

A message from Kathy Smith

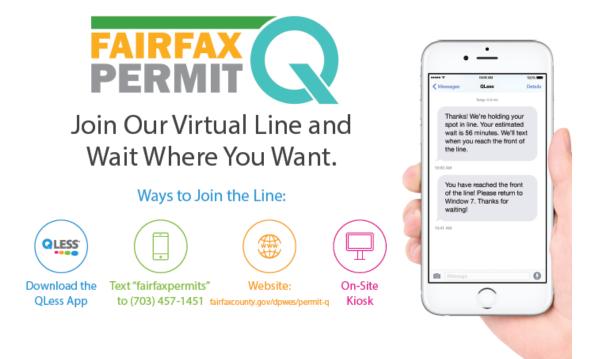
The Fairfax County Department of Land Development Services and Department of Planning and Zoning have launched the new "Fairfax Permit Q." People will be able to avoid lines and join the queue from anywhere. This new system is exactly the kind of innovative change that will help streamline services and boost Fairfax's economic development. You can find more information about the new system below.

The Collect for Kids program runs from now through August 25. The drive provides school supplies for the 2017-2018 school year for students who qualify for free and reduced-price meals. Donations of new backpacks can be dropped off in the donation bin outside of our office.

I hope you and your family are able to get out this weekend to enjoy some of the events happening around the county, including tomorrow's showing of *Finding Dory* at the Trinity Centre.

Sincerely,

Katty



The Wait Is Over ⊠ No More Lines!



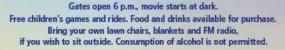




Welcome to another exciting season of Starlight Drive-in Cinema. These movie nights bring the community together and nurture community spirit with features that appeal to both children and adults. Our 2017 season provides four movies, free for the public to enjoy. The atmosphere is relaxed and informal. Feel free to bring a picnic, blanket and chairs, and enjoy the movies. To volunteer, please contact my office at 703-814-7100. I look forward to seeing you as we watch "Movies under the Stars!"

Kathy L. Smith, Sully District Supervisor

FREE Drive-In Movies!



AUGUST 5 - MOANA PG | 113 min | Animation, Adventure, Comedy Walt Disney Pictures | 2016

In Ancient Polynesia, when a terrible curse incurred by the Demigod Maui reaches an impetuous Chieftain's daughter's island, she answers the Ocean's call to seek out the Demigod to set things right.

AUGUST 12 - FINDING DORY PG | 103 min | Animation, Adventure, Comedy Walt Disney Pictures | 2016

The friendly but forgetful blue tang fish, Dory, begins a search for her long-lost parents, and everyone learns a few things about the real meaning of family along the way. AUGUST 19 - ZOOTOPIA

PG | 108min | Animation, Adventure, Comedy Walt Disney Pictures | 2016

In a city of anthropomorphic animals, a rookie bunny cop and a cynical con artist fox must work together to uncover a conspiracy.

AUGUST 26 - STORKS

PG | 89 min | Animation, Adventure, Comedy Warner Bros. | 2016

A stork and his human pal must team up to transport a baby girl to her expectant family, despite the fact that storks now work as couriers for an Internet merchant after getting out of the baby-delivery business.

Check online for the full updated listing of Summer 2017 Starlight Ginema drive-in movies! www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances

Starlight Cinema is presented in partnership with the Friends of Starlight Cinema and generous support from the following sponso Supervisor Smith's office proudly sponsors o movie night this summer.

DORY

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The summer concert series is made possi through corporate and private donations To donate, visit www.fairfaxparkfoundation.org/projects

Shows are canceled due to inclement weather. Call 703-324-SHOW (7469) one hour prior to the start of the show for updates.

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Foundation Launches Fund to Cover Student Debt



The Foundation for Fairfax County Public Schools has launched a fundraising effort to pay off debt accrued by students on their meal accounts. A tally at the end of the 2016-2017 school year showed that students around the district owed FCPS approximately \$13,000.

On June 6, the Foundation accepted its first contribution to this effort, a \$6,000 gift from Viking Capital LLC, a real estate investment company in Washington DC. The company has a commitment to donate 10 percent of its profits to charitable causes. Elizabeth Murphy, Executive Director of the Foundation, stated "It's wonderful to work with local community-minded organizations who identify a need and are able to make a real difference right away. The Foundation is committed to raising funds to eliminate these lunch balances, and Viking Capital has made a huge impact here."

Interested donors can visit the Foundation's <u>secure portal</u> and designate their contribution to "Erase School Lunch Balance" in the section marked OTHER.

Litter Leaves Little to Like



That picture above comes from within our county (<u>Little Hunting Creek</u> to be specific).

Guess where it goes from here? Storm drains in Fairfax County flow directly to local creeks and streams, then on to the Potomac River, the Chesapeake Bay, and then the Atlantic Ocean.

The picture above is just one segment of one stream. Fairfax County has **850 miles** of perennial streams.

This means every plastic bottle, gum wrapper, fast food container, soggy newspaper, toy, cigarette butt, and loose piece of trash that gets washed into the drain eventually ends up in a stream. Not only is the sight of floating litter disgusting, it is unhealthy for the environment. Wildlife can become tangled and entrapped, and some birds and animals may choke or become ill from trying to eat trash.

So what has been found through the years of various cleanups? Besides the usual trash, here are some unfortunate examples:

- Muffler
- Half a mannequin
- Rubber ducky
- Rifle
- Picnic table
- Bicycles
- Moonbounce house
- A lot of beer
- Bag of dirty diapers
- Hundreds of pounds of soggy construction material
- Stove
- Hello Kitty dolls
- Fire extinguishers
- Amplifiers
- Plastic barrel
- Fender
- Composted brassiere
- Giant plastic crocodile head
- Oil drums

All this junk was found by volunteers in one creek between 2000 and 2014 during stream cleanup days. Over the years volunteers at Little Hunting Creek have removed nearly nine tons of bulk trash, 8,747 plastic bags, and 1,200 bags of trash.

Pretty disturbing, right? You can do something about it. Organize or participate in watershed cleanups around the county beginning in April.

- Park Authority Watershed Cleanup Events
- Local/Regional Cleanup Events

• Virginia Department of Transportation's Adopt-a-Highway

12 Ways to Prevent Litter:

How do we prevent this from happening? There are some easy things you can do starting today.

- 1. Secure your trash on collection days by using containers with a lid.
- 2. Place heavier recyclables on top of lighter materials in open recycling bins. This will prevent bottles and paper from blowing away.
- 3. Wait to place your trash and recycling out until the morning of collection day.
- 4. Organize or participate in neighborhood stream cleanups.
- 5. Adopt a road and keep it free of litter.
- 6. Choose a reusable bottle instead of plastic bottled water.
- 7. Choose reusable bags instead of plastic shopping bags.
- 8. Report overflowing trash cans and dumpsters.
- If you see litter, pick it up and dispose of it properly. Every bottle, wrapper, and box adds up.
- 10. Secure trash and recycling before heavy rain events.
- 11. Store trash and recycling away from flood prone areas.
- 12. Storm drains are not trash cans. Never throw garbage in them.

Digital Literacy: The Library Can Help



Technology has profound impacts on our daily lives, and we all approach it with a different perspective. Some of us are early adopters and might be found pre-ordering the newest gadget or waiting in line at the Apple Store on launch days. Then there's others . . . who take a little longer to embrace new things. Whether you love or hate it, or are in the middle, the library can help. Margaret Kositch, Fairfax County Public Library's director of technology answers a few questions about digital literacy below.

How does the library help those who are curious about technology but don't want to buy new things before understanding the role it might play in their lives?

The library is a great place to start, as we are in the business of providing information—including information about technology. Fairfax County Public Library branches own many of the most popular consumer technology products, and staff would be glad to discuss them with you. One suggestion is that you call your local branch, ask for the information desk (usually extension #4) and inquire what resources are available to learn about the iPad, Kindle, Facebook, etc. Alternatively, go to http://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov and select Technology from the "View

Programs By Type" menu. That will show you upcoming events at all branches. You can limit this to your preferred branch if you wish. In the lower left, click on Library Branch and select the branch(es) of your choice.

What about those who are willing and able to give new gizmos a chance, but then get a little frustrated by one aspect or another?

It happens to everyone! Intuitive is in the eye of the beholder. Most libraries have either informal, dropin help sessions or one-on-one tutoring, where you can book an appointment with a staff member or volunteer. To find out what sessions are available, go to http://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov and select Technology and Tutorial from the "View Programs by Type" menu. You can limit this to your preferred branch if you wish. In the lower left, click on Library Branch and select the branch(es) of your choice. Check the description to see whether you call for an appointment or can register online.

What questions do you and library staff hear most often from customers about technology?

Our customers honor us with a wide range of questions, and we are eager to help. Some of the common questions are pre-sale, when people are trying to figure out what to buy. Others ask for help with brand new devices, so they can set them up to get downloadable books or audiobooks—no fines! At times, people ask to try a device that the library owns, so they can get a sense of whether it will work for them. We get lots of questions about popular internet resources like Facebook, Google Drive, Skype, Pinterest or Goodreads. At library programs, our customers' interest is piqued when they see a 3-D printer—and then we tell them we hold classes in how to use the 3-D printer for free. Every day brings something new and we love that.

What advice to you have for older adults in Fairfax County regarding technology?

Don't be shy! It is the library's job to help Fairfax County residents find information, and we'd love to talk to you. Don't worry about the money! All library services, including programs, wifi, tutoring and PCs are free. There is no such thing as a dumb question! The pace of change is so fast that no one knows everything—no matter how they behave.

Come see us—you are very welcome.

Do you have a question for Margaret? You can call her at 703-324-8314 or email her at <u>Margaret.Kositch@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>.

Stop The Bleed

When a traumatic bleeding emergency occurs in Fairfax County most often a friend, family member, neighbor, co-worker, or bystander is on scene immediately after the traumatic bleeding injury has occurred. A person can die from severe uncontrolled bleeding in as little as five minutes.

You have the power to learn some simple steps and effective bleeding control techniques that could preserve someone's life until your Fairfax County firefighters/paramedics arrive. Below are steps you can take to help "stop the bleed."

First call 9-1-1 to get Fairfax County Fire and Rescue units on the way. The sooner you call 911, the faster professional help will arrive.

Remember, your safety is the number one priority! You cannot help someone if you get injured. Be sure the area is safe before you decide to help.

Next expose the area that is bleeding and with a cloth or bandage use both hands to apply firm, steady pressure to the area that is bleeding. If you don't have a bandage or cloth immediately available, apply firm and steady pressure with your hands. This will still help to slow or stop the bleeding.

If bleeding has not stopped, and there is one available, apply a commercially made tourniquet at least 2-3 inches above the injured area and tighten until bleeding has stopped. If bleeding has not stopped then place a second tourniquet above and next to the first tourniquet. Remember a tourniquet will not work if placed on top of a knee or elbow so be sure to avoid these areas.

If a commercially made tourniquet is not available, be very cautious in attempting to make an improvised tourniquet. Thin items such as phone chargers, extension cords, shoelaces, and rope are to narrow to be used as a tourniquet. In addition to not working, those items can cause severe damage to the nerves of the injured limb.

Below is an info-graphic from our friends at the Department of Homeland

Security. A downloadable version is available by clicking here <u>https://www.dhs.gov/stopthebleed</u>.



No matter how rapid the arrival of professional emergency responders, bystanders will always be first on the scene. A person who is bleeding can die from blood loss within five minutes, so it's important to quickly stop the blood loss.

Remember to be aware of your surroundings and move yourself and the injured person to safety, if necessary.

Call 911.

Bystanders can take simple steps to keep the injured alive until appropriate medical care is available. Here are three actions that you can take to help save a life:



Honoring Special Citizens of Centreville



Each year those who have contributed to the welfare and benefit of our community are recognized and honored during Centreville Day. Trudy Harsh (pictured with, from left, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly, former-Supervisor Michael Frey, and Del. David Bulova; photo by Bonnie Hobbs) was recognized in 2013. The Centreville Day Planning Committee will be accepting nominations through September 15. For more information and nomination forms, please go to <u>www.historiccentrevilleva.org</u>.



Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Honey Bun!

Age: 9 years Gender: Male Color: Buff / Golden Spayed/Neutered: Yes Size: Small Declawed: No

Honey Bun is pretty proud of his extra-fluffy tail. And his extra-fluffy paws. And his extra-fluffy belly. Basically he is just really into being fluffy. He is also excellent at strategically selecting lounging spots... where his fluff blocks the view. His foster parents said he was particularly fond of laying in front of the TV, where his fluff blocked the remote from working! Honey Bun got along great with his fosters' cat and he is so super gentle and loving. And fluffy. Did we mention fluffy? Honey Bun is available for adoption so if you need some fluff in your life, visit Honey Bun!! If you are interested in meeting Honey Bun, please email the animal shelter at <u>animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>.

Volunteer Opportunity in Sully



GrandInvolve: Changing the World - One Child at a Time

The GrandInvolve program offers you an interesting and purposeful experience while making a difference in a school – a classroom – a family – or in one child's life!

Intergenerational and intercultural programs create lasting and meaningful relationships between generations and cultures, allowing people of all ages to share their talents and resources while supporting each other in relationships that benefit both the individual and the community. The GrandInvolve Program facilitates intergenerational and intercultural volunteering in Fairfax County's Title One Elementary Schools.

GrandInvolve, in partnership with Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS), is now recruiting older adults as volunteers who would like to become mentors, reading and math helpers, and classroom assistants. For an interesting and rewarding volunteer experience, with flexible hours and varying responsibilities, join others who want to live purposefully at a local Elementary School which has a GrandInvolve program in school year 2017/18. Contact Monica Evans at Brookfield Elementary in Chantilly: <u>mdevans@fcps.edu</u> (703) 814-8700. If you are interested in making a difference in the success of our local schools – Join the GrandInvolve Team!

We Need YOU To Make a Difference!