

News from Fairfax County Supervisor Kathy Smith, representing Sully District.

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A Message from Kathy Smith

Sending my warmest wishes to everyone celebrating Hanukkah! Chag Sameach!

Yesterday, Governor Ralph Northam [announced new measures to slow the spread of COVID-19](#) as new cases and hospitalizations continue to rise in Virginia. Executive Order Seventy-Two directs Virginians to stay at home between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m., implements a universal mask requirement, and lowers the limit on social gatherings from 25 people to 10 people. **The order will take effect at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, December 14, 2020 and remain in place through January 31, 2021**, unless rescinded or amended.

The COVID-19 vaccine situation is changing day-to-day. Here is what we currently know. To trigger an immune response, many vaccines put a weakened or inactivated germ into our bodies. Not mRNA vaccines. Instead, mRNA vaccines teach our cells how to make a protein—or even just a piece of a protein—that triggers an immune response inside our bodies. That immune response, which produces antibodies, is what protects us from getting infected if the real virus enters our bodies. Take [a closer look at how COVID-19 mRNA Vaccines work](#).

We are still waiting to learn if the FDA will approve Emergency Use Authorization for the Pfizer and Moderna mRNA vaccines. If approved, an estimated 50 million doses would be distributed by Pfizer, and an estimated 15 million doses would be distributed by Moderna by the end of 2020.

With the distribution of a vaccine on the horizon, it is still important to continue practicing COVID guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). There were 323 new cases of COVID-19 reported today in Fairfax County.

It is likely that the CDC will prioritize healthcare workers and the elderly to receive the vaccine first because of their high risk. The New York Times created a [tool to help you estimate your place in the vaccine line](#).

So be sure to wear a mask when in public or when around people who don't live in your household, clean your hands and frequently touched surfaces often, and [quarantine or isolate](#) if you or a close contact has been exposed. More information is below in the "Coronavirus Columnn."

Facebook Live Series on the County's Spanish Facebook Page:

- The Office of Public Affairs (OPA) kicked-off a series of Facebook Live sessions today. **The series will broadcast live every Friday from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Each week Grelia Steele, Language and Communications Strategy Manager, will feature a new guest to discuss topics affecting the Latinx community. The first session will feature Dr. René Nájera, Department of Health, who will discuss information on the COVID-19 vaccine. Link: <https://www.facebook.com/fairfaxcountyES/>.

Virginia Department of Health (VDH) to Host COVID-19 Vaccine Community Conversations:

- The VDH will host series of COVID-19 Vaccine Community Conversation webinars that will focus on a specific target population to address COVID-19 vaccine questions and concerns within that population group.
- **Preregistration is required for the webinars:**
 - **African American Community Conversation – Tuesday, December 15, 6:00 p.m.**

- **People with Disabilities Community Conversation – Wednesday, December 16, 6:00 p.m.**
- **Rural Community Conversation – Thursday, December 17, 6:00 p.m.**
- [Learn more from the Virginia Department of Health and register online.](#)

Fairfax County Public Library (FCPL)'s Upcoming Programs & Winter Magazine Highlights:

- Library Director, Jessica A. Hudson, shares FCPL's upcoming programs and winter magazine (Branch Out) highlights. [Details](#)
- This issue of [FCPL's quarterly magazine, "The Maker Issue,"](#) is full of ideas, inspiration, how-tos and tools for getting motivated, getting creative and getting crafty using the library's resources, services and programs.

Park Authority Director Kirk Kincannon Announces Retirement After 40 Years of Public Service:

- Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) Executive Director Kirk Kincannon announced his retirement this week, ending his tenure with the award-winning agency effective February 12, 2021. [Details](#)
- During his tenure, the Park Authority thrived, serving as a role model for other park systems. Since his arrival in January 2014, FCPA has enjoyed a string of successes and enjoyed national acclaim as one of the top park systems in the nation.

Our Office Held A Public Meeting on the County's zMOD Regulations:

- For all pertinent information on zoning modernization please take a look at the county's zMOD page, which is listed [here](#). Thank you to our staff and district residents who participated.

Sincerely,

Katty

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QPR
(QUESTION, PERSUADE, AND REFER)
**SUICIDE PREVENTION
TRAINING**

Empower
your
community!

Wednesday, December 16th, 2020

7pm to 8pm

Ask a question, save a life. You can be a resource for someone who might be struggling. Let's make sure everyone in our community knows how much they matter.

Question, Persuade and Refer (QPR) are three steps anyone can take to help prevent suicide. QPR virtual training is offered free to the community to anyone ages 16 and older.

Learn to recognize the warning signs, how to intervene, and where to refer someone who is in crisis. Are you QPR ready?

Register now for this virtual session: bit.ly/QPR-12-16



Coronavirus Column

Important reminders to keep yourself and others safe:



Fairfax County Health Department's COVID-19 Vaccine Overview:

- The Health Department will work on vaccine distribution plans when a vaccine receives emergency use authorization. The FDA's scientific review and consideration by the Vaccine and Related Biologic Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) took place on December 10, 2020 for Pfizer and will take place on December 17, 2020 for Moderna.
- The vaccine will require two doses and the interval between the first and second dose will likely be in the 21-28 day range.
- For more information, [click here](#).

Recent Headlines:

- [6 Ways to Manage Mental Health During COVID-19](#)
- [Countywide Grocery Shopping & Pharmacy Pick-up Service for Older Adults](#)

Download Virginia's FREE COVIDWISE Exposure Notifications App:

- COVIDWISE uses Bluetooth Low Energy technology to quickly notify users who have likely been exposed to COVID-19 so you can reduce the risk of infection for your friends and family.
- **Download the free app** [iPhone App Store](#) or [Android Google Play Store](#).
- For more information about COVIDWISE, visit: <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/covidwise/>.

COVID-19 Testing:

- If you have [symptoms](#) — even mild symptoms — or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, get tested. **Contact your health care provider or visit another [location](#) that offers COVID-19 testing.** You can also call the Fairfax County Health Department call center at 703-267-3511 with Coronavirus questions; open 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. weekdays and 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekends.

Inova COVID-19 Update:

- Inova Blood Donor Services is currently experiencing a critically low supply of O+ blood and is asking the community to help. All successful blood donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies. For more information, and to make an appointment, please visit www.inovablood.org.

Ways to Stay Informed:

- Call our Health Department Call Center at 703-267-3511 with Coronavirus questions; open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends.
- Text FFXCOVID to 888777 to receive updates from Fairfax County about COVID-19.
- Email questions or concerns to ffxcovid@fairfaxcounty.gov or visit [web portal for coronavirus](#) for information.

Upcoming Events at Sully District Parks



Ellanor C. Lawrence Park:

- [Winter Bird Walk](#) - Wednesday, December 16, 2020 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Ages: 4 and older.
- [Holidays at Walney Farm](#) - Saturday, December 21, 2020 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Ages: 4 and older.

Sully Historic Site:

- [Age of Elegance Tour](#) - Saturday, December 19, 2020 from 11:00 to 11:45 a.m. All ages.

All Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) parks are open; some facilities and amenities may be limited in order to remain in compliance with current COVID-

19 safety guidance. **FCPA asks that all visitors follow proper social distancing and safety protocols.**

Transportation News



VDOT - Route 29 in Centreville Reduced to Two Lanes Under I-66 for Continued Bridge Demolition This Weekend December 11-14:

- Demolition of overhead I-66 bridges will require Route 29 (Lee Highway) in Centreville to be reduced to a single lane in each direction **between 9 p.m. Friday, December 11, and 5:00 a.m. Monday, December 14.** Two-way traffic will run on Route 29 South during this period. [Details](#)

New Ramp from I-66 to Braddock Road/Walney Road Overpass Opening to Traffic on or About Wednesday, December 16:

- **The new, permanent ramp from I-66 West to the new Braddock Road/Walney Road overpass over Route 28 will open on or about Wednesday, December 16.** Drivers on westbound I-66 traveling to Braddock Road and Walney Road will take the exit for Route 28 North, then stay to the left to access the new ramp to Braddock Road and Walney Road. [Details](#)
- **Drivers should always use caution and pay attention to lane markings and roadway signs in construction zones.** All work is weather dependent and will be rescheduled if inclement conditions occur.

Dulles Toll Road Goes Cashless:

- In response to customers' preference for electronic toll payments, the Dulles Toll Road will be going permanently cashless **on January 1, 2021.**
- In addition, loose change will no longer be accepted and tollbooth change baskets will be removed.
- Contact the Virginia Department of Transportation's Customer Service Center at 1-888-860-9361 for additional information on toll roads in Virginia.

The Green Column

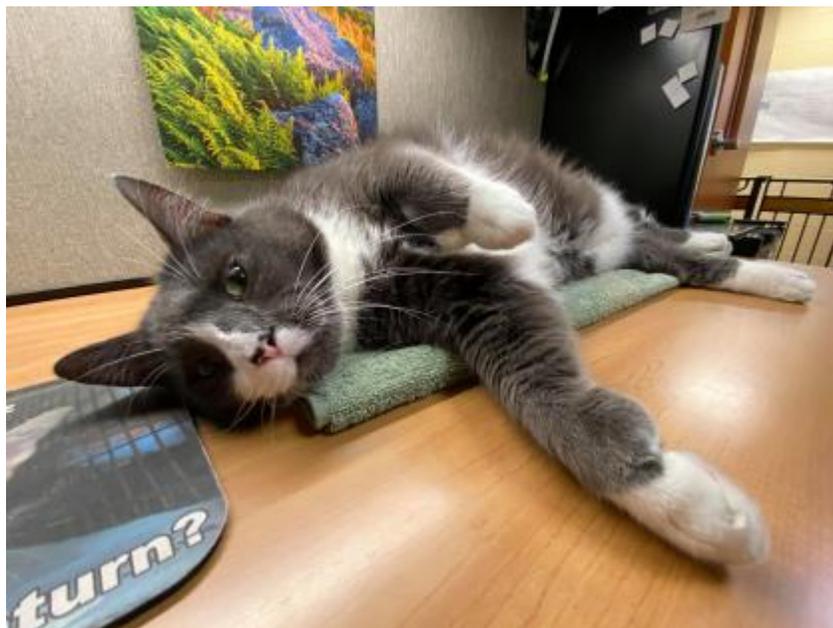


Clean Fairfax Executive Director Jen Cole

This edition of the EnviroPod podcast (episode #21) features Jen Cole, executive director, Clean Fairfax, talking with Scott Coco about litter caused by the pandemic, plastic, and other trash and its effect on the environment, the importance of starting at the root of the problem (the manufacturing of plastics) and the over-use of plastic in the United States and globally.

[Click here](#) to listen to EnviroPod episode #21.

Animal Shelter Corner



[Meet Sancho!](#)

Sancho is almost 19 pounds, he's 10 years old, and he is SO NEEDY!!!! In, like, the best way possible. He just loves people, and he loves getting attention, and he just wants to be part of whatever is happening. Sancho will do best in a home without young kids and without other cats. He would be fine with a dog or two, providing those dogs have some cat skills and know not to chase or bother him excessively. Sancho likes to be close to his person, so no need for a big house for this guy! He likes things cozy.

If you would like to adopt Sancho, send in a completed adoption questionnaire! All adoption info, steps, and forms can be found [online](#).

Reminders!

Need for Help Even Greater This Year - Ways to Give This Holiday

Season:

Fairfax County offers many opportunities to brighten the holidays for those in need in our community. This year, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for help is even greater. [Details](#)

Ways to Give Locally:

- **Sully District Winter Coat Drive** - Donate new or used clean coats of any size now through December 18. Drop off donations at the Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151). The donation box is located in the lobby.
- **Toys for Tots** - Donate through Sunday, December 13. Bring new unwrapped toys for toddlers through age 17 to county [Fire and Rescue stations](#). [Details](#)
- **Gifts for Families in Need** - Donate through Tuesday, December 15. The Department of Family Services' [Volunteer & Partner Services](#) takes donations to help families who need a hand during the holiday season. The program accepts gift cards, new baby items and monetary donations. For more information, contact [Krissa Slone](#), 703-324-7751.
- **Gifts for Victims and Witnesses of Domestic and Sexual Violence** - Donate through Friday, December 18. Donate gift cards to benefit young victims and witnesses of domestic and sexual violence. Gift cards can be mailed to Saly Fayeze, Director, Victim Services Division, Police Department, Public Safety Headquarters, 12099 Government Center Parkway. For more information, contact [Saly Fayeze](#), 703-246-2465.
- **Animal Shelter Supplies** - The [Animal Shelter](#) is always thankful to receive donations of much-needed items to help provide care and enrichment to pets in the shelter and in foster homes. [Check out the donation list](#).

Fairfax County Public Library (FCPL) Hosts December Food Drive:

Donations of nonperishable food items can be made at all currently-operating branches except Access Services. Each food item donated will reduce library

finer by \$1, up to a maximum of \$15 per account. [Details](#) This donation drive is the third time FCPL has partnered with [Food for Others](#), a nonprofit organization that provides food to local families in need. **Donations will be accepted December 1-31.**

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