



A message from Kathy Smith



On Thursday, August 23 The Winery at Bull Run received a grant from Governor Ralph Northam's Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development Fund (pictured above). The winery's expansion will create 10 new full-time jobs, and 28 part-time or seasonal jobs. More information is below.

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. The new school year begins next week on Tuesday, August 28! Read below for information about how to prepare for a successful school year.

The last night of the Starlight Drive-in Cinema is tomorrow, Saturday, August 25. The featured film is *Coco*. More information is below in the "Reminders" section.

Sincerely,

Kathy

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.

Coco

Date: Saturday, August 25

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

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

Moose Meet-and-Greet:

Have you ever wanted to meet Moose and be in the next [#MondayswithMoose](#) post? Come hang out with Moose and get your picture taken with him! Give your favorite furry K9 a big hug, belly rub, and a treat - and get to chat and hang out with officers. This event is open to Moose fans of all ages!

Date: Sunday, August 26

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Sully District Station (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151) in the Community Rooms.

For additional information, please contact Officer Meg Hawkins at megan.hawkins@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The Winery at Bull Run to Expand with State & Fairfax County Economic Aid



The Winery at Bull Run – a working farm vineyard focused on crafting fine Virginia wines while paying tribute to the history and preservation of 19th-century pastoral Fairfax County – will almost double its operations with help from a combined \$200,000 grant from Virginia and Fairfax County.

Governor Ralph Northam announced the news on August 23 at the winery, along with Fairfax County officials and the winery's owners.

The winery will receive a \$100,000 grant from the [Governor's Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development Fund](#), and Fairfax County will contribute \$100,000 as a local match.

This money supports the winery's more than \$1.7 million investment in new equipment and a new, 8,000-square-foot production facility.

The county wants to cultivate more agricultural businesses as part of its [strategic plan to grow and diversify the economy](#). Agriculture is a major employer and economic driver. The industry is responsible for 6,021 jobs in Fairfax County, and it produces \$780 million in economic impact, according to a University of Virginia study.

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

Preparing for a Successful Start to the School Year



As the summer comes to an end, now is the time to get prepared for the school year that lies ahead. Try these strategies to help your children make a successful transition back to school:

- **Hold a family meeting.** Communicate with your children about your expectations for the coming school year.
- **Reestablish bedtime and mealtime routines.** Your child will have an easier back-to-school transition if routines are introduced and practiced.
- **Establish one family calendar for all events.** Fill in events as they are scheduled and keep the calendar in clear view for the entire family.
- **Define a launch pad or landing area.** Create a space at home designated for everything that needs to go to school such as shoes, lunchboxes, backpacks, jackets, PE uniforms, etc.
- **Set up simple organization systems.** Designate bins or files in a filing cabinet for all of the school papers as they come into your home.
- **Write down need-to-know information.** Provide your child with a list of the details that he or she needs to know such as bus number, homeroom number, or locker combination.

- **Talk about feelings.** Ask your children how they feel about the new school year and let them know how you can help.
- **Communicate confidence and good feelings about school.** As a parent, it is easy to feel sad or anxious about your child starting back at school, especially on that first day. Try your best to keep your emotions in check, so your child's day isn't negatively impacted.
- **Be available before and after school to support your children's new routines.** Ask about their school experience and provide encouragement as needed.
- **Encourage your child to participate in school activities and clubs.** Many schools have beginning of the year events to promote school unity and share information about school clubs and after-school activities.
- **Share in the excitement and set an example by attending "Back-to-School Night."** Meet your children's new teachers, become knowledgeable about their school's programs, and find out more about what they will be learning.
- **Celebrate the completion of school milestones.** Mark the first week or month back at school with a special breakfast, dinner at a favorite restaurant, or an evening walk so your children can tell you all about their teachers, new classmates, and activities.

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

New Radio Show: "La Voz del Condado de Fairfax"



Fairfax County's Office of Public Affairs (OPA) launched an important and exciting new communications initiative this summer to strengthen public outreach to the Spanish-speaking community. OPA began a weekly Spanish radio show - "La Voz del Condado de Fairfax" (The Voice of Fairfax County) – **on WUST 1120 AM**, a station that covers the entire county. **The show airs live every Tuesday morning from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m.**

The first show aired on July 10 and featured summer safety information from the Fairfax County Health Department. Recent shows have included information on elections and how residents can register to vote in the upcoming November general election, as well as a show about emergency preparedness and fire safety. Each show leads with an overview of updated county news and information. **To listen to past shows, click [here](#).**

Volunteer Opportunity



[Ellanor C. Lawrence Watershed Clean-up](#)

Keep our waters clean. Collect trash from streams and trails. Compile and report results. Great for school or scout service hours. Groups please call location to apply.

Duties: Collect and bag trash. Report results. Follow safety procedures.

Additional Info: Dress for the weather. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Location:

Walney Visitor Center
5040 Walney Road
Chantilly, VA 20151

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Locally Poured: New Brewery Field Guide Highlights County's Craft Beers



Visit Fairfax, the official tourism organization for Fairfax County, has partnered with the seven independent craft breweries in the county to create Locally Poured. The collaboration aims to showcase Fairfax County's burgeoning craft beer scene and cross-promote the individual breweries to residents and visitors with the help of an official Field Guide and integrated marketing campaign.

You can pick up a free [Fairfax County Brewery Field Guide](#) at any of the participating breweries or at the [Fairfax County Visitors Center](#). The passport-like guide encourages visitors to take a "Tour de Pour" around the county by visiting each unique brewery and marking the occasion by getting the Field Guide

stamped. The guide also features a brewer-chosen “Must Try” and leaves room for Tasting Notes.

As a bonus, residents who collect stamps from at least four breweries can redeem their stamped Field Guide for upgraded VIP Access with their paid admission at the Fairfax County Brewfest on September 22 at Mustang Sally Brewing Company.

The current list of participating breweries includes:

- Aslin Beer Company (Herndon)
- Caboose Brewing Co. (Vienna + coming soon to Merrifield)
- Fair Winds Brewing Company (Lorton)
- Forge Brew Works (Lorton)
- Lake Anne Brew House (Reston)
- **Mustang Sally Brewing Company (Chantilly)**
- **Ono Brewing Company (Chantilly)**

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

Have You Received a Jury Questionnaire in Your Mailbox?



You may be one of approximately 55,000 Fairfax County or City of Fairfax residents receiving a jury questionnaire in the mail. Here is some helpful information to make the process easier.

Questionnaire Does Not Mean Jury Duty:

Just because you received a questionnaire does not mean you will be summoned for jury duty. The questionnaire is the beginning of a screening process to determine who is qualified to serve. You can mail the questionnaire back or fill it out online below:

[Fill Out Juror Questionnaire](#)

[Read Tips to Get You Through the Process](#)

If You Qualify, Here's What Will Happen:

If you qualify for the jury pool, you will receive a summons for jury duty by mail approximately one month before your reporting date. Keep in mind that this is an official court summons and if you do not respond, you could be found in contempt of court. The evening before your assigned date you will need to call a recorded message or check [the jury website](#) to find out whether your group number (listed on the summons) is called for service. If your group number is not called, you do not have to report and your service is finished however, you may be summoned again in the near future.

Reporting for Jury Duty:

If your group number is called and you report for jury duty service, you will be reimbursed \$30 for each day you must report to the courthouse for travel expenses. Your employer can't fire, demote or otherwise penalize you for missing work while performing jury duty. Many employers continue to pay salaries for those on jury duty, but you should check directly with your employer well in advance.

Potential jurors report by 8:15 a.m. to the jury assembly area on the 5th Floor, Room 503 of the [Fairfax County Courthouse](#), 4110 Chain Bridge Road in Fairfax ([map](#)). [Parking and public transportation are available](#). A parking validation ticket will be provided at check-in so there is no charge.

All who report will receive an orientation on the juror's role and responsibilities and the trial process. Even though you have been called for jury duty, you may not be selected for a trial.

Find information on the jury process, trials and more on the [jury home page](#).

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

**Video: Inmate Art Exhibit at Torpedo Factory – Off
The Grid**



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FAMILY OF 1	FAMILY OF 2	FAMILY OF 3	FAMILY OF 4	FAMILY OF 5	FAMILY OF 6
\$29,602	\$38,710	\$47,818	\$56,926	\$66,034	\$75,142

ELDERLY (AT LEAST ONE FAMILY MEMBER 60 OR OLDER)

FAMILY OF 1	FAMILY OF 2	FAMILY OF 3	FAMILY OF 4	FAMILY OF 5	FAMILY OF 6
\$99,579	\$77,420	\$95,636	\$113,852	\$132,068	\$150,284

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Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Whiskey!

Age: 2y 5m

Gender: Female

Color: Tan / Black

Spayed/Neutered: Yes

Size: Large

Whiskey is a beautiful girl! While at the shelter, staff has learned that Whiskey LOVES to play fetch with soft toys. She has a lot of energy so whoever takes her home will want to set aside plenty of time to play with Whiskey and take

her on walks. They have tried to see if Whiskey would like a doggie playmate and she has told us quite a few times that NO, she will want to be the only dog in the home and also is not a fan of dog parks. But that is OK! Whiskey just wants her humans to be her best friends and playmates! Whiskey is looking for an experienced adopter that is used to very strong and active dogs. If she sounds like the girl for you, come on over and visit!

For more information about Whiskey, contact the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at 703-830-1100 or by email at animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.
