

Sull-E Newsletter



A message from Kathy Smith

Summer is coming to an end and the first day of school will be here before you know it. There are still plenty of fun late summer events happening in the Sully District for you and your family to enjoy. Tomorrow, August 11 will be the second night of the Starlight Drive-in Cinema at the Trinity Centre. Come enjoy children's games and activities and a screening of *Early Man* under the stars. More information is below in the "Reminders" section.

This week's newsletter includes: an article about a family of chimney swifts that have taken up residence at the Sully Historic Site, Metrorail service disruptions on the Orange, Blue, and Silver lines, and much more.

Sincerely,

Kathy

Preparations Underway for Increased Ridership Sunday at Vienna Metro Station



We are expecting increased ridership at the Vienna Metro Station on Sunday. Several groups associated with rallies in Charlottesville on Saturday, the 11th of August, intend to travel to Fairfax County to use the Orange Line to travel into the District of Columbia. To ensure the safety of the public and out of an abundance of caution, there will be a large police presence at the Vienna Metro Station between **12:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 12.**

Chief Roessler today stated, *"The Fairfax County Police Department is working diligently with other area law enforcement agencies to maintain a safe environment for everyone to freely express their First Amendment rights. We also want to ensure the safety of our residents and those passing through our county."*

Please plan accordingly and consider using other forms of transportation or other metro stations. For real time updates on this and other FCPD issues, follow FCPD on Twitter @FairfaxCountyPD.

Reminders!

Starlight Drive-in Cinema:

Every Saturday in August will feature a new movie at the Starlight Drive-in Cinema. Free children's games and activities. Food and drinks available for purchase. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets if you wish to sit outside. Gates open at **6:00 p.m.** Movie starts at dark. Free admission.

Early Man

Date: Saturday, August 11

Location: Trinity Centre (5860 Trinity Parkway, Centreville, VA)

For more information, click [here](#).

Sully Takes Swift Action to Protect Migratory Birds



The first residents of Sully lived there more than 200 years ago, but today Sully Historic Site is home to a new family: chimney swifts. These small, migratory birds recently moved into the chimney of the original 18th century kitchen and made a temporary home.

Chimney swifts migrate in the fall to Peru or elsewhere in the Amazon Basin in South America. They are protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, making it illegal to disturb the birds, their nests or eggs. To protect the birds for the next six to eight weeks, Sully will do its part with some minor programming changes.

The original kitchen hearth and chimney have been usable for centuries, and Sully kitchen programs often include a hearth fire to demonstrate the kitchen use. However, to prevent disturbing the birds' nesting cycle, no fires will be lit until they leave.

Although Sully Historic Site's primary focus is on the preservation of the historic structures and resources, as part of the Fairfax County Park Authority, Sully takes pride in doing its part to protect natural resources as well.

To learn more about swifts, visit any of Fairfax County Park Authority's five nature centers.

Sully Historic Site is located at 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly, VA 20151, off Rt. 28 (Sully Road) ¼ mile north of Rt. 50 and five miles south of the Dulles Toll Road. Information about Sully can be found online at [Sully Historic Site](#) or by calling 703-437-1794.

Events at Centreville Regional Library



[Fabulous Folktale Frolics: Italy](#)

Date: Monday, August 13, 2018

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

Explore the culture of Italy through folktales and a craft. Grades: 2 to 5.

[The Great American Read Book Club](#)

Date: Thursday, August 16, 2018

Time: 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Bring your lunch and let's discuss "Things Fall Apart" by Chinua Achebe. Ages: Adults.

[Art at the Library](#)

Date: Wednesday, August 22, 2018

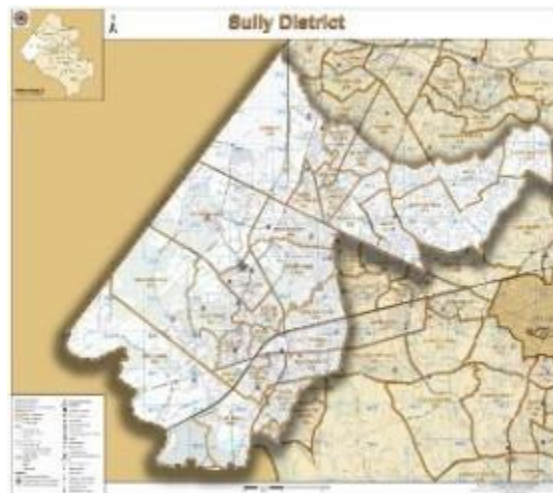
Time: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

August theme: Still Life. Bring your sketchbook and drawing material of your choice. Also, please bring one or two objects from home to add to the still life.

Ages: Teens and adults.

[Centreville Regional Library](#) is located at 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville, VA 20121. For more information about these events please call 703-830-2223, TTY: 711 or email libce@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Sully Land Use Spotlight



Upcoming Meetings:

West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) & Sully District Council (SDC) Joint Land Use Meeting

The WFCCA and SDC will meet on Monday, August 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151) in the McDonnell Room. To view the agenda*, click [here](#). The following items will potentially be on the agenda:

- Sully Community Center
- Izaak Walton ([SEA 97-Y-050](#))
- Montessori Mansion ([SE 2014-SU-042](#))
- Sully Station Shopping Center/Dulles Suburban Center Boundary Change Plan Amendment ([PA 2018-III-BR1](#))

*The agenda is subject to change by the members of the Joint Land Use Committee, so please check the agenda page provided earlier for the most up-to-date information.

Volunteer Opportunity



Election Officers Needed in Centreville

Election Day, **November 6**, is less than 100 days away and the Office of Elections needs election officers (also called poll workers) to assist our voters. We are the largest jurisdiction in Virginia with 243 precincts countywide. It takes thousands of enthusiastic and trained election officers to help ensure that we have efficient and well-run elections. Compensation begins at \$175.

Bilingual Poll Workers needed:

- **Centreville:** Korean

[Application Form](#)

[More information on becoming an election officer in Fairfax County](#)

Metrorail Orange, Blue, and Silver Line Passengers Should Consider Travel Alternatives



Beginning Saturday, August 11, 2018, through Sunday, August 26, 2018, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) will conduct [around the clock construction on a segment of the Metrorail Orange, Blue and Silver lines](#) resulting in limited capacity, and possible crowding and delays.

Weekday service highlights:

- Silver Line trains will operate between Wiehle-Reston East and Largo Town Center every 20 minutes at all times.
 - Orange Line trains will operate between Vienna and New Carrollton every 20 minutes at all times.
 - Blue Line trains will operate between Franconia-Springfield and Arlington Cemetery every 16 minutes during rush hour periods; every 12 minutes midday and evenings; every 20 minutes after 10:00 p.m.
 - During rush hour, additional Yellow Line trains will operate between Franconia-Springfield and Greenbelt every 16 minutes for added capacity
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into D.C ., and to accommodate Blue Line customers traveling between Virginia and Downtown D.C.

- No rail or bus service between Rosslyn and Arlington Cemetery. Use the Yellow Line and transfer to/from the Orange or Silver lines at L'Enfant Plaza.

Know Your Travel Options and Plan Now:

To avoid gridlock, Fairfax County commuters are urged to consider the use of alternative travel options such as express bus connections, carpooling, slugging, and biking. Employers are also strongly encouraged to allow telework and flexible schedules, whenever possible.

There are 4,000+ spaces currently available at [Park-and-Rides](#) (with access to HOV and [HOT lanes](#)), across Fairfax County for catching an express bus, a VRE train, a carpool/vanpool, or to form a slug line. If you currently park and ride from Vienna, Dunn Loring, West Falls Church, East Falls Church or Wiehle-Reston East stations, consider using alternate connections, or Yellow/Blue Line facilities.

Most Park-and-Ride facilities also offer bike lockers and rooms, and all Fairfax Connector buses feature bike racks for easy [transfer from trails to transit](#).

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

The Buzz About a New (and Free) Statewide Beehive Program



After a sharp decline in beehives across Virginia, you can help rebuild the critical local buzz that's needed.

Virginia's recently established **Beehive Distribution Program** provides beehives **to both new and established beekeepers** in an effort to increase the number of actively managed bee colonies.

"Last winter, Virginia lost 59.5 percent of its hives," said Keith Tignor, state apiarist. "The Beehive Distribution Program will help counteract those dramatic losses by assisting beekeepers in establishing new hives."

The program provides beehive equipment directly to eligible beekeepers. Residents of Virginia who are 18 years of age or older are eligible to **receive up to three beehive units per year**. Individuals who receive a beehive unit will be registered as beekeepers, allowing for periodic inspection of beehives

by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

[More Details and Apply for Beehive Program](#)

New Regional Agreement Lights the Way for LED Streetlights in Fairfax County



Fairfax County helped to lead the effort to create a new regional agreement with Dominion Energy that lights the way for converting existing streetlights to more energy- efficient LEDs.

The agreement makes transitioning to LEDs less expensive for local governments and offers more options in the future.

Dominion installs, owns, operates, and maintains most of the [nearly 58,000 streetlights in Fairfax County](#). The new agreement presents an opportunity to begin

converting these lights to LEDs, according to county officials. The county would be responsible for paying to replace existing high-pressure sodium, metal halide and mercury vapor streetlights with LEDs.

LED streetlights use 40 to 60 percent less electricity when compared to conventional streetlights, and they last up to three to four times longer.

Fairfax County also recently adopted a [new, broader operational energy strategy](#) that aims to significantly lower utility bills and carbon emissions. This strategy will cut energy consumption in county buildings and facilities by 20 percent per square foot over 10 years.

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

Caring for the Trees in Our 427 County Parks



Responsible for tree care in all 427 county parks, the [Park Authority's](#) Forestry Operations has a unique role in our county.

“Ideally, the job would be a mixture of pruning, tree health management, specialized young tree care, and tree removals,” explains Scott Diffenderfer, the Park Authority’s urban forestry manager. *“Sadly, tree removal accounts for 99 percent of our work.”*

Challenges: Pests and Weather:

The [emerald ash borer](#), which attacks ash trees, accounts for many of the removals. Since the start of 2015, Forestry has taken down nearly 1,000 ash trees and the work has only just begun. In addition to the ash trees, Forestry took down

approximately 2,900 more trees. More than 1,000 were oaks.

Weather conditions, especially high summer temperatures and extreme drought have a big impact on a tree's health. In the spring of 2016, the area had a late frost, and it is likely this frost took place at the same time as oak bud break began.

How the Work Gets Done:

Tree chippers, dump trucks, stump grinders, aerial lift, a variety of chainsaws and numerous hand tools, ropes, and hardware are the tools of the trade for the staff, which can vary from four to eight due to seasonal employee changes. They work from 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., primarily doing tree removals. Other jobs can include trail clearing, tree pruning, and storm response.

Work is scheduled based on priority. Priority 1 usually indicates a high-risk tree or limb that needs to be removed. Spring through July are typically the busiest times for crews.

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

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Nina!

Age: 4y

Gender: Female

Color: Grey / White

Spayed/Neutered: Yes

Size: Large

Declawed: No

Nina is AWESOME! She is a Manx so she just has a tiny short nub of a tail,

but she is quite expressive with it! She wags it when she's happy, which is basically all the time. She has the biggest green eyes, the loooooongest whiskers, and a cute tiny grey nose. When she first arrived she was real mad about it, and would hiss/growl/yowl at anyone who walked in the room. The Fairfax County Animal Shelter staff moved her to a staff person's office and she almost immediately calmed down and became her wonderful self. Nina isn't a huge fan of busy-ness, so she may not enjoy a household with young kids or a lot of activity from other pets. She would probably be fine with one other calm cat or perhaps a calmer dog (with a slow intro of course). Nina has perfect litter box habits, loves to play with toys, and is very smart - she responds to her name! If you're looking for the perfect little bread-loaf-shaped cat, come meet Nina! For more information about Nina, please contact the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at 703-830-1100 or by email at animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.
