

News from Fairfax County Supervisor Kathy Smith, representing Sully District.

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A Message from Kathy Smith

Our end-of-year holidays will need to be different this winter to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The Health Department reported 401 [new cases of COVID-19 in the Fairfax Health District](#) yesterday. [Click here](#) for health-related guidance for upcoming gatherings. Remember: the safest way to **celebrate the holidays this year is with people in your household**. Therefore, the Health Department recommends making the holidays more leisurely this year. Stay home, stay cozy, and keep it small and simple. [Click here](#) to view CDC health updates for winter holidays.

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modernized zoning ordinance. The video of the zMOD Town Hall was posted to the [Sully District website](#).

Need Help Paying Your Fairfax Water Bill? Apply for Assistance by December 30, 2020:

- To provide financial relief for customers in need, Fairfax Water is working with Fairfax County, the City of Falls Church and the City of Fairfax to administer funds received from the Commonwealth of Virginia's COVID-19 Municipal Utility Relief Program. [Details](#)
- **Customers will need to apply for this relief program.** To qualify, you must meet certain eligibility requirements, attest that you are experiencing financial hardship due to the coronavirus public health emergency, and submit an application to Fairfax Water **no later than December 30, 2020**.
- **An application is available on [Fairfax Water's website](#).** For additional assistance, call Fairfax Water's customer service department to discuss payment options. The call center is available weekdays, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at 703-698-5800, TTY 711.

Search Underway for Next Fairfax County Police Chief:

- Fairfax County is conducting a nationwide search for the next chief of police. [Details](#)
- The county has engaged a search firm to assist with the search, including community outreach efforts to help identify key characteristics, skills, traits and issues to consider. In addition to the survey below, the county will host focus groups with key community organizations as part of the search process.
- **All residents and business owners are encouraged to take the survey, which will be open through Monday, December 28, 2020:**
 - [Community Survey for Fairfax County Chief of Police Recruitment](#)
 - [Encuesta Comunitaria para el Reclutamiento del Jefe de Policía del Condado de Fairfax](#)

Park Authority Seeks Public Input on Pickleball:

- The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) seeks the public's input on how to provide for the emerging sport of pickleball and invites participation in **an [online survey](#)**. **The survey will be open through January 24, 2021.** [Details](#)
- To find a place to play pickleball in a Park Authority park, please visit the [FCPA Park Locator online map](#).
- More information may be found on the [Park Authority's Pickleball Study webpage](#).

Visit Fairfax - Take the Chocolate Safari:

- Pack your [sweet tooth](#) because you are going on a chocolate safari! Did you know that chocolate represents love and hope? This winter, Fairfax County's restaurants want to share the love with you! View [Visit Fairfax's gallery](#) to begin the journey and make plans to treat yourself. You can never go wrong with chocolate.

Sincerely,

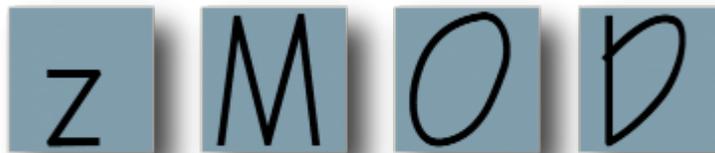
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zMOD Town Hall Follow-Up



Thank you to all those who attended the zMOD Town Hall on Wednesday, December 9. It was wonderful to hear from Casey Judge and Carmen Bishop, staff members from Fairfax County, who provided great information about the modernized zoning ordinance. They discussed the zMOD timeline, the new Ordinance Structure, various methods of community outreach in the county and in the Sully District, reasons for updating the Zoning ordinance, and modernizing uses. Carmen went into detail about the updates, advertised options, and monitoring to Accessory Living Units. Then, Casey explored Home Based Business Use, how neighborhood compatibility would be ensured through zMOD, and advertised options. They also explained how to navigate the [zMOD draft on the county's website](#).

Participants of the meeting had some excellent questions, which were read aloud during the Q&A session. The meeting lasted an hour and thirty minutes, and 38 individuals participated. If you have any additional questions or comments, email sully@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The video of the zMOD Town Hall can be found on the [Sully District website](#). The next zMOD public hearing before the Planning Commission will be on Thursday, January 28, 2021, and the Board of Supervisors public hearing is scheduled for March 9, 2021.

We look forward to hearing from you at our next town hall!

Coronavirus Column

Important reminders to keep yourself and others safe:



COVID-19 Holiday Health Guidance:

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Fairfax County Update on the COVID-19 Vaccine:

- The Health Department has launched a [new webpage](#) with information regarding COVID-19 vaccines.
- On December 11, 2020, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [issued the first emergency use authorization \(EUA\) for COVID-19 vaccine](#) in individuals 16 years of age and older. The emergency use authorization allows the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to be distributed in the U.S. [Get the facts on the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.](#)
- Based on new information provided on December 3 by the federal government's Operation Warp Speed, Virginia is now preparing to receive an estimated total of 480,000 doses of vaccine from two manufacturers (Pfizer and Moderna) by the end of December 2020. This initial distribution will ensure 480,000 health care personnel (HCP) and long-term care facility (LTCF) residents receive a first dose of the vaccine, beginning the inoculation process for nearly all members of Virginia's two top-priority groups, if we receive this expected allotment. [Details](#)
- [Click here](#) to learn about the benefits of getting a COVID-19 vaccine.

- [Click here](#) to learn about how COVID-19 mRNA vaccines work.

Recent Headlines:

- [Social Isolation, Technology, and Wellness Identified as Key Issues Facing Older Adults During COVID-19](#)

Download Virginia's FREE COVIDWISE Exposure Notifications App:

- COVIDWISE uses Bluetooth Low Energy technology to quickly notify users who have likely been exposed to COVID-19 so you can reduce the risk of infection for your friends and family.
- **Download the free app** [iPhone App Store](#) or [Android Google Play Store](#).
- For more information about COVIDWISE, visit: <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/covidwise/>.

COVID-19 Testing:

- If you have [symptoms](#) — even mild symptoms — or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, get tested. **Contact your health care provider or visit another [location](#) that offers COVID-19 testing.** You can also call the Fairfax County Health Department call center at 703-267-3511 with Coronavirus questions; open 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. weekdays and 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekends.

Inova COVID-19 Update:

- Inova Blood Donor Services is currently experiencing a critically low supply of O+ blood and is asking the community to help. All successful blood donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies. For more information, and to make an appointment, please visit www.inovablood.org.

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 ffxcovid@fairfaxcounty.gov or visit [web portal for coronavirus](#) for information.
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Transportation News



Fairfax Connector Resumes Fare Collection, Launches New and Enhanced Service January 4, 2021:

- [Fairfax Connector](#) will resume fare collection and front door boarding on all routes starting Monday, January 4, 2021. [Details](#)
- To protect the health and safety of passengers and bus operators as front door boarding resumes, polycarbonate driver shields (pictured above) have been installed in the buses.
- Fairfax Connector passengers are reminded that wearing a face covering while in the bus continues to be mandatory.

VDOT - Route 29 in Centreville Reduced to Two Lanes Under I-66 for Continued Bridge Demolition This Weekend, December 18-21:

- Demolition of the remaining I-66 bridge span and piers will require Route 29 in Centreville to be reduced to a single lane in each direction **between 9:00 p.m. Friday, December 18, and 5:00 a.m. Monday, December 21.** All work is weather dependent and will be rescheduled if inclement conditions occur. [Details](#)
- Two-way traffic will run on the northbound side of Route 29 starting around 9:00 p.m. Friday, December 18, through Saturday, December 19. The traffic pattern will switch around 9:00 p.m. Saturday, with two-way traffic on the southbound side of Route 29 for the remainder of the weekend.
- During the overnight hours Friday through Sunday nights, December 18-20, flaggers will alternate a single lane of traffic in each direction.
- Drivers using ramps to and from I-66 will not be allowed to make left turns during this time.

VDOT - Loop Ramp from Route 29 South to I-66 West in Centreville Re-Opening to Traffic on or about Wednesday, December 23, 2020:

- **The loop ramp from Route 29 South to I-66 West in Centreville will re-open on or about Wednesday, December 23.** Drivers on southbound Route 29 will stay to the right to access the ramp after passing under I-66. [Details](#)

Drivers should always use caution and pay attention to lane markings and roadway signs in construction work zones. All work is weather dependent and will be rescheduled if inclement conditions occur.

The Green Column



Recycling & Trash FAQs

- 1. What materials can I recycle?**
 - **Answer:** See the [Residential Materials Index](#) for a list of all items that can be recycled or disposed of in Fairfax County. In addition to common recyclables, you will find information about recycling computers, motor oil, packaging peanuts and much more!
- 2. What plastics can I recycle?**
 - **Answer:** The only types of plastic that are required to be recycled in Fairfax County are plastic bottles and jugs. Some companies also collect additional plastics (e.g., margarine tubs, yogurt containers) at the curb. Participation is voluntary. Contact whoever picks up your trash for more information.
- 3. Who should I call to get a recycling bin?**
 - **Answer:** If a private company collects your trash, please call them directly.
- 4. What are the fees for disposing of different materials?**
 - **Answer:** [Click here](#) to view Residential Disposal Fees.
- 5. The woods behind our neighborhood have become a dumping ground for brush, trash, tires, etc. How can I get it cleaned up?**
 - **Answer:** No person may dispose of solid waste on any private or public property without the permission of the owner. This prohibits illegal dumping in commercial building dumpsters or any site not designated for disposal use by the general public. If you witness release of petroleum or other flammable or hazardous materials,

call **911**. If you see anyone dump nonhazardous solid waste, record the vehicle license number and call the Fairfax County Police nonemergency number at **703-691-2131**, TTY **703-204-2264**, to report the violator. If you find illegally dumped material on public or private property, but did not witness the dumping, call the Department of Code Compliance at **703-324-1300**, TTY **711**, or submit a [complaint online](#). To identify the property owner, go to the county's [Real Estate Assessment Information Site](#).

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Bruno!

Bruno has to be adopted solo, but he could go to a home that has another male guinea pig. He has lived around kids and is from an active household. Bruno likes chewing wooden chew toys, and loves getting attention and time outside of his enclosure. He has been known to lick people's hands when he is happy!

If you would like to adopt Bruno, send in a completed adoption questionnaire! All adoption info, steps, and forms can be found [online](#).

Reminders!

Fairfax County Public Library (FCPL) Hosts December Food Drive:

Donations of nonperishable food items can be made at all currently-operating branches except Access Services. Each food item donated will reduce library fines by \$1, up to a maximum of \$15 per account. [Details](#) This donation drive is the third time FCPL has partnered with [Food for Others](#), a nonprofit organization that provides food to local families in need. **Donations will be accepted December 1-31.**

Winter 2020 Coat Drive



The Office of Supervisor Kathy Smith invites you to donate a new or used clean coat of any size. Even in the midst of the pandemic, you can still reach out and positively touch the life of your neighbor in the Sully District. Simply drop your donated coat off at our office location in the box marked "COAT DRIVE". 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly.

Nov. 26th—Dec. 18th

**All collected donations will
be distributed on Dec. 19th.**

*This winter, you can give
the gift of warmth to some-
one who doesn't have it.*



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