

# *Sull-E Newsletter*



## **A message from Kathy Smith**

Next week will be the final budget committee meeting before the public hearings begin during the first week of April. If you would like to make your voice heard on the budget process, please sign up to testify during the public hearings on April 4, 5, or 6. You can sign up by calling the Office of the Clerk to the Board at 703-324-3151, TTY 703-324-3903 or clicking here:

[https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker\\_bos.htm](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker_bos.htm)

This week in the newsletter, please find information below about upcoming transportation projects, nomination forms for outstanding corporate citizens, and a park cleanup opportunity coming up on April 1. Thank you for staying engaged and please reach out to my office by replying to this email if you have any questions or concerns.

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Sincerely,

*Katty*

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| [www.twitter.com/sullysupervisor](http://www.twitter.com/sullysupervisor)



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## Animal Shelter Corner



**Meet Sam!**

Age: 13

**Gender:** Female

**Color:** Blue Black

**Spayed/Neutered:** Yes

**Size:** Small

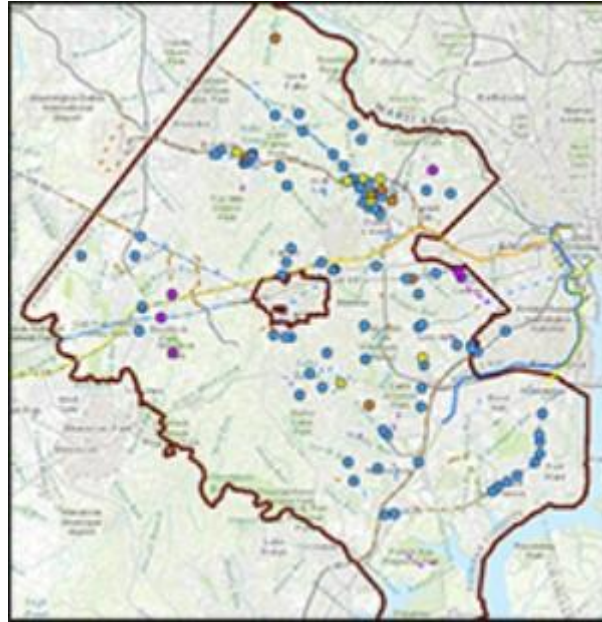
**Declawed:** No

Meet Sam! She is thirteen years old and was surrendered with some medical issues that were affecting her quality of life; specifically, bladder stones. This is a treatable condition and the shelter knew they wanted to help Sam feel her best! Thanks to the generosity of caring community members like you, who support the Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, they were able to get Sam the life-saving surgery she needed to remove her bladder stones. Sam is the sweetest cat who really just wants to be loved on. She is so amenable, even including wearing a costume during a photo shoot! You've seriously got to meet Sam; she is perfect!! To learn more about Sam email the animal shelter at [animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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## Transportation Status Report and Interactive Map

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The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) prepares its biannual report to the Board of Supervisors on transportation projects and activities within the county. The report includes updates on all active projects, including those projects in the Third Four-Year Transportation Program for FY2013 through FY2016 and the Board approved [Transportation Project Priorities \(TPP\)](#) for FY2015 through FY2020. The report has a new title, "Fairfax County Transportation Status Report," replacing the previous title, "Status Report on the Board's Third Four-Year Transportation Program." Since the report covers projects and activities beyond the Four-Year Program, the new name more accurately reflects the contents of the report.

[Fairfax County Transportation Status Report \(PDF\)](#) - Updated Sept. 2016

[Interactive Map Tool](#) - Updated Nov. 2016

**Helpful Tips: Reviewing the Status Report**

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- The project status report is organized by District. Within each District the projects are listed in alphabetical order
  - Roads that are more commonly recognized by their route number are listed by Route #. For example, projects involving Leesburg Pike are labeled as Route 7 and would be found in the "Rs"
  - Interstate projects will be found in the "Is" These include: I-66, I-95, I-395, I-495
  - Each project is identified by type in the bottom left corner as one of the following:
    - **INT = Interstate Project PRI = Primary Road (Rte. 1- 599)**
    - **SEC = Secondary Road (Rte. 600+)**
    - **TRAN = Transit Project**
    - **PED/BIKE = Pedestrian and/or Bicycle Project**
  - When searching for a project in the electronic document use "Ctrl+F" to open the Find tool. You can use this tool to search for a project using information you know. For example, you could use the tool to search for all pedestrian and/or bicycle projects by pressing "Ctrl+F" and typing in "ped/bike" This will allow you to find all pedestrian and/or bicycle projects in the report regardless of the district or route number
  - You can also view the [Project Status Report Legend \(PDF\)](#) and the [Projects organized by route number \(PDF\)](#) here.
    - Projects not located along a road can be found at the end of the report and are designated with route number "XXXXX"
    - Interstate projects are listed after all of the projects on numbered routes because they are labeled I-66, I-95, I-395, and I-495
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## Explore History with Your Dog on a Walk at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park



Take a walk back in time with your canine companion at the [Walney History Dog Walk](#) on **Sunday, March 26, 2017**, at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park (ECLP).

Visitors enjoy many animals today at Walney's visitor center, but critters are nothing new to this property. Take a guided hike at ECLP from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. and learn about the animals that lived at Walney in the past. Walk the Historic Loop and the grounds from Walney to Middlegate while learning about animals in the property's history. Participants "and their dogs" must be able to walk a half-mile.

This program is designed for participants age three to adult. The cost is \$6 per person.

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Ellanor C. Lawrence Park is located at 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly, Va. For more information, call 703-631-0013 or visit [online](#).

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## Accessing Critical Human Services With One Phone Call



An average of 350 calls are made each day to **703-222-0880** (TTY 711), the county's lifeline for human services information and resources. It is the number you call if you need emergency help such as food, a place to sleep, or getting your electricity turned back on in your home. You can also call for information on how to access long-term assistance, such as getting a job, finding child/elder care or applying for food stamps.

That number is answered by a team of up to 40 social services specialists in our Coordinated Services Planning (CSP) Division in Neighborhood and Community Services. The CSP operates as a hotline call center for human services, Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Why People Call:

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For the first six months of FY 2017 (July to December 2016), the most frequent topics discussed on calls to CSP were for assistance or information in the areas noted below. These numbers do not reflect actual call volume, but the number of times assistance or information was provided in each area. Callers may receive assistance or information on multiple topics per call.

- Emergency Food: 2,969
- Rent Aid: 2,597
- Emergency Housing/Shelter: 1,554
- Food Stamps: 1,260
- Utility Assistance: 1,230
- Medicaid: 947

The CSP staff is trained to help a resident who may be overwhelmed and will work with them to develop creative solutions that address both immediate and long-term needs. A typical day for the team includes managing the call queue, staffing complicated cases, exploring resources to meet needs, communicating with nonprofit partners and managing complex caseloads of people who have a host of emergency needs.

The specialists who answer the CSP hotline are based in four different locations, one in each of the county's [human services regions](#). The four human services regions provide integrated community-based services that respond to the unique needs of individuals and families within a specific geographic area.

In addition, the multilingual staff can assist callers in **Amharic, Dari, Farsi, Hindi, Italian, Korean, Pashto, Punjabi, Somali, Spanish, Swedish,**

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**Tigrinya, and Urdu.** Services are also available in other languages through the use of an interpreter.

[Learn More About CSP](#)

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## Free Carseat Inspections



Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections **Thursday, March 30, from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m.**, at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151. No appointment necessary. Residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed. Because of time constraints, only the first 35 vehicles arriving each date will be inspected. This allows inspectors to have enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the correct use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

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## Fairfax 50+ Podcast: Health and Life Care Planning



Fairfax 50+ is a podcast series featuring discussions on issues, services and activities of interest to residents 50 and over.

On this edition, host Jim Person talks with Cathy Muha about health and life care planning and why it's important to do a moral and spiritual evaluation before developing these plans. Cathy describes herself as a professional patient advocate. She has a Masters of Science in Health Science and is a member of the Fairfax Area Commission on Aging, representing the Sully District.

Cathy has substantial experience providing support and advocacy to patients in health care settings. This includes her volunteer work with the Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program and Heartland Hospice.

Cathy is happy to answer any questions you may have on this subject. Just

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go to the Commission on Aging webpage at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadult...rvices/coa.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadult...rvices/coa.htm) and click on the “Email the Commission on Aging” link.

You may also want to see Cathy this spring. As part of the county’s caregiver seminars she will present a Care Plan for Life seminar on May 10 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Sully Governmental Center. To register for this and other seminars and webinars, go to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/OlderAdults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/OlderAdults) and click on Spring 2017 Caregiver Seminars.

You can find the county’s older adult services, recreation and community engagement opportunities by calling 703-324-7948, TTY 711, Monday - Friday, or by going online to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/OlderAdults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/OlderAdults). When you’re online, be sure to subscribe to the monthly Golden Gazette newspaper and Fairfax 50+ E-News.

To listen to this podcast, visit: <https://soundcloud.com/fairfaxcounty/fairfax-50-plus-health-and-life-planning?in=fairfaxcounty/sets/fairfax-50-podcast>.

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**Sign Up for Spring Cleaning in a Park Near You!**

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Spring is a great time to give your house a good cleaning and a great time to clean up your local parks, too. Set aside a few hours this spring to join a Watershed Cleanup at one of nine Fairfax County Parks on **Saturday, April 1, 2017**.

For a second year, the Fairfax County Park Authority is partnering with The Nature Conservancy to clean up our watershed. Join fellow volunteers and help remove tires, plastic bottles, cans and other debris from local waterways and help prevent trash from reaching the nation's largest estuary, the Chesapeake Bay.

This is a great way for families, scouts, community groups and students in need of service hours to take an active role in caring for our parks and waterways. By recording what you remove, you'll be helping scientists, ecologists and environmental organizations in their efforts to improve our environment.

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Cleanup activities run from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Snacks, give-a-ways and other free, fun stuff like historic house tours and educational opportunities will take place at the work sites.

So, pick your favorite park from the list below and [Register Online](#).

- [Cub Run RECenter](#) in Chantilly, 100 volunteers needed
- [Ellanor C. Lawrence Park](#) in Chantilly, 25 volunteers needed
- [Hidden Oaks Nature Center at Roundtree Park](#) in Falls Church, 100 volunteers needed
- [Hidden Pond Nature Center](#) in Springfield, 40 volunteers needed
- [Huntley Meadows Park](#) in Alexandria, 30 volunteers needed
- [Lake Accotink Park](#) in Springfield, 200 volunteers needed
- [Lake Fairfax Park](#) in Reston, 30 volunteers needed
- [Riverbend Park](#) in Great Falls, 75 volunteers needed
- [Sully Historic Site](#) in Chantilly, 15 volunteers needed

To register by email, contact Jen Dalke, volunteer program manager, at [jdalke@tnc.org](mailto:jdalke@tnc.org). For more information, Dalke can also be reached by phone at (434) 951-0572 (work) or (540) 335-1302 (cell, text).

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## **Applications Now Open for the Outstanding Corporate Citizenship Awards**

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[Applications Now Open for the Outstanding Corporate Citizenship Awards!](#)

The Northern Virginia Chamber's Outstanding Corporate Citizenship Awards honor individuals, businesses and non-profits for above-and-beyond business leadership, employee engagement, and corporate social responsibility (CSR).

The award categories include:

- Outstanding Corporate Citizen of the Year
    - Large business – more than 500 employees in the DC Metro region
    - Mid-Size business – between 101-500 employees in the DC Metro region
    - Small business – 100 or less employees in the DC Metro region
  - Executive Leader of the Year
  - Emerging Influential of the Year
  - Non-Profit of the Year
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- Outstanding Veteran and Military Advocate Award

To learn more about the application process, please [click here](#) to download the awards application FAQ document. Interested parties may self-nominate or nominate business partners. The application period is open through **Monday, March 27, 2017** and is available [online](#).

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## **Code Compliance Corner**

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## Grass Height

*Do you know about Fairfax County's rules on Grass Height?*

- ◆ Complaints regarding grass height are accepted from **April 1st – Mid-October**
- ◆ **RESIDENTIAL:** Grass may not be taller than 12 inches in height on any developed residential lots (vacant or occupied) that are one-half acre (21,780 sq. ft.) or less. This also applies to undeveloped residential property, which is less than one-half acre and which is located in a recorded subdivision where 90% of the lots have been developed.
  - ◆ Grass height is not regulated for properties that are larger than one-half acre.
- ◆ **COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL:** While some exemptions may apply, grass may not be taller than 12 inches in height on any vacant developed commercial/industrial property.
- ◆ After sending a Notice of Violation to the owner, Fairfax County may have tall grass cut at the owner's expense if compliance was not met.
- ◆ **Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)** is responsible for cutting tall grass along roads or in medians on state maintained roads. To make a complaint call: **1-800-367-7623**.



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](http://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.*

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## Event at the Chantilly Regional Library

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**An Ordinary Hero:  
The True Story of Joan Trumpauer Mulholland**

**Date:** Monday, March 27, 2017

**Time:** 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Join us to meet Joan Trumpauer Mulholland, a freedom rights champion and participant in the 1963 civil rights sit-in at the Jackson, Mississippi Woolworths, and award-winning author on the subject, M.J. O'Brien. We will view the film "An Ordinary Hero", the amazing true story of one woman's courage to help change the world. Copies of the film and O'Brien's book, "We Shall Not Be Moved" will be available for purchase. Light refreshments will be provided.

**Location:**

Chantilly Regional Library

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4000 Stringfellow Road  
Chantilly Meeting Room  
Chantilly, VA 20151

[Register](#)

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*Meet Suffragist Mrs. Robert Walker*  
*A Historic Re-enactment by Lynne Garvey-Hodge*



**Monday, March 27th at 7:30 pm**  
**Sully Govt Center,**  
**4900 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly VA**

The Historic Centreville Society proudly presents Lynne Garvey-Hodge, historic re-enactor  
Fairfax County History Commissioner, and member of the Turning Point Suffrage  
Memorial Committee.

**Lynne Garvey-Hodge portrays *Suffragist,***  
***Mrs. Robert Walker.* Mrs. Walker reveals the story of her arrest in front**  
**of the White House on July 14, 1917, and her subsequent**  
**incarceration at the Occoquan Workhouse.**

Mrs. Walker (ne'e, Amelia Himes) juggled her passion for freedom with her faith as a Quaker,  
her role as the wife of a successful entrepreneur, mother to three children, and "Blue Book"  
mistress of her Baltimore estate, "Drumquhazle."

**Light refreshments will be served.**  
**Questions? Please call 703 830-5407.**

**HISTORIC CENTREVILLE SOCIETY**



*Save the Date! June 17, 2017*  
HISTORIC FAIRFAX COUNTY COURTHOUSE



# Celebrate FAIRFAX COUNTY'S 275<sup>TH</sup> Birthday!

Saturday, June 17, 2017

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

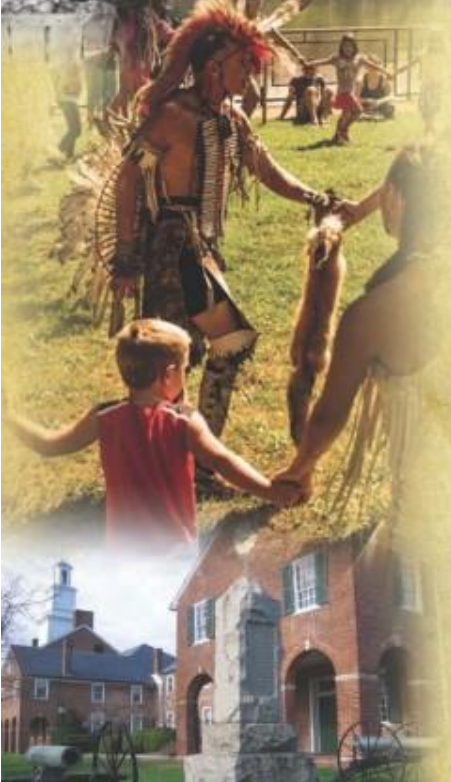
Historic Fairfax Courthouse

The day's events, which are free and open to the public, will include:

- Family-friendly activities
- Entertainment
- History Exhibits
- Living History
- Performances

...and more!

Visit [www.Fairfax275.org](http://www.Fairfax275.org)  
for more information.



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