



## A message from Kathy Smith

At the end of this rainy week, it feels good to look forward to sunnier days. Please read on to learn about fun summer activities. Fairfax County is participating in the National Bike Challenge. You can get involved by celebrating National Bike to Work Day on May 19. Our transportation team will be supporting pit stops around the county. I hope you will set aside some time on Saturday, June 17 to celebrate Fairfax County's 275th birthday at the Courthouse. More details are below and at [www.fairfax275.org](http://www.fairfax275.org).

Sincerely,

*Kathy*

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# Library Comic Con



[Fairfax County Public Library](#) is presenting their first **Library Comic Con** on **Saturday, May 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Chantilly High School located at 4201 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, VA!** This may be the only Comic Con you will find for FREE and it is family friendly!

"Geek out" at a celebration of comic books, science fiction, fantasy, TV, movies, and more, featuring Gene Luen Yang, author of the Secret Coders and Avatar: The Last Airbender series. Books available for sale and signing. Cosponsored by the Friends of the Chantilly Regional Library.

## Comic Con Schedule:

10:00 – Doors open (Use Main Entrance, Door #1)

10-2:30 – Vendors, Artists' Alley

10-1:00 – Cosplay Central and Superhero Training Camp

10:30 – Keynote Speaker: [Gene Luen Yang](#)

11:15 – Author signing begins (limit 2 books per person)

11:45 – Choose from Panel Discussion or Workshop

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12-2:30 – Gaming/Chill Zone

12:30 – Lunch, Author signing continues

1:00 – Choose from Nerd Jeopardy or Workshop

2:00 – Cosplay Contest!

**\*Food trucks will be on site starting at 11am**

### **Comic Con Panels and Workshops:**

11:45 – Choose between Panel Discussion “**Hitchhiker’s Guide to the World of Comics**” with Tae Yi, *Silver Dragon Studio*; Dave Bowen, *Rocket Blast Consultants*; Pop Mhan, *Comic Book Artist*; and Nick Davis, *Alt World Studios*.  
(auditorium)

OR at 11:45 – Workshop “**Stars Wars Costuming with the 501st**” presented by Garrison Tyranus of the 501st Legion. (lecture hall)

1:00 – Choose between Workshop “**25 Years of Magi: The Gathering, the First TCG**” presented by Ian Whittington, *The Island Games*. (lecture hall)

or at 1:00 – **Nerd Jeopardy!** (cafeteria)

No registration necessary. For more information, call 703-324-8428.

If you are interested in volunteering at this event, apply [here](#).

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You are cordially invited to attend a community meeting on

# Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission Recommendations: Year One Progress Report

Hosted by Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova and Public  
Safety Committee Chair John C. Cook

May 22  
7:30-9:00 P.M.

Fairfax County Government Center  
Board Auditorium  
12000 Government Center Parkway  
Fairfax, VA 22035

## Panel Members:

Ed Roessler  
Fairfax County Chief of Police

Shirley Ginwright  
Communities of Trust Chair

Dave Roher  
Deputy County Executive

Richard Schott  
Independent Police Auditor

Adrian Steel  
Vice Chair, Ad Hoc Commission  
Chair, Civilian Review Panel

Hear an update on the implementation of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission. Brief introductory remarks will be delivered by Chairman Bulova, Supervisor Cook, Chief Roessler, and Communities of Trust Chair Shirley Ginwright. The majority of the meeting will be devoted to the audience, who are welcome to ask questions via town hall format. Come out and offer your thoughts on progress in police reform. For questions or media inquiries, please contact Supervisor Cook's Office at 703-425-9300.

# Sully Woodlands Stewardship Education Center Meeting Slated



The Fairfax County Park Authority is holding a public information meeting on **Thursday, May 18, 2017**, to share with the public its feasibility study findings for the development of the Sully Woodlands Stewardship Education Center.

Sully Woodlands encompasses 4,400 acres and 43 parks with multiple uses. To provide for careful and responsible management of the natural and cultural resources in this unique woodlands area, the Park Authority is proposing to develop a Sully Woodlands Stewardship Education Center. The proposed facility would be a state-of-the-art interpretive center to manage non-recreational parkland, provide educational and visitor services, conduct natural resource management activities, and work with staff in the management of the Sully Woodlands.

The Stewardship Education Center-Information meeting will take place from **7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Conference Room 4/5 at the Government Center at 12000**

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**Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035.** You can find more information online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/swsec.htm>

For information about this meeting, contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

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## Fairfax Connector Begins Rollout of Real-Time Passenger Information System



This week the Fairfax County Department of Transportation officials [briefed the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors' Transportation Committee](#) (BTC) on the rollout of Fairfax Connector [BusTracker](#) – the transit system's real-time passenger information system that uses global positioning system (GPS) technology to provide estimated arrival times and locations of Fairfax Connector buses. Fairfax Connector passengers [will be able to access the scheduled and estimated arrival times of their bus](#) by using a smart phone, tablet, or computer.

“With this new tool, we aim to provide a more predictable travel experience for our current passengers, and attract new transit riders to reduce the number of single occupancy vehicles on Fairfax County roadways,” said Fairfax Connector Chief

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Dwayne Pelfrey. “As we move forward with the full system rollout, we encourage riders to test out the technology, and provide feedback on the functionality and user interface.”

Passengers are encouraged to visit [www.fairfaxconnector.com](http://www.fairfaxconnector.com) to access [BusTracker](#); learn how to use the system; and provide feedback. The [BusTracker "how-to" online resource](#) also provides information for third party developers.

**For More Information on Fairfax Connector Service:**

- Visit [www.fairfaxconnector.com](http://www.fairfaxconnector.com)
- Call 703-339-7200, TTY 703-339-1608 (Monday - Friday, 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
- Visit a [Connector Store](#)
- Follow them on [Twitter](#) & [Facebook](#)

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## Police Leaders of Tomorrow



The Fairfax County Police Department is hosting a week-long program this summer for young adults called Police Leaders of Tomorrow. They are in need of additional

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applicants; please help us spread the word.

Police Leaders of Tomorrow was created in recognition of the need for diversity in policing. A police department that is as diverse as the community it serves will be more effective in providing services and fighting crime. Although the Fairfax County Police Department is more diverse today than in previous years, the Department continues to seek opportunities to ensure its membership is reflective of the community it serves.

They are seeking 12-15 young adults between 18 and 23 years of age with diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds. Applicants are not limited to Fairfax County and should be interested in joining the police academy within one to two years.

The 2017 program will be held **June 5-9, 2017** and will rotate to various police facilities around the county. Police Leaders of Tomorrow offers a variety of activities and opportunities for attendees to learn about the police profession, the importance of service to the community, and maintaining good character.

**Applications are due no later than May 15.** For more information, please contact [cpa@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:cpa@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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## Fairfax County Launches Bike Month Celebration

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To kickoff the month, Fairfax County invites residents to register for the [National Bike Challenge](#). The program is set up to host inter-agency challenges (department vs. department), organizational contests (business vs. business), or even jurisdiction contests (city vs city, county vs. county). The National Bike Challenge runs through September 30, 2017.

Try Biking Week, May 14-20, is an opportunity for biking novices to commute, run errands, exercise, and have fun by bicycling. Fairfax County's Bike Map can help riders find designated bike lanes, paths and trails, while also identifying routes by comfort and skill level. To help spread the word about biking in Fairfax County, the FCDOT's Bicycle Program will host a Bike Photo Contest this week, and are calling for entries that capture residents using their bikes on their favorite bikeways: roads, bike lanes, trails, paths, singletrack, etc. Participants can post their photos on Twitter (tag @ffxconnector), Facebook (tag /fairfaxconnector) or Instagram (tag @fairfaxcounty) and with the hashtags **#trybiking** and **#bikefairfax**. Winning entries will be announced on May 26, 2017.

One of the highlights during Try Biking Week is [National Bike to Work Day](#), which is celebrated throughout the National Capital Area on **Friday, May 19**. There are 13 pit stops located in Fairfax County, where bicyclists can stop on their way to work for a morning refreshment, learn about bike services and resources in the community, get a bike tune-up (select locations), and free giveaways. The first

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16,000 to register at [www.biketoworkmetrodc.org](http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org) will receive a free t-shirt. New in 2017: the Fairfax County Bicycle Program has prepared a special [Bike to Work Day Business Toolkit](#) to encourage their employees to Bike to Work not only on the May 19, but all year long.

Other themed rides are planned throughout the Month of May:

- May 14: [CycloFemme/Global Women's Cycling Day](#)
- May 24-8: [Bike to Market Days](#)
- May 29: Bike to BBQ

For more information on Fairfax County Bike Month, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/bike](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/bike) or contact the Bicycle Program at 703-877-5600, TTY 711.

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## Orphaned or Abandoned Deer Fawns – Don't be a Fawn Kidnapper!



White-tailed deer fawns are born April through July, with the majority of fawns born in June. It is common for people to encounter white-tailed deer fawns motionless and without their mother, then mistakenly assume it is orphaned or abandoned. In almost all cases, fawns are only temporarily left by their mothers for protection and need no human intervention.

Female deer, called does, typically leave their fawns bedded down for extended periods of time while they are away foraging in order to avoid leading predators to their young. If you see a fawn that appears abandoned, leave it alone. People don't often see that mother deer return at dawn and dusk to move and/or feed their young. Keep children and pets away and give the fawn space to allow the doe to return to its baby.

Young fawns are "hidiers" and will not try to run away when they are approached. If you encounter a fawn, do not handle or disturb it; this causes unnecessary stress for the animal. If you have already handled or "rescued" a fawn, and less than 24 hours have passed, you should return it immediately to the exact place where you found it. Its mother will be looking for it.

You should only seek help for a fawn if it is showing obvious signs of injury or distress, such as wandering and crying incessantly, eyes swollen, has visible wounds or broken bones, or if there is a dead doe nearby. If an animal is displaying these signs, contact a licensed wildlife rehabilitator, veterinarian or the Animal Protection Police for further assistance and instruction. Do not feed the fawn or attempt to care for it yourself. Raising a wild animal in captivity is illegal in Virginia unless you have a wildlife rehabilitation permit issued by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

If you have questions about whether an animal is in need of help or to locate a licensed wildlife rehabilitator, contact the Virginia Wildlife Conflict Helpline toll-free at 1-855-571-9003. This helpline is a collaborative effort between the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and the U.S. Department of Agriculture –

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Wildlife Services and is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Fairfax County Animal Protection Police can be reached through the Police non-emergency line at 703-691-2131.

More information can be found at: <https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/injured/>.

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## Five Ways to Support Mental Health Awareness



### 1. [Sign up for Mental Health First Aid.](#)

This course teaches participants how to help people who are in mental crisis, or potentially could be, and offers ways to:

- - Assess for risk of suicide or harm.
  - Listen nonjudgmentally.
  - Give reassurance and information.
  - Encourage appropriate professional help.
  - Encourage self-help and other supports.

### 2. [Take a confidential online mental health screening.](#)

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### 3. Help reduce stigma of mental health conditions.

Visit the Good Therapy Blog to learn more:

<http://www.goodtherapy.org/blog/mental-health-matters-8-stigmatizing-phrases-to-stop-using-050715>

### 4. Practice good self-care strategies.

A few examples include:

- - Share a smile with strangers; some people go all day without anyone acknowledging them.
  - Start a cycle of encouragement; tell others what you appreciate about them.
  - Listen to music that inspires and motivates you.
  - Write a poem on something you care about, or an article on something you feel is interesting.
  - Send a postcard to someone far away; reconnect.

### 5. Join the conversation.

- Sign up to receive the weekly [CSB News](#).
- Follow CSB on [Twitter](#).
- Follow CSB on [Facebook](#).

Help is available, treatment works, and people do recover! Call the [Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board](#) for guidance and resources at 703-383-8500 (TTY 711). CSB Emergency Services are available 24/7 at 703-573-5679 (TTY 711). Call 911 for a life-threatening emergency.

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## Find Your Vehicle's Safest Fit



A CarFit event is being held on **Saturday, May 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** CarFit experts can determine if your car fits you properly for maximum safety and suggest improvements. Mature drivers in general are safe drivers, but in an accident, they have more chance of injury if their car is not individually fitted to their needs. Learn how to best position yourself to maximize safety when driving your vehicle. CarFit will be held in the **front parking lot of the Pennino Building** (across the street from the main Government Center), **12011 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA**. Sign up now! Appointments are limited and will be scheduled every 20 minutes. Call 703-324-5600 for more info or to register for an appointment.

For more on driving safely as a mature adult, go to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/mature-driving-safety.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/mature-driving-safety.htm) and watch the video and podcast that feature experts on older adult driving.

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## New Crash Map Shows Locations of 2016 Youth Car Accidents



If you are the parent of a new driver, here is a statistic you should know: 1,840 young drivers were involved in crashes in our county in 2016.

There was some good news about our young drivers last year:

- Only 2% of teen drivers involved in a reportable crash were alcohol related.
- 97% of teen drivers were wearing their seat belts.
- The total number of 17 and 18 year-old drivers involved in crashes in 2016 has gone down by almost 100 occurrences compared to 2015.

But there was also this:

- Two youth drivers were killed and 17% were injured. Both fatal crashes involved excessive speed. One driver was 19, the other was 20.

The youth crash map shows the locations of crashes reported to the Fairfax County Police Department and their count at each location. Also note the 10 most dangerous county roadways for our young drivers.

[Large PDF of Map](#)

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**Parents:** You've been protecting your kids their whole lives; don't just hand them the keys to a two-ton vehicle with no rules.

**Young Drivers:** Follow these rules so you don't become a dot on next year's map.

## 1. Drive Sober

Impairment begins with the first drink. It is unlawful for any person under the age of 21 to operate any motor vehicle after illegally consuming alcohol. Impaired drivers cause crashes that lead to *injury, death and property damage*. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), car crashes are the leading cause of death for teens, and about a quarter of those crashes involve an underage drinking driver. NHTSA also reports that kids who start drinking young are seven times more likely to be in an alcohol-related crash. Remember, drugged driving (under the influence of prescription, over-the-counter, or illegal narcotics) is equally as dangerous.

## 2. Distracted Driving

Have the talk about [distracted driving](#). Did you know texting and driving is illegal in Virginia and most other states now, and that mobile phones or other devices may be illegal to use period depending on your age. Remember, distracted driving is not only texting, it is talking to passengers, operating a radio or GPS, doing makeup or hair...it is any behavior that detracts from the primary function of driving.

## 3. Vehicle Equipment Safety

Ensure that your young driver is aware of their vehicle's equipment, limitations and its operational requirements. Operable windshield wipers, horn, brakes, lighting are just examples of a few considerations when keeping a vehicle functioning, safe and legal while increasing safety for everyone on our roadways. For more

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information visit the [Virginia Motor Vehicle Safety Inspection Program](#) webpage.

#### 4. Wear A Seatbelt

Parents, guardians and peers often serve to set an example to new drivers. Together, let us teach our youth to put their seatbelt on when they get in there vehicle for the first time and every time regardless if they are the driver or passenger. There is no reason to increase the possibility of injury or death if in a crash by simply not putting a seatbelt on.

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## Fairfax County Seeks Nontraditional Partners to Meet Commitment to Human Services



A Fairfax County citizen advisory board will host the first-ever countywide conference on innovation in the delivery of health and human services to residents in need. The conference will take place on **Thursday, May 18** at **ICF International (9300 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22031)** from **8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Partners include Halcyon Incubator, Startup Grind, Virginia Tech, Community Foundation of Northern Virginia, University of Virginia, Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce, 1776, Montgomery County and the Fairfax County Office of Public Private Partnerships.

The “Innovation Challenge” is a half-day introductory conference to explore ways in which the county and allied organizations can effectively meet service demands that

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are growing in cost and complexity. The conference evolved from an extensive [report](#) commissioned last year by the Human Services Council, a county-appointed group of residents that advises the Board of Supervisors on priorities for health and human services.

“As our population grows, ages and diversifies, the ability to maintain services has become increasingly challenging,” said Kevin H. Bell, chairman of the council. “The associated costs may be unsustainable without change. This conference is designed to let the business community and others know that the county is wide open to exploring new ways of delivering services that many people in our community need in order to fulfill their potential and help our region be strong economically as well as a good place to live.”

The conference has three objectives:

- Exchange state-of-the-art information about 21<sup>st</sup> Century solutions involving collaborative investment, funding and service delivery to address human services challenges and deliver positive outcomes.
- Elicit new ideas and approaches from public and private sector partners to enhance services and maximize resources.
- Set the stage for specific recommendations about service changes, program enhancements, and needed resources to be presented to the county and other funders.

For information about the conference email [Michelle Gregory](#) of Fairfax County or [Thomas Goodwin](#), member of the Human Services Council.

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**About the Innovation Challenge:**

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The Innovation Challenge is sponsored by the Fairfax County Human Services Council and funded by Fairfax County.

Attendance at the conference is free; advance [registration](#) is essential.

For general information visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscouncil/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscouncil/).

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## Animal Shelter Corner



### Meet Moose!

**Age:** 3 years 1 month

**Gender:** Male

**Color:** Charcoal / White

**Spayed/Neutered:** Yes

**Size:** Large

Moose is one of the happiest boys the shelter has ever seen! He loves to go in the yard

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where he can do full-on zoomies, chase tennis balls, and play with his friends! He LOVES other dogs and turns into a total goofball when he's wrestling around and chasing them. He originally came to the shelter as a stray, and the shelter adopted him to a great family who said that he has a good heart, a sweet disposition, and is incredibly loving toward family and friends. He is housebroken and was a wonderful companion to their dog. He didn't even mind sharing his toys and food. Unfortunately, Moose became protective of his family once he settled in, and they didn't know how to work with this behavior. So the shelter are looking for a new adopter who can give Moose the training and guidance he needs to make him comfortable around strangers. In return, you will get an awesome best friend! To learn more about Moose email the animal shelter at [animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov).



Join Sully District Supervisor Kathy Smith and the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services to celebrate the **GRAND OPENING OF THE SULLY SENIOR CENTER!**

**Monday, May 22, 2017**  
**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
14426 Albemarle Point Place, Chantilly, VA 20151



*Come see all the activities and opportunities that await you just down the road!*

- ACTIVITIES
- FITNESS
- CRAFTING
- CLASSES
- FOOD
- FRIENDSHIPS
- OUTINGS
- TECHNOLOGY

For Details: Call 703-322-4475, TTY 711, or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs/sully](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs/sully)

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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 703-324-4600, TTY 711.



*Save the Date! June 17, 2017*  
HISTORIC FAIRFAX COUNTY COURTHOUSE



# Celebrate FAIRFAX COUNTY'S 275<sup>TH</sup> Birthday!

Saturday, June 17, 2017

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

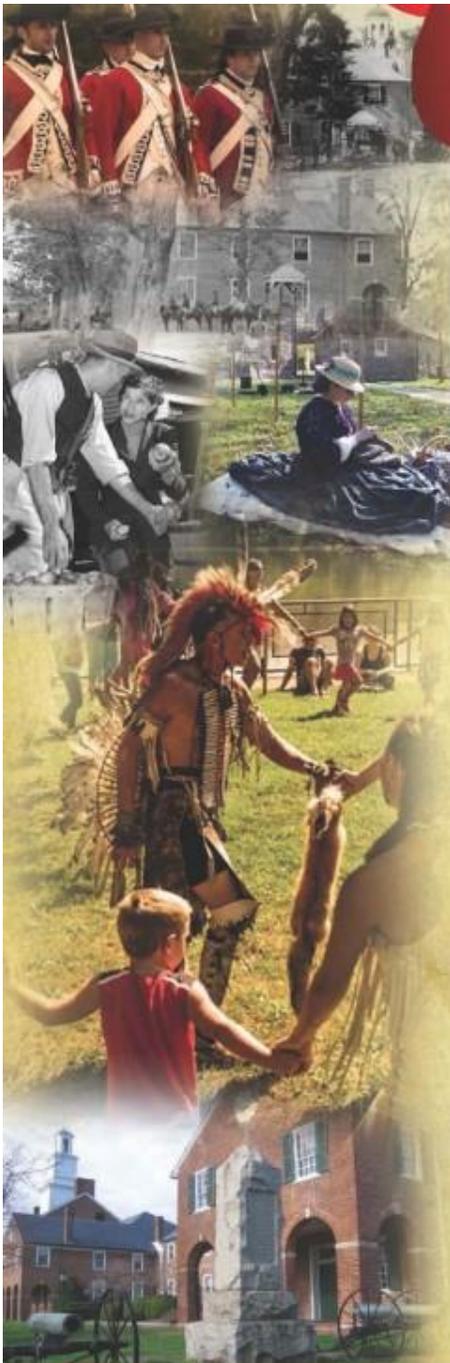
**Historic Fairfax Courthouse**

The day's events, which are free and open to the public, will include:

- Family-friendly activities
- Entertainment
- History Exhibits
- Living History
- Performances

...and more!

Visit [www.Fairfax275.org](http://www.Fairfax275.org)  
for more information.



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To request reasonable ADA accommodations,  
call 703-324-5621 or 703-449-1186 (TTY).

# Volunteer Opportunity in Sully



## Senior Center Sully Certified Personal Trainer

**Description:** The Sully Senior Center needs a volunteer certified personal trainer, preferably with experience working with older adults, once every other week.

**Hours of Operation:** Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Contact:**

Volunteer Solutions

703-324-5406

[VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov)

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm>

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