

# *Sull-E Newsletter*



## **A message from Kathy Smith**

This week, the Board of Supervisors approved a resolution endorsing projects for transportation funding from the state. Several of the projects will dramatically benefit Sully residents and businesses. You can read more from the staff report below. We anticipate that the Commonwealth Transportation Board will take action on these items in Summer 2017.

At the Tuesday meeting, the Board also endorsed sending a letter to Aubrey Layne, the Secretary of Transportation for the Commonwealth of Virginia regarding the July 2016 action by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) that included language in the final Request for Proposals (RFP) that would allow for bidders/concessionaires to consider permitting trucks to utilize the I-66 Outside the Beltway Express Lanes. The proposed changes that the CTB included did not provide adequate time for the public to comment prior to the release of the final RFP. The Board is concerned that proposed changes, particularly the potential noise increase near neighborhoods, impacts to the local roadway, and possible impacts to the Express Lane due to truck usage (allowing trucks to use the

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Express Lanes would result in higher tolls due to reduced capacity). The Board has consistently stated that the tolls be kept “reasonable” and this change will make “reasonable” tolls less likely. Furthermore, the Board stated to the Secretary we are concerned that this change was not coordinated with Fairfax County or the public in advance of the change to the RFP, which would have allowed time for public review and comment. Finally, the Board letter requests that the Commonwealth reconsider the decision to allow trucks in the Express Lane.

Remember that your personal property tax is due on October 5th. Information about paying online can be found below.

*Kathy*

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### **Absentee Voting Begins at the Government Center**

Early voting started today. You can vote at the government center or at satellite locations on select days between now and election day.

#### **Government Center Early Voting**

September 23 to October 14

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
  - Monday, October 10, Columbus Day - OFFICE CLOSED
  - October 17 to November 4
    - Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
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Saturday Schedule (November 5 is the last day to absentee vote in-person)

- October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### **Sully Police Station Early Voting**

Saturday Schedule (November 5 is the last day to absentee vote in-person)

- October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 5, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Weekday Schedule

- October 17 to November 4
    - Monday - Friday, 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
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## Transportation Update

This week, the Board of Supervisors approved a resolution endorsing the following projects for transportation funding from the state:

- Nine (total) Fairfax County transportation projects (below) for submission to the FY2018-FY2023 Smart Scale (formerly HB2 (state funding)) and FY2018 Revenue Sharing Programs,
  - Extending the project limits of the Route 29 project (included in the Smart Scale submission) from Union Mill Road to Pickwick Road, and
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- Virginia Railway Express (VRE) FY2018-FY2023 Smart Scale submission, Fredericksburg Line Capacity Expansion Project.

Projects being considered for Smart Scale (state funding) submission, with maximum request amounts are in priority order below:

Rank	Project	Smart Scale Request
1	Route 1 Widening (Mount Vernon Highway to Napper Road)	\$ 90,000
2	Route 1 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT, Huntington Metrorail Station to Fort Belvoir)	\$300,000
3	Fairfax County Parkway/Popes Head Road Interchange	\$ 89,950
4	Soapstone Connector/Dulles Toll Road Overpass	\$120,000
5	Route 29 Widening (Buckley's Gate Drive to Pickwick Road)	\$ 49,200
6	Frontier Drive Extension	\$ 79,500
7	Seven Corners Ring Road (Phase 1A/Segment 1A)	\$ 52,100

Several factors (in addition to the County's Benefit Cost Ratio score (Transportation Priorities Plan (TPP) January 2014) have been used to prioritize projects for Smart Scale submission. These factors include:

- Consideration of Smart Scale measures - a project that scores well using the County's BCA may not guarantee a high Smart Scale score, since the Smart Scale process considers many additional factors.
- Project readiness.
- Availability of other sources of revenue - Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) regional funding for projects in FY2018 and beyond is still available, as well as local County sources beyond FY2020.
- TPP implementation timelines.
- Geographic balance in funding allocations.

The Board requested a total FY2018 Revenue Sharing request of \$10,000,000: \$5,500,000 for the Route 28 Widening project (Prince William County Line to Old Centreville Road/Route 29) , and \$4,500,000 for the Route 1 Widening project (Mount Vernon Highway to Napper Road). Both projects previously received Revenue Sharing funds, and should be considered in the first prioritization tier.

When the Board approved the TPP in January 2014, the limits of the Route 29 Widening

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extended as far west as Union Mill Road. This week, the Board requested that the limits be extended further west to Pickwick Road. Extending the limits to Pickwick Road will include the last remaining section of two lane road on northbound Route 29 between Centreville and Fairfax City.

The following project will be submitted by VRE for Smart Scale consideration and benefits Fairfax County:

- Fredericksburg Line Capacity Expansion Project

This project will help to reduce congestion in the I-95 corridor.

### Animal Shelter Corner



Mimi is an easy going, happy pup who loves to zoom around the yard, work for treats, and climb in your lap to give you kisses. She originally came to the shelter as a stray and was adopted to a family who said that she is very well trained, knows basic commands, is great with people, rides nicely in the car, and is house and crate trained. However, she was returned because she was reactive to another dog in the neighborhood, so we strongly recommend a visit with any potential doggy siblings. Aside from being a little picky about her friends, this girl seems to have it all.

Stop by the Animal Shelter to visit her.

### Five things to know about the Car Tax

Ahhh September and October, your calendar is suddenly full of fall festivals, college football games, back to school nights, and a **reminder to pay your personal property (car) tax before the Wednesday, Oct. 5 deadline.**

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To give you more time for the fun things on the calendar, here are **five things you need to know about car taxes**:

### **#1: Access Your Information Online**

There's a new way to access your own personal property and real estate tax accounts securely online – via our MyFairfax web portal. By creating an account and logging on, you can:

- View current and past real estate assessment and payment information
- Access tax information
- Register new vehicles or update vehicles moved or sold

[Login to MyFairfax](#)

### **#2: Don't Wait Until Last Minute**

If you have a question or concern about your tax bill, contact our customer service staff in the Department of Tax Administration, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at **703-222-8234** (TTY 711), or send an **email**.

[Contact Tax Department By Email](#)

### **#3: Ways to Pay**

There are **several convenient (and quick!) ways to pay**. Tip: have your bill handy, you will need info on it.

[Pay Your Car Tax](#)

### **#4: Registration Fee**

**Your personal property tax bill includes a local registration fee** for vehicles regularly garaged, stored or parked in Fairfax County.

- **This is separate and distinct from the state registration fee paid to the Virginia DMV.**
- Other than a safety inspection sticker, **Fairfax County does not require the display of a physical windshield decal.**

New this year, the **Town of Clifton and the Town of Herndon** have both likewise eliminated the requirement to display a local registration windshield decal. Due to state law, each town

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will continue to charge a local registration fee, but there is no longer a physical decal. Fairfax County personal property tax bills now include the local registration fee charged by those towns. Fairfax County, the Town of Clifton and the Town of Herndon have entered into an agreement so the county will now bill and collect the current registration fee on behalf of the towns, and will forward the fees to each town as appropriate. The town fee will now be prorated upon the sale or move of the vehicle.

Residents of the **Town of Vienna** must still pay town registration fees directly to Vienna. Fairfax County is not billing Vienna town fees at this time.

#### **#5: Tax Relief**

You **may qualify for tax relief**, if you are a senior at least 65 years old, or permanently and totally disabled, a disabled veteran, or a spouse of a veteran killed in action. More information and forms are online, or call 703-222-8234 (TTY 711).

[Download Tax Relief Forms](#)

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# EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT NEIGHBORHOOD TREES BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK

**Thursday, October 6, 2016**

**7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**Fair Oaks District Police Department  
12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway  
Fairfax, VA 22033**

## SULLY DISTRICT TREE FORUM TOPICS

### What Is So Big About Trees?

Learn why a healthy urban forest is important and can benefit you, and ways to tell if your trees are healthy.

### Treeless In Sully

So you lost tree coverage due to inclement weather or disease. Learn how to rebuild your tree coverage.

### Caring For The Common Good

Find out how to maintain common areas and how to report illegal dumping and hazardous use.



**This program is FREE and open to the public.  
Space is limited, please RSVP to 703.324.1770, TTY 711**

**(Overflow Parking is located in Fifty-Five West)**

**Flatlick Branch Stream Restoration Projects**

The Fairfax County Department of Public Works is holding a public meeting to discuss design and construction of the Flatlick Branch Phase II and III Stream Restoration Projects, answer questions and gather feedback. For more information about the project, click here:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/stormwater/projects/flatlick-branch-stream-restoration.htm>

When: Thursday, October 6, 2016

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Where: Rocky Run Middle School Cafeteria

4400 Stringfellow Road

Chantilly, VA 20151

## **Sully Seniors**

### **Seven Important Things to Know About Absentee Voting**

1. Absentee voting begins Sept. 23. Votes will be counted on election night, Nov. 8.
  2. Consider absentee voting because November weather is unpredictable, and a historic voter turnout is expected on Election Day.
  3. Being a caregiver or a person with disabilities is a valid reason to absentee vote along with 17 other reasons. To check your eligibility, call the county's Office of Elections at 703-222-0776 or email [voting@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:voting@fairfaxcounty.gov).
  4. There are two ways to absentee vote: in-person or by mail (see below). First confirm that your voter registration status is correct. The deadline is Oct. 17. Check your status online at <http://elections.virginia.gov> or call the county's Office of Elections at 703-222-0776. You also may send an email to [voting@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:voting@fairfaxcounty.gov).
  5. Apply online for a mail-in absentee ballot at <http://elections.virginia.gov>. You will need your Social Security Number and information on your Virginia Driver's License. Information also is provided on how to apply if you do not have a driver's license.
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**6.** You will need a photo ID to vote absentee in-person. If you need a photo ID, call 703-222-0776.

**7.** In-person absentee voting takes place at the Government Center and Satellite locations.

**Fairfax County Government Center**

Conference Room 2/3

12000 Government Center Pkwy., Fairfax

**Weekday Schedule, Sept. 23 to Oct. 14:**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Thursday

8 a.m.-7 p.m.

**Weekday Schedule, Oct. 17 to Nov. 4:**

Monday-Friday

8 a.m.-8 p.m.

**Saturday Schedule:**

Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and Nov. 5

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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## County Government Radio 24/7

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### Make Your Voice Heard by Attending a Public Meeting

The Fairfax Area Commission on Aging monthly meeting date is Wednesday, Oct. 19 at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Rd., Chantilly from Noon-2 p.m. The public is welcome to attend and join in the comment period that begins each session. If you have questions, call Jacquie Woodruff at 703-324-5403.

The Commission on Aging meets on the third Wednesday of each month—except August. For more information on the commission, go to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/coa.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/coa.htm). For a listing of other county public meetings, go to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/calendar.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/calendar.htm).

### Getting Around Fairfax with Fastran

In a county as large and car-dominated as Fairfax, finding alternative transportation, can be daunting. Residents have a great number of options including Metro, various buses, taxis, Metro Access and even neighborhood-based volunteer driving programs. While the

Golden Gazette has reported on transportation options in the past, we thought it was time for a regular column dedicated to reporting and explaining transportation options.

## Sully Sports Scoop

The National's magic number to clinch the NL East is at 2, and we are still waiting on our first Redskins win...

Westfield (3-0) and Centreville (3-0) are still undefeated. Westfield is on the road against Stone Bridge in Loudoun tonight, while Centreville plays at home against Tuscarora. Chantilly has had a tough 1-2 start and is home tonight against Herndon, while Oakton (1-2) is at home against Robinson after getting their first win last week.

