



A message from Kathy Smith

I hope everyone had a great first week of school and has a safe Labor Day weekend. My office will be closed on Monday, September 4, but will re-open at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday.

There are two important upcoming community meetings. This first one is with my office and the Fairfax County Department of Transportation. We will be hosting a community meeting on the Route 28 Corridor Feasibility Study on Monday, September 11. The second community meeting is on Monday, September 25 with the Department of Planning and Zoning. They will discuss the proposed comprehensive plan amendment that will facilitate the repurposing of vacant office buildings. More information about both meetings is included below.

Please join me and members of the Potowmack Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society (VPNS) at a talk on Tuesday, September 5 about native plants. The

event will be at the Sully Governmental Center from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the McDonnell Room.

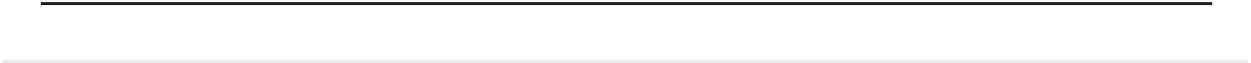
Sincerely,

Kathy

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Your Landscape as Habitat: The Case for Native Plants

A Talk by Laura Beaty and Donna Murphy

Tuesday
September 5, 2017
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Sully Governmental Center
4900 Stonecroft Boulevard
Chantilly, VA 20151



Join Laura Beaty and Donna Murphy, members of the Potowmack Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society (VNPS), for a program that will benefit gardeners and homeowners who are interested in using

a portion of their property to support biodiversity. The program covers the Inter-dependent relationships between plants and animals that ensure their survival into the future – and maybe ours too.



Laura serves as the VNPS, Potowmack Chapter propagation chair at the native plant beds at Green Spring Gardens. She is a popular speaker about native plants to Master Gardener candidates at Green Spring Gardens and native plant/pollinator programs for area garden clubs and other organizations. She is currently in the process of converting her grassy front yard into a “modified meadow” that includes perennials, grasses, shrubs and trees— all native; then will move to the backyard.

Donna serves as VNPS, Potowmack Chapter programs chair. She is also a Master Naturalist, Fairfax Chapter. Donna began to create a woodlot in her treeless backyard over 30 years ago and now has a small, mature-looking woods flanked by meadow habitat and continually receding lawn turf.



Route 28 Corridor Community Meeting



Sully Supervisor Kathy Smith and the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) will host a community meeting on the Prince William County [Route 28 Corridor Feasibility Study](#), **Monday, September 11, in the cafeteria of Centreville Elementary School, 14330 Green Trails Blvd., Centreville, **from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**, with a presentation beginning at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to inform residents who use the Fairfax County portion of Route 28 about future infrastructure and commuting improvements.**

The Route 28 Corridor Feasibility Study, which is funded by the [Northern Virginia Transportation Authority](#), is being undertaken by the City of Manassas and Prince William County. For more information on the study, visit: <http://www.route28study.com/>.

Community Meeting for Office Building Repurposing Comprehensive Plan Amendment



Monday, September 25, 2017 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**Bailey's Upper Elementary School: 6245 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church,
VA**

Come to the community meeting on September 25 and learn about the proposed comprehensive plan amendment that will facilitate the repurposing of vacant office buildings in mixed-use activity centers and industrial areas.

What is office building repurposing?:

- Repurposing means a change in use such as a conversion from office to residential, live/work, institutional, public facilities, or light industrial uses.



What will the plan amendment do?:

- Facilitate the timely repurposing of vacant structures into occupied uses
- Achieve a more efficient review process while ensuring community involvement
- Add to the economic success of Fairfax County

For more information, please contact Sophia Fisher, project manager, at 703-324-1349 or sophia.fisher@fairfaxcounty.gov or visit the project website: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/fairfaxforward/pa/officebuildingrepurposing/>.

COWntless Activities Await at Sully's Dairy Days



Have a taste of 18th century life during Dairy Days at Sully Historic Site – now with even more activities than before.

Meet Sully's new pretend cows, Annabelle and Clarabelle – *the Belle sisters*, and try your hand at milking. Hear a dairy story, play new historic games, churn and wash butter, hand-crank ice cream and discover the whey of cheese-making. Sample dairy treats, learn some surprising history of ice cream, cheese and butter, and see how easy it is to make them at home.

The last day of Dairy Days is **Saturday, September 2, 2017**. **The program runs from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.** Ice cream making is on the hour and other activities are ongoing.

The cost is \$7 per participant for Fairfax County residents and \$9 for out-of-county residents. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Advance registration is encouraged but not required.

Tours of the 1794 house and accompanying outbuildings are available for an extra cost.

[Dairy Days - Ice Cream Making and Butter](#) 

For more information or to pre-register, visit online at [Sully Historic Site](#) or call 703-437-1794. Sully Historic Site is located at 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly, VA, off Rt. 28 (Sully Road) ¼ mile north of Rt. 50 and 5 miles south of the Dulles Toll Road.

Code Compliance Corner

Displaying House Numbers – Section 304.3 of the Virginia Maintenance Code regulates “Premises Identification” and requires that ‘all buildings have approved address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property.’ While this may seem like a small item, consider the importance of being able to find a home or building in case of an emergency, or simply being able to find a person or place as a part of daily residential or business activity. For more information, visit the DCC website or see their flyer, which is below.



Displaying House Numbers

Do you know about Fairfax County's rules for displaying addresses?

- ♦ The Virginia Maintenance Code regulates the display of addresses
- ♦ The address numbers must be clearly visible from the street, in front of a property
- ♦ The address may contain numbers or alphabetic letters
- ♦ The address must be a minimum of four inches tall
- ♦ To make sure the address is visible, it must be in a contrasting color from its background.



To report a possible violation OR for more information contact:



Fairfax County Department of Code Compliance
12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035
Phone: 703-324-1300, TTY 711
Web: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code



To request this information in an alternate format, call the Department of Code Compliance.

This Fairfax County, VA Publication (published September 2014) summarizes a few regulations. See relevant codes for specific requirements.

Carbon Monoxide: Colorless & Odorless Killer



Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless and tasteless gas. It causes about 300 accidental fatalities in homes each year; thousands more are treated in hospitals for CO poisoning. CO combines with hemoglobin in our blood and robs the blood of the oxygen our body needs. Early symptoms of exposure include headache, fatigue, nausea, and confused thinking (so victims cannot think clearly enough to get assistance). Without treatment, the victim will lose consciousness, and if no help is given will lose their life.

CO is produced by combustion. Common causes are:

- Defective gas or oil furnaces and water heaters
- Cracked chimney flues
- Indoor use of charcoal grills
- Use of a gas oven or range to warm a room
- Running a car in an enclosed area
- Closing the fireplace damper before the fire is completely out

CO accidents are preventable. Actions you should take to protect your family are:

- Every fall you should have a qualified technician inspect your gas furnace and appliances.
- Never allow your car to run in an enclosed area, especially if it is attached to your house.
- Make sure your fireplace is in good repair and do not close the damper before the fire is out.
- Install CO alarms to give your family a warning if CO is building up in your house.

CO alarms should be located on every floor and mounted according to the manufacturer's instructions. If the alarm goes off, everyone should get out of the house at once and call the fire department by dialing 911 from a neighbor's house. Do not ventilate your house by opening doors and windows. When the fire department personnel arrive they will obtain CO readings in different areas of your home to determine the source of the CO.

Another very important point to remember is that you still need a working smoke alarm on every level of your home. The CO alarm does not sense smoke or fire. Smoke alarms are needed to give your family early warning if there is a fire in your home.

Dealing with Non-Reputable Tree Companies



Beware of people knocking door to door to solicit tree work. There is an epidemic of unscrupulous companies telling residents that trees on their properties need pruning or removal. Never let these individuals into your home.

Before you agree to any work or if someone does come to your door, look for identification on their vehicle. Ask them for a current certificate of liability insurance and client references. Most companies will be happy to provide these documents for you. Residents may also contact the Fairfax County Consumer Affairs Branch to verify whether a business has had past complaints before you hire them

(<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/consumer/complaints.htm>).

Warning signs are: only accepting cash; not writing out a contract or work plan; and companies that use unmarked vehicles.

Finally, take care to look after elderly family, friends, and neighbors who may be especially vulnerable to exploitation by these non-reputable companies.

If you are interested in more information, please listen to a podcast interview with the Director of Urban Forest Management Division, Keith Cline about these companies, also known as "Wood Chucks." To listen to the podcast, [click here](#).

More information about trees is here:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/environmental/ufmdmain.htm> or call the Fairfax County Urban Forest Management Division (UFMD) at 703-324-1770, TTY 711.

Treat Your Best Friend to Dog Daze



On **Sunday September 10, 2017** let your canine friends splash and swim in Rattlesnake River, the lazy river at [The Water Mine Family Swimmin' Hole](#) water park located at **Lake Fairfax Park: 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston, VA**. The suggested donation of \$10 per dog at this end of season event is for a doggone good cause! It will benefit both the County Animal Shelter and Park Foundation.

There will be door prizes!

Some simple rules will ensure that the event is fun for all:

- All dog handlers must be 18 years or older and supervise dogs
- No humans are allowed in the water
- All dogs must be current on vaccinations
- No female dogs in heat, puppies less than 3 months old, or aggressive, unruly dogs will be permitted.

For more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks or call 703-471-541.

History Spotlight: Sears House



Imagine looking through a catalogue from Sears to find the house of your dreams! You order it and in a few months a large package arrives by train in Herndon. It is your new house, but it is all in pieces and sections – and must be put together! Learn more about the Spindles' Sears House and the rest of Centreville Historic Park during the **25th anniversary of Centreville Day on Saturday, October 21, 10:00 – 5:00 p.m.** More information is available on <http://www.historiccentrevilleva.org>.



Fairfax County Candidate Forums Virginia House of Delegates November 2017 Election

In-Person Forum

Sun., Sept. 17, 2017 2:30 PM	Reston Community Center Hunters Woods 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston, VA 20191
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Televised Forum

Mon., Oct. 2, 2017 8:00 PM	Inside Scoop on Fairfax County Public Access, Channel 10 Livestream available on YouTube (search "Inside Scoop Livestream" on 10/2 at 8:00 pm)
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Questions for the candidates can be submitted by emailing theinsidescooptv@gmail.com or by calling 571-749-1142 between 7:00 PM and 8:30 PM on the date of the event.



Western Region Certified Candidates

For purposes of the forums, Fairfax County has been divided into three regions: Eastern, Central, and Western. Certified candidates for the House of Delegates who have a majority of their precincts in a given region were invited to attend that region's forums. Western Region candidates are: (* denotes incumbents)



District 34	Kathleen J. Murphy (D)* Cheryl A. Buford (R)
District 36	Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum (D)*
District 40	Donte T. Tanner (D) Timothy D. "Tim" Hugo (R)*
District 48	R.C. "Rip" Sullivan, Jr. (D)*
District 67	Karrie K. Delaney (D) James M. "Jim" LeMunyon (R)*
District 86	Jennifer B. Boysko (D)* Linda C. Schulz (R)

- *Need to know which District you live in?*
- *Need to check that your registration is up-to-date?*

Visit the VA Board of Elections Citizen's Portal:
<http://www.elections.virginia.gov/citizen-portal/index.html>

For any other questions please email: league@lwv-fairfax.org

Sponsored by: League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (Zeta Upsilon Lambda Chapter); American Association of University Women of VA; Fairfax County Council Parent Teacher Association; NAACP of Fairfax County; Voice of Vietnamese Americans; and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. (Omicron Theta Zeta Chapter)

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Josephine!

Age: 11y 6m

Gender: Female

Color: Brown / Black

Spayed/Neutered: Yes

Size: Medium

Meet Lady Josephine Jeni Wilkins, or Lady Jo for short! This sweet older gal arrived to the shelter as a stray and they have no idea where she came from. She was in rough shape when she arrived, but from day one has been the sweetest, most gentle dog. After getting a haircut, bath, and some medical

attention, she is feeling better! She likes to go on slow walks and smell everything, seems unphased by other dogs and cats, and really likes being close to her people. Lady Jo is an older gal so a home with fewer steps would be good, and so would rugs (so she doesn't slip while walking). Thanks to some blood work, the shelter now knows she has early kidney disease, which just means she will need a special diet and monitoring. Can you give this very nice older dog a family to call her own? If you are interested in meeting Josephine, please email the animal shelter at animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Volunteer Opportunity in Sully



Ellanor C. Lawrence Watershed Clean-up

Description: Keep our waters clean. Collect trash from streams and trails. Compile and report results. Great for school or scout service hours. Groups please call location to apply. [Click here to register.](#)

Duties: Collect and bag trash. Report results. Follow safety procedures.

Qualifications: Under age 16 must be supervised by a parent or guardian.

Additional Info: Dress for the weather. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Schedule:

Saturday, October 14, 2017

9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Available Positions: 400

Notes: Bring gloves

Location:

Walney Visitor Center

5040 Walney Road

Chantilly, VA 20151

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