

July 17, 2020

# A Message from Kathy Smith

The Board of Supervisors will meet starting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 for Board Committee meetings. These meetings will be aired live on Channel 16 and <u>streamed online</u>. Following the meetings, you may view them <u>on demand</u> online. Live audio of the meeting is available by dialing 703-324-5300.

#### **Board Committee Meetings Schedule for July 21, 2020:**

- 9:30 a.m. Economic Advisory Commission
- 11:00 a.m. Environmental Committee
- 1:30 p.m. Public Safety Committee
- 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Land Use Policy Committee

Click on the links above to view meeting materials, including the agenda and presentations, for each Board Committee meeting. Please note that meeting materials will be posted as they are received.

#### <u>Fairfax County Increases Funding for Fairfax RISE: Small Business and Nonprofit Relief</u> <u>Grant Program:</u>

- The Fairfax County <u>Board of Supervisors</u> voted on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 to add \$20 million in funding to the Fairfax Relief Initiative to Support Employers (RISE) program.
- <u>Fairfax RISE</u> assists small businesses and nonprofits affected by CÓVID-19. The additional funding will come from the county's portion of federal CARES Act funds.
- At this time no new applications will be accepted. All grants will be offered to the initial applicants who applied, but were unable to be funded due to the volume of requests.
- To read the full article, <u>click here</u>.

### Fairfax County Seeks Public Input on Proposed Modernized Zoning Ordinance:

- Following more than two years of effort, Fairfax County has released a <u>consolidated</u> <u>draft</u> for a proposed new and <u>modernized Zoning Ordinance (zMOD)</u>.
- The county is seeking public input on this draft as it is refined for the Board to consider adopting this winter. Residents can submit their comments by email.

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- Join an upcoming virtual meeting where county staff and consultant Clarion Associates will present an overview of the draft:
  - \*Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. Board of Supervisors Land Use Policy Committee.
  - \*Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. zMOD Community Outreach Meeting (electronic presentation, via WebEx).
  - \*Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. Planning Commission Land Use Process Review Committee.
- To read the full article, click here.

#### <u>Fairfax County to Offer 14 Satellite Absentee Voting Locations for the November 2020</u> <u>Election:</u>

- In anticipation of a high voter turnout, Fairfax County will offer 14 satellite locations for in-person absentee voting for the Nov. 3, general election.
- The 14 satellite locations will be open for in-person absentee voting starting October 14, 2020. The Sully District locations include: Centreville Regional Library (14200 Saint Germain Drive, Centreville, VA) and Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA).
- To read the full article, click here.

#### Virtual Wonders Helps Parents, Teachers Connect Kids and Nature:

- Join the <u>Fairfax County Park Authority</u> for an online adventure! Learn how to safely share the joy of nature through fun facts and direct engagement opportunities with Zoom trainings hosted by Fairfax County Park Authority experts.
- Registration for Natural Wonders and Your Preschooler is \$6 per person at <a href="Parktakes">Parktakes</a> Online (under location, select "Virtual FCPA").
- For more information, call 703-941-1065, email <u>suzanne.holland@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>, or click here.

#### **Subscribe to Visit Fairfax's "Locals" E-Newsletter:**

<u>Visit Fairfax</u>, Fairfax County's tourism voice, has launched an e-newsletter with up to date information on fun activities and re-openings available here in the county. To subscribe to the "Locals" newsletter, click here.

Sincerely,

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**Volunteer Opportunities** 



## **Coronavirus Column**

Important reminders as Phase 3 continues in Fairfax County:



Staying Safe at an Event or Gathering During COVID-19:

Staying home continues to be the safest option; however, if you decide to plan or attend an event, take the following precautions:

- What to consider when deciding to attend an event:
  - \*Time and Numbers the more people you interact with, and the longer that interaction lasts, the higher the risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19
  - \*Social Distancing the closer you are to other people, the greater your risk of getting sick
- Planning an event? Here's what to consider:
  - \*Assign a Contact designate someone to be responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns
  - \*Set Attendance Criteria one should not attend if they have symptoms, exposure, or a positive test for COVID-19 within 14 days
  - \*Have a Plan monitor for symptoms and establish procedures for safety transporting and isolating those who had close contact to any symptomatic attendees
  - \*Follow social distance guidelines and utilize larger outdoor spaces as much as possible
- Health Etiquette
  - \*Wear face coverings and wash hands
  - \*Avoid physical contact and sharing and maintain physical distancing
- For more information on staying safe at gatherings, click here.

#### Is It Safe to Go to the Pool or Beach?:

Staying home is the safest policy. But, if you are thinking about hitting the water, the CDC has guidance for visiting beaches and pools to reduce your risk of getting sick or spreading COVID-19.

- Before You Go -
  - \*Stay home if you have symptoms, exposure, or a positive test for COVID-19 within 14 days
  - \*Pack Face coverings, hand sanitizer, and disinfectant wipes
  - \*Check travel guidelines
- While You Are There -
  - \*Social distance In and out of water, remain at least 10 feet away from others per <u>Virginia pool guidelines</u>
  - \*Wear face coverings when you are out of water
  - \*Wash your hands and avoid sharing items with others

#### Ways to Help Those Impacted by the Coronavirus:

- Office for Children Childcare Program The Office for Children is seeking donations to support healthy hygiene practices for children and clean childcare environments. Supplies needed include soap, paper towels, and diapers. <u>Click here</u> for more information.
- Cloth Face Mask Donations Needed Drop Boxes located at all Fairfax County Police Stations. Drop off anytime, day or night. Find a location near you.
- **Donate Blood** The American Red Cross is seeing a shortage in blood donations. There is no evidence that the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) can be transmitted through blood. Eligible donors are urged to make an appointment to provide blood. To make your appointment, <u>click here</u>.

#### **Ways to Stay Informed:**

- **PHONE** 703-267-3511 for the Health Department Call Center, open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends.
- **TEXT** FFXCOVID to 888777 to receive updates from Fairfax County about COVID-19.

- EMAIL questions or concerns to ffxcovid@fairfaxcounty.gov.
- **ON THE WEB** Learn more about COVID-19 on the <u>Health Department Coronavirus</u> (COVID-19) Webpage or FAQ page.
- **SOCIAL MEDIA** <u>Fairfax County Government Facebook Page</u> and <u>Health Department Facebook Page</u>. Follow <u>@fairfaxcounty and @fairfaxhealth</u> on Twitter.

### The Green Column



# **Monthly CECAP Update: July 2020**

Staff supporting the <u>Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan (CECAP)</u> have been focused on scheduling and logistics for upcoming meetings of both the Focus Groups and the Task Force. Each of the nine district-level Focus Groups will meet virtually in the coming weeks to discuss the materials posted in late March and to provide input for the goal setting process the Task Force will undertake at its July 29 virtual meeting.

In addition to setting and preparing for these meetings, CECAP staff have been actively developing the public outreach component of the planning process, which will include public meetings. More information will be made available in the coming weeks.

To read the full CECAP update for July 2020, click here.

## **Animal Shelter Corner**



## **Meet Milo!**

Milo is a young, smart, energetic cat who needs a lot of attention! Milo needs a home with no young children, and hopefully some supervised time outdoors. He was surrendered to the shelter because he was getting stressed by the newly-mobile child in the home. His previous owner said he likes to follow you around the house and loves to be carried like a baby.

If you are interested in adopting Milo, send in a completed adoption questionnaire! All adoption info, steps, and forms can be found online.

## **Reminders!**

VDOT Seeks Input on Route 28 and Dulles Toll Road/Greenway Interchange Study:

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) invites the public to learn more about and provide input on traffic operations and safety improvements being evaluated as part of a study to improve the Route 28 and Dulles Toll Road/Dulles Greenway interchange area. Interested residents and travelers are encouraged to view the online presentation, review supporting materials and maps, and provide input by completing an online survey by August 2, 2020. Study details, the presentation, and online survey are available on the project webpage.

#### **Census 2020:**

Have you filled out the 2020 Census? It's not too late! Fairfax County's Census 2020 response rate is at 75.8%, but let's push to reach 100%. Your answers to the Census are kept strictly confidential. Visit <a href="may2020census.gov">my2020census.gov</a> to begin.