



A message from Kathy Smith

The last day to vote in-person absentee is on **Saturday, November 3, 2018**. **All satellite locations will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. that Saturday.** There will be no in-person absentee voting on Monday, November 5. For more information about absentee voting, click [here](#).

Election Day is this coming Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Don't know where your polling place is? Use the [My Neighborhood App](#) to find out.

I hope you can join me on a walk through Ellanor C. Lawrence Park this **Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.!** More information is below.

Sincerely,

Kathy

A Walk in the Park with Supervisor Smith

2-MILE ACTIVE WALK
through the
Creek, Ridge, & Big Rocky Run Trails

Supervisor Kathy Smith's
Walk in the Park
at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park

Saturday, November 3, 2018
Walking starts at 8 a.m.
Walney Visitor Center

#SmithsWalkInThePark Featuring Healthy Strides Fairfax

Learn more at
facebook.com/SullyDistrict

Navigate with the Trail Buddy App
fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/trails/trail-buddy

Public Safety Bond on the Ballot on Nov. 6, 2018



Fairfax County voters can vote yes or no on the question that asks if the county should be allowed to sell bonds to pay for needed improvements for public safety facilities.

If approved by voters, the county plans to use the money for specific projects, including:

Fire Stations (\$73 million):

Replacing, renovation, or expanding four aging fire stations that are 37 years old or older:

- Mount Vernon (\$16 million).
- Fairview (\$16 million).
- Gunston (\$13 million).
- Seven Corners (\$13 million).

Additionally, \$15 million will be used to transfer to the county one of the eight remaining volunteer fire stations. The transferred station will require extensive upgrades because the volunteer stations are all 40 years old or older.

Police Facilities (\$59 million):

Bond money will be used to renovate or expand:

- Mason District Police Station (\$23 million).
- Criminal Justice Academy (\$18 million).

Courts (\$5 million):

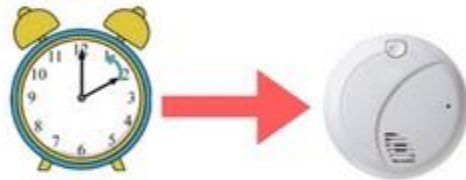
Since its construction in the early 1980s, the courtrooms in the original Jennings Judicial Center have been in continuous use. These courtrooms require improvements, including better lighting, ductwork, ADA upgrades, and technology upgrades.

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

This Sunday: Change Your Clock - Check Your Smoke Alarm



**Remember This Weekend!
When You Change Your Clock**



Check Your Smoke Alarm!

Remember, we move our clocks back one hour early Sunday morning! You also need to remember that when you change your clock, our firefighters and paramedics want you to check your smoke alarms to ensure they are working.

Our friends at the U.S. Fire Administration recommend the following regarding the different types of smoke alarms out there:

Smoke alarm powered by a nine-volt battery -

- Test the alarm monthly.
- Replace the batteries at least once a year.
- Replace the entire smoke alarm every 10 years.

Smoke alarm powered by a 10-year lithium (or "long-life") battery -

- Test the alarm monthly.
- Since you cannot (and should not) replace the lithium battery, replace the entire smoke alarm according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Smoke alarm that is hardwired into your home's electrical system -

- Test the alarm monthly.
- Replace the backup battery at least once a year.
- Replace the entire smoke alarm every 10 years.

Want to test your smoke alarm, but it is just out of reach? Watch this [video](#) to learn a safe way to do it.

Events at Centreville Regional Library



[Read Across Fairfax](#)

Date: Saturday, November 3

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Celebrate the Fairfax County Public Library's 2nd annual Readathon in honor of 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. Nonstop reading fun! Age: Pre-school.

[Picnic & a Movie: "Sherlock Gnomes" \(PG\)](#)

Date: Monday, November 5

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Bring a bag lunch or snacks to eat while watching the movie. Popcorn provided. All ages.

[Essential Oils for Everyday Wellness](#)

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2018

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

Learn how to use and apply essential oils for wellbeing. Participants will make an oil blend to take home! Ages: Adults.

[Local Mystery Author, Suzi Weinert, Tells Her Story](#)

Date: Tuesday, November 13

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

Meet Suzi Weinert, local author of the Garage Sale Mystery series. Hear how she got started, got published, and got her series on TV. Tips for aspiring writers.

Books for sale and book signing available. Ages: Adults.

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

Fall 2018 Family Literacy Classes at Centre Ridge ES

Fairfax County offers a Family Literacy Program (ESOL for parents and preschool environment children from three to five) on **Tuesday and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Centre Ridge Elementary School (14400 New Braddock Road).**

Although the classes have already started, there are still spaces available for additional parents. For more information contact Mary Pierri at 703-227-2600.

*Help your child succeed in school!
Learn about school and community resources.
Improve your English and meet new neighbors.*

JOIN US

September 25th at 10:00 AM to learn more!



We invite you to this free, beginning English program for parents with a preschool component for children (Ages 3-5)

Centre Ridge Elementary School

14400 New Braddock Rd

Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 - 12:00 P.M.

We provide fun activities for children that will prepare them for kindergarten. Please bring your children!

For more information:

*Call Mary Pierri
703-227-2600*



SPANISH

*¡Ayuden a su hijo a tener éxito en la escuela!
Infórmense sobre los recursos que hay en la escuela y en la comunidad
Mejoren su inglés y conozcan a nuevos vecinos*

VENGAN

el 25 de septiembre a las 10:00 a.m. para averiguar más



Los invitamos a este curso gratuito para padres de familia:
Inglés para Principiantes, con un componente de escuela
preescolar para niños (3 a 5 años)

Los martes y jueves de 10:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m.

Tendremos actividades divertidas para niños que servirán como
preparación para kindergarten. *¡Vengan con sus hijos!*

Para más información:

*Llamen a Mary Pierri
703-227-2600*



자녀가 학교에서 성공하도록 도와주세요!

학교와 지역사회에서 이용할 수 있는 자원에 대해 배워보세요.
여러분의 영어 실력을 향상시키고 새로운 이웃들을 만나보세요.

더 많은 것을 배울 수 있도록

9월 25일 오전 10시에 참석하세요!



학령 전 아동들 (3-5 세)을 위한 활동과 함께 부모님들께 무료로 제공하는 초보자 영어 프로그램에 참여하시도록 여러분을 초대합니다.

매주 화요일과 목요일 오전 10시 - 오후 12시

유치원에 갈 준비가 되도록 학령 전 아동들을 위한 재미있는 활동을 제공합니다. 여러분의 자녀들을 함께 데려오시기 바랍니다!

추가 정보:

Mary Pierrri 씨께

703-227-2600 으로 전화하시기 바랍니다



Documentary Screenings Focus Attention on Opioid Crisis



The documentary *Written Off* is challenging conventional thinking about addiction. The hour-long film tells the true story of a young man named Matt whose journals chronicle his 10-year struggle to escape dependency on prescription painkillers. By taking the viewer inside an individual's fight against opioids, *Written Off* combats stigma and humanizes the victim like the movie *Philadelphia* did for HIV/AIDS.

Fairfax County is using the film to initiate community conversations about stigma to create an environment where talking about mental health and substance use disorder is no different than talking about cancer or diabetes. Each of us can change the way we think about addiction, and together we can break down stigma and save lives.

Upcoming public screening events:

- [Thursday, November 15, 2018](#)

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

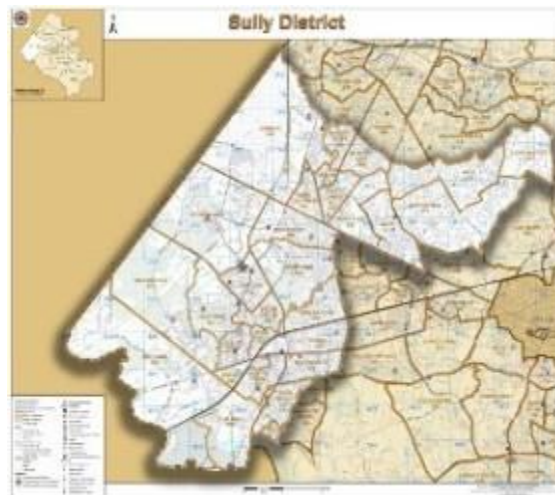
Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly

[Register to attend.](#)

Host your own screening:

If you are interested in hosting a screening of the film for your community, please email your request to health@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Sully Land Use Spotlight



Upcoming Meetings:

Planning Commission Meeting -

The Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035) in the Board Auditorium. The meeting will be televised live on [Channel 16](#). There are no Sully District cases currently on the [agenda](#).

There are no Board of Supervisors meetings scheduled for next week.

Volunteer Opportunity



[Flatlick Stream Valley Park Cleanup Blitz](#)

Join volunteers and Park Authority staff on **Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** to help clean up Flatlick Stream Valley Park! Efforts will address general maintenance needs at the park, especially collecting and bagging litter.

The Park Authority will provide materials necessary for the park cleanup. Please wear close-toed shoes, long pants, and long socks (recommended).

It is also recommended to wear sunscreen and bug spray. If you have work gloves, please bring them, but if not, gloves will be provided.

Duties:

May include: Collect and bag trash; consolidate the bags at various locations along the nearest trail. Work activities and methods will be determined by Park Authority staff who will be on site the day of the cleanup.

Minimum Age to Volunteer: 12; Under age 16 must be supervised by a parent or guardian.

Location:

Stream valley area between Route 50, Walney Road, and Fulmar Drive. Meet at 13551 Lee Jackson Highway in Chantilly off of Route 50 (Next to the Burger Shack). Park along the service road that is parallel to Route 50/Lee Highway.

Contact:

Julie Tahan

703-324-8740

julie.tahan@fairfaxcounty.gov

Emergency Preparedness Bulletin for Interfaith Community



Safeguarding Houses of Worship:

Houses of Worship are typically seen as a sanctuary or safe haven , but places of worship can be just as vulnerable to natural hazards, hostile acts, and threats as schools and businesses. Below is list of resources for houses of worship to use in collaboration with community leaders and first responders.

Crime Prevention Officer (CPO):

Each Fairfax County Police Station has a CPO. The CPO can conduct a security assessment at your house of worship, help out with Worship Watch, and answer general questions you may have. Captain Gregory R. Fried, is the Crime Prevention Officer Commander for the Fairfax County Police Department. If you have questions, you can reach him at 703-691-2131.

Worship Watch:

This is a program similar to Neighborhood Watch, but catered towards houses of worship and keeping them safe. The seminars open a line of communication between congregants and officers, and attendees receive crime prevention tips and training specific to protecting their place of worship.

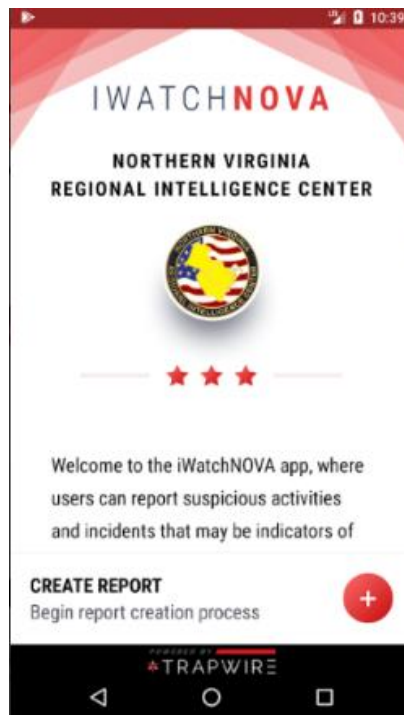
COOP Planning:

If you need help starting your COOP plan, click [here](#) to get started.

Federal Resources:

- [SAMHSA Mass Violence and Behavioral Health Resources](#)
- [Active Shooter Emergency Action Plan Guide](#)
- [Active Shooter Emergency Action Plan Video](#)
- [Active Shooter Emergency Action Plan Template](#)

New App Helps Track Criminal and Terrorist Activity



We are joining forces with law enforcement agencies from around Northern Virginia to launch iWatchNOVA; a portal that allows residents in the area to report suspicious activities and behaviors that may indicate terrorist or significant criminal activity.

iWatchNOVA facilitates reporting of suspicious activities like possible surveillance or casing operations, people photographing or videotaping critical infrastructure or security checkpoints. The Northern Virginia Regional Intelligence (NVRIC), which covers 18 jurisdictions, then collects, evaluates, analyzes, and disseminates this information. Reports through iWatchNOVA are examined to determine if there is a

viable threat to the community.

The iWatchNOVA app is free and easy to use on your IOS or Android device, with the ability to remain anonymous. The portal is also accessible through their website (<https://iwatchnova.org>). It gives you the option to upload photos and provide specific details. The state-of-the-art technology from Trapwire then provides robust analytical capabilities that allow NVRIC to detect patterns indicative of terrorist and criminal preparations. This allows law enforcement to use the eyes and ears of the community to prevent terrorism, fight crime, and keep Northern Virginia safe for all.

Drug Court Offers Alternative to Jail for Defendants with Substance Use Disorders



When the Drug Court program was launched in September, it signaled a new and important journey to reduce substance use recidivism in our county, which ultimately can save lives — and money.

What is a Drug Court?:

Drug courts are specific court sessions, or dockets, for criminal defendants who have alcohol and/or substance use disorders. In Fairfax County's new program, eligible participants have been convicted of a non-violent crime, are on probation and have come back into the court for a felony probation violation related to substance use dependency disorders.

Click [here](#) to watch Circuit Court Judge Penney S. Azcarate and Program Coordinator Sarah Gary explain the new court.

How are Drug Courts Effective?:

Drug courts have been shown to improve lives and reduce substance use among participants, in addition to the rate of those arrested for a similar offense.

According to U.S. Department of Justice drug court evaluations, the recidivism of offenders who have been diverted to drug courts is reduced between 50 percent to 60 percent. Studies also have shown that, even with treatment costs included, drug courts saved localities an overall average of \$5,600 to \$6,200 per offender compared to incarceration.

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

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Maddie!

Age: 5y 1m

Gender: Female

Color: Orange / Black

Spayed/Neutered: Yes

Size: Small

Declawed: Yes

Maddie's looks are just the icing on the cake because when she knows you, Maddie will let you pick her up, snuggle like all get out, and even let you rub her belly. If you want her to sit on your lap, get a pillow and she'll jump up! Front declawed Maddie is also playful girl, known to pancake herself in order to get wayward toys from under the couch. BONUS TRICK: Maddie enjoys walking outside on a harness! For more information about Maddie contact the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at 703-830-1100 or by email at AnimalShelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.