



## A message from Kathy Smith

Cooling off in a swimming pool is a great summertime activity. In this newsletter I have included some details about pool safety to keep you and your family safe this summer.

Fairfax County is considering new zoning regulations for short term rentals, like AirBNB, and your input is valuable as we consider zoning changes. There is additional information about short term rentals and a link to take a survey in this week's newsletter. You can also send an email with your comments to [ordadmin@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:ordadmin@fairfaxcounty.gov).

Sincerely,

*Kathy*

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## **Gretchen Snyder Named Mount Vernon's 2017 History Teacher of the Year**



Congratulations to Gretchen Snyder! She has been named the 2017 History Teacher of the Year by George Washington's Mount Vernon.

Snyder has 15 years' experience as a history teacher and currently serves as the social studies department chair and National History Day coordinator at Westfield High School. She served on the Review Committee for the Virginia Department of Education's Standards of Learning for U.S. History from 2013-2015.

One colleague praised Snyder's work in a nomination letter, saying, "Gretchen is overwhelmingly successful at producing students who can look at history as more

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than simply facts, but as living information that needs to be analyzed and connected to understand the modern world.” Snyder says one of her goals as a teacher is to inspire life-long learning and passion for history in her students while meeting the educational needs of a wide variety of students.

Snyder will receive a \$5,000 prize and an all-expense paid trip to George Washington’s Mount Vernon for up to 200 students.

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## Survey for Short-Term Property Rentals



**Fairfax County is considering the development of new zoning regulations for Short-Term Rentals that may address such factors as:**

- Where these rentals would be allowed in the County
- How often they could be rented out
- What types of properties could be rented out
- How many people would be allowed to stay in a property at any one time

**Why changes are being proposed?**

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This year, the Virginia General Assembly passed [Senate Bill 1578](#), which gives localities the authority to require registration of Short-Term Rentals. As a result, the Board of Supervisors directed the creation of a working group to draft zoning regulations for Short-Term Rentals in the County and to establish a registry of Short-Term Rentals. In proposing Short-Term Rental regulations to the Board, the working group seeks to balance residents' interests to protect the character of their neighborhood with the interests of persons wanting to operate Short-Term Rentals within their residence.

### **We want your input!**

We want your input to help us develop the proposed zoning regulations and Short-Term Rental Registry:

- **Take a quick online [SURVEY](#) by August 31, 2017.**
- Call us at 703-324-1314, TTY 711.
- Email us your comments or concerns at [ordadmin@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:ordadmin@fairfaxcounty.gov).
- Offer public testimony at the public hearings (not yet scheduled).

[Calendar of Events and Process Timeline](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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## **Virginia Board of Education Public Meeting**

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The Virginia Board of Education will hold a series of **public hearings** in June, July, and August to gather feedback from families, educators, and community members on student expectations, how schools are accredited, and the conditions and needs of public schools.

**Tuesday, June 27 – Fairfax County**

**6:30 p.m.**

Location: Luther Jackson Middle School

Address: 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church, VA 22042

Public comment will be accepted at each of the meetings. While the Board welcomes all comments from the public, they are specifically looking for feedback on the Board's work related to the following:

- The Standards of Accreditation including changes to high school graduation requirements and changes to how schools will be accredited in the future
- The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) State Plan
- Identifying conditions and needs of public education, for updating the Board's comprehensive plan and annual report to the Governor and General Assembly

For planning purposes, **kindly RSVP to the Director for Board Relations Emily Webb at [Emily.Webb@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Emily.Webb@doe.virginia.gov)**, if you are able to attend one of these

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meetings (RSVPs are appreciated, but not required). If you know of others who would like to join, feel free to share this information with them.

A sign in sheet will be provided at each hearing for those individuals wishing to address the Board. To ensure Board members are able to hear from as many people as possible, each speaker is asked to limit their comments to 3 minutes. If individuals wish to submit a written copy of their remarks, or additional materials for the Board to consider, those will be accepted at the hearing. Comment cards will also be available.

For the full meeting schedule and more information, please visit

<http://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/meetings/index.shtml#other>.

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## Who to Contact About Downed Trees and Wires



If a tree falls, then who do you call? Here's a list of who to contact if you see a downed tree or wires:

### 1.) Life-Threatening

- If there's an immediate life-safety issue, **call or text 9-1-1**.
  - **If a tree falls into your home:**
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1. Get everyone safely out of your house. **Use your cellphone or go to a neighbor's house and call 9-1-1.**
2. **Stay away from the home** until public safety employees can access your home for structural safety (as well as ensuring your utilities are OK or should be turned off.)
3. Only after all of these safety measures should you then **call your insurance company.**

## 2.) Power Lines

- Of course, NEVER touch a downed wire.
- Dominion Power: 1-866-366-4357 or online at [www.dom.com/outage-center](http://www.dom.com/outage-center).
- NOVEC: 1-888-335-0500 or online at [www.novec.com/stormcenter](http://www.novec.com/stormcenter).

## 3.) Roads

- Call the Virginia Department of Transportation at 1-800-367-7623, TTY 711, or use [VDOT's online reporting form](#).

## 4.) Sidewalks

- Check out our [online map of who maintains sidewalks](#) to find out who's responsible to remove trees/tree limbs. Most sidewalks are VDOT's responsibility, so call 1-800-367-7623, TTY 711, or use [VDOT's online reporting form](#).

## 5.) Fairfax County Government/Schools

- County Government buildings: 703-324-2055, TTY 711.
- Fairfax County Park Authority property: 703-324-8594, TTY 711
- Fairfax County Public Schools property: 703-764-2429, TTY 711

## 6.) Private Property

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- Removal is the property owner's responsibility. We suggest direct communication with your neighbor, then we recommend contacting a professional, licensed arborist to inspect the tree. The county has no authority in civil issues like downed trees.

## 7.) Posing Hazard to Public Areas

- Contact Fairfax County Urban Forestry at 703-324-1770, TTY 703-324-1877.

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## Fairfax Alerts



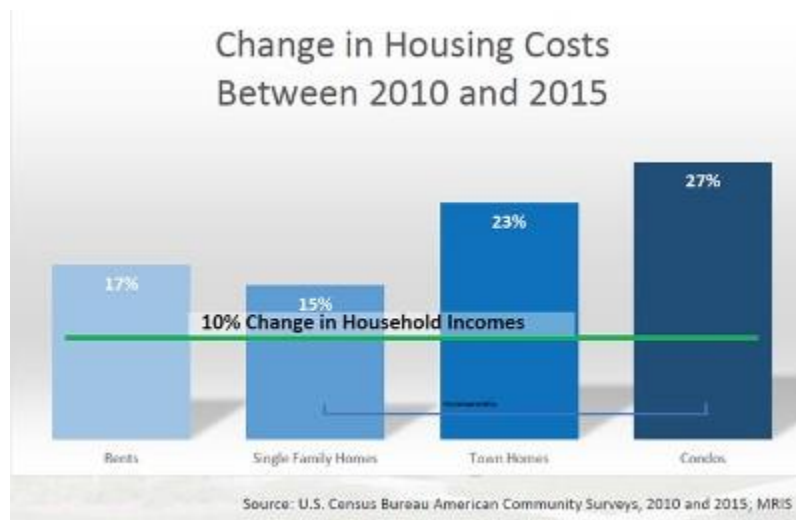
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# Affordable Housing in Fairfax County: We Want Your Input



Over the last decade, our county has experienced **unprecedented increases in the cost of for-sale housing and a significant decrease in affordable rental housing**. In addition, according to data from George Mason University's Center for Regional Analysis, to meet the demand associated with projected job growth over the next 20 years, the county will need thousands of additional homes that are affordable to new workers – earning a range of incomes.

## Buying or Renting – It's Expensive:

These are the affordable housing challenges facing the county:

- Between 2010 and 2015, Fairfax County saw a significant **increase in the cost of rental and for-sale homes by as much as 27 percent**. The average **household income increased by 10 percent** during this time period.
  - The **average monthly rent** in the county was **\$1,764 in 2015**. You **need an income of at least \$70,560** to afford a typical rent.
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- About **45 percent of all jobs in the county pay less than \$50,000 per year**. That includes nearly 300,000 jobs in business services, retail, hospitality, construction, health care, and education.
- Thousands of residents and their families **spend more than half of their income each month on housing costs**. As a result, families spend less on other necessities such as food, health care, transportation, child care, and education. They also spend less on other goods and services in the local economy.

### **We Want Your Input!**

We are asking your input to help us better understand our local housing needs and plan for ways to ensure there are housing options for everyone who wants to live in our county. **Please take a few minutes to respond to our survey – deadline is July 15.**

### **[Take the Affordable Housing Survey](#)**

The results from the online survey will help shape the [Communitywide Housing Strategic Plan](#) to:

- Create a shared community vision of how housing supports local economic growth and community sustainability.
- Quantify the housing needed to sensibly accommodate future growth.
- Develop specific, measurable and actionable strategies for meeting countywide housing goals.
- Identify the programs and policies, and specific funding sources, that will be required to address housing needs in 5, 10, and 15 years.

In addition, information on an **upcoming community meeting** on July 13 at 7 p.m. will be posted soon [here](#).

### **Moving Forward:**

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In addition to your input, we will continue to work on these initiatives already underway:

- [Fairfax County Strategic Plan to Facilitate Economic Success](#)
- [Human Services Needs Assessment](#)
- [One Fairfax Resolution](#)

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## Stay Safe Around Water!



Please take a moment to review the helpful water safety tips below from our friends at the [American Red Cross](#).

### **Make Water Safety Your Priority**

- Swim in designated areas supervised by lifeguards.
  - Always swim with a buddy; do not allow anyone to swim alone. Even at a public pool or a lifeguarded beach, use the buddy system!
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- Ensure that everyone in the family learns to swim well. Enroll in age-appropriate Red Cross water orientation and Learn-to-Swim courses.
- Never leave a young child unattended near water and do not trust a child's life to another child; teach children to always ask permission to go near water.
- Have young children or inexperienced swimmers wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets around water, but do not rely on life jackets alone.
- Establish rules for your family and enforce them without fail. For example, set limits based on each person's ability, do not let anyone play around drains and suction fittings, and do not allow swimmers to hyperventilate before swimming under water or have breath-holding contests.
- Even if you do not plan on swimming, be cautious around natural bodies of water including ocean shoreline, rivers and lakes. Cold temperatures, currents and underwater hazards can make a fall into these bodies of water dangerous.
- If you go boating, wear a life jacket! Most boating fatalities occur from drowning.
- Avoid alcohol use. Alcohol impairs judgment, balance and coordination; affects swimming and diving skills; and reduces the body's ability to stay warm.

### **Prevent Unsupervised Access to the Water**

- Install and use barriers around your home pool or hot tub. Safety covers and pool alarms should be added as additional layers of protection.
  - Ensure that pool barriers enclose the entire pool area, are at least 4-feet high with gates that are self-closing, self-latching and open outward, and away from the pool. The latch should be high enough to be out of a small child's reach.
  - If you have an above-ground or inflatable pool, remove access ladders and secure the safety cover whenever the pool is not in use.
  - Remove any structures that provide access to the pool, such as outdoor furniture, climbable trees, decorative walls and playground equipment.
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- Keep toys that are not in use away from the pool and out of sight. Toys can attract young children to the pool.

### **Maintain Constant Supervision**

- Actively supervise kids whenever around the water—even if lifeguards are present. Do not just drop your kids off at the public pool or leave them at the beach—designate a responsible adult to supervise.
  - Always stay within arm's reach of young children and avoid distractions when supervising children around water.
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## **Fireflies in the Meadow**



Meet at Cabell's Mill. As dusk approaches, the meadow is lit with fireflies. Join us in illuminating the world of small night creatures. Bring a plastic jar with a lid to catch and then release. Wear long pants, socks and closed shoes. Flashlights and insect repellent are useful.

**Location:** Ellanor C. Lawrence Park

**Date:** Wednesday, June 28, 2017

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**Time:** 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**Age Range:** 2 to adult

For more information and to register, please click [here](#).

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## Upcoming Events at Chantilly Library



### **Master Gardeners:**

A neighborhood plant clinic. Master Gardeners provide horticultural tips information techniques and advice to home gardeners.

Date: Saturday, June 24, 2017

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Age: Adult

### **Jammin' Beach Party:**

Surf dance and sing with Cody & Bj. Cosponsored by the Friends of Chantilly Regional Library. Please sign up each child and adult separately.

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Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Location: CH Meeting Room

Age: All ages

**Special Effects Makeup Workshop:**

Learn makeup special effects from a trained specialist. Co-Sponsored by the Friends of the Kings Park Library.

Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Time: 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Location: CH Meeting Room

Ages: Teens (13-18)

For more information and to register, please click [here](#).

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## Animal Shelter Corner

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## Meet Sabrina!

**Age:** 12y 6m

**Gender:** Female

**Color:** White / Grey

**Spayed/Neutered:** Yes

**Size:** Large

**Declawed:** No

Sabrina is super easygoing and great with cats, dogs, and kids! She has 2 poses: sitting up, or lying down. She's not an active gal, but if it's a social, affectionate, purry, always-at-your-side but not in-your-face companion that you seek, seek no more. Sabrina is exactly what you need. She takes her hyperthyroidism pill in her food without complaint, and for a sweetpea, has the cutest cranky old kitty meow you ever heard!

She is such a popular gal, her adoption fee was paid for by a generous admirer, and so is one year of her hyperthyroid medication! She is currently in a foster home, but if you would like to meet this favorite girl, please email [animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov)!



## Volunteer Opportunity in Sully



### Respite Care

Volunteers give family caregivers of a frail older adult a well-deserved break so they can go shopping, attend a doctor's appointment, or just have coffee with a friend.

Volunteers visit and oversee the safety of the older adult for a few hours each month. Support and training are provided. Contact ElderLink at 703-324-5374, TTY 711.

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