

Sull-E Newsletter



A message from Kathy Smith

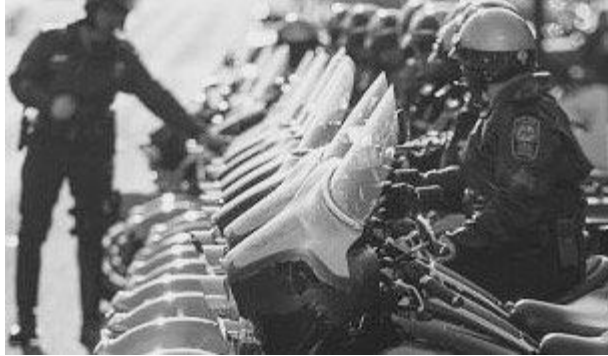
This morning, I received excellent news that Fairfax County's Unemployment Rate is down to 2.6%! That's a great accomplishment.

This weekend marks the anniversary of our country's Independence Day. I hope you enjoy the weekend. In celebration, we remember that making our community a great place to live requires our continued civic engagement. My office will be closed on Monday, the 4th, but on Tuesday, July 5, we will be committed to serving your needs. Please let me know if there's anything we can do for you. You can reach me at Supervisormsmith@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-814-7100.

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Collecting Donations for West Virginia Flood Victims

Members of the Fairfax County Police Motor Squad are collecting items for victims of the flooding in West Virginia. If you would like to make a donation, please visit your [local police station](#) where drop off boxes are located. They are accepting the following items: canned foods, cleaning supplies, bottled water, baby items and diapers, pet food and toiletry items. The boxes will be picked up on Saturday, July 9 and delivered to West Virginia communities affected by the recent flooding.

This Fourth of July, Don't Drink and Drive!

SoberRide is offering a safe ride home to those who wish to celebrate with alcohol this Fourth of July. Starting Monday, July 4th at 10pm until Tuesday, July 5th at 4am SoberRide will offer a free cab ride home (up to a \$30 fare). To request a cab, please call 1-800-200-TAXI or AT&T customers can dial #WRAP. You must be 21 or older to use this service! Some restrictions apply, see www.soberride.com for more information or call 703-893-0461.

Sober Ride is offered in the District of Columbia, throughout the Maryland counties of Montgomery and Prince George's and throughout the Northern Virginia counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Eastern Loudoun, and Prince William.

Exchange Zones in Sully District



This week, we opened the first secure exchange zone in Fairfax County right here at the Sully District Government Center. The area will be under surveillance and residents are encouraged to meet here to complete online transactions. The photo is courtesy of Bonnie Hobbs/The Connection.

Animal Shelter Corner

This week, we're launching a new series in the Sull-E newsletter featuring a pet from the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. To visit with the animals featured in this section, head over to the animal shelter at 4500 W Ox Road, FAIRFAX, VA, 22030. You can make an appointment

by calling (703) 830-1100. The Fairfax County Animal Shelter is Fairfax County's only open access, municipal shelter. In 2013, our placement rate was 92%, which makes Fairfax County the largest jurisdiction in the country with a rate over 90%.

This week, the Shelter is running a special discount for the PEXIT.





What a happy, friendly boy! Louie came to the shelter because his owner moved and couldn't take him. His owners said that he is super playful, knows all of his basic commands, and is housebroken and crate trained. His favorite things are rope toys and chew bones. He is pretty good on a leash, unless he sees a squirrel - at which point, you better hold on! He's still a young pup and occasionally forgets his manners, but when you see his adorable face and beautiful cow-like markings, you forget those small things.

Louie's a keeper for sure!

<http://www.petango.com/Adopt/Dog-Terrier-American-Staffordshire-31742844>

Zika Information Session

Please join us for an information session on mosquito season preparation July 20 at 7 p.m. at the Sully District Government Center. Learn more here:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/westnile/mosquito.htm>

3 Ways to Control Mosquitoes in Your Yard

A single mosquito bite can give you West Nile virus. Why take a chance?

1. **Eliminate standing water:** [Mosquitoes can breed in a container as small as a bottle-cap.](#) For more tips, watch the slideshow on right.
2. **Treat standing water:** [Larvicides can help to control mosquito breeding sites.](#)
3. **Spray your yard:** [Used carefully, an insecticide can help eliminate mosquitoes.](#)

How to Protect Yourself and Your Family

Even if you get rid of most of their breeding ground, mosquitoes can still find you. Here are some tips to [Fight the Bite](#):

- **Defend yourself:** [Wear insect repellent.](#)
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- **Avoid peak times:** Stay indoors at dawn and early evening.
- **Dress right:** Wear long, loose and light-colored clothing when outdoors.
- **Keep them outside:** Install, repair or replace screens on both windows and doors.

Celebrating Fairfax

Last month, we celebrated several students from Sully District during our Celebrate Fairfax Salute. Please enjoy learning about these students and celebrating their continued success.



Annie Saavadra is a 2016 Emerging Artist recipient for Drawing.



Alec Souder, an Oakton High School senior, is the embodiment of what the Community Spirit Scholarship Program is about. Equally adept in his academics and extracurricular activities, it is Alec's community involvement that is truly impressive. A winner of the Alec Souder Philanthropy Award, an award named in his honor at Waples Mills Elementary, Alec has donated his time to organizing neighborhood walks to gather donations with G7 - a nonprofit group for ages 7-17. His efforts have benefited organization such as The Alternative House, Hunter Woods Fellowship House, Food for Others, and The Fairfax County Animal Shelter. Alec has also prepared meals and stocked food pantries through FACETS and his community church to benefit families and children in need. Most inspiring, is that Alec founded his own nonprofit, Pedal it Out, which has raised more than \$80,000 for the American Cancer Society and The Melanoma Research Foundation.

At Oakton High School he acts as lead photographer at school events, and has even started his own photography business, Souder Photography. He works the International County Club, has completed an internship with Savi Technology, and recently resigned from his second job at Amphora Restaurant to begin another internship with Savi

Technology as a computer scientist. Alec will be attending Christopher Newport in the fall as a member of the Honors College and a Presidential Scholar in the Presidential Leadership Program, and is looking to pursue a degree in computer science.



Kayla Blatman's love of animals has been an inspiration in her volunteerism and a vital part of her life. Kayla has won several awards including the Fairfax County Resource Management Division's 2011 Volunteer Excellence Award and the Fairfax County Park Authority Outstanding Volunteer Recognition. Kayla has more than 1,000 hours of documented service at Frying Pan Farm Park volunteering as an animal caretaker, program leader, and for their outreach program. Kayla has also served as President of the Fairfax County 4-H Hoofers & Heifers Livestock Club, participating in county events, showing animals to the public and running demonstrations. Kayla is attending Virginia Tech in the fall and plans on studying Animal and Poultry Sciences.



At the heart of Celebrate Fairfax's community building efforts are the dedication of approximately 2,000 volunteers who give their time, energy, knowledge, and passion for doing good.

The Levy Family of Centreville were the proud recipients of this year's Festival Volunteer of the Year Award. Sadly, shortly after receiving this award, Andrew passed away. Our sincere condolences go out to the family.

Andrew and Beth, and their incredible children Gabrielle and Aiden, have served in a myriad of roles large and small. Together, the Levy Family have ran the merchandise concessions, operated and managed the train ride, led the scarecrow making activity area at Fall for Fairfax, worked at admission gates, and basically said yes to every volunteer opportunity that has arisen. For their service, both within and outside of Celebrate Fairfax, the family has received recognition and awards.

Gabrielle and Aiden developed, with their parents, the Caring Kids Cards program with a focus on reaching out to military overseas, and were recognized in 2011 by the Points of

Light Foundation for their efforts. They have been recognized by Volunteer Fairfax for their thousands of hours of volunteer service, and Gabrielle and Andrew were named a Lady and Lord Fairfax by our own organization just a few years ago. This award is to honor Andrew, Beth, Gabrielle, and Aiden Levy for a lifetime of service, for their dedication to making our communities better, and for being so committed to furthering Celebrate Fairfax's success.
