

# Sull-E Newsletter



August 28, 2020

## A Message from Kathy Smith

This past Wednesday, August 26, was Women's Equality Day which marked the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving women the right to vote.

While we commemorate this day it is important to remember that the 19th Amendment did not guarantee voting rights for all women. Native Americans did not gain the right to vote until 1924, for Asian/Pacific Islander Americans it was 1952, African Americans and Latin Americans suffered from voter suppression until the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and 1975, and voter suppression still targets marginalized communities to this day.

We continue the fight for equality today, most recently by ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment on January 27, 2020. Virginia was the 38th and final state to ratify the ERA, which meets the threshold required to make it a new amendment to the Constitution. Additionally, the Lucy Burns Museum opened this year at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton. The museum showcases the history of the prison and the story of the suffragists that were imprisoned there in 1917.

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### **The U.S. Faces a Critical Blood Shortage. Donate Now!:**

- In the U.S., every two seconds someone needs blood or platelets. I encourage you to give now to help ensure blood is available for patients in need. All blood types are urgently needed
- Donation centers and blood drives are using the latest COVID-19 precautions to keep donors and team members safe. The FDA has stated that COVID-19 is not considered to be transmitted via blood.
- **Donate Now:**
  - \*[American Red Cross](#) - To schedule an appointment to donate, use the free Blood Donor App, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).
  - \*[Inova Blood Donor Services](#) - [Click here to make an appointment](#) using their online scheduling tool, or feel free to call [1-866-256-6372](tel:1-866-256-6372). You can donate whole blood, double red cells, plasma and platelets. To find out what type of donation is best for you, visit [Ideal Donation for Your Blood Type](#).
  - \*[Donor Center Locations:](#)
    - \***CentreMed Donor Center** (6201 Centreville Road, Centreville, VA 20121)
    - \***Dulles Donor Center** (45745 Nokes Boulevard #160, Sterling, VA 20166)

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### **Real Estate Taxes are Due Today, August 28, 2020:**

- The first installment of 2020 [real estate taxes](#) is **due today, Friday, August 28, 2020.**
- [Pay online](#) - E-checks are a free, quick and easy way to pay. [Other payment options are available](#), but they may involve service fees.
- Bills were mailed to homeowners in July, and **you will need this year's stub number from your real estate tax bill to pay online.**
- The Aug. 28 due date applies to homeowners who pay their real estate taxes directly to the county. However, many homeowners pay their real estate taxes as part of a monthly mortgage payment. The mortgage company then sends the taxes directly to Fairfax County. Contact your mortgage company if you have questions.
- For questions or help, including to get your stub number, contact the Department of Tax Administration at 703-222-8234, TTY 711, on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### **Stuff the Bus Events:**

- The COVID-19 pandemic has increased the need for food in our area, so Stuff the Bus is working to respond to the demand.
- On **Saturday, September 12 and Saturday, September 26**, Fastran buses will be parked at the 21 locations listed below from **10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** to collect food donations. [Details](#)
  - **Sully Locations:**
    - \*Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151)
    - \*Centreville Regional Library (14200 Saint Germain Drive, Centreville, VA 20121)

### **Fairfax County Livestream Concerts Close Out Summer in Style:**

- The Park Authority's virtual summer concert series approaches the finish line with several great performances. [Details](#)
- The concerts are [broadcast live via Facebook](#) each Thursday through Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. Arts in the Parks shows for children livestream on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m.
- **Virtual Concert Schedule:**
  - \*Friday, August 28, 2020 - [Veronneau](#) (World Jazz)
  - \*Saturday morning, August 29, 2020 - [Billy B.](#) (Children's show)
  - \*Sunday, August 30, 2020 - [The Don Juans](#) (Folk)

### **Fairfax County Office of Elections is Seeking Individuals to Help with Absentee Voting for the Nov. 2020 Election:**

- To be considered, [complete this form](#) as soon as possible. Candidates will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis. Pay is approximately \$14/hour.
- For all positions, you are hired as a seasonal employee, paid hourly, and must go through a background check including fingerprinting.
- **Available Opportunities:**
  - \***In-Person Absentee Voting at Satellite Locations** (about 40 people needed)
  - \***Processing mailed absentee ballots** (about 200 people needed)
  - \***Other Office Opportunities** (limited people needed) - Tasks may include preparing election supplies and materials, data entry, and other tasks as needed.
- For more information, [click here](#).

### **Commission for Women Seeks Student Commissioner:**

- The [Commission for Women](#) (CFW) is seeking a college or high school student interested in serving on the Commission for one or two school terms beginning in the 2020 academic year. [Details](#)
- The student commissioner will serve as a voting member, aid the Commission in gaining perspective on issues facing young women, and serve as a conduit of information to peer groups and student organizations.
- **Application deadline is Wednesday, September 30, 2020.**
- For questions, contact [Mery Juarez](#).

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### **Be Safer with Kid Smartz:**

- Join Sully District's Community Outreach Officer Meg Hawkins for a **Kids Personal Safety Presentation on Monday, August 31, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.** (both presentations are the same).
- Sully District Station is offering a virtual KidSmartz Personal Safety Presentations for children in kindergarten through 5th grade. We recommend parents participate with their children.
- **Register in advance for either presentation:**
  - \*11:00 a.m. - <http://bit.ly/aug3111am>
  - \*2:00 p.m. - <http://bit.ly/aug312pm>

### **Office for Children - Webinar Series for Childcare Providers:**

- The Office for Children and Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) are hosting a three-part webinar series for childcare providers to learn how to support FCPS students with their online learning. This series will be offered in English and Spanish. **Registration is required.**
- **Webinar Schedule:**
  - **Session 1: Creating a Safe and Productive Learning Environment -**
    - \*[English session](#): Saturday, August 29, 9-10 a.m.,
    - \*[Spanish session](#): Saturday, August 29, 11 a.m.-noon,
  - **Session 2: Supporting Students to Use Blackboard Collaborate Ultra and Schoology -**
    - \*[English session](#): Monday, August 31, 7-8 p.m.,
    - \*[Spanish session](#): Tuesday, September 1, 7- 8 p.m.,
  - **Session 3: Supporting Students to Use Google Classroom and Google Meet -**
    - \*[English session](#): Wednesday, September 2, 7- 8 p.m.,
    - \*[Spanish session](#): Thursday, September 3, 7-8 p.m.,

Sincerely,

*Kathy*

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## **Transportation News**



### **VDOT - Installation of I-66 Bridge Beams Over Rt. 29 in Centreville Continues This Weekend, Aug. 28-31; Rt. 29 Reduced to Two Lanes Under I-66:**

- Installation of bridge beams for the new I-66 bridges over Rt. 29 in Centreville continues this weekend and will require reducing Rt. 29 under I-66 to a single travel lane in each direction **starting at 9 p.m. Friday, August 28, continuing through 5 a.m. Monday, August 31.** [Details](#)

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**VDOT - Extended Single-Lane Closure on Bull Run Drive Over I-66 in Centreville for Bridge Inspection and Repair Work:**

- Bull Run Drive northbound and southbound traffic will be flagged with alternating travel in a single lane over I-66 until a temporary traffic signal is put in place to direct traffic. **This temporary traffic pattern will remain in place until necessary repairs are completed.** [Details](#)

**VDOT - Fox Mill Road Closure in Oakton Extended:**

- Fox Mill Road (Route 665) between Bronzedale Drive and Hunt Road will be closed to through traffic (weather permitting) **Monday, August 31, 2020 and Tuesday, September 1 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.** each day for related ditching and stone work. [Details](#)

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## Ellanor C. Lawrence Park: Request Your Own Family Outdoor Exploration



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**Program Details**

- \$40 for 1 hour, with your family, up to 9 people.
- **Programs are entirely outdoors.**
- Bring a water bottle, bug spray & sunblock.
- There may not be bathrooms available.
- Programs must be reserved at least 2 weeks in advance & depend on staff availability.
- Leader will contact you with more info once scheduled.

Walney Visitor Center  
5040 Walney Road  
Chantilly, VA 20151  
Phone: 703-631-0013  
[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ellanorc](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ellanorc)



Get your family into the great outdoors with a personalized naturalist or historian led program.

Choose from the following or pick your own topic!

- Nature Walks: Birds, Plants or Animals of the Forest
- Exploration of the Stream or Pond
- Historic Ice Cream
- Historic Walking Tours: All Walney Residents or Choices and Struggles of the Machens

**Make your request today!**  
**Call us at (703) 631-0013**



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To request reasonable ADA accommodations, call 703-324-8563, TTY 711, at least 10 working days in advance of the event.

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# Coronavirus Column

Important reminders to keep yourself and others safe:



## FREE COVID-19 Testing Offered Every Tuesday:

- In partnership with the Centreville Labor Resource Center, Healthworks for Northern Virginia is offering FREE COVID-19 testing **every Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for walk-ins and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. by appointment only.** Location: 5944 Centreville Crest Lane, Centreville, VA.
- **Testing is available to everyone**, and you do not need to have symptoms to request a test.
- To make an appointment call 703-443-2000, select option #1.

## Have You Downloaded the COVIDWISE App Yet?:

- [COVIDWISE](#) is a free notification app that will alert users if they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- No location data or personal information is ever collected, stored, tracked, or transmitted to the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) as part of the app.
- To learn more about COVIDWISE, and to download the app, visit [www.covidwise.org](http://www.covidwise.org).

## Managing Stress and Promoting Positive Mental Health During COVID-19 Quarantine:

- **5 Tips to Promote Positive Mental Health:**
  1. Engage in self-enhancing activities.
  2. Limit exposure to news about the pandemic.
  3. Exercise regularly and get plenty of sleep.
  4. Invest time in relationships.
  5. Embrace the gifts around you.
- [Click here](#) for resources that can help you and your family learn about and manage stress during this challenging time.

## Help is Still Needed:

- **The Office for Children** continues to seek donations to support childcare programs in providing critical services to children and families.
  - \*Essential cleaning supplies are needed, including hand soap, paper towels, disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer. [Click here](#) for more information.
- **Face Covering Donations** - Smaller face coverings for kids are also needed. Cloth face masks of any size can be donated to community members in need at Fairfax County Police Stations. Drop off any time, day or night. [Find a location near you.](#)

## Ways to Stay Informed:

- Call our Health Department Call Center at 703-267-3511 with Coronavirus questions; open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends.

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- Text FFXCOVID to 888777 to receive updates from Fairfax County about COVID-19.
  - Email questions or concerns to [ffxcovid@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:ffxcovid@fairfaxcounty.gov). This email account is staffed Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. through 6 p.m.
  - Visit a [web portal for coronavirus](#) that serves as a one-stop online resource for information.
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## The Green Column



### ESG Explained

Acronyms abound in the sustainability space: CSR (corporate social responsibility), RECs (renewable energy credits), SDGs (sustainable development goals), the list goes on. There is one acronym that is increasingly used in business circles to describe a company's sustainability profile: ESG. The term, environmental, social, and governance (ESG), is most often used in relation to investments, but can be relevant to conversations about business operations, strategy, and marketing as well.

[Click here](#) to read the full article.

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## Animal Shelter Corner



### [Meet Penny!](#)

Penny is a very nice cat! She's 9 and has quite a well-rounded portfolio. She's friendly with people she knows, including kids, and sometimes even with visitors. She was even friendly with the dog in the home! Penny also uses her litter box like a champ.

If you are interested in adopting Penny, send in a completed adoption questionnaire! All adoption info, steps, and forms can be found [online](#).

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# Reminders!

## **2020 Census:**

Enumerators (census takers) will be visiting households that have not yet responded to help collect Census information in a fast, safe, and confidential way. Field data collection will end on September 30, 2020. Households can still complete the [2020 Census](#) online, by phone at 844-330-2020 (TTY 711) or by completing the paper survey received in the mail. **The Census Bureau does not disclose any personal information.** [Details](#)

## **Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan (CECAP) - Virtual Public Meetings & Survey:**

Fairfax County is developing its first-ever [Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan \(CECAP\)](#) and your input is needed!

- [Join the virtual public meeting on September 1, 2020 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM](#)
- [Join the virtual public meeting on September 2, 2020 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM](#)
- [Take the CECAP public survey \(available from August 27 – September 13\)](#)