

# *Sull-E Newsletter*



## **A message from Kathy Smith**

This week, Metro begins another round of Safetrack on the Orange Line so be sure to adjust your commute accordingly. Our next Dulles Suburban Area Advisory Group will meet next Tuesday and so will the Fairfax Association for Better Bicycling. Both meetings will take place in our community rooms at 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. If you are interested in reserving a community room for your meeting, please call my office at 703-814-7100. Looking forward, the general election is fast approaching and I've included information below about important deadlines for registration and early voting. Be sure to mark your calendars for Centreville Day, October 15! Today is the final day to get the vendor early bird special. Click here to learn more: <http://www.historiccentrevilleva.org/>

*Kathy*

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## **Metro SafeTrack Surge #9 Begins**

Beginning Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016, through Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2016, **Metrorail's Orange Line trains will continuously single track between Vienna and West Falls Church Metrorail Stations during weekdays and complete station shut-downs will affect travelers during weekends.**

Residents, visitors and others who travel via Metrorail and on any of the major corridors within Fairfax County including I-66, I-495, Dulles Toll Road, and I-95, will be impacted by the track work. To continue to reduce the potential for gridlock, **Fairfax County is urging commuters to telework and use flexible work schedules whenever possible, and encouraging the use of [alternate ways to commute](#) that do not involve driving alone.**

### **Weekday Metrorail service will operate as follows during SafeTrack Surge #9:**

- During rush hours, a shuttle train will operate between Vienna and West Falls Church every 24 minutes (regularly every 6 minutes). Transfer at the West Falls Church station to continue trip.
- Normal service levels at other Orange Line stations.
- After 10 p.m., trains will operate between Vienna and New Carrollton every 20 minutes.

### **On the weekends of Sept. 24-25 and Oct. 1-2:**

- Vienna, Dunn Loring and West Falls Church stations will be closed.

### **On the weekends of Oct. 8-9 and Oct. 15-16:**

- Vienna and Dunn Loring stations will be closed.

**Trains to and from the Vienna Metrorail Station are likely to be extremely crowded, especially during rush-hour periods.** Metro riders who have the ability to do so [should consider alternate travel options](#) and avoid traveling during rush hour if possible.

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## Animal Shelter Corner



Grumpy lil Max is super scared in the shelter, so he packed his bags and went off to foster! He also just had a dental cleaning so his teeth are nice and shiny. He's living it up in foster, so if you want to meet him, email the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at [animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov)

## Bicycling Discussion on September 20

Join Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling (FABB) on Tuesday September 20 for a discussion about planned bicycle improvements in the Sully District. We will hear about future bicycle projects in Sully from Fairfax County Bicycle Coordinator Adam Lind, and a FABB representative will facilitate a group discussion about other ways to make bicycling better in Sully. The meeting will be held at the Frank Room of the Sully Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard. For more information about the event, contact Douglas Stewart at [douglasbstewart@gmail.com](mailto:douglasbstewart@gmail.com).

## Dulles Suburban Area Advisory Group Meeting on September 20

The second meeting of the Dulles Suburban Center Advisory Group will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Sully District Government Center in the large community room. The Sully District Government Center is located at 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. Chantilly, VA 20151. At this meeting, County staff will give presentations regarding Schools, Parks and Heritage Resources planning in the Dulles Suburban Center. In addition, the Advisory Group will learn about policies associated with airport noise and land use compatibility. For more information regarding the Dulles Suburban Center Study, visit the website: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/dullessuburbancenter/>.

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## **Fairfax County Services for Older Adults**

For information and assistance, call

703-324-7948 TTY 711

Aging, Disability and Caregiver Resources Line

Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

[Online Service Request Form](#)

### **Scam Alert**

How much wood could a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?

Unfortunately for some residents in parts of our county, “woodchucks” are active and scamming our community.

They are targeting our elderly.

They are ruining our trees.

Don't fall for these scams.

#### **How the Scam Works**

Those who are scarring our trees and scamming our community, known as “woodchucks,” enter neighborhoods and look for signs of vulnerability:

Unkempt yards

Handicap-accessible tags or ramps

Elderly people doing yard work

Woodchucks then propose to do yard work, often for marked up prices and often without the proper skills and techniques of an arborist. Some woodchucks never return to do the work. There's one example of a case with 10 co-defendants that took almost \$400,000 from one victim over six years.

“I firmly believe that woodchucks are one of the most pervasive criminal problems this county is facing right now. They're coming in every day, multiple groups, all seasons — and looking to “get granny.”” Detective Ryan Young

## About Tree Topping

Often times, the woodchucks “top” trees, meaning trees are cut improperly, which leads to many long-term issues, unsightly limbs and potential decrease in property values:

## Stopping the Scam

There are a number of ways to stop this scam:

1. Check in with your older and more vulnerable neighbors; keep an eye open for suspicious work.
2. If you suspect a woodchuck scam, call police at 703-691-2131, TTY 711.
3. Hire a certified arborist. Tips include asking for proof of insurance and then call the insurance company if you are not satisfied.
4. Peddlers and solicitors need a license from us. A peddler or solicitor must show the license upon request and must leave the premises immediately if asked to leave.

This is an example of what our licenses look like:

NAME Tota Norris			
ADDRESS 9673 Sunny Boulevard, Fairfax, VA 22030			
HEIGHT 5'5"	WEIGHT 110	EYES Blue	HAIR Blonde
DOB 12/10/1982		DRIVER LICENSE # T65-11-1111	
ISSUED (DATE) 4/12/2019		EXPIRES (DATE) 4/12/2019	

**IT IS AGAINST THE LAW**

1. To not have this license in your possession when peddling/soliciting.
2. To refuse to show this license to a purchaser or a police officer.
3. To peddle/solicit before 7:00 a.m. or after 7:00 p.m.
4. To peddle/solicit on any highway or to peddle/solicit on any highway.
5. To peddle/solicit from a state highway right of way.
6. To violate the provisions of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act or the Home Solicitation Sales Act.

FAIRFAX COUNTY DOES NOT, BY ISSUING THIS LICENSE, ENDORSE EITHER THE LICENSEE, BUSINESS OR PRODUCT.

**PEDDLERS/SOLICITORS LICENSE**

Director, Consumer Protection Division  
Dept. of Castle Creek and Consumer Protection

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## Important Dates for Upcoming November 8th General & Special Elections

- [Voter Photo ID Requirements](#) - Effective July 1, 2014
- [Upcoming Voter Photo ID Opportunities](#)
- **Sample Ballots (not available at this time)**

- **September 23:** In-Person Absentee Voting Begins
- **October 17:** Voter Registration Deadline
- **November 1:** Deadline to Apply for an Absentee Ballot by Mail
- **November 5:** Final Day, In-Person Absentee Voting
- **November 8:** Absentee Ballot Return Deadline

Voter Registration: 703-222-0776, TTY 711

Absentee Fax: 703-324-3725

Email: [voting@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:voting@fairfaxcounty.gov)

Election Officer Info: 703-324-4735, TTY 711

Email: [elect@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:elect@fairfaxcounty.gov)

Fairfax County Government Center

12000 Government Center Pkwy., Ste. 323 Fairfax, VA 22035

## Sully Sports Scoop

What happened to the Redskins on Monday night?!? Big game this week vs. the Cowboys to try and get back on track. Meanwhile the Nationals magic number is down to 7 to clinching a playoff spot.

Three big home games for our Sully District high schools this week all at 7 p.m. tonight. Chantilly (1-1) is hosting Stonebridge, Westfield (2-0) is hosting T.C.

Williams, and Oakton (0-2) is hosting Tuscarora. Centreville (2-0) is on the road at Broad Run High School with an impressive 97-6 combined win in their first two games. Come out and support our local teams.

