



March 13, 2020

A Message from Kathy Smith

Read below for the latest information on the COVID-19 situation in Fairfax County. You can also check the following websites for updated information:

- Fairfax County Health Department (<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/novel-coronavirus>)
- Fairfax County Public Schools (<https://www.fcps.edu/news/coronavirus-update>)
- Virginia Department of Health (<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/surveillance-and-investigation/novel-coronavirus/>)
- Center for Disease Control (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>)

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) are closed today, March 13 and Monday, March 16, 2020. FCPS will be providing emergency grab and go lunches at no cost for students at five sites **today and Monday, March 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** School-age students are welcome to come to any of the five sites, including **London Towne Elementary School** (6100 Stone Road, Centreville, VA) to pick up a lunch during that time period. **All meals are available at no cost to children 18 years and under.** Adult lunches are available for purchase for \$2.

The Teen Job Fair at Chantilly High School scheduled for tomorrow, March 14 has been cancelled. The events below are still scheduled to occur at the time of publication of this newsletter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kathy'.

Reminders!

CANCELLED - Fairfax County 2020 Teen Job Fairs:

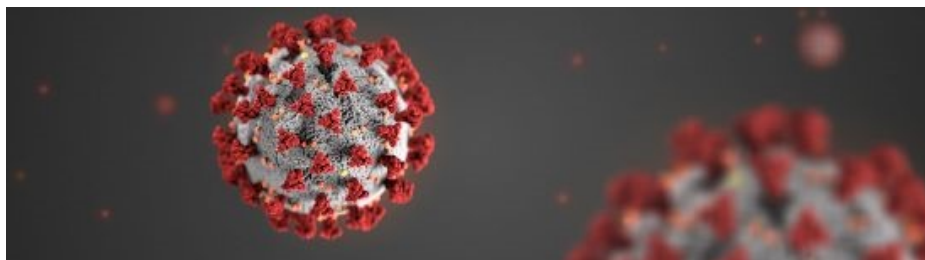
Saturday, March 14, 2020

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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

This event has been cancelled.

Coronavirus Disease Update



Update as of Friday, March 13, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

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).

Fairfax County Health Director Dr. Gloria Addo-Ayensu and Director of Epidemiology Dr. Benjamin Schwartz provided an update on COVID-19 to the Board of Supervisors at its meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. [Click here](#) to watch their presentation.

Stay Up-to-Date on COVID-19:

Visit the [Health Department's COVID-19 webpage](#) or [FAQs page](#).

Sign up for text message alerts. Text FFXCOVID to 888777 or [sign up by text/email](#).

Call 703-267-3511. Monday-Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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CORONAVIRUS
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STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS IN FAIRFAX COUNTY, VA

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue,
then throw the tissue
in the trash.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect frequently
touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick,
except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap
and water for at least 20 seconds.



For more information, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health
or email us at health@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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COVID
ENFERMEDAD DEL
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DETENGA LA PROPAGACIÓN DE LOS MICROBIOS EN EL CONDADO DE FAIRFAX

Ayude a prevenir la propagación de virus respiratorios como el nuevo COVID-19.

Evite el contacto cercano con las personas enfermas.



Cúbrase la nariz y la boca con un pañuelo
desechable al toser o estornudar
y luego bótelo a la basura.



Evite tocarse los ojos, la nariz y la boca.



Limpie y desinfecte los objetos y las
superficies que se tocan frecuentemente.



Quédese en casa si está enfermo,
excepto para buscar atención médica.



Lávese las manos frecuentemente
con agua y jabón por al menos
20 segundos.



Para obtener más información, vaya a www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health envíenos
un correo o electrónico a health@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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Move Your Way Day

Move Your WaySM Day

Saturday, March 14, 2020 | 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.



Join us at the RECenter to get moving!

Free admission* to the RECenter with your "Move Your WaySM Day" pass or this flyer! Check out our fitness room, get a tour of the RECenter, or try a class. Plus, you could win a fitness tracker!

Walk. Run. Dance. Play. What's your move?

Move Your WaySM Day event schedules for each RECenter can be found online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/healthy-strides.

You know you need physical activity to stay healthy.
But did you know it can help you feel better right away?



Boost your mood



Sharpen your focus



Reduce your stress



Improve your sleep



Move Your Way Day PassSM

Saturday, March 14, 2020 | 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Present this for **FREE RECenter admission*** with access to classes, activities and giveaways. For participating locations and schedule: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/healthy-strides.



For Inclusion and ADA Support contact (703) 324-8727, TTY Va. Relay 711.

*Offer valid from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Saturday, March 14 only.

*Move Your WaySM is a service mark of the Department of Health and Human Services. Used with permission.

*Free RECenter admission offer valid from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Saturday, March 14 only. Please show this flyer or a Move Your WaySM Day pass to gain admission.

Participating locations:

Audrey Moore RECenter	Annandale
Cub Run RECenter	Chantilly
Lee District RECenter	Franconia
Mount Vernon RECenter	Alexandria
Oak Marr RECenter	Oakton
Providence RECenter	Falls Church
South Run RECenter	Springfield
Spring Hill RECenter	McLean

Learn more about special membership options for this event only.
New members only. See RECenter for details.



Fairfax County Park Authority
RECenters



For Inclusion and ADA Support contact (703) 324-8727, TTY Va. Relay 711.

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Public Input Sought on Preferred Plan for Herndon-Reston Silver Line Bus Service



Wednesday, April 1, 2020

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

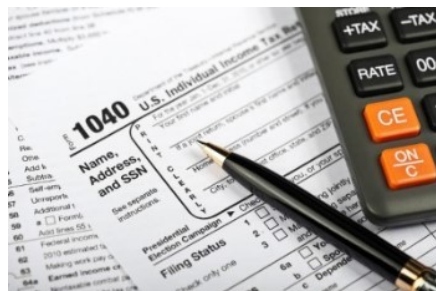
Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151) in the McDonnell Room

[Fairfax County Department of Transportation \(FCDOT\)](#) will hold a third round of community meetings and engagement opportunities to encourage public input on the preferred plan to provide enhanced [Fairfax Connector](#) bus service in the Reston and Herndon areas, including connections to the [future Metrorail Silver Line Phase 2 stations in Herndon and Reston](#). After this final round of community input meetings, FCDOT will finalize the preferred plan based on public feedback and technical analysis and take to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Residents are encouraged to provide input on the service plan by completing an [online survey](#). **The survey will be open March 16 - April 16, 2020.** Comments can also be mailed to Fairfax County Department of Transportation, 4050 Legato Road, Suite 400, Fairfax, VA 22033.

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

Resources Available to Help You During Tax Season



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Tax season is here. Navigating the rules, revisions, and timelines of local, state, and federal taxes can be daunting for many, but we are here to help you get the best outcome. Fairfax County offers several free county resources that can help you conquer those taxes.

Tax Relief Workshops:

The Board of Supervisors hosts [a series of free tax relief workshops](#) each year at locations throughout the county. Real estate tax relief is available for older adults and people with disabilities who meet certain qualifications. You may also be eligible for car tax relief or tax relief for renters. County staff from the Department of Tax Administration will be on hand to assist with filling out the application forms and to answer questions. To learn more about tax relief in Fairfax County, [click here](#).

Free Income Tax Preparation:

The [Volunteer Income Tax Assistance](#) (VITA) program offers free tax preparation assistance to individuals and families who earned \$56,000 or less in 2019. IRA trained and certified volunteers are available at [15 sites](#) throughout Northern Virginia.

[County Library branches also host the AARP Foundation Tax Aide Program](#), which provides free help in preparing and filing state and federal income tax returns. Offered in cooperation with the IRS, the Tax Aide Program provides free tax assistance services for low- and middle-income taxpayers, with special attention given to those age 50 and over.

Additional Tax Information:

Doing your taxes can be overwhelming. Our [Consumer Affairs](#) team has a number of free information resources to help.

- [Preparing for the Tax Season](#)
- [Tips for Choosing a Tax Preparer](#)

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

Tax Relief Workshop in Sully



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The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will host a series of free tax relief workshops at several locations throughout the county. Real estate and vehicle (personal property) tax relief is available for older adults over 65 years of age and people with disabilities who meet certain qualifications. Staff from the Fairfax County [Department of Transportation](#) (DTA) will be at the workshop to assist with filling out the application form, as well as answering questions. No appointment necessary.

Sully District:

Thursday, March 26, 2020

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

[Click here](#) for the full schedule of workshops. For more information, visit: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/taxes/relief/tax-relief-seniors-people-with-disabilities>, or call 703-222-8234 (TTY 711).

Community Conversation About the Proposed Strategic Plan



Tuesday, March 31, 2020

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Ox Hill Baptist Church (4101 Elmwood Street, Chantilly, VA 20151)

Fairfax County is proposing its first-ever [countywide strategic plan](#) and we want to hear from you. Join us to share your comments and ideas about the proposed plan to help further shape and identify the future of the county together. To register for the community meeting in the Sully District, [click here](#). For the full schedule of community meetings, [click here](#). Admission is free.

Need assistance in order to attend? Arrangements for child care, transportation assistance, interpretation services, and reasonable ADA accommodations can be made by calling Angela Jones at 703-324-5302, TTY 711, or by emailing NCS@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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Arreglos para el cuidado de niños, asistencia de transporte, servicios de interprete, y acomodaciones razonables de la ley de Americanos con Discapacidad (ADA) pueden ser hechos llamando a Angela Jones al 703-324-5302, TTY 711, o mandando correo electrónico a NCS@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Dominion Energy: Pleasant Valley Compressor Station



[Dominion Energy](#) operates a natural gas compressor station on Bull Run Post Office Road in Fairfax County. The company has established the following e-mail address to provide information about planned and unplanned events at the station: PVCompressorStation@dominionenergy.com

If you would like to receive notifications, please send your e-mail address to: PVCompressorStation@dominionenergy.com

This e-mail address will only be used to provide information about the Pleasant Valley Compressor Station.

Fairfax County C-PACE Workshop

FAIRFAX COUNTY

C-PACE PROGRAM

Innovative financing for commercial building sustainability and resiliency improvements, with little or no up-front cost

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Wednesday, March 25, 2020

3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035) in Conference Rooms 2/3

Join us for the first Fairfax County C-PACE Workshop! Capital providers, property owners, contractors, and community members welcome!

Hosted by the [Virginia PACE Authority](#), the county's C-PACE program administrator, the workshop is a unique opportunity to see how C-PACE can benefit your business or property. Opportunity Virginia will be giving a brief overview of how C-PACE and Opportunity Zones can work together!

Agenda:

- 3:00 to 3:20 p.m. - Registration and networking
- 3:20 to 3:25 p.m. - Remarks by Bryan Hill, Fairfax County Executive
- 3:25 to 3:30 p.m. - Remarks by Fairfax County staff
- 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. - Introduction to C-PACE financing
- 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. - Technical Training
- 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. - Q & A and Closing Remarks

Admission is free. To register for the event, and for more information, [click here](#).

Get a FREE Ride Home on St. Patrick's Day with SoberRide



Activate Fairfax Seeks Proposals to Transform Vacant Building into a Creative Space



As part of an effort to support entrepreneurship and create vibrant places, Fairfax County is looking for ideas to re-purpose the former Container Store at 8508 Leesburg Pike in Tysons. The site, located at the Spring Hill Metro station, is owned by the county.

This project, [“Activate Fairfax: 8508 Uncontained,”](#) is the inaugural pilot of the Department of Economic Initiatives (DEI) new program, Activate Fairfax, which aims to transform vacant commercial spaces into economic development destinations.

DEI seeks concepts and an operator to program the space to boost innovation and entrepreneurship, demonstrate creative placemaking and feature the Made in Fairfax Network.

Fairfax County purchased the Container Store property in 2019 to facilitate a future road improvement. In advance of that, for the next several years the vacant storefront will be used to further the county’s economic development initiatives.

Proposals should illustrate how the respondent intends to develop, implement, manage and market an activation program. **Responses will be accepted until April 20, 2020.**

For more information about the request for interest or the Made in Fairfax Network, visit the [Activate Fairfax webpage](#) or contact the Department of Economic Initiatives at 703-324-5171, TTY 711.

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

County Conversation Podcast: Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences

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The County Conversation is a podcast featuring employees and subject matter experts from the Fairfax County Government discussing programs, services, and items of interest to residents of Fairfax County.

On this edition of the conversation, host Jim Person talks with Marla Zometsky, Wellness, Health Promotion and Prevention Manager with the [Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board](#), about building resilient communities and understanding adverse childhood experiences.

To listen to this podcast, [click here](#).

The Green Column



Transitioning Yard Waste Out of Plastic Bags

Key Points:

- Plastic bag pieces often end up in processed compost and back into the environment.
- Residents encouraged to use paper bags or marked containers during this transition year.
- Fairfax County joins seven D.C.-area jurisdictions that already discourage/prohibit plastic bags for yard waste.

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Plastic is not always fantastic, especially for yard waste.

Fairfax County has begun phasing out the use of plastic bags for yard waste collection; 2020 will be a transition year. This decision aligns with the [county's environmental vision](#) and was made to reduce the amount of plastic in our natural environment. We will join seven neighboring jurisdictions in the Washington, D.C., Metro Area that already discourage or prohibit the use of plastic bags for yard waste.

Yard waste collection season runs from March through December. When yard waste – brush, leaves, and grass – is processed into compost, small pieces of shredded plastic end up in the organic material applied in gardens, yards and capital improvement projects. Even the best screening systems don't remove all the plastic shreds. For more information, visit [Transition from Plastic Bags for Yard Waste Collection FAQs](#). Send questions or concerns to recycling@fairfaxcounty.gov, or call 703-324-5230 (TTY 711).

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

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Harmony!

Would you like to introduce a little Harmony into your home? Or maybe a lot of Harmony? Meet Harmony! He is a 100 pound, 7 year old angel who has the sweetest disposition and excellent manners! When he was found as a stray, he was severely matted, underweight, and a bit scared. The Fairfax County Animal Shelter sent him to a foster home to give him a break while they tried to find his owner, and this is what his foster had to say:

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"Harmony is exceptional! This boy wants nothing more than to be near his people and please as best he can. With big pups comes a little bit (understatement) of slobber--we had a ready supply of paper towels in our kitchen and living room. Harm spent 2 months with 2 cats and another dog and did really well. He initially showed interest in the cats but after a few days he paid them very little attention. He will play but may not fully understand that strength in his jaws--he does back down when given a stern NO. Harmony is food motivated. He is not a counter surfer --although it would be incredibly easy for him to be. He will, however, be at your side monitoring your every move. Harm is housebroken. He will sit and whine in front of you when he must go. Harm does well on walks. He is nearly perfect on a leash but can be a little leery of runners and bicyclists. He likes his walks, but he can become a little tired after about 30 minutes. If you are looking for 100 pounds of pure awesomeness--look no further than this amazing boy."

Are you looking for a shadow companion who wants nothing more than to be by your side? Come visit Harmony!

For more information about Harmony, contact the [Fairfax County Animal Shelter](#) at 703-830-1100 or send an email to AnimalShelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.
