

A message from Kathy Smith

Absentee voting for the 2018 election begins today! There are 20 valid reasons to vote absentee in Virginia including: a long commute, disability or illness, and more. The deadline to register to vote and update your name and address is Monday, October 15. In-person absentee voting starts today at the Fairfax County Government Center; however, satellite locations will not be open until October 13. Read below for more information.

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is holding three public information meetings on plans to widen the Fairfax County Parkway between Route 29 and Route 123. The closest meeting to the Sully District is on Tuesday, September 25 at Willow Springs Elementary (5400 Willow Springs School Road, Fairfax, VA 22030) at 6:30 p.m. More information is below.

I am hosting a Transportation Town Hall with Delegate Karrie Delaney on Wednesday, September 26 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the community rooms at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly. Presentations will include the I-66 Outside the Beltway Project, Route 28 improvements, and the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (funded and future projects) and a question and answer session. This event is also co-hosted with the Sully District Council. I hope that you can attend to hear about these transportation projects.

Sincerely,

Kally

Reminders!

Sully Community Center Meeting -

The Sully Community Center meeting will take place on **Monday, October 1, 2018** at **7:00 p.m.** at the Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151).

Fairfax County is proposing to build the new Sully Community Center on a 5-acre site at the intersection of Wall Road and the Air and Space Museum Parkway in Chantilly – near Highlands Park. The roughly 30,000 square-foot facility will serve as a multi-generational facility for the surrounding communities and will be the new and permanent location of the Sully Senior Center (currently operating in leased space in Chantilly). The center will be home to a broad array of services, programs, and activities for individuals of all ages and abilities. The project is

currently in the initial stages of design and is scheduled to be completed in 2022. For more information on the project, click <u>here</u>.

Save the Date! Supervisor Smith's Walk in the Park



Kick off the weekend with a healthy start. Join Supervisor Kathy Smith on Saturday, **November 3, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** for an active 2-mile walk through historic Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. We will take advantage of the beautiful fall foliage, and learn about the park's upcoming events and community resources. All ages and fitness levels are welcome!

Centreville Regional Library's Used Book Sale



An enormous book sale is coming to the Centreville Regional Library! Shop a wide selection of gently used books and media for all ages. Help the Friends of Centreville Library to support your library.

Schedule:

Thursday, September 27 - 12:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday, September 28 - 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, September 29 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, September 30 - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The <u>Centreville Regional Library</u> is located at 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville, VA 20121. For more information, contact 703-830-2223, TTY: 711 or email libCE@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Freedom Bank Shred Day





Fairfax County Police Explorers Information Session



Interested in a career in law enforcement? Want to serve your community?

Check out the Police Explorer Program! It runs each year from September through June. The Explorer Program provides opportunities for teens to learn more about law enforcement, serve the community through public service, and learn important skills such as leadership, public-speaking, and self-confidence.

Join us for an information session!

Monday, September 24, 2018
7:00 p.m.
Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy
14601 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151

Attend 1 of 3 Fairfax County Parkway Meetings



The Virginia Department of Transportation is holding three public information meetings this fall on plans to widen and make other improvements to about five miles of the Fairfax County Parkway (Route 286) between Route 29 (Lee Highway) and Route 123 (Ox Road).

Meetings will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday, September 25

Willow Spring Elementary School
5400 Willow Springs School Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030

Thursday, September 27

<u>Fairview Elementary School</u>

<u>5815 Ox Rd, Fairfax Station, VA 22039</u>

Wednesday, October 3

Oak View Elementary School
5004 Sideburn Rd, Fairfax, VA 22032

Each meeting will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with a presentation at 7:00 p.m. VDOT staff will be available to answer questions.

The proposed preliminary design also includes:

- Building a new interchange at Popes Head Road and the future Shirley
 Gate Road extension
- Improving the existing Fairfax County Parkway Trail and creating a new shared-use path to make the trail continuous within the project limits.

Comments may be provided at the meeting or sent to VDOT by October 15, 2018. E-mail or mail comments to Mr. Sitaram Kodali, P.E., Project Manager, Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.

View the <u>project page</u> for more details.

2018 Absentee Voting Begins Sept. 21; 20 Reasons and 10 Locations



The 2018 election is quickly approaching and absentee voting begins **Friday**, **September 21**.

The **ballot** includes:

- Member, United States Senate
- Member, United States House of Representatives (8th, 10th, and 11th Congressional Districts)

In addition, there is a <u>public safety bond referendum</u> and two <u>Virginia state</u> <u>constitutional amendments</u>.

You may want to consider absentee voting, especially if you have a long commute, have a disability or illness, or you are a first responder. There are 20 valid reasons to vote absentee in Virginia.

Am I Eligible to Vote Absentee?:

Look over the <u>list</u> to see if you qualify.

Where Do I Go to Absentee Vote in Person?:

In-person absentee voting begins Friday, September 21 and the last day is Saturday, November 3. There are 10 locations for in-person absentee voting and weekday and Saturday hours for your convenience.

You must be a <u>registered voter</u> and you will need to bring your <u>photo ID</u>. You will receive an absentee voting application when you arrive. **The deadline to register** to vote and update your name and address is Monday, October 15.

Get Locations, Hours and Dates

How Do I Absentee Vote by Mail?:

You also have the option of voting with a <u>mail-in ballot</u>. **The deadline to** <u>apply for a mail-in ballot</u> is **Tuesday, October 30** at 5:00 p.m.

Fill out your mail-in ballot and return, carefully following the included instructions.

Your mail-in ballot must be received by the Fairfax County Office of Elections by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 6.

If you return your ballot by regular mail, you should allow at least seven days for first-class U.S. Postal Service delivery.

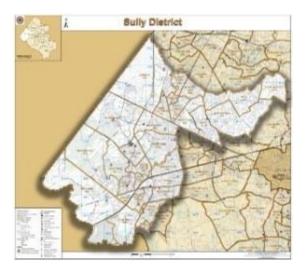
<u>Watch this video</u> to make sure you fill out your mail-in absentee ballot materials correctly.

Info for College Students:

College students who are registered to vote in Fairfax County but go to school outside of Fairfax County can absentee vote by mail or in-person in our county. Many of the universities in the commonwealth have fall break during in-person absentee voting and students can vote while they are home on break. For students who choose to absentee vote by mail, please keep in mind that you will need your Social Security number and a postage stamp to mail back your ballot.

To read the full article, click here.

Sully Land Use Spotlight



Recent Cases:

RZ/FDP 2018-SU-008 & PCA 2009-SU-020-03 (K. Hovnanian Homes at Pender Oaks, LLC) -

K. Hovnanian Homes at Pender Oaks LLC, has filed applications in order to rezone the 18.07-acre subject site from the Planned Development Commercial (PDC) district to the Planned Development Housing 12 (PDH-12) district. The rezoned property would be redeveloped, from an existing office building with surface parking, to a residential community development consisting of a mix of housing unit types. The proposed development would feature 219 residential units with two-over-two stacked townhomes (56 units), single-family attached townhomes (91 units), and 72 condominium units. Features including a tot lot, community pool, and community bath house/club house are proposed as amenities for the community. Staff are recommending approval of the various zoning applications. Click here to review the staff report. The Planning Commission voted to defer decision only on the application until September 27, 2018 with the record remaining open for written comment.

Upcoming Meetings:

Board of Supervisors Meeting -

The Board of Supervisors will meet on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 9:30 a.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. Click here to access the agenda and material for the meeting.

Planning Commission Meeting -

The Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, September 27, 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 <u>Channel 16</u>. Click <u>here</u> to access the agenda and material for the meeting.

The following Sully District case is on the agenda:

• SE 2014-SU-042 (Montessori Mansion)

Volunteer Opportunity



Grocery Shoppers

Would you like to help an isolated older person who needs help with groceries? Shop for an older adult, or accompany them to the grocery store. You can make a big difference in a short amount of time! Commitment: approximately, two hours every other week. Opportunities available throughout Fairfax County close to where you live or work!

Minimum Age to Volunteer: 18

Hours of Operation: Flexible schedule

Contact:

Volunteer Solutions 703-324-5406

volunteersolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov

Helping Our Neighbors Impacted by Florence



We were lucky. For a while the forecast was ominous that our county would be impacted by Hurricane Florence, but we were fortunate. However, our neighbors in North Carolina and South Carolina have been seriously impacted with devastating floods. Some of our county personnel and agencies are helping out these neighbors. Here's what we are doing and ways for you to help, too.

Public Health Nurses At Emergency Shelters:

The county's <u>Health Department</u> has deployed five of our county nurses and a Fairfax Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteer, who is also a registered nurse, to

provide health and medical services at emergency shelters in North Carolina. They are part of a group of 35 public health nurses from throughout Virginia, including the Virginia Department of Health and the Arlington County Health Department, who have volunteered to help residents of North Carolina impacted by Hurricane Florence.

Urban Search And Rescue Team Deployed:

Two 16-person water rescue teams from Fairfax County's Virginia Task Force 1 (VATF-1) were deployed September 15 to assist with rescue efforts related to the storm. VATF-1 is staffed by Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department personnel. As the federal sponsoring agency, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) pays for all costs and expenses incurred by VATF-1 when members are activated.

Horses Hosted at Frying Pan Park:

Frying Pan Farm Park has become a temporary home for several horses that are from areas affected by the havoc surrounding Hurricane Florence. Frying Pan is on an emergency Virginia Equine Evacuation Site list, and the Friends of Frying Pan Farm Park sent out notice to its approximately 6,000 members that Frying Pan could lend a hand during the emergency.

Ways You Can Help:

According to the <u>Federal Emergency Management Agency</u> (FEMA), the most effective way to support disaster survivors is to donate money to reputable charitable organizations.

North Carolina Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

- South Carolina Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
- American Red Cross, 1-800-HELP-NOW
- <u>The United Way</u>, 1-800-272-4630

To read the full article, click here.

Welcome K9 Xander! Therapy Dog Assigned to Station 15, Chantilly



By: Captain II Tracey Reed
Fire Station 15, Chantilly, C-Shift

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department would like to introduce you to the newest resident at Station 15, Chantilly – Xander! Xander is a fully trained and certified golden-doodle therapy dog. He was donated to the department by anonymous donors and Caring Angels Therapy Dogs. He is sponsored by Sit Means Sit.

Xander comes to Station 15 as part of a program instituted by the Fire and Rescue Department that hopes to use highly trained and certified therapy dogs to benefit on-duty personnel at the station. The department's Behavioral Health Office is evaluating the use of these specially-trained dogs to reduce the cumulative stress firefighters and paramedics experience witnessing traumas and tragedy throughout the course of their careers.

He lives in the station 24 hours a day, 365 days a year with shift personnel. Each shift has two designated, trained handlers who are responsible for Xander's daily care.

Xander joins therapy K9's Wally (Station 32) and Belle (Behavioral Health Office) as members of the department.

To read the full article, click here.

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Stripe!

Age: 10y 1m

Gender: Female

Color: Brown / White

Spayed/Neutered: Yes

Size: Medium

Declawed: No

It's not uncommon for Stripe to be overlooked, because she's a quiet, older gal who is nervous and subdued at the shelter. She arrived to the shelter when her owner was getting up there in age and couldn't care for her anymore. Stripe also arrived with her best friend cat, who the shelter sadly had to say goodbye to due to her very poor health. So, you can imagine why Stripe is a lot out of sorts. She was feeling blue, so they moved her into a staff person's office so she could be with someone all day and hopefully feel better. She is a very sweet cat who really just wants to be in a calm home, maybe with another cat friend or two, and be safe, warm, well-fed, and most importantly: well-loved. Can you give Stripe that? To learn more about Stripe contact the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at 703-830-1100 or by email at animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.