

A message from Kathy Smith

Congratulations to Westfield Football on another outstanding season! Though I didn't make it down to Hampton University, I was proud to cheer on the Bulldogs at home in the semifinals. Check out some of my photos from the end zone and read on to learn about several volunteer opportunities and family activities you can enjoy around the holidays.



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Help Plan for Future Transportation Improvements

In November 2016, Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) along with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) held three public meetings about the Fairfax County Parkway/Franconia-Springfield Parkway Study. At these meetings, attendees had an opportunity to provide information about how they use both of these roads and what they see as important considerations for the future.

In order to gather more public input, FCDOT is asking residents to take a quick online survey on how they use the Fairfax County Parkway (Route 286) and Franconia-Springfield Parkway. This survey will assist with both the short- and long-range pieces of this study. Responses to the survey are accepted until midnight on Dec. 30, 2016.

For more information on the corridor study, visit the study web page.

Animal Shelter Corner



Can you say stunning? That describes Cici perfectly!

But she's got more than good looks going for her!

She is a friendly girl who loves people, especially when they're giving her nice pets and scratches.

She's also very playful, loves toys, and will do just about anything for a treat - which will make training her a piece of cake. She was surrendered because her owners were moving, so she is looking for a new home to call her own! Come see Cici at the Animal Shelter today!

http://www.petango.com/Adopt/Dog-Retriever-Labrador-34188705

Help Fairfax County Families in Need This Holiday Season

It may seem hard to believe, but in Fairfax County, there are more than 63,000 people who don't know where their next meal will come from. More than 28,000 of them are children. As the holidays near, they may not have a festive dinner or gifts for their children to celebrate the season – unless you can help. Through a grant from Fairfax County, local non-profit Britepaths (formerly Our Daily Bread) matches local families in need with community members who provide holiday meals, as well as gifts for the children in the family. Participating in the Holiday Program is a wonderful group or family activity and a great way to give back to the community. Please consider sponsoring a family for the holidays. Visit Britepaths' Holiday Program page and complete our secure on-line donor form. Britepaths will match you with a family and send you all the information you need. The organization also welcomes cash and gift card donations to help families who are not sponsored. To register and for more information, visit http://britepaths.org, email <a href="majoration-page-the-norg-need-to-page-the-norg-nee

Volunteer Opportunities in January

Save the Date: 8th Annual Give Together, January 16, 2017

Families with school-age children are invited to give together on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service, on Monday, January 16. Give Together is a family volunteer event with service projects specially designed for young people and little hands. All activities will directly benefit local nonprofits and will take place indoors at the Jewish Community Center of Fairfax. This special event is free and open to the public. It is the perfect opportunity to teach children the value of giving back while enjoying quality family time. Please register to reserve your space. Registration opens December 7 at www.volunteerfairfax.org.

Nominations Open January 2 for the 25th Annual Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards

Volunteer Fairfax and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors proudly present the 2017 Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards on Friday, April 21. The community is invited to submit nominations for the outstanding volunteer(s) in your organization, club, school, library or neighborhood! Information is available at www.volunteerfairfax.org. The awards breakfast will take place at the Waterford in Springfield from 8-10 am. Tickets will be available in March.

Holiday Activities for Families





