



A message from Kathy Smith



This past Tuesday, the Fairfax County Police Department's motor squad, Santa, Mrs. Claus, Rudolph, and Frosty spent the day spreading holiday cheer across the county, including a visit to the Government Center (pictured above). The Santa's Ride event distributes donated gifts to children at Fairfax Hospital, Georgetown Lombardi Cancer Center, and to other children in need in our community.

Sincerely,

Kathy

Reminders!

Park Authority Dog Park Study:

The Fairfax County Park Authority is conducting an in-depth study of Off-Leash Dog Areas (i.e. dog parks) in Fairfax County. The community is asked to share its insights through the project's public survey. **The survey will be open through December 15, 2019** and is available on the project's website at [Dog Park Study](#). Comments on the study will be received by the Park Authority until December 15, 2019. Written comments should be directed to Project Manager Adam Wynn, Planning & Development Division, Fairfax County Park Authority, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 406, Fairfax, VA 22035. Email comments may be sent to: Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Oath of Office Ceremony:

Date: Monday, December 16, 2019

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035) in the forum

Local officials, including: 10 members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the sheriff, commonwealth's attorney, and the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District directors will take their oath of office in the Government Center forum on Monday, December 16, 2019. You are welcome to attend a reception that begins at 5:00 p.m., followed by the ceremony at 6:00 p.m. All local elected officials will take office on January 1, 2020.

DMV 2 Go at the Sully Governmental Center:

Date: Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151) in the parking lot

The handicapped accessible full service office-on-wheels is equipped to process all DMV transactions. **Customers visiting DMV 2 Go are served on a first come, first served basis.** Appointments are not available.

Fairfax Connector Reston-Herndon Bus Service Online Survey Extended to December 27, 2019:

Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) has extended the Fairfax Connector Reston-Herndon bus service online survey **until December 27, 2019**. Residents may provide input on the service alternatives by completing the survey at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/herndon-reston-service-review>. Comments can also be mailed to FCDOT, 4050 Legato Road, Suite 400, Fairfax, VA 22033.

Volunteer as a Sully District Appointee!

VOLUNTEER IN SULLY DISTRICT

BOARDS, AUTHORITIES & COMMISSIONS

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs

Are you, or someone you know, interested in volunteering as a Sully District appointee? The Sully district currently has three vacancies for which we are considering candidates.

If you are interested in serving on a BAC, please contact the Sully District office at sully@fairfaxcounty.gov, or by phone at 703-814-7100. Please be prepared to provide a current résumé.

CURRENT VACANCIES INCLUDE



**Animal
Services
Advisory
Commission**



**Architectural
Review
Board**



**Chesapeake Bay
Preservation
Ordinance
Exception Review
Committee**



Sully Historic Site's House to Close for Maintenance



The main house at Sully Historic Site will be closed to the public for the first five months of the new year. The historic house will undergo structural repair and maintenance, and **it is scheduled to be closed from January 1, 2020, into May**. Exhibits, historic artifacts, and furniture in the house will be safely protected and packed to make room for work crews.

The historic site's grounds, outbuildings, and visitor center will remain open, and the center will remain the main point of contact for all visitors. The visitor center will be open Wednesdays through Sundays. Tours of the Fairfax County Park Authority property will resume in March, weather permitting. Cooking classes and demonstrations, scout programs, and all outreach programs will continue. The only building affected by the contracted work will be the site's main house. Tours of the house will remain available through the end of this year.

The repairs and maintenance at the main house are funded by the 2016 Park Bond. Repairs include work on siding and shutters, plaster and floors as well as painting and an electrical upgrade.

For more information visit online at [Sully Historic Site](#) or call 703-437-1794.

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

Dept. of Public Works & Environmental Services Capital Project Quarterly Update



Projects in the Sully District:

Project Number	Project Name	Project Description	Total Project Est. (\$k)	Current Status	Project Complete
SD-000031-174-A	Stream & Water Quality Improvements; DMF Site	Salt storage facility site to meet MS4 requirements: Dulles Material Facility (4450 Upper Cub Run, Chantilly).	2,700	Design	Summer 2020
HS-000022-001	Sully Community Center	Design and construction of a new Sully Community Center located at 13949 Endeavor Drive, Chantilly.	20,000	Design	Fall 2021
OP-000007-001	Criminal Justice Academy – 2018	Renovation and capital renewal upgrades at the existing facility, approximately 110,000 SF, located at 14601 Lee Rd, Chantilly.	18,000	Pre-Design	TBD
PS-000012-001	Emergency Vehicle Operations Center & K9 Training Center	A new 14,750 sq. ft. Emergency Vehicle Operations Center and K9 Training Center at 3725 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly. The facility will replace the current double-wide trailers.	12,000	Design	TBD
SD-000031-127	Stream & Water Quality Improvements; Flatlick Branch Phase III	Restore ~3,800 linear feet of stream channel using natural channel design for improved water quality.	3,155	Construction	Spring 2020
SD-000031-169	Stream & Water Quality Improvements; Sully Basins Retro	Retrofit three detention basins to constructed wetlands for improved water quality.	2,936	Design	Winter 2021
SD-000031-186	Stream & Water Quality Improvements; Center Ridge PD 6 SEC12D	Retrofit detention basin to construct wetland for improved water quality.	2,183	Design	TBD
SD-000031-221	Stream & Water Quality Improvements; Ashburton Manors Sec 1 & 2	Retrofit two detention basins to constructed wetlands and restore one basin's outfall for improved water quality.	1,161	Design	TBD
SD-000031-222	Stream & Water Quality Improvements; Schneider Seg 1 @ Sully Rd	Restore ~1,000 linear feet of stream channel using natural channel design for improved water quality.	1,970	Design	TBD
SD-000031-240	Round Lick Br @ Cub Run Sv Pk	Restore ~5,600 linear feet of stream channel using natural channel design for improved water quality.	6,570	Design	TBD
WW-000007-014-C	Collection System Replacement; Flatlick Sewer Rehab Phase 1	This sewer rehab project located in the Flatlick Stream Valley South of Rt. 50 and East of Walney Rd. includes approximately 1,500 linear feet of 24" Diameter Cured in Place Pipe liner. The sewer lines are parallel to the Flatlick Stream in Chantilly.	500	Design	Summer 2020
WW-000007-014-D	Collection System Replacement; Flatlick Sewer Rehab Phase 2	Phase 2 of this sewer rehab project located in the Flatlick Stream Valley South of Rt. 50 and East of Walney Rd. includes approximately 1,500 linear feet of 24" Diameter Cured in Place Pipe liner. The sewer lines are parallel to the Flatlick Stream in Chantilly.	2,000	Design	Summer 2020

For more information about these projects, [click here](#).

Volunteer Opportunity



[Tax Preparer at Chantilly Library](#)

Join the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program as a Tax Preparer and help low income families in your area file their taxes for free.

Duties: Prepare tax returns for eligible taxpayers using Tax Slayer E-filing software. Provide high quality assistance to all taxpayers. Must be friendly, dependable, and flexible. Maintain confidentiality of customer information, and uphold the highest ethical standard. Adhere to Title VI by not denying service to anyone based on their race, color, age, sex, national origin, and/or disability. Volunteer a minimum of 3 to 6 hours per week from approximately mid-January through April 15, 2020.

Qualifications: Basic tax knowledge, or willing to train (classroom and/or online), and must pass IRS certification exams.

Location: Chantilly Regional Library (4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, VA 20151)

Contact:

Mal Williams; Volunteer Coordinator

703-533-5702

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Back2Fairfax Teacher Seminar



Date: Tuesday, December 17, 2019

Time: 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Location: FCPS Administration Center Cafe (8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church, VA 22042)

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) will host the second annual Back2Fairfax Teacher Seminar on Tuesday, December 17, 2019. **Admission is free.** Pizza and light refreshments will be served. A raffle winner will be announced at the closing of the event.

This event will give current FCPS high school juniors, seniors, graduates, and former Teachers for Tomorrow students an opportunity to meet and hear from teachers and administrators in FCPS. Participants will attend breakout sessions that will cover a variety of topics including: developing a resume, preparing for an interview, applying for a license, finding the school that is the right fit, and teacher and administrator panels.

For questions about the event send an email to Back2Fairfax@fcps.edu. [Click here](#) to register online.

WMATA: Public Feedback on Service Improvements on Blue, Orange & Silver Lines



Metro recently released [several preliminary concepts](#) to improve reliability, meet future ridership demand, and better serve customers on the Blue, Orange, and Silver lines. The concepts, part of the two-year Blue/Orange/Silver Capacity and Reliability Study (BOS Study), include a range of infrastructure improvements and service alternatives to address both short- and long- term needs.

Metro will hold a series of open houses to provide information about the draft concepts, answer questions, and gather community feedback.

Public Open House in Fairfax County -

Date: Tuesday, December 17, 2019

Time: 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Courtyard by Marriott Tysons-McLean (1960A Chain Bridge Road, Tysons, VA) in the Fairfax Junior Ballroom

For the full schedule of public open houses, [click here](#).

The public is also invited to provide input and suggest additional ideas for improvements through an [online survey](#). The survey is available in English and Spanish and will be **open through January 6, 2020**.

For more information about the Blue/Orange/Silver Capacity and Reliability Study, send an email to BOStudy@wmata.com.

Land Development Process FAQ: By-right Use



The zoning and land development process in Fairfax County involves comprehensive reviews by numerous county and non-county agencies and may involve many steps before a project can be approved. Every project is unique and subject to its own set of requirements depending on the location and complexities of the project.

By-right Development:

Proposed development projects that are considered a permitted use (by-right use) allowed by the [Zoning Ordinance](#) do not require approval from the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, or the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Example (Commercial Property) -

The proposed project is to open a restaurant in the Sully Square Shopping Center zoned C-8 (Highway Commercial). A restaurant is a permitted use in this district so county approval is not required from the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, or the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Example (Residential Property) -

The proposed project is to build single-family attached dwelling units (townhouses) on private open space (planned development) zoned R-12 (Residential 12 DU/AC).

This use is a permitted use in the R-12 District and would not require approval from the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, or the Board of Zoning Appeals as long as density does not exceed 12 dwelling units per acre.

For more information, visit: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/zoning/land-development-process>.

Parking Rates Adjusted to Accommodate Modern Retail Industry Trends



The Board of Supervisors approved a new minimum parking rate for large shopping malls at its Tuesday, December 3 meeting. The changes give Fairfax County's largest commercial retail centers additional flexibility to adapt to a changing retail marketplace as residents increasingly shop online.

The minimum parking requirement for malls of 800,000 net square feet or more is being reduced from four spaces per 1,000 square feet to a rate of 2.5 spaces per 1,000 square feet. This approved change comes after a parking analysis conducted by Nelson/Nygaard revealed that no more than 70 percent of available spaces were occupied during peak holiday shopping seasons at Fair Oaks Mall and Springfield Town Center.

Reducing required parking at large malls will provide an additional opportunity to re-purpose parking areas and is aligned with several key county goals including reducing environmental impacts and fostering the ability to create a higher-density, mixed-use, multi-modal community.

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

5 Things to Know About Fairfax County's New Solar Energy Initiative



Fairfax County is continuing to lead the way in advancing solar energy by launching a large-scale renewable energy initiative to reduce our utility costs and carbon footprint. We are awarding contracts to solar power purchase agreement service providers to install solar panels on county properties. We will purchase electricity generated by the solar panels from the solar power service provider.

Here are five important things to know about the new solar initiative:

1. This is the largest solar power purchase agreement (PPA) initiative launched by a local government in Virginia to date.
2. More than 100 county buildings are included in the first phase of this initiative including schools and parks.
3. Fairfax County will purchase solar energy generated by rooftop and carport/canopy arrays placed on site at county buildings but will not be responsible for installation, maintenance, operation or decommissioning of the arrays. That responsibility will rest with the PPA service providers.
4. The contracts include favorable electricity rates that are fixed, as a result, this initiative could potentially yield over \$60 million in electricity cost savings over the terms of the contracts.
5. The contracts established with the solar PPA vendors allow other local governments in the area to take advantage of the competitive rates and reduce their own greenhouse gas emissions and energy bills.

For more information about the solar initiative, [visit the website of the Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination](#).

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

The Green Column



A Bunch of Reasons to Hug a Tree

Understanding an urban forest's structure, function, and value can promote management decisions that will improve human health and environmental quality. An assessment of the vegetation structure, function, and value of Fairfax County's forest was conducted in 2017. Data from 203 field plots located throughout the county were analyzed using the i-Tree Eco model developed by the U.S. Forest Service, Northern Research Station.

- 44,400,000 trees
- 51.2% tree cover
- Most common tree species: American beech, red maple, and tulip poplar
- Percentage of trees less than 6 inches in diameter: 67%
- 4,500 tons of pollution removed per year, with a value of \$1.83 billion
- 7.4 million tons of carbon stored, worth \$969 million
- 232,900 tons of oxygen produced each year
- 392.6 million cubic feet of runoff avoided per year, valued at \$26.2 million/year
- \$34,300,000 in building energy saved per year
- 51,940 tons of carbon emissions avoided per year, valued at \$67.4 million

[Click here](#) to read the i-Tree Ecosystem Analysis Fairfax County 2017 report.

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Murphy!

Have you *seen* the weather forecast? BRRRRRR!! Two-year-old Murphy is an expert snuggler, as you can see by his blanket-arranging-for-maximum-cuddle abilities, and he would love to take his skills to a new lucky adoptive family. Listen, he's just trying to make sure his new fam stays warm and cozy, ok? (So helpful!!)

For more information about Murphy, contact the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at 703-830-1100 or send an email to AnimalShelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.
