



## A message from Kathy Smith

Happy Independence Day! All Fairfax County offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4. My office will reopen on Thursday, July 5 at 8:00 a.m. Still making plans for the fourth? Read below for information about where you can watch fireworks in Fairfax County.

Fairfax County will begin accepting pre-applications for the RAD (formerly Public Housing) waitlist from Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. EST through Monday, July 23, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. EST. More information is below.

Sincerely,

*Kathy*

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# What to Know for July 4, 2018

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The 2018 July 4th holiday celebration kicks off on Saturday, June 30, with the first round of fireworks displays! The fun continues for many of our residents all week long. Whatever the length of your holiday, if you are staying in Fairfax County, here are four things to know:

## 1.) Three Places to Watch Fireworks:

- **Saturday, June 30:** [Lake Fairfax Park](#) in Reston will have a daylong celebration and fireworks when it gets dark. Parking is \$10/vehicle.
- **Saturday, June 30:** [Workhouse Arts Center](#) in Lorton will feature live music and a spectacular fireworks show! The event begins at 5:00 p.m. and fireworks start at dusk. General admission is free and parking is available for \$20/vehicle.
- **Wednesday, July 4:** [McLean's Annual 4th of July Celebration](#) takes place at Churchill Road Elementary. The free event begins at 6:30 p.m. and includes free shuttle buses, a DJ, and food trucks.

## **2.) Too Many Drinks on July 4? Get Home Safe With SoberRide:**

If you or a friend have had too much alcohol to drink, hopefully you've already designated a driver. If there's no designated driver available, you can use the [SoberRide program](#) from **Wednesday, July 4, beginning at 7:00 p.m. to Thursday, July 5, at 4:00 a.m.**

## **3.) County Government Holiday Schedule July 4:**

The county's Independence Day holiday schedule may affect your trash pickup or your library book pickup. Read the complete [holiday schedule](#) for your county services. Also, please note that the [Oak Marr and Wakefield farmers markets](#) are closed on Wednesday, July 4.

## **4.) Plan Ahead for Travel During the Holiday:**

Whether the destination is within the county or fireworks on the National Mall, a Delaware beach, Shenandoah National Park, or a friend's picnic – you can expect a lot of people traveling on roads and riding Metro. Plan ahead to take some stress out of your travel.

- - [Metro's July 4 Holiday Service Information](#) .
  - Get VDOT's Real-Time Traffic Information at [511Virginia.org](#).
  - [Fairfax Connector Will Have Saturday Schedule on July 4.](#)

**To read the full article, click [here](#).**

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## Fireworks Safety



The Fourth of July would not be the same without those breathtaking fireworks. However, tragedy can strike within seconds when fireworks are not properly and safely used. Thousands of people are injured each year in the United States due to fireworks. Consider the following safety tips when using [permissible fireworks](#):

- Keep all bystanders at least 25 feet away from fireworks.
- During the use of permissible fireworks, minors should be supervised by a parent or legal guardian. Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Adults should always supervise activities involving the use of permissible fireworks. Parents often do not realize there are more injuries from sparklers to children under five than from any other type of fireworks. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees, which is hot enough to melt some metals.
- When using permissible fireworks, place the device on a flat surface, clear of any combustible material and clear of all buildings (50 feet).
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- Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them.

- Never have any portion of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse.
- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not fully functioned.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- Light one fireworks device at a time, then back to a safe distance immediately after lighting.
- Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.
- Avoid buying or handling fireworks that come packaged in brown paper as this can often be a sign that the fireworks are commercial or display-type fireworks made for professional fireworks shows. These fireworks can pose a serious danger to consumers and the public.
- Read the directions on fireworks packaging.
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place.

**To read the full article, click [here](#).**

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## Events at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park



### [Frogs, Toads, and Salamanders](#)

**Saturday, June 30**

**2:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

Boasting amazing defense strategies, curious calls, and complete metamorphosis, these harmless amphibians' ancestors outlived the dinosaurs. Meet live animals.

Ages: 4 and older. Cost: \$6 per person.

### [Native American Survival Skills](#)

**Monday, July 9 to Friday, July 13**

**9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Discover what daily life was like for the Eastern Woodland American Indians. From animal tracking to shelter building, children learn survival skills through outdoor activities, games, crafts, and stories. Camp focuses on the culture and daily lives of the Powhatan. Ages: 6 to 11. Cost: \$299/1-week session. After care and before care available at additional cost.

## [Pancakes at the Mill](#)

**Saturday, July 14**

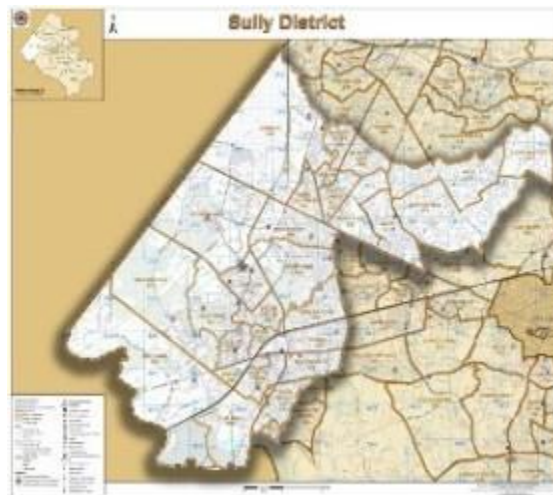
**11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Enjoy a Saturday around the campfire and make corn pancakes with honey while discovering the little known history of the place we now call Cabell's Mill. Meet at Cabell's Mill. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Ages: 4 and older. Cost: \$8 per person.

[Ellanor C. Lawrence Park](#) is located at 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly, VA 20151. For questions and more information about these events, contact 703-631-0013; TTY 711 or email [parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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## **Sully Land Use Spotlight**



### **Recent Cases:**

***Site Specific Plan Amendment (SSPA) Process -***

The Planning Commission held a mark-up hearing on Thursday, June 28, 2018 to determine their final recommendations concerning the Plan Amendment Work Program and the SSPA nominations. For PC17-SU-001 (the Sully District nomination), the Planning Commission recommended approval. For more information on PC17-SU-001, click [here](#). For more information on the SSPA process, click [here](#).

***PCA 91-Y-006/SE 2018-SU-001 (Trustees of Pender United Methodist Church)***

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On Thursday, June 28, 2018 the Planning Commission held a public hearing on PCA 91-Y-006/SE 2018-SU-001 (Trustees of Pender United Methodist Church). The proffer condition amendment (PCA) would enable building additions to the existing church facility and the construction of a pavilion thereby increasing the on-site Floor Area Ratio (FAR) from .21 to .25 (the maximum permitted level in an R-3 Zoning District). The special exception (SE) application would continue the existing religious facility and child care center uses, while allowing a slight increase in child care center enrollment from 75 children (as approved through special permits by the Board of Zoning Appeals) to 99 children. Staff with the Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ) have previously recommended approval of the application. The Planning Commission recommended approval. For more information on this case, click [here](#).



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## Volunteer Opportunity in Sully



### [Cub Run Stream Valley Park Habitat Restoration](#)

Did you know that invasive plants are a huge threat to local wildlife, including migrating birds? Help out these creatures by volunteering to remove invasive plants and restore habitat!

**Duties:** Volunteers will manually remove invasive plants and plant native species.

**Volunteer Benefits:** Volunteers will immediately be able to see how their efforts have had a positive impact on parkland. Volunteers will make parks they volunteer at more aesthetically pleasing and improve the quality of habitat for local wildlife.

**Qualifications:** No prior experience necessary, a short training and introduction will be provided at the beginning of every opportunity.

**Additional Info:** Children 11-15yr must be accompanied by adult.

**Location:**

Cub Run Stream Valley Park

Centreville, VA 20120

**Contact:**

Gloria Medina

703-324-2598

[Gloria.Medina@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Gloria.Medina@fairfaxcounty.gov)

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# Announcing the Opening of the RAD Waitlist



**HOUSING WAITLIST  
OPENING**

**Fairfax County RAD  
(formerly Public Housing)**

**APPLY ONLINE ANYTIME**

**JULY 10, 2018 THROUGH JULY 23, 2018**

Fairfax County will begin accepting pre-applications for the RAD Waitlist from **Tuesday, July 10, 2018, 8:00 a.m. EST through Monday, July 23, 2018, 11:59 p.m. EST.**



**Use your Smartphone/Android/iPhone  
or any internet connected computer to apply online!**

**GO TO:** [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/housing/waitlist](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/housing/waitlist)  
**Click on "APPLY HERE" Button**

**SUBMIT:** Register online, select the RAD Waitlist and submit the pre-application between **Tuesday, July 10, 8:00 a.m. through Monday, July 23, 2018, 11:59 p.m. EST.** You may apply **ANYTIME** during this time period for an equal chance to be placed on the waitlist.

## **WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I APPLY?**

A computer generated random selection will be run and 2000 applicants will be placed on the waitlist. You will be notified by email whether you are selected or not.

## **WHERE CAN I GO FOR MORE INFORMATION?**

For more information, please visit our website at:  
[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/housing/waitlist](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/housing/waitlist)



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Fairfax County is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in all County programs, services and activities and will provide reasonable accommodations upon request. Please call 703.246.5101 or TTY 711. Please allow 48 hours in order to make arrangements.

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## 2018 Summer Guide – Let's Go Have Some Fun!



Who is ready for summer fun?

Summer is officially underway (YAY!!!) and we have a lot of fun events and cool things to do through August right here in our county. Here are a few ideas for your calendar.

### All Summer:

- [The Great American Read](#)
- [Discovery Trail Map \(win prizes!\)](#)
- [Farmers Markets](#)
- [Water Mine Family Swimmin' Hole](#)
- [Summer Entertainment Series](#)
- [Summer Reading Adventure](#)
- [Nature Backpacks](#)
- [Reserve a Golf Tee Time](#)
- [Carousels](#)
- [Boating](#)

- [Specialty Attractions in the Parks](#)
- [Games at the Library](#)

**June:**

- **All Month:** [Registration Opens to Participate in the Senior Olympics 2018](#)

**July:**

- [Evenings on the Ellipse](#) series
- **11:** [Coding Camp](#) (six Wednesdays)
- **31:** [“Coco” The Movie](#)

**August:**

- **Saturdays:** [Starlight Cinema](#)
- **2-5:** [4-H Fair and Carnival](#)
- **3-5:** [Virginia Sales Tax Holiday](#)
- **4:** [Workhouse Brewfest](#)
- **7:** [National Night Out](#)
- **28:** [Fairfax County Public Schools Open](#)

To read the full article, click [here](#).

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## School Bells are Ringing for Four-Legged Family Members



The school year may be ending for the kids, but it's class time for canines. Fairfax County parks are offering classes this summer to socialize and train the four-legged members of your family.

Puppy Kindergarten kicks off June 23-28 at [Lake Accotink Park](#), [Frying Pan Farm Park](#), and [Audrey Moore RECenter](#). In this class, puppies 10 to 23 weeks old will learn socialization and discipline fundamentals.

Dog Obedience I covers home management, discipline, and problem solving. Dogs must be at least six months old to attend, and humans must be at least 14 years old. Classes are offered at [Spring Hill RECenter](#), Audrey Moore RECenter, Frying Pan Farm Park, and Lake Accotink Park.

Both the dog and owner must complete the level one class or have permission from the instructor before enrolling in Dog Obedience II. Dogs in this class must be at least eight months old and show no signs of aggression. This course will prepare the dog to successfully complete the AKC Canine Good Citizen test. Classes are offered at Spring Hill RECenter, Audrey Moore RECenter, Frying Pan Farm Park, and Lake Accotink Park.

[Register for Puppy Kindergarten](#)

[Register for Dog Obedience](#)

To read the full article, click [here](#).

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## OP3 Honored by NOVA Chamber with Outstanding Citizenship Award



The [Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce](#) awarded the Fairfax County Office of Public Private Partnerships the 2018 [Outstanding Corporate Citizenship Awards](#)

[Public Sector](#) on June 14. OP3 was nominated by Washington Gas' Huey Battle and supported by a number of valued partners.

OP3 was lauded for:

- successful growth of individual volunteer and employee engagement
- promoting ways to give and get involved in Fairfax County
- facilitating effective cross sector partnerships
- fostering corporate social responsibility for Fairfax County government and companies that operate.

[Fairfax County's Diversion First initiative](#) to direct people with mental health issues to care rather than incarceration was the third place winner in the Public Sector category.

The awards are presented annually at the Annual Chairman's Luncheon and honors extraordinary business leadership and above-and-beyond corporate social responsibility (CSR).



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## Lightning Safety Awareness Week



June 24- 30 is Lightning Safety Awareness Week. It is important to know the steps to take to stay safe during a storm where lightning is present. Remember that it is not possible to have thunder without lightning because thunder is a direct result of lightning. So always live by the rule; **when thunder roars, go indoors!**

Follow these simple tips to avoid being hurt by lightning or stuck in its path:

- Hear thunder? Then lightning is close enough to strike you. When thunder roars, go indoors! Nowhere outside is safe!
- No building close by to shelter in? Get into an enclosed, metal-topped vehicle with windows up.
- Wait 30 minutes after the last lightning strike or thunder to go back outside.
- Plan your day around the threat of weather to avoid being caught outside when storms hit. Storms typically hit in the late afternoon and evening during the summer but always check the weather for the area you will be in!

- Avoid contact with water during a thunderstorm. Electric currents from lightning can travel quickly through water.
- Stay away from concrete floors and walls. Lightning can travel through any metal bars in the concrete.

To read the full article, click [here](#).

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## Grilling Safety Tips



Summer fun often includes cooking outdoors with family and friends. Residents of apartments and condominiums who want to share in this pastime must take special precautions. Using most grills on balconies is unsafe and against the law.

### **Safety Tips for Outdoor Grilling:**

- Place grills a safe distance from lawn games, play areas, and foot traffic, and declare a three foot "safe zone" around the grill.

- When managing food on the grill, use long handled grilling tools to give the chef plenty of clearance from heat and flames.
- Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below the cooking device.
- For charcoal grills, purchase the proper starter fluid and store the container out of reach of children and away from heat sources and never add charcoal starter fluid when the cooking fire has already been ignited.
- Store charcoal in a dry, safe, temperature controlled storage area.
- For gas grills, check the gas cylinder hose for leaks before using the grill for the first time each year. A light soap and water solution applied to the hose will quickly reveal escaping propane by releasing bubbles. If you determine your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy-bubble test, and there is no fire/flame:
  1. Turn off the gas tank and grill.
  2. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again.
  3. If the leak does not stop, call 911 immediately.
- **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call 911. Do not attempt to move the grill.**
- All gas (LPG) cylinders manufactured after April 2002 must have overfill protection devices (OPD). **Never store propane gas cylinders in buildings or garages.** If you store a gas grill inside during the winter, disconnect the cylinder and leave it outside.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions, limitations, and/or safety guidelines for setting up, operating, and maintaining the cooking device.

If you have any questions regarding the fire safety requirements and prohibitions related to the operation and storage of open-flame cooking

devices, contact the Fire Inspections Branch at 703-246-4849 during regular office hours, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

To read the full article, click [here](#).

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## Animal Shelter Corner



### Meet Junie!

**Age:** 11y 6m

**Gender:** Male

**Color:** Black / White

**Spayed/Neutered:** Yes

**Size:** Small

Do you need an almost-12-year-old, fourteen-pound watchdog, to BARK BARK BARK at anyone walking by, to be vigilant even when you are sleeping, to be fiercely loyal to you and only you, to hoard his toys like a dragon on a pile of gold, to be outwardly aloof to everything and everyone (except when barking, obvi) but secretly be super alert and on guard because his first and foremost job is to protect you, and to be your constant companion and truest, sassiest best friend??? If you would like to say 'I do' to Junie and can handle his pint-sized spiciness and sass, then come on in and meet him. But be warned, you'll have to earn his trust... but it'll be so worth it when you do.

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