

A message from Kathy Smith

I hope you can join me tomorrow, February 9, 2019 at the Clifton Giant (5740 Union Mill Road, Clifton, VA 20124) for the Stuff the Bus event. The event runs from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All donations for this event will directly benefit Western Fairfax Christian Ministries, a nonprofit organization in the Sully District that assists needy families and individuals in Fairfax County. More information is below.

The Office of Elections is seeking Korean-speaking election officers for Election Day this November for the Centreville area. Election officers receive a stipend of \$175 for serving a full day, which is from 5:00 a.m. to after the polls close at 7:00 p.m. More information is below in the "Volunteer Opportunity" section.

Sincerely,

Stuff the Bus Event



Let's beat hunger. Local food pantries need our help.

Join Fairfax County Government, Giant, Walmart, Shoppers Food and Pharmacy and MV Transportation, Inc. as we collect food donations to assist the most vulnerable in our community.

Purchase food and other needed items at the cash register or at the special display in the store and drop your contribution by our bus.

All donations for this event go directly to Benefitting Western Fairfax Christian Ministries—a local nonprofit organization that helps to feed needy families and individuals in Fairfax County.

Look for a Fastran Bus Saturday, February 9 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

at the Clifton Giant

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A Community Conversation: The Fairfax County Strategic Plan



Join the conversation in shaping the future of Fairfax County!

The county will hold four engagement events in every region of the county. The meetings will be organized into moderated conversation groups of residents from your local community where you will have the opportunity to share your thoughts, insights, opinions, and experiences that will be used to help shape a countywide strategic plan.

Date: Wednesday, February 13, 2019

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

Location: Reston Community Center (2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston, VA 20191)

Date: Monday, February 25, 2019

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

Location: Gum Springs Community Center (8100 Fordson Road, Alexandria, VA

22306)

Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2019

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

Location: Little River Glen Senior Center (4001 Barker Court, Fairfax, VA 22032)

Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2019

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

Location: James Lee Community Center (2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church,

VA 22042)

Need assistance in order to attend?:

Arrangements for child care and transportation assistance, and interpretation services can be made by calling Amy Ordonez at 703-787-4962, TTY 711, or emailing amy.ordonez@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Reminders!

Fair Oaks Police Station Sock Drive:

The Fair Oaks Police Station is holding their 2nd Annual Sock Drive for Fairfax County students in need. **Donations are due by Monday, February 11, 2019.** New socks can be dropped off or mailed to: Fairfax County Police Department, Fair Oaks Station, 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax, VA 22033.

Special Election for 86th Virginia House District:

Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Fairfax County will hold a <u>special election</u> on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, for the 86th District of the Virginia House of Delegates (pictured below). Only registered voters in the <u>86th District</u> may vote. **The three precincts in the 86th District in Sully are: Oak Hill (909), Armfield (927), and Carson (931).**

If you are not currently registers to vote, **the deadline to register in person for this special election is February 12, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.** Applications submitted by mail must be postmarked February 12, 2019 or earlier. Electronic registrations may be submitted by February 12, 2019 until 11:59 p.m.

On Election Day, Tuesday, February 19, 2019, the polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. On Election Day you vote at your regular polling place. Not sure where your polling place is? Click here and enter your home address to find out.

For more information, click here.

Sully District Station: Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting



Date: Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Time: 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Sully District Station (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151)

Agenda:

- Officer of the Quarter (Oct./Nov./Dec.)
- Officer of the Year (2017)
- Sully District Update
- February Topic: Domestic Violence
 - Presentation by Angela Acosta (Outreach Specialist with the Office of Domestic and Sexual Violence Services)
 - How to identify the various types of domestic violence, bystander information
 - How abuse affects victims and the programs/resources available to help.

- Presentation by Detective Jacqi Smith (Detective for Sully District, domestic violence)
 - Information on the law, recent updates, and the process from the law enforcement side.

For more information about this meeting, contact Crime Prevention Officer Sabrina Ruck at 703-814-7000.

Event at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park



Date: Thursday, February 14, 2019

Time: 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.; 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Location: Ellanor C. Lawrence Park (5040 Walney Road, Chantilly, VA 20151)

Bring a new dimension to your artwork by adding a touch of history in the "Beautiful Handmade Arts" program.

This Valentine's Day, gather friends and family together at the park to create art inspired by history. The artwork created will reflect the season or month, and the projects are designed for artists age six to adult. The park will be offering two, onehour sessions. Cost: \$8 per person. Click here to register.

For more information, call 703-631-0013 or email Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

F.A.N.tastic Times Event at Cub Run RECenter



F.A.N.tastic Times



Family Autism Event Splash! with us at F.A.N.tastic Times

The Joey Pizzano Memorial Fund would like to invite you and your family to take part in our "Splash!" Program at Fantastic Times. You will learn how to be safe in and around the water while having fun with the whole family!







Date: Monday, February 18, 2019 Time: 1:30 - 3 p.m.

Location: Cub Run RECenter, 4630 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151 703-817-9407, TTY 711

Cost: FREE

Limited space is available so please reserve your spot by submitting your JPMF Swim Registration by February 14, 2019.
Email to: Deborah.O'Bryant@fairfaxcounty.gov
Or Mail to: Therapeutic Recreation Services, ATTN: Debbie O'Bryant,

12011 Government Center Parkway, 10th Floor, Fairfax, VA 22035

- JPMF Water Safety class with Swim Instructor will start at 1:45 p.m. on the pool deck.
- Please bring your bathing suit, towel, and change of clothes for those swimming.
- All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian in the water at all times.

For more information, please call Debbie O'Bryant at 703-324-5621, TTY 711 or email at Deborah.O'Bryant@fairfaxcounty.gov

For up-to-date details and future "F.A.N.tastic Times," go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services/therapeutic-recreation/fantastic-times

For more Therapeutic Recreation Services programs visit: https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services/therapeutic-recreation Evening Host: The Joey Pizzano Memorial Fund ~ http://jpmf.org/



Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in all county programs, services and activities. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request. For more information, call 703-3244600, TTY 711.

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www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services



Upcoming Events at Chantilly Regional Library



Intermediate English Class

Date: Saturdays in February

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

An intermediate English class for adults.

Lunch and a Movie

Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Time: 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Preschoolers and parents! Join us for a showing of "Balto". Rated G. Ages: 5 and

under.

Full Steam Ahead

Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Time: 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM). Each month we will focus on one of these concepts with age appropriate stories and activities. Ages: 5 to 7.

Mindfulness: It's Not What You Think

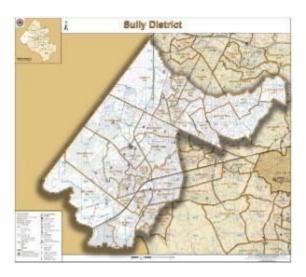
Date: Saturday, February 23, 2019

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Join Neil Goodman, certified meditation instructor, to learn short, effective practices to reduce stress and tension, support your physical and mental health, cultivate a mindset to support well-being, and increase awareness of your breathing. Please bring a bottle of water. Ages: Adults.

The <u>Chantilly Regional Library</u> is located at 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, VA 20151 For more information about these events, call 703-502-3883, TTY: 711 or email <u>libCH@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>.

Sully Land Use Spotlight



Upcoming Meetings:

Planning Commission Meeting -

The Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 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 broadcast live on Channel 16. Meetings are also recorded on videotapes and audiocassettes, both of which are available for review at the Planning Commission office, by appointment. There are no Sully cases on the agenda.

Volunteer Opportunity



Election Officer

Election Day is November 5, 2019. The Office of Elections needs election officers (also called poll workers) to assist our voters. Fairfax County is the largest jurisdiction in Virginia with 243 precincts countywide.

*They especially need Korean-speaking election officers in and around the Centreville area.

Duties:

The Election Officer's main priority is to ensure the accuracy and integrity of the election process. A typical Election Day consists of arriving one hour before polls open to set up voting equipment, hanging up pertinent signage, preparing the polling room for voting, processing voters throughout the day, assisting with operating voting equipment, securing voting equipment, and closing down the polling place at the end of the day.

Volunteer Benefits: Election Officers are offered a stipend of \$175 for serving a full day.

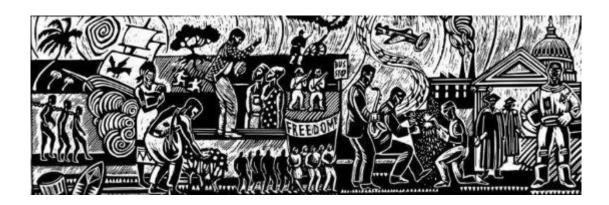
Qualifications:

In order to be an Election Officer, you must: be fluent in English, be a registered voter in the Commonwealth of Virginia, be able to fulfill the Federal I-9 employment eligibility requirements, attend a 3-hour training class, arrive at the polling place at 5:00 a.m. and remain until all work has been completed after the polls close at 7:00 p.m., and have basic computer skills.

Contact:

Office of Elections
703-324-4735
electionofficers@fairfaxcounty.gov

Black History Month at the Library



Learn more about <u>Black History Month</u> and browse the events and materials below to expand your knowledge.

Attend:

- Meet Author Walter Mosely Sunday, February 24, 2019 from 2:00 to 3:30
 p.m., The Alden at the McLean Community Center.
- An Insider's View of the National Museum of African American History and Culture - Thursday, February 28, 2019 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., <u>Richard Byrd Library</u>.

Read:

Check our your library branch for some recently published nonfiction on black history.

 Adults - More Than a Game: A History of the African American Experience in Sport by David Kenneth Wiggins

- Teens <u>African Americans in Political Office: From the Civil War to the</u>
 White House by Barbara M. Linde
- Children Be a King: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dream and You by Carole Boston Weatherford

Research:

Learn more about the people who made history in the library database <u>Biography</u> in Context.

To read the full article, click here.

Apply Now for a 2019 Charitable Fund Award

<u>Commonwealth Community Trust</u> (CCT) is accepting applications for the 2019 <u>Charitable Fund Award</u> (CFA) until **March 28, 2019**.

In its 11th year, CCT's 2019 CFA provides individuals with disabilities who reside in Virginia and demonstrate a financial need with grants up to \$1,000 to be used for equipment, medication, or services.

Examples of past awards include (but are not limited to):

- Assistive technology, including iPads
- Dental services and dentures, hearing aids, and eyeglasses
- Summer camp fees, therapeutic riding and fitness center membership fees
- Equipment such as wheelchairs, van lifts, stair lifts, dehumidifiers, and adaptive bicycles

Home safety modifications such as wheelchair ramps and grab bars

The Green Column



Urban Soil Health

The soil is an often forgotten part of the ecosystem but is extremely important, especially for trees.

Components of soil are: minerals (sand, silt, and clay), air, water, and carbon (organic matter). Healthy soils are also teeming with life, most of which is microscopic (fungi, bacteria, and nematodes). For example, many tree species rely on soil fungi called mycorrhizae which help them take up water and nutrients through their roots.

When soils are disturbed, they lose many of their beneficial characteristics resulting in reduced water filtration and less environments for soil-borne organisms and plant roots to grow.

Here are a few relatively easy options that can help restore soil quality:

- Apply organic matter (compost, leaf, or wood mulch, manure) to mineral soils
- Cover areas of bare soil
- Retain existing plants and trees
- Plant diverse native plants and trees

These strategies help to reduce erosion, conserve water, hold onto soil, and increase drainage.

Consider have a soil test done to determine the pH and nutrient and organic matter content of your soil. <u>Soil tests</u> are available from the <u>Virginia Cooperative</u> <u>Extension</u>. You can also learn what kind of soil you have by using Fairfax County's new <u>soils viewer application</u>.

To read the full article, click here.

Animal Shelter Corner



Puppies!!!

These five adorable puppies (4 boys, 1 girl) will be available for adoption at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter this Saturday, February 9, 2019. The shelter will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. Once the puppies are available for adoption you will be able to view their information online.

If you are interested in adopting one of these puppies, plan on showing up early. The shelter expects people will start lining up for these puppies before the shelter opens. The adoption fee for dogs two months through six months is \$175.

Adoption Requirements:

1. Must be at least 18 years old, with a current photo ID

- 2. Bring rabies vaccination certificate(s) for any current dogs and/or cats in the home
- 3. Have licenses for currently-owned dogs (if you live in Fairfax County)
- 4. Show proof that you are allowed to have the pet where you live (proof of home ownership, or lease with pet addendum, or letter/email from landlord/home owner

For more information about the adoption process, click here.