



A message from Kathy Smith



This Wednesday was the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Ono Brewing Company that recently opened in Chantilly off of Daly Drive. Their facility includes a brew house, tasting room, and a self-serve beer wall. This is just one more asset that makes the Sully District a great place to live, work, and play.

In this week's newsletter you will find information about absentee voting, free heart screenings for students, a used book sale at Centreville Regional Library, and more.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for Centreville Day! The 25th Annual Centreville Day celebration is set for Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Centreville Historic District.

Sincerely,

Kathy

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Absentee Voting Begins: What You Need to Know



[Click Here to Apply Online for an Absentee Ballot](#)

Four Important Things to Know About Absentee Voting in Fairfax County:

1. Your **absentee ballot is counted on election night** and your vote is included with the reported results.
2. There are **20 [valid reasons to vote absentee](#)** in Virginia, including working and commuting to and from home for 11 or more hours between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day. Check the Virginia Department of Elections [list](#) to see if you are eligible.
3. There are **two ways to absentee vote, in-person and by mail**. To do either, you should first [check your voter registration status](#) to make sure it is up-to-date. Then you will need to apply for an absentee ballot. **Note:** If you vote absentee in-person you will fill out the application when you arrive at the in-person absentee location (see locations below). Voting absentee by mail? Read below for the process of applying for your mail-in ballot.
4. You can [apply for an absentee ballot online](#) by accessing your Virginia Voter Record. You will need your **Social Security Number** and information on your **Virginia Driver's License** to complete the application. Information is also provided on how to apply if you do not have a driver's license.

What you need to know about the [Upcoming November 7 General and Special Elections](#), including candidates

Inclement Weather Information:

In the event that Fairfax County Government Offices close due to inclement weather, absentee voting will be cancelled. For additional information on operating status, please call the Fairfax County Government Emergency

Information Line at 703-817-7771. Information is also available through the County's [website](#), Twitter (www.twitter.com/fairfaxcounty) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/fairfaxcounty).

November 7 - Absentee Voting In-Person at the Government Center:

Fairfax County Government Center - 12000 Government Center Pkwy.,
Conference Rooms 2/3

- September 22 to October 13: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursday. 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 9, Columbus Day - **OFFICE CLOSED**
- Beginning October 16 to November 3: - Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Saturdays: September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28 and November 4: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

November 7 - Absentee Voting In-Person at Satellite Locations:

Dates and Times:

- Beginning October 16 to November. 3: Monday - Friday, 3:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- Saturdays: September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28 and November 4: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Locations:

- Franconia Governmental Center - 6121 Franconia Rd., Alexandria, 22310
 - Lorton Library - 9520 Richmond Hwy., Lorton, 22079
 - Mason Governmental Center - 6507 Columbia Pike., Annandale, 22003
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- McLean Governmental Center - 1437 Balls Hill Rd., Mclean, 22101
- Mount Vernon Governmental Center - 2511 Parkers Ln., Alexandria, 22306
- North County Governmental Center - 1801 Cameron Glen Dr., Reston, 20190
- Providence Community Center - 3001 Vaden Dr., Fairfax, 22031
- Sully Governmental Center - 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly, 20151
- West Springfield Governmental Center - 6140 Rolling Rd., Springfield, 22152

November 4 is the last day to absentee vote in-person.

Absentee Voting by Mail:

Important note if you are voting absentee by mail using the United States Postal Service (USPS): The USPS has changed its delivery standards and First Class mail delivery is now two to five days. Standard delivery is now two to nine days. Please take this into consideration and allow ample time to apply for and mail-in your absentee ballot so that it is delivered to the Office of Elections by Election Day at 7:00 p.m.

Track the status of your mail-in absentee ballot application and ballot go to the [Virginia Citizen Portal](#); access your Virginia Voter Record to view your voter-related information.

Deadline to apply for an absentee ballot online, by mail, fax or email is 7 days prior to Election Day by 5:00 p.m.

What you need to do:

- You can apply for your absentee ballot [online](#)

Or

- Print the [absentee ballot application](#) (PDF). Absentee ballot applications are also available at county governmental centers and library branches, or call the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776 (TTY 711).
- Complete the [absentee ballot application](#) (PDF) – make sure you sign the application.
- Fax the application to the Office of Elections at 703-324-3725. Or, scan then email the application to absenteeballot@fairfaxcounty.gov. Or, mail to the Office of Elections, Box 10161, Fairfax, VA 22038.
- Once your *completed* application is received and accepted, your absentee ballot will be sent to you within three business days. If you have questions about your ballot, call the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776 (TTY 711).

The deadline to return your absentee ballot to the Office of Elections is Election Day at 7:00 p.m.

Absentee Voting Resources:

[Online Absentee Ballot Application](#) via the Virginia Citizen's Portal

[Absentee Voting Ballot Application](#) (PDF version) – scroll down, includes list of eligible reasons to vote absentee

[Military/Overseas Absentee Voting](#)

[Virginia Department of Elections Absentee Voting Information](#)

[Lost, Damaged or Spoiled Ballot](#)

Free Heart Screening at Westfield High School



Through the great work of the Ryan Lopynski Big Heart Foundation, there will be FREE on-site heart screenings **this Saturday, September 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Westfield High School.** They are provided for students ages 12-26. The results are reviewed on site by local cardiologists. Several of your Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department members will be on hand as well.

To learn more about the event, please go here: [Free Heart Screening at Westfield High School.](#)

To learn more about the foundation, please go here: [Ryan Lopynski Big Heart Foundation.](#)

VDOT Unveils Website for I-66 Express Lanes Inside the Beltway



With express lanes opening this December on I-66 Inside the Beltway, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) unveiled a new website, 66ExpressLanes.org, to educate travelers about how tolling will work, the necessity of getting an E-ZPass or E-ZPass Flex, and other changes coming to the highway. The express lanes, which will be in effect Monday through Friday, 5:30-9:30 a.m. eastbound, and 3:00-7:00 p.m. westbound, are designed to offer new travel choices that move more people on I-66 with greater speed and reliability.

This new website provides comprehensive information to prepare commuters for the opening of the Express Lanes, including:

- How the dynamically-tolled I-66 Inside the Beltway Express Lanes will operate;
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- Who is subject to the toll by explaining the difference between a free and tolled trip. Solo drivers will be able to use the highway during rush hour for the first time since it opened in 1982 by paying a toll, while carpoolers, transit riders, motorcyclists, and emergency and law enforcement vehicles performing their duties will experience toll-free trips. The elimination of exemptions for special user groups such as clean-fuel vehicles and Dulles International Airport-bound vehicles, to treat all I-66 users equally;
- What type of transponder to choose by making a distinction between E-ZPass (which enables solo drivers to pay a toll to access the rush-hour Express Lanes) and E-ZPass Flex (which enables vehicles with two or more occupants to travel toll-free);
- Where to get an E-ZPass/E-ZPass Flex, including AAA Mid-Atlantic locations, select Wegmans and Giant grocery stores, Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles centers, and online;
- When are the new HOV/tolling hours? In the morning driving eastbound between 5:30 and 9:30 a.m. and in the evening heading westbound between 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.; and
- How much will it cost? A toll calculator that will display current toll rate estimates, which will be activated when the Express Lanes open.

After covering the cost of maintaining and operating the facility, remaining toll revenues from the I-66 Inside the Beltway Express Lanes will be invested in transportation alternatives that improve mobility and benefit travelers using I-66 Inside the Beltway will be administered by the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission.

More information can be found at 66ExpressLanes.org and Transform66.org

Child Passenger Safety Week

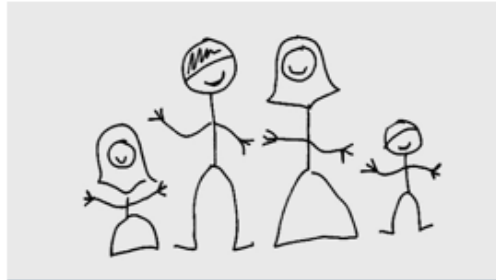


Child Passenger Safety Week officially began on Sunday, September 17 and runs through Saturday, September 23.

Did you know that car crashes are a leading cause of death for children 1 to 13 years old?

Please take a moment to watch and listen to a very informative video from our friends at the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#) and learn how to find the right car seat.

Get to Know Your Muslim Neighbor!



Get to know your Muslim Neighbor!

Learn about American Muslims &
Enjoy Hands-On Activities for all ages!

A Forgotten History: Muslims & Early America' Poster Exhibit +
Discussion + Calligraphy + Henna + International Delicacies & Coffee

Saturday, September 30 | 11-3 PM

Chantilly Regional Library |
4000 Stringfellow Rd, Chantilly, VA 20151



For more info: info@masdc.org



Book Sale at Centreville Regional Library



Mark your calendar! An enormous book sale is coming to **Centreville Library: 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville, VA 20121**. Shop a wide selection of gently used books and media for all ages. Help the Friends of Centreville Library to support your library.

Dates & Times:

- **Thursday, September 28: 12:00 to 8:30 p.m.**
- **Friday, September 29: 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**
- **Saturday, September 30: 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**
- **Sunday, October 1: 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

For more information, please contact the Centreville Regional Library at 703-830-2223.

Now is the Time to Take Care of Your Lawn for Next Year



Fall is often associated with cool weather, hayrides, and pumpkin-flavored goodies. But it is also the best time of year to fertilize your yard and give it the best chance to thrive next spring and summer.

Here are some tips from the [Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District](#).

Why Now?:

Timing is everything when you apply fertilizer.

Fall is the best time. It's when the roots that will sustain the plants through the following summer are actively growing. Sooner is better. Effective lawn feeding after Thanksgiving often is hampered by wintry conditions, when precipitation will wash the fertilizer into local streams, contributing to waterway pollution.

Spring fertilizing is not particularly helpful for your lawn. It encourages leaf

growth at the expense of root development. It also feeds weed species and can lead to disease and insect problems later in the season. In addition, you will have to mow the lawn more frequently. If you must fertilize in the spring, limit it to a light feeding (0 phosphorus) after the initial flush of growth has subsided in May.

Never fertilize in the summer. Most lawn grasses in our area are cool season species, which go dormant during the heat of the summer.

Soil Matters:

Before you fertilize, test your soil to learn what, if anything, it needs. The most common need in this area is lime because most soils in Northern Virginia are acidic and lime helps to neutralize the acidity. A balanced pH will improve the absorption of nutrients, encourage thatch decomposition and benefit soil microorganisms, all of which are essential to the soil's health and fertility.

Lime can be applied to your lawn area any time of the year. However, because it takes several months to be fully incorporated into the soil, it is best to apply it in the fall. For turf, pelletized limestone is preferable to pulverized limestone. The pellets spread more evenly with less dust.

For just \$10, the [Virginia Cooperative Extension](#) will analyze your soil sample and return the results to you. Pick up a soil test kit at any Fairfax County Public Library or at the Virginia Cooperative Extension on the 10th floor of the [Pennino Building](#). Another resource is [Home Turf: a Healthy Virginia Lawns program](#).

Mowing Your Yard:

One common mistake with lawn care is mowing your grass too short. It is best to set your blades for a mowing height that will remove only the top one-third of the grass blade. Higher settings allow the grass to compete effectively with lower-growing weed species. Higher growth also shades the ground from the sun, reducing moisture requirements. If you have a small lawn, consider using a manual-reel mower. It saves energy, reduces pollution and burns calories, too!

Also be sure to keep your mower blades sharp to produce a cleaner cut that slices through grass rather than pulling it by the roots. A sharp blade will give your lawn a more uniform appearance. In addition, sharp blades help extend the life of your mower because the engine will not have to work as hard to produce the same results.

After you cut the grass, let the turf clippings lie on the yard since they are mostly composed of the grass's leaf tissue and decompose rapidly. Clippings left on the lawn will contribute a substantial amount of nitrogen and other nutrients to the soil and reduce fertilizer requirements.

Supplement your mowing by using healthy lawn care practices. If you use pesticides, apply only to the area that is affected by the pest.

Choosing a Lawn Care Company:

If you decide to leave lawn care to the professionals, carefully research a company's methods of operation. Some questions to keep in mind include:

- Does the company offer a variety of pest management approaches from which you may choose?
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- Does it apply pesticides on a regular schedule regardless of need or does it limit pesticide use to only when needed?
- Does it evaluate and treat your lawn as a single entity or does every lawn get the same treatment?
- Does the company routinely combine fertilizer and pesticides in each application?

[Directory of Virginia Green and Clean Lawn Care Companies](#)

More Information:

- Visit the [Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District website](#).
 - Read an [online chat](#) from one of our master gardeners.
 - Learn more about the [master gardeners](#).
 - View [lawn and garden publications](#) from the Virginia Cooperative Extension.
 - Use a [fertilizer calculator](#).
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Register Now for Fall 2017 Adult and Community Education Classes



Register now for fall 2017 Adult and Community Education (ACE) classes. ACE offers a wide variety of programs for the community ranging from career classes to enrichment for both adults and K-12 students. Upcoming courses include: Fresh Greens Workshop, Ceramic Tile, Introduction to Filmmaking for Teens, Meaningful Meeting Minutes, and more. Fall course offerings may be viewed at <https://aceclasses.fcps.edu>, and registration may be completed online, by phone, by mail, or in person.

The course catalog, ACE Classes, is currently being mailed to Fairfax County residents and is also available at the Sully Governmental Center: 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151.

Junior League of Northern Virginia: Food Drive



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
**NORTHERN
VIRGINIA**

SERVING THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1958

Food Drive

Supervisor Kathy Smith's Office
Sully Governmental Center
4900 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly, VA 20151

Sample Items Needed

Please help the Junior League of Northern Virginia reach our goal of collecting 60,000 pounds of food in our 60th anniversary celebratory year!

Your donations will benefit:
Capital Area Food Bank

Donation deadline:
September 1 through September 29

Thank you for your generosity!

- Canned Vegetables
 - Canned & Dry Beans
 - Canned (no sugar) Fruit
 - Canned Meats
 - Canned Soup
 - Pasta and Pasta Sauce
 - Mac and Cheese
 - Peanut Butter
 - Bagged Rice
 - Vegetable Oil
 - 100% Fruit Juice
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Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Vick!

Age: 6y 4m

Gender: Male

Color: Brown / Black

Spayed/Neutered: Yes

Size: Extra-large

Vick has fast become a volunteer favorite because he's a gentle, loving soul. This is how one of the shelter volunteers described him: "Vick, that sweet old man, he was a doll last night. SUPER easy to walk. Wanted nothing but to be

by your side. No pulling or anything. Very manageable and super sweet." He is very well trained and knows all of his basic commands. He also has a bit of an exotic background, having been found by his owners as a stray puppy in Turkey and brought to live in the US! Vick is a bit of a stubborn boy who will let you know when he's not happy, and he can be somewhat possessive of his toys and food. So they do recommend that he go to a quiet, mature home where there's not a lot of activity and surprises. If you are interested in meeting Vick, please email the Animal Shelter at animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Volunteer Opportunity in Sully



Cub Run Stream Valley Park Volunteer Team

Cub Run Stream Valley Park is the third largest park in Fairfax County, but until recently, has not had a formal group dedicated to supporting it. To fill this need, the Cub Run Stream Valley Park Volunteer Team was formed in partnership with the Fairfax County Park Authority. The mission of the group is threefold: **Preserve, Share, Connect**. Their plan is to reduce park litter

through organizing biannual clean-up events, share photos and video via Facebook of the natural, historic, and cultural aspects of the park, and finally to connect with nature and with other neighbors resulting in a more resilient community. The long-term goal is the creation of self-organizing teams to focus on the area of the park adjacent to each community. They have already coordinated 6 park clean-up events in the past year and have removed 98 bags of trash, 12 tires, a desk, a couch, a computer monitor, and 4 bikes.

Check out their [Cub Run Stream Valley Park Volunteer Team Facebook Page](#) to get more details, share your photos, and stay connected. They are actively recruiting Site Leaders to assist them with this effort. If you are interested in becoming a Site Lead or have any questions, please email cubrunpvt@gmail.com.

The team would like public input about how much others use the park, are aware of the litter problem, and if there is any desire to do more. The link to the survey is below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WRPK5HT>
