

# *Sull-E Newsletter*



## **A message from Kathy Smith**

I'm observing a cloudy day and anticipating a rainy weekend and thinking about some of the challenges we went through as a community to make this budget work. I know there are opinions on all sides of this issue and I want you to know that we listened to each concern, weighed different options, and came out with a budget that will provide necessary services to our residents. Though this weekend is forecast for cloudy weather, I know there is sunshine just waiting to break through and the same is true for our "Booster Shot" Budget. We have challenges today but the investments we are making in our community promise a brighter tomorrow.

One upcoming meeting that I am very excited about will be the first meeting of the Countywide Development Process Committee. As chair of the committee, I am happy to report that all of our meeting information is posted online ([Click Here](#) and look under May 3 meeting links) and all members of the public interested in learning more about the important issues are welcome to attend the meeting at the government center next Tuesday.

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You can always reach my office by phone (703-814-7100) or email me at [supervisorsmith@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:supervisorsmith@fairfaxcounty.gov). I look forward to hearing from you!

*Kathy*

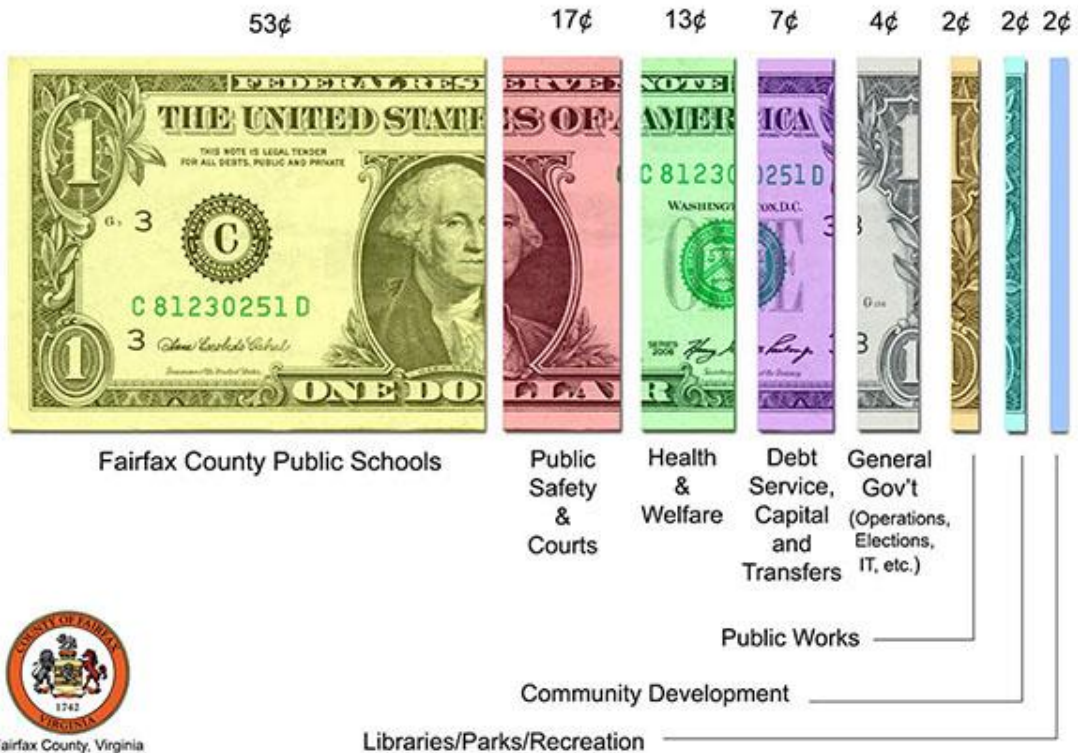
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# YOUR TAX DOLLAR AT WORK

A Quick-Look Summary of the Adopted \$4.01 Billion FY 2017 General Fund Budget  
 More details: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget)



As you can see, a great education for our students is Fairfax County's #1 priority. If you would like to learn more about what's in the budget, you can read more by clicking [HERE](#).



This week, I appointed Robert Tsien to the Economic Advisory Committee. In 2015, Robert retired from Freddie Mac, where he was Chief Credit Officer. Prior to joining Freddie Mac, Robert worked predominately in the field of commercial real estate at three companies: a development firm, an insurance company, and a securitization conduit. In addition, while an insurance executive, he was responsible for investment strategy and asset-liability management. Finally, Robert has twice worked for local government; first, as an intern to the head of the Mayor's Office of Housing in Boston (graduate school) and, second, as director of a management analysis and budgeting unit in the NYC Department of Sanitation.

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Locally, Robert has served on the Inova Health Care Services Board of Trustees since 2006 and, since 2012, he has also served as Chairman of the Inova Fairfax Hospital Quality Board. Robert earned a Master's degree in City and Regional Planning from Harvard University (1980) and an undergraduate degree in Urban Studies from Brown University (1975). He is also a Chartered Financial Analyst.

## **Upcoming Waste Management Events**

### **Small Business Hazardous Waste Disposal Events**

The Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program's next small business hazardous waste disposal event for qualifying small businesses (Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators - CESQG) and Fairfax County agencies will take place on Wednesday, May 4, 2016. This program benefits small businesses in the county as it is a safe, legal, and affordable way for them to properly dispose of hazardous waste.

#### **Additional events scheduled for 2016 are:**

Wednesday, July 13, 2016

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

Details about sign-up, participation, and disposal can be accessed via our updated website at (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/disphazcomm.htm>) or call the Fairfax County Solid Waste Management program at 703-324-5230.

### **Slow-Down to Get-Around Education Campaign Kick Off Event, May 9 at the Fairfax County Government Center**

The Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program is hosting a county-wide education initiative regarding the importance of HB 1649, the Slow-Down-to-Get-Around law that Governor McAuliffe signed in 2015. This legislation is a safe driving law intended to protect trash truck workers who must access roadways to collect trash. The Slow-Down-to-Get-Around education campaign kick-off event will be at 10 am on Monday, May 9, at the Fairfax County Government Center. Residents and business representatives are welcome to attend.

#### ***Description of the event***

- The Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program will park a trash collection truck outfitted with the new safety light array in front of the Government Center for the event on May 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - New safety lights and uniforms will be demonstrated.
  - A testimonial from one of our trash collectors who was seriously injured by a passing car will be read.
  - Remarks from distinguished guests will be made, to be determined based on availability to attend.
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- Light refreshments will be served and giveaways distributed.

A link to the text of HB1649: <https://legiscan.com/VA/text/HB1649/2015>. A link to a PSA about *Slow-Down to Get-Around* from the National Solid Waste Management Association is at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QNZT8sMmgwg>.



### **Fairfax County Supports Bike to Work Day**

Time to tune up those brakes and grab your helmet, the 16<sup>th</sup> annual **Bike to Work Day** is just around the corner! Bicyclists across the National Capital Area will bike to work on **Friday, May 20, 2016** to take part in a healthy, clean, low-cost commute. With 14 pit stops in Fairfax County from Mount Vernon to Herndon, local cyclists will have the opportunity to take a break from their ride and be rewarded for participating in the event; registration is open at [www.biketoworkmetrodc.org](http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org).

Each pit stop will welcome bicyclists with refreshments, entertainment, and the chance to win great prizes, while supplies last. The first 15,000 to register will receive a free t-shirt at the pit stop of their choice.

**“Bike to Work Day is a great program to remind everyone that there are more ways to get to the office than driving,”** said Adam Lind, manager of Fairfax County’s Bicycle Program. **“You can also participate in biking to public transportation, and use the bike racks on the front of Connector buses or secure bike rooms at many park-and-ride lots**

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throughout the county. We want everyone to know that bicycling is a great commuting option and Fairfax County is continuing its investment in its bike program for future growth.”

Thousands of bicyclists are expected to participate in the 16<sup>th</sup> annual event, which is co-organized by Commuter Connections and the Washington Area Bicyclist Association.

Resources for bicyclists include:

- [A list of Fairfax County pit stops](#)
- [The Bike Fairfax Interactive Map](#)
- [Commuter Connections: A Commuter’s Guide to Bicycling](#)

For further information about Bike to Work Day 2016, contact Fairfax County Department of Transportation at 703-877-5600, TTY 711.



Early Bird Tickets are available for Celebrate Fairfax now through June 4. Reserve yours: <http://celebratefairfax.com/tickets/>

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