

A message from Kathy Smith



National Night Out on Aug. 1 with Lt. Hanson, Mike Coyle of my office & Capt. Lay of the Sully Police Station

The Board of Supervisors is currently in recess for the month of August; however, my office is open and we are here to answer your questions and address your concerns. Board meetings will resume on Tuesday, September 12.

The Fairfax County Park Authority is currently seeking public comment as they create their first ever Parks and Recreation System Master Plan. The plan will guide the Park Authority to identify and meet community needs. You can submit your comments from now until September 15. More information is below.

Several events are happening around the county this weekend. *Zootopia* will be playing at the Trinity Centre on Saturday, August 19. Also on Saturday is the 3rd annual Clear the Shelters event! All adoption fees will be waived at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. You can view which animals are available online at http://www.petango.com/fairfaxcountyanimalshelter; including Lola Meatball who is featured in our "Animal Shelter Corner" this week.

Sincerely,



Trinity Centre 5860 Trinity Pkwy, Centreville

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!

Gates open 6 p.m., movie starts at dark. Free children's games and rides. Food and drinks available for purchase. Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets and FM radio, if you wish to sit outside. Consumption of alcohol is not permitted.

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 Cinema drive-in movies! www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances

with the Friends of Starlight Chema and generous support from the following spor Supervisor Smith's rvisor Smith's office proudly sp



To donate, visit www.fairfaxparkfoundation.org/projects



Subscribe to Concert E-News



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

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances







Solar Eclipse on Monday, August 21



On Monday, August 21, the U.S. will be experiencing the first total solar eclipse since 1991 and the first to move across the entire mainland of the country since 1918. A solar eclipse happens when the moon passes in between the earth and the sun. Fairfax County is not in the path of the total eclipse, but we will be treated to a partial solar eclipse. Our maximum eclipse will be at 2:42 p.m. when the sun will be about 80 percent covered, although some of the eclipse will be visible from 1:17 p.m. to 4:01 p.m. Remember, looking directly at the sun during an eclipse could severely hurt your eyes. The National Weather Service recommends wearing special solar filtered sunglasses if you plan to view the eclipse. You can also safely view the eclipse through a solar filtered telescope or Welder's glass #14 and darker. For more information on the solar eclipse, visit eclipse2017.nasa.gov/safety. The county's NewsCenter also has more information.

Park Authority Seeks Public Comment on Agencywide Master Plan



The Fairfax County Park Authority is in the process of creating its first ever Parks and Recreation System Master Plan.

With a 10-year time horizon, the Great Parks, Great Communities Parks and Recreation System Master Plan will guide the agency to meet growing and changing community needs. This long-range, comprehensive park system master planning effort builds on the findings from the *Parks Count! Needs Assessment* that was completed in spring 2016. The master plan is also an essential part of ensuring the Park Authority achieves world class standards as required for re-accreditation by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA).

Check out the *Great Parks, Great Communities Parks and Recreation*System Master Plan website at

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/fcpa-mp.htm, and draft master plan to learn more and tell us what you think!

The draft master plan is available for public review **now until September 15**, **2017**. Submit your comments via Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov, on the project website or at one of the open house sessions in September. More details on dates, times, and locations will be forthcoming. For information please contact Project Manager Samantha Hudson at samantha.hudson@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-324-8726.

Got the Dot?

Got the dot? Our Yellow Dot Program could save your life. The yellow dot decal is placed on your windshield and will alert first responders to check the glove compartment of your vehicle for vital medical information after a vehicle crash or emergency. You can learn more about the program in the video below.



Community Action Advisory Board Food Drive



The Community Action Advisory Board is a 30-member board which is appointed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and advises them and the Directory of Family Services regarding programs, projects, and resources concerning the low-income populations of the county.

The CAAB needs your help NOW to collect non-perishable food for our neighbors in need. All donations will be delivered to Food for Others in August.

Most needed items are:

- Canned meats ham, turkey, chicken, tuna, beef
- Peanut butter
- Canned stew, chili, pasta, fruit, beans
- Dried beans, pasta, rice
- Cereals
- Pasta sauce
- Boxed meals

Monetary donations are especially welcome, since food banks are able to leverage greater buying power through bulk and wholesale pricing. To

donate funds by check or money order, please make your donation payable to Food for Others, including a note about the CAAB Food Drive, and mail to:

Food for Others 2938 Prosperity Avenue Fairfax, VA 22031

Or visit www.foodforothers.org.

You can also purchase food and have it sent directly to Food for Others from www.amazon.com through Food for Others' Amazon Wish List. Food for Others continually needs donations for our residents year round, but there is an especially pressing need for food provisions now for residents in need.

For more information about the CAAB visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs or call 703-324-5848, TTY711.

Centreville Immigration Forum Information Session



Learn more about the <u>Centreville Immigration Forum</u>

(<u>www.centrevilleimmigrationforum.org</u>) at a volunteer orientation and information session on **Tuesday**, **September 12 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Labor Resource Center, 5944 Centreville Crest Lane. All are welcome.

The Labor Center is located in the Centreville Crest Shopping Center, facing the intersection between US-28 (Centreville Road) and US-29 (Lee Hwy),5944 Centreville Crest Lane. Some of the volunteer opportunities currently available include event photographers, special events planners, daytime ESOL teachers, and Spanish-speaking volunteers to assist with both special projects and the daily operations of the Center.

For more information, contact Wynne Tysdal, volunteer@centreville.lrc.org

Partnership With Schools Turns Students Into Citizen Scientists



Ecologists in our Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) and students from several of our public schools are working together to monitor the amount of litter reaching our local waterways.

Called the <u>Citizen Scientist Floatables Monitoring Program</u>, it expands students' knowledge of watershed science, scientific thinking skills and enables them to make connections between behaviors and environmental impacts. The county benefits from engaging residents at an early age and instilling the importance of environmental stewardship. The program was piloted during spring 2016 with great success. More than 350 students from seven schools participated during the 2016–2017 school year, the first full year of the program's implementation.

How It Works:

Throughout the school year, students identify and quantify the number and type of floatables in a 100-by-20-foot section of a stream valley near their school. The goal of the program is to encourage students to use what they learned from their data to create an action plan to reduce the amount of litter

reaching the stream.

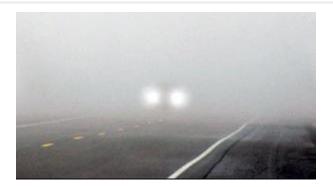
Unlike "invisible" pollutants such as nitrogen and phosphorous, litter is highly visible and is a great example of an easily identifiable pollutant that allows students to make the connection of a behavior (littering) to its direct impact on the environment (litter in streams). Students learn how their actions and behaviors may impact natural resources and are empowered to make better choices in litter prevention. Students are also introduced to the concept of collecting scientific data to answer questions about the environment.

Enhancing the Science Curriculum:

Fairfax County Public Schools elementary curriculum encourages students to use project-based learning, which is an inquiry-based, student-driven approach to answering a compelling question. Through a hands-on approach, the program fulfills this learning objective by asking where does the litter originate and how can more litter be prevented from entering streams. County staff provide an introductory presentation to the program, data collection training and assistance with field monitoring.

"I truly value this program because so often students learn about science, but it's not as frequently that they are able to experience hands-on data collection and distribution. This experience is priceless, as the students know that the data they collect could be used to make changes that impact the health of the environment," says Pamela Huffman, outdoor educator, Lemon Road Elementary School.

Driving In Fog



When driving in fog, please keep the following safety tips, from the <u>National</u> <u>Weather Service</u>, in mind:

- Slow down and allow extra time to reach your destination.
- Make your vehicle visible to others both ahead of you and behind you
 by using your low-beam headlights since this means your taillights will
 also be on. Use fog lights if you have them.
- Never use your high-beam lights. Using high beam lights causes glare, making it more difficult for you to see what's ahead of you on the road.
- Leave plenty of distance between you and the vehicle in front of you to account for sudden stops or changes in the traffic pattern.
- To ensure you are staying in the proper lane, follow the lines on the road with your eyes.
- In extremely dense fog where visibility is near zero, the best course of action is to first turn on your hazard lights, then simply pull into a safe location such as a parking lot of a local business and stop.

History Spotlight



Centreville's History intertwines with St. John's Episcopal Church

St. John's Episcopal Church was used as a hospital during the Civil War. When sections of the church had to be rebuilt, materials were scarce. Don't be surprised to see the keyhole of a door used to build the ceiling! Explore the history of the church and the rest of the Centreville Historic Park during the 25th anniversary of Centreville Day on **Saturday, October 21, 10:00 to 5:00 p.m.** For more information, please go to http://www.historiccentrevilleva.org.

SAVE THE DATE!

Recovery Resource Open House

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

4 to 7 p.m.

Merrifield Center 8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22031

Wondering if you or a loved one might have an issue with alcohol or drugs, including opioids and prescription medication?

Don't know where to go for help?

What does help look like?

How does one live a full life in recovery without drugs or alcohol?

How can I help others on their journey to recovery?

Join the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board and representatives from a wide range of providers at this FREE event. Get answers on questions about addiction, and learn about substance use disorder services available in Fairfax County and around the region.





Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in all county programs, services and activities. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request. For information, call 703-324-7000, TTY 711.



Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Lola Meatball!

Age: 4 years 2 months

Gender: Female

Color: Tan

Spayed/Neutered: Yes

Size: Medium

Meet Lola Meatball! She's a short, stocky, wrinkly, extra-cute and squishy dog! She was super scared when she first got to the shelter, but she has made a complete turnaround. Shelter staff think she is just nervous in the shelter environment, because as soon as she is outside she turns into a

happy wiggly dog! She likes to bark at other dogs when she is on-leash and she does not seem to like being close to other dogs, so she would do best as an only dog. Lola Meatball is all the dog you will need though! She knows 'sit,' 'paw/shake,' and is very food-motivated so she would be a quick study on other tricks, too. She likes toys but she likes people even more! If you are interested in meeting Lola, please email the animal shelter at animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Volunteer Opportunity in Sully



Volunteers needed for VITA 2018!

Northern Virginia families with low-income need your help in preparing their tax returns and assisting the program as greeter, screener, translator, and/or IT support. Pre-register for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program 2018 now!

VITA provides free tax preparation for eligible taxpayers who made less than \$54,000 in 2017. Multiple locations are available throughout Northern Virginia for volunteers. Placement and training starts in late fall.

Duties: Provide basic tax return preparation and program assistance for eligible taxpayers. Provide high quality assistance to all taxpayers. Deal with the public in a helpful and supportive manner, including interview skills which will be provided as needed. Must be friendly, dependable and flexible. Maintain confidentiality of customer information and uphold the highest ethical standard.

Volunteer Benefits: We provide free IRS tax law and software training.

Advanced Tax Return Preparers who meet the requirements can also receive CE credits from IRS.

Qualifications: None required! We provide training!

Minimum Age to Volunteer: 18

Time Commitment: You will be expected to volunteer 2 hours per week for

3 months

Application Deadline: 01/28/2017

Contact:

Tatyana Chambers
703-533-5702
tatyana.chambers@fairfaxcounty.gov
www.nvacash.org