent intense sunlight from unnecessarily warming your space.
- Wash Like a Pro: Up to 90 percent of your washing machine's energy is used to heat water when you wash your clothes on warm or hot. Choose to wash using cold water and run full loads whenever possible, as your machine uses the same amount of energy whether its full or not.

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- Shop Smart: Look for the ENERGY STAR® label when shopping for windows, HVAC equipment, washers, dryers, ovens, TVs, and more. If you are replacing older appliances or electronics, <u>consider donating or recycling your</u> items through a local program, rather than sending them straight to the landfill.
- Look for the Leaks: Heating and cooling your home or office building can
 account for up to half of your annual electricity bill. <u>Borrow a thermal imaging
 camera</u> from any branch of the Fairfax County Public Library and identify
 opportunities for weather stripping, insulation, or other efficiency measures.

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





Meet Kohli!

Are you looking for a pint-sized, high-energy pup to accompany you on all of your adventures? Kohli recently moved from the west coast where she lived on a farm and ran around with dairy cows as part of her daily routine. When she and her family moved into a townhouse on the east coast, she just did not adjust well. Kohli would love an active adopter, maybe with a big yard or at least someone who can make sure she gets lots of daily activity. She has lived with other small dogs and did well. She loves squeaky toys and rope toys, and enjoys chewing on bones. She appears to be housebroken and crate trained, but she really does not like staying in the crate. She wants to be out with YOU! Seeking new adventures and cuddling up for some leisure time afterward. If you are looking for an adventure partner who will fit inside your backpack, come on in for a visit! For more information about Kohli, contact the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at 703-830-1100 or send an email.