



February 28, 2020

A Message from Kathy Smith

At this week's Board meeting, County Executive Bryan Hill [presented the FY 2021 Advertised Budget Plan](#) to the Board of Supervisors. The proposed General Fund budget is \$4.63 billion, a \$175.87 million (or 3.95 percent) increase over the FY 2020 Adopted Budget. The Advertised FY 2021 Budget includes funding for Fairfax County Public Schools and county priorities including: affordable housing and expanding school readiness programs, environmental initiatives, and library hours. More information about the FY 2021 Advertised Budget Plan is available [online](#).

If you have any questions or comments on the FY 2021 Advertised Budget Plan, I encourage you to attend the Sully District Budget Town Hall on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151). More information about the event is below.

The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has been all over the news lately. There are currently no confirmed cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Fairfax County or Virginia. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) is recommending planning at all levels for the eventuality of community spread in the United States. The latest update on the coronavirus was sent out on Thursday, February 27, 2020. More information is below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kathy' in a cursive script.

Reminders!

2020 Paving and Restriping Program Public Meeting:
Monday, March 2, 2020
7:00 p.m.

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Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151) in the McDonnell Room

The community is invited to provide feedback by attending a public meeting, or by submitting comments online. **The deadline for public comments is Monday, March 16, 2020 for the Sully District meeting.** Check the [project pages](#), which will list proposed streets to be paved, restriping plans, and safety information. For more information about the 2020 Paving and Restriping Program, [click here](#).

Business License Due March 2, 2020:

Every Fairfax County business must get an annual [Business, Professional, Occupational License](#) (BPOL) including home-based businesses. Renewal notices were mailed to business owners in January. To avoid a 10 percent penalty, the deadline to renew BPOL licenses is Monday, March 2, 2020. For more information or questions, contact the Fairfax County Department of Tax Administration at dtappdbusiness@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-222-8234 (option 4), TTY 711.

Comment on the Braddock Road and Old Lee Road Study in Chantilly:

The study is assessing potential improvements at two locations along Braddock Road in Chantilly.

Concepts being studied include:

- Enhancements at the Braddock Road and Old Lee Road intersection, including turn lanes and potential innovative intersection improvements.
- Realignment of the S-curve on Braddock Road between Pleasant Valley and Old Lee roads.

Send comments to VDOT by Friday, March 6, 2020. Email them to meetingcomments@vdot.virginia.gov or mail comments to Mr. Andrew Beacher, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.

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

Important Dates for the March 3, 2020 Democratic Presidential Primary Election:

- **Now until Saturday, February 29, 2020** - Absentee voting begins.
- **Now until Saturday, February 29, 2020** - In-person absentee voting is available at the Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035) in Conference Rooms 2/3. [Click here](#) to view voting hours.
- **Monday, February 10, 2020** - Voter registration deadline. In-person/by mail: 5:00 p.m.; online: 11:59 p.m. **(This deadline has passed.)**
- **Saturday, February 22, 2020** - In-person absentee satellite locations open, including the [Sully Governmental Center](#) (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151)
- **Tuesday, February 25, 2020** - Deadline to apply to receive an Absentee Ballot by mail, fax, and online: 5:00 p.m. **(This deadline has passed.)**
- **Saturday, February 29, 2020** - Deadline for in-person absentee voting: 5:00 p.m.

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- **Tuesday, March 3, 2020** - 2020 Democratic Party Presidential Primary Election Day. Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. On Election Day you vote at your regular polling place. Absentee Ballot return deadline: 7:00 p.m.

For more information about the 2020 Democratic Presidential Primary Election, [click here](#).

Fairfax County 2020 Teen Job Fairs:


Saturday, March 14, 2020

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.



Chantilly High School (4201 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, VA 20151)

This event will focus on student job seekers (approximately ages 16 to 18) looking for full time employment, after-school employment, seasonal positions, internship opportunities, or volunteer experiences. It is open to all teens in Fairfax County looking for employment or wanting tips to build their resume. Volunteer opportunities and resume building workshops will be available for younger students looking to begin to build their resume. For more information about the 2020 Teen Job Fairs, [click here](#).

Sully District Budget Town Hall



**Sully District Town Hall
to discuss the
Fairfax County FY 2021 Budget**

From left to right: Supervisor Kathy Smith and School Board Member Stella Pekarsky

**Wednesday, March 4, 2020
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

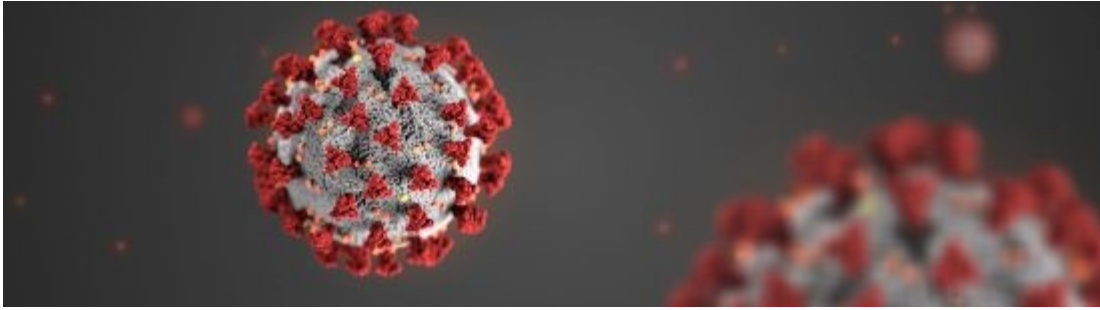
Please join Sully District Supervisor Kathy Smith, School Board Member Stella Pekarsky, The Sully District Council, and Budget Staff from Fairfax County and Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) to discuss the FY 2021 budgets for FCPS and Fairfax County.

Location:
Sully Governmental Center
McDonnell Room
4900 Stonecroft Boulevard
Chantilly, VA 20151

For more information, contact:
Email: sully@fairfaxcounty.gov
Phone: 703-814-7100

This event is co-sponsored by Supervisor Kathy Smith, School Board Representative Stella Pekarsky, and the Sully District Council.

Update on the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)



The Fairfax County Health Department is working closely with the Virginia Department of Health and our local healthcare community to limit the spread of [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\)](#) that began in Wuhan, China.

Latest Update (February 27, 2020):

Currently, there are no confirmed cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Fairfax County or Virginia. The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak continues to evolve. Although most cases outside of China are travel-related, community spread of the virus is now being detected in a growing number of countries. At this time, person-to-person spread in the United States appears to be limited, but the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends planning at all levels for the eventuality of community spread in the U.S.

The CDC has issued a Level 3, Avoid Nonessential Travel notice for China and South Korea. A Level 2, Practice Enhanced Precautions notice has been issued for Japan, Iran, and Italy and a watch Level 1 has been issued for Hong Kong. The CDC also recommends that all travelers reconsider cruise ship voyages to or within Asia. This is a rapidly evolving situation, so please see the [CDC website](#) for the most up-to-date travel information.

For the latest updates on coronavirus disease, please [see the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website.](#)

2020 Real Estate Assessments Now Available

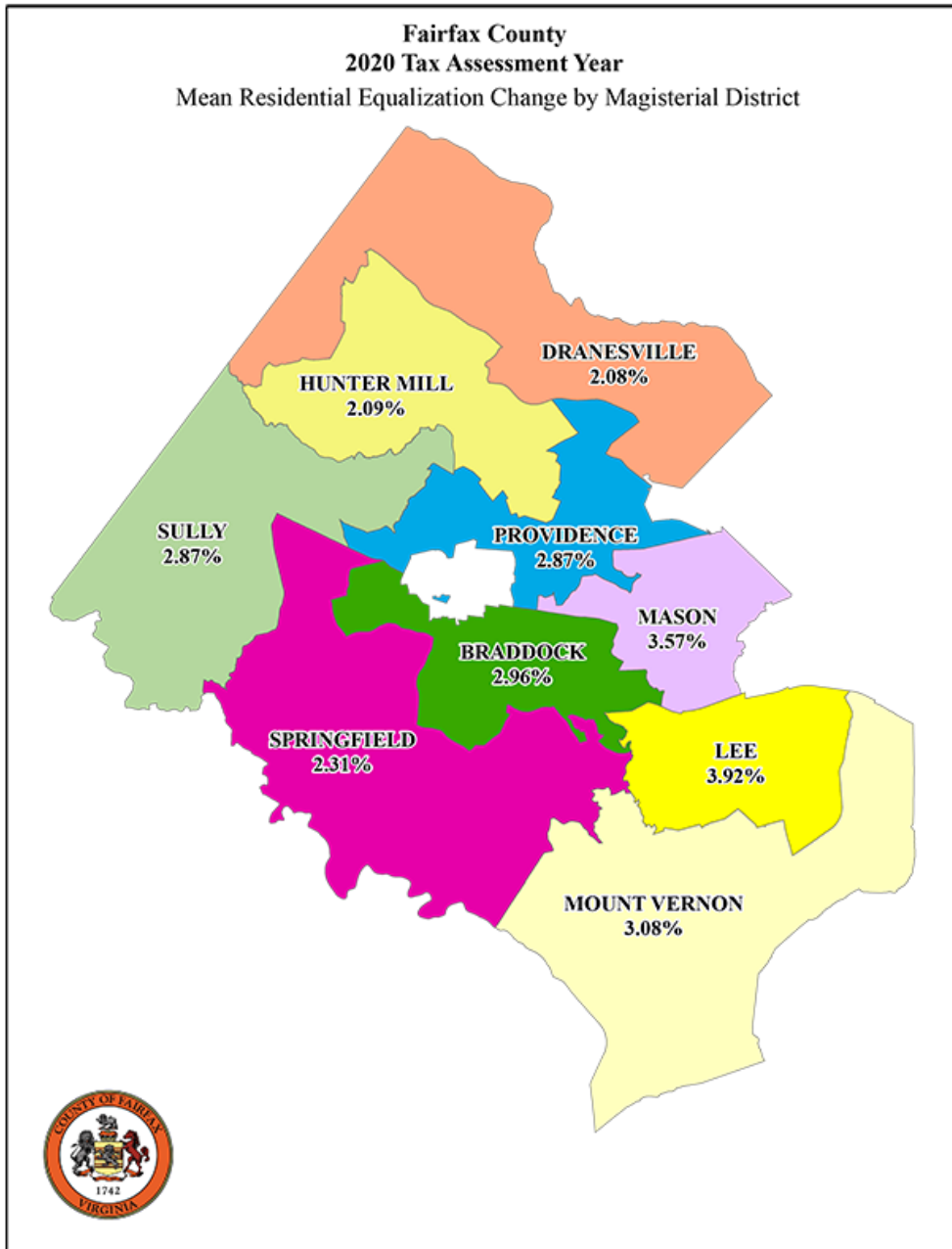


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More than 355,000 updated 2020 real estate assessments are available [online](#) and are being mailed to all property owners. Based on equalization changes (market-driven value increases or decreases for your home), countywide residential [real estate assessments](#) are up an average of 2.65%, with the average assessment for all homes at \$580,272. In 2019, the countywide average home assessment was \$562,601.

Almost 79% of residential property in the county increased in value over the past year due to equalization.

Nonresidential real estate values (commercial, industrial and rental apartments) increased 2.87% on average due to equalization.



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There are several factors that affect real estate assessments:

- Sales in the neighborhood.
- Economic factors such as average number of days homes have been for sale and sales volume.
- Improvements to the property (remodeling, additions).
- New construction and rezonings.
- Property characteristics (such as size, age, condition and amenities).

The real estate assessment notice is not a bill. Most homeowners pay [real estate tax](#) as part of a monthly mortgage payment; however, some homeowners pay their real estate taxes directly (due July 28 and Dec. 5). Contact your mortgage company if you are not sure how your taxes are paid.

The 2020 estimated tax levy shown on your assessment is just that – an estimate. The Board of Supervisors has not yet adopted tax rates for 2020, but will do so as part of the [budget process](#). The “levy,” or tax, is a combination of your current assessment and the current adopted tax rates.

If you believe that your real estate is incorrectly assessed, you can file an appeal. Appeals should be based on either fair market value, lack of uniformity or errors in property description. Before filing an appeal, we encourage you to call and talk to Tax Administration staff at 703-222-8234 (TTY 711) or send an inquiry by [email](#).

If you still wish to file an appeal, property owners may begin with an administrative appeal. Property owners are encouraged to file this appeal as early as possible. **All administrative appeal applications must be postmarked by May 1 or filed online by midnight (EST) of May 1.** No administrative appeals will be accepted after this date. Both non-residential and residential property appeals may be submitted in writing to the Real Estate Division, Department of Tax Administration, but only residential assessment appeals can be initiated [online](#). You can download appeal applications [online](#) or call the DTA office to obtain a copy.

Real estate appeals can also be filed with the Board of Equalization (BOE). The BOE conducts formal hearings and considers sworn testimony. BOE appeal forms are available [online](#) or by calling the BOE office at 703-324-4891 (TTY 711). **By law, all appeals to the BOE must be filed and postmarked by June 1 for this year.** For more information about the real estate assessment appeals process, [click here](#).

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

Stuff the Bus Event in Sully

Saturday, February 29, 2020

10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Chantilly Walmart (4368 Chantilly Shopping Center Drive, Chantilly, VA 20151)

All donations for this event will benefit [WFCM \(Western Fairfax Christian Ministries\)](#).

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Saturday, February 15

Springfield Giant
6426 Springfield Plaza
Springfield, VA 22150
Donation hours 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Benefitting Koinonia Foundation

Herndon Giant
2425 Centreville Road
Village Center at Dulles
Herndon, VA 20171
Donation hours 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Benefitting LINK

Fort Hunt Safeway
7900 Fort Hunt Road
Alexandria, VA 22308
Donation hours 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Benefitting United Community

Join Fairfax County Government, MV Transportation and area grocery stores as we collect food donations to assist the most vulnerable in our community. Each week a Fastran bus will park at a different location and collect food donations to benefit nonprofit food pantries.

Saturday, February 1

Vienna Giant
359 Maple Avenue East
Vienna, VA 22180
Donation hours 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Benefitting CHO (Committee for Helping Others)

McLean Giant
1454 Chain Bridge Road
Chain Bridge Corner
McLean, VA 22101
Donation hours 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Benefitting Share, Inc.

Monday, February 3

Herndon Fresh World
1070 Elden Street
Herndon, VA 20170
Donation hours 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Benefitting Helping Hungry Kids

Saturday, February 8

Annandale Giant
7137 Columbia Pike
Annandale, VA 22003
Donation hours 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Benefitting ACCA (Annandale Christian Community for Action)

Fairfax Walmart
11181 Lee Highway
Fairfax, VA 22031
Donation hours 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Benefitting Britepaths

Falls Church Giant
1230 W. Broad Street
Falls Plaza
Falls Church, VA 22046
Donation hours 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Benefitting Falls Church Community Service Council

Saturday, February 22

Fox Mill Giant
2551 John Milton Drive
Herndon, VA 20171
Donation hours 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Benefitting Helping Hungry Kids

Saturday, February 29

Cardinal Forest Giant
8320 Old Keene Mill Road
Springfield, VA 22152
Donation hours 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Benefitting ECHO (Ecumenical Community Helping Others)

Chantilly Walmart
4368 Chantilly Shopping Center Drive
Chantilly, VA 20151
Donation hours 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Benefitting WFCM (Western Fairfax Christian Ministries)



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For more information on Stuff the Bus, inclement weather arrangements or to request this information in an alternate format, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov, and search "Stuff the Bus," or call 703-222-9764, TTY 711.

Community-wide Energy & Climate Action Plan (CECAP) Focus Group Meeting: Sully District

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Wednesday, March 11, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151) in the McDonnell Room

The Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan (CECAP) Focus Group for the Sully District will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the McDonnell Room at the Sully District Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151).

Fairfax County is developing a Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan (CECAP) to set overall greenhouse gas reduction targets, establish community-wide priorities, and define a set of climate mitigation strategies and actions. The CECAP is designed to be a community-driven plan and will be developed through various means of community engagement. This process is currently projected to conclude around summer of 2021 at which point a final plan will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for adoption.

As the CECAP is developed, each of the nine districts in Fairfax County will be represented by a [Focus Group](#) composed of community members nominated by their Supervisors who have demonstrated interest in energy and climate issues. These Focus Groups will support the development process by commenting on materials and proposals and providing input on behalf of their communities.

The District Focus Groups will submit their comments to the CECAP Task Force which is a group of stakeholders and community leaders who will shape the final plan with the help of public feedback and technical data. The CECAP Task Force is scheduled to conduct around ten meetings throughout the planning process.

All meetings conducted by the CECAP Task Force and District Focus groups are open to be attended by the public. Residents will also have opportunities to provide input at four community meetings and an online survey once a draft of the CECAP has been prepared.

For the latest updates and meeting materials, visit the Fairfax County CECAP website: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/environment-energy-coordination/cecap>.

March Events at Centreville Regional Library

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[CD Scratch Art for Teens](#)

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Summon your inner artist and relax while making art using CDs, acrylic paint, etching tools, and other craft supplies. Etch a design into the painted surface to reveal the colorful layer underneath! Grades 7 to 12. To register, [click here](#).

[AARP Tax Aide](#)

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program offers free, individualized tax preparation for low to moderate income taxpayers - especially those 50 and older. Ages: Adults.

[National Pi Day Family Fun](#)

Saturday, March 14, 2020

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Receive a punch card that is good for up to 8 to 10 activity stations. Upon completion of your Mathnasium punch card, receive a moonpie and a Mathnasium goodie bag. Kids and parents can both participate in the games. Grades: 1 to 6.

[African American Genealogy Special Interest Group](#)

Monday, March 16, 2020

7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Join fellow genealogists researching African American ancestors in this facilitated special interest group. Share your brick wall challenges and research success stories. We will learn from each other. Ages: Adults. To register, [click here](#).

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

March Events at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park

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Feeding Day

Saturday, March 7, 2020

10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Join a naturalist and youth volunteers as they demonstrate how they feed their site display animals. Make a birdfeeder to take home and use. Search for worms and insects and assist in serving dinner. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Ages: 4 and older. Cost: \$8.00 per youth.

Critter Crawl

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Walk with a naturalist and your child as we investigate the critters who make this park their home. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Ages: 2 to 6. Cost: \$7.00 per youth.

Cooking Biscuits

Friday, March 27, 2020

5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Try cooking the old fashioned way over a fire, the way many Virginians before us did. Cook biscuits with jelly and make fresh butter to sample. Learn about the tools and safety required when cooking with open flames. Ages: 4 and older. Cost: \$10 per person.

Amphibians After Dark

Saturday, March 28, 2020

7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Assist park naturalists with a calling amphibian survey. Learn how to identify frogs and toads by their calls as we explore pools and ponds. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. Ages: 7 and older. Cost: \$10 per person.

[Ellanor C. Lawrence Park](#) is located at 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly, VA. For more information about these events, contact 703-631-0013 (TTY 711), or send an email to Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Celebrate Earth Day with the 2020 Parks Poetry Contest

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The Fairfax County Park Authority and the Fairfax County Park Foundation invite students in grades K-8 to enter the 2020 Fairfax Parks Poetry Contest in honor of National Poetry Month in April. This year's theme also celebrates the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. Students are encouraged to share how local parks inspire them to take care of the planet. Poetry contest participants compete for prizes and a chance to read their poems at the Fairfax County 2020 Earth Day Festival in April.

Students in kindergarten through eighth grade may submit original works no longer than one page. They may be handwritten or typed and submitted online or by mail. Parent or sibling help is encouraged. **All entries must be received by 4:00 p.m. EST on March 12, 2020.** For more information or to enter, visit the [Poetry Contest](#) website.

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

Volunteer Opportunity



[Helping Hands Project Individual](#)

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In honor of May being Older Americans Month, Volunteer Solutions' Helping Hands Program links volunteers to Fairfax County older adults who need help maintaining their homes. Assignments may include: de-cluttering, organizing, taking items to donation sites, cleaning, and yard work. This volunteer opportunity is ideal for individuals, groups, sororities, faith groups, youth groups, friends, and families.

Contact:

Volunteer Solutions

703-324-5406

VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov

Comment on WMATA's Proposed FY 2021 Budget



[Metro's proposed FY 2021 budget](#), beginning July 1, 2020, would improve the customer experience and fare options, and manage cost.

It is important that you review these proposals and provide your feedback for Metro's Board of Directors and Management to consider before approving a final budget this spring.

Detailed information about the entire proposed operating and capital budget can be found [online](#).

[Click here](#) to take the survey online and/or to submit written comments. **Comments are due no later than Monday, March 2, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.** Public feedback will be provided to Metro's Board of Directors in April 2020 as part of the final decision-making process. Any Board-approved fare or service changes will begin on or around July 1, 2020.

For more information about WMATA's proposed FY 2021 budget, [click here](#).

Fairfax County Alliance for Human Services: Special Meeting on the FY 2021 Budget

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Thursday, March 12, 2020

7:30 p.m.

Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035)
in Conference Room 8

Deputy County Executive Tisha Deeghan will present a briefing on human services budget issues to members of the [Fairfax County Alliance for Human Services](#) and their colleagues. The March 12 Alliance meeting is your opportunity to find out what is in the budget for human services in preparation for the upcoming Budget Public Hearings. There will be time for questions, comments, and discussion. **All are welcome.**

For more information, contact Lisa Whetzel at lwhetzel@britepaths.org or Marlene Blum at blummw@hotmail.com.

Apply Now for Community Fire and Rescue Academy



Want to learn more about the [Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department](#)? You can now apply to the Community Fire and Rescue Academy (CFRA)! The CFRA is open to persons 18 and older who live in Fairfax County. Each session will cover different aspects of the organization, providing an in-depth overview of the department and its uniformed and civilian workforce. Program topics include: fire suppression, emergency medical services, training, recruitment, special operations, and other interesting topics.

[CFRA Application](#) will be accepted until March 9, 2020. The Academy will begin March 26, 2020, and will meet for eight consecutive Thursdays, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and ends on May 14, 2020. **There is no charge to participants.**

To learn more about the program and to sign up, visit: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fire-ems/cfra>.

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It is important to note the Community Fire and Rescue Academy is a vehicle that provides an overview of, and in-depth look at, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. The Community Fire and Rescue Academy is not intended to train participants as firefighters/EMTs or to assist in an emergency situation.

March Workshops at the Parent Resource Center



Special Education: Understanding the Process and Collaborating with Your School

Friday, March 6, 2020

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Learn about what Special Education is, how children qualify for services, and more. This workshop is for adults only. To register, [click here](#).

Drugs, Alcohol, and Vaping, What Every Parent Needs to Know

Friday, March 20, 2020

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Talking with your teen or young adult can be challenging. Having meaningful, ongoing conversations about drugs and alcohol; however, is key to helping keep your child healthy and safe. This workshop is for adults only. To register, [click here](#).

Launching Your Adolescent into Adulthood

Friday, March 27, 2020

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

This session will provide: 10 tips to help launch your young adult successfully into adulthood, strategies to teach your child "soft" employment, money management, and communication/self-advocacy skills. This workshop is for adults only. To register, [click here](#).

Fitness Activities: A Parent's Guide to Getting Your Child Moving

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Learn fun activities for the whole family to get your child moving while reinforcing a wide range of skills needed to be successful in physical education and recreational pursuits. Participants will receive "A Parent's Guide to Physical Activity, Book 1." This workshop is for adults only. To register, [click here](#).

All workshops will take place at the Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services (2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, VA 22027) Entrance 1 in Room 100.

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All workshops are FREE to parents, educators, and community members. For more information, call 703-204-3941 or visit: <https://www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-center>. Please call to make a request for ADA accommodations. Interpreters are available with at least two weeks' notice.

The Green Column



Fairfax County Collected 366.85 Tons of Household Hazardous Waste in 2019

Fairfax County safely disposed of 366.85 tons (733,699 pounds) of household hazardous waste (HHW) in 2019, 12.5 percent more than was collected in 2018. More than 48,600 residents participated, dropping off consumer products that are toxic, ignitable, corrosive, and/or reactive. Collecting HHW separately from other municipal waste protects the environment by keeping potentially harmful compounds out of landfills and protects the workers who handle this material.

The HHW program disposed of 1,163,500 pounds of latex paint. This total excludes 73,080 pounds of reusable, high quality latex paint donated to Habitat for Humanity, an initiative implemented to support sustainable practices and reduce waste.

The 2019 total does not include nickel-cadmium batteries, nickel-metal hydride batteries, lithium batteries, lithium-ion batteries, mercury batteries, antifreeze, motor oil, ink/toner cartridges, electronics recycling, and cooking oil. The electronics recycling program disposed of 1,474,122.5 pounds of electronics waste and continues to increase participation.

Household hazardous waste is collected at two drop-off sites. Fairfax County residents are encouraged to bring their HHW to drop-off areas located at the [I-66 transfer station on West Ox Road](#), or to the [I-95 landfill complex in Lorton](#).

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

Animal Shelter Spotlight



Meet Sherry Baby!

Sherry Baby knows how to work her way into your heart for sure! She just looks up at you with those sweet brown eyes and hang-dog expression, and you're hooked! She came to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter as a stray and shelter staff love her! She's calm and cuddly and is quick to give you kisses. She enjoys using her nose to explore, but they are pretty sure she's just looking for discarded snacks because she LOVES food! She's a senior girl, so she's got some old lady lumps and bumps and is a little stiff in the hips. But that doesn't make her any less lovable! In fact, that makes them love her even more! They can't wait to find her a happy retirement home where she can relax the day away and be treated like the princess that she is! Could that be with you?

For more information about Sherry Baby, click the link above or contact the [Fairfax County Animal Shelter](#) at 703-830-1100 or by email at AnimalShelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.