



A message from Kathy Smith

I hope you can join me tomorrow, Saturday, April 21 at Springfest from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Sully Historic Site (3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly, VA 20151). Admission is free. Parking is \$5 per vehicle. The family-friendly event includes: performers, a petting zoo, an obstacle course, food trucks, and much more. For more information, call 703-324-5470 or visit www.springfestfairfax.org.

As part of the Transform 66 Outside the Beltway project there will be overnight lane closures on Route 28 in both directions between Braddock Road and Westfields Boulevard next week from April 23 to 25. More information is below.

Sincerely,

Kathy

Springfest 2018

Healthy Planet • Healthy People

SPRINGfest Fairfax

Saturday, April 21, 2018
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
(Rain or Shine)

Sully Historic Site
3650 Historic Sully Way
Chantilly, VA 20151

Free admission!
Parking \$5 per car

**Fairfax County's Official
Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration**

Featuring
Hands-on activities • Plant a tree
Touch-a-Truck • Farm animals
Nature exhibits • Food trucks
Obstacle course • Fitness demos
Free tours of the Sully historic
house first floor

springfestfairfax.org

For Inclusion and ADA Support, call
703-324-8727. TTY: Va Relay 711

Traffic Alert: Route 28 Upcoming Lane Shift



Overnight lane closures are scheduled to occur on Route 28 in both directions between Braddock Road and Westfields Boulevard next week, April 23-25. Crews will shift travel lanes and set up work zones to allow for construction on the Transform 66 Outside the Beltway project which includes improvements along the Route 28 corridor north of the I-66 interchange.

[Following next week's work, all lanes on northbound and southbound Route 28 between Braddock Road and Westfields Boulevard will be shifted to](#) allow for barriers to be set up along the outside shoulders, and will remain in place to support upcoming construction activity.

Closures are scheduled to occur from 9:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. on the nights of Monday, April 23 and Tuesday, April 24. Details include:

- **Monday, April 23:** Northbound on Route 28
 - Double lane closure of the left two lanes will start at 9:00 p.m. on northbound Route 28 in the vicinity of Route 29 to Westfields Boulevard.
- **Tuesday, April 24:** Southbound on Route 28

- Double lane closure of the left two lanes will start at 9:00 p.m. on southbound Route 28 in the vicinity of Willard Road to Braddock Road.

All work is weather dependent, and will be rescheduled if inclement weather occurs.

The work is part of the [Transform 66 Outside the Beltway Project](#).

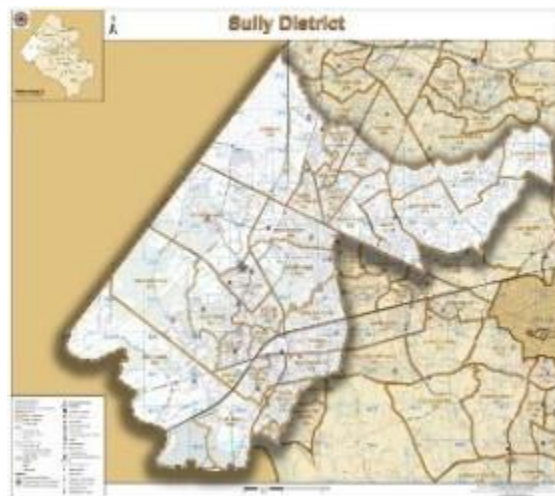
Real Estate Assessment Administrative Appeals Due May 1



[Administrative appeals](#) can be filed with DTA if property owners believe their assessment is not equitable in comparison with similar properties, or if they believe their assessment exceeds fair market value. Residential assessment appeals can be initiated online through DTA's website, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/taxes, or filed in writing. Appeal forms can be downloaded directly from DTA's webpage. **DTA encourages property owners to call 703-222-8234 if they have questions as early as possible. Administrative appeal applications must be postmarked by May 1, 2018, or filed online by midnight (EST) of May 1, 2018.**

Real Estate appeals can also be filed with the Board of Equalization (BOE) by June 1, 2018. Under State law, the BOE is separate from the DTA and consists of nine taxpayers appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The BOE conducts formal hearings and considers sworn testimony. BOE appeal forms are also available on the BOE website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/boe or by calling the BOE office at 703-324-4891 .

Sully Land Use Spotlight



Recent Sully Cases:

PA 2013-III-DS1 (Dulles Suburban Center Study) -

On Wednesday, April 18, 2018 the Planning Commission heard PA 2013-III-DS1. This item is scheduled for a follow-on decision only hearing on Thursday, April 26, 2018. The plan amendment was a large scale, planning study to update the Dulles Suburban Center elements of the Comprehensive Plan. The study was submission-driven with the public able to propose optional uses for the various Land Units subject to the study (for a list of the original submissions and original submission details click [here](#)). Editorial changes were

also incorporated into the study to clean-up and modify the area-wide plan text. Both the nominations and editorial changes were extensively reviewed over the course of several meetings (from March 2016 to February 2018) by an advisory group consisting of Sully District residents and community members (click [here](#) to access the meeting records and material). The staff report for the study is available [here](#).

PCA 82-S-032-02 (Penrose Place) -

On Thursday, April 19, 2018 the Planning Commission heard and voted to recommend approval of PCA 82-S-032-02. The application enables the construction of an additional office complex on Penrose Place through the modification of pre-existing proffers on the site. Staff had recommended approval of the application. For more information and details on the case, click [here](#).

Upcoming Meetings:

Planning Commission Committees (School and Housing Committees) -

The Housing Committee and Schools Committee of the Fairfax County Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at the Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035) in the Board Conference Room (Conference Room 11). The [Housing Committee](#) meeting is a joint meeting with FCRHA and begins at 7:30 p.m. The [Schools Committee](#) is a joint meeting with the schools at 8:30 p.m.

Planning Commission -

The Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035) in the Board Auditorium and televised on Channel 16. Click [here](#) to access the agenda for both dates. There is one Sully District case on the agenda. More information is below.

RZ/FDP 2017-MD-027 (Horsepen Run, LLC) -



This combined application would rezone the subject area (65.89 acres) from the R-1 to PDH-5 zoning district. It would also enable the construction of 228 single-family attached and 100 multifamily, stacked dwelling units on the southern portion of the property outside of the Environmental Quality Corridor/Resource Protection Area. 35 acres of the site would be transferred to the Fairfax County Park Authority to a) protect the corridor and resource protection area and b) to permit recreational use on fields to be constructed by the applicant. Additionally, the applicant will be constructing the extension of Sunrise Valley Drive from Park Center Road up to the intersection with Frying Pan Road. For more information on the application, please review the staff report [here](#).



[Bike to Work Day Pit Stop Volunteers](#)

The 18th Bike to Work Day regional event is scheduled for Friday, May 18, 2018. The Fairfax County Department of Transportation is hosting 7 pit stops that will offer free t-shirts, giveaways, snacks, information, fun activities, and complimentary bicycle tune-ups. Volunteers are needed to make this event a success!

Duties:

Help with set up, participant registration/t-shirt distribution, activity management, and event break down.

Minimum Age to Volunteer: 16

Time Commitment: You will be expected to volunteer for 3 hours.

Locations:

- Fairfax County Government Center (6:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.)
- Huntington (6:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.)

- McLean (6:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.)

Contact:

Nicole Wynands

703-877-5625

bikefairfax@fairfaxcounty.gov

8 Ways to Make a Difference in a Child's Life



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. We - the community - must act to protect children from harm, keep them safe, and ensure their well-being. Child abuse and neglect is not just a concern of parents or families; it is truly a community concern.

Why?

- Children are one of the most vulnerable populations. Sadly, our Child Protective Services Hotline receives close to 2,000 calls per year that result in an assessment or investigation of child abuse.
- Child abuse and neglect occurs in all types of settings. It spans across gender, race, culture, and socio-economic status.

Here are some ways you can make a difference for children in our community:

1. Did you know the county provides guidelines for the supervision of children?

Wondering about when your child may be ready to spend some time alone? These [guidelines](#) have been developed by social work professionals in collaboration with the community.

2. Ever wonder if your child is on track with his peers?

Understand [developmental milestones from birth to 5 years](#). Act early if you have a concern.

3. Support families through volunteering during Child Abuse Prevention Month and throughout the year.

Every time you [volunteer](#), speak up or reach out in your community, you are working to prevent child abuse. There are many opportunities such as mentoring, tutoring, or helping with a parenting education class.

4. Know the signs of child abuse, and if you see something, say something.

If you're concerned about a child's well-being; want to report or discuss a possible abuse or neglect situation; or want advice, counseling, resources or help, please call the [Child Protective Services](#) Hotline at 703-324-7400, TTY 711.

5. Choosing the right child care program for your child is a very important decision.

Parents want a safe, nurturing and educational environment where their children can learn, play and grow. Child Care Assistance and Referral provides information on [what to look for in a quality child care program](#). Here are some tips on [choosing an experienced responsible babysitter](#) for short term care.

6. Free parenting education classes can help develop positive parenting.

[Family Services' Parenting Education Classes](#) and [Father Engagement Program](#) give parents an opportunity to learn and develop new parenting skills; develop effective strategies to manage mental and physical health; and balance work and family commitments. [Our partner, SCAN's Parenting Classes](#) are another resource.

7. Things go more smoothly when you and your child know what to expect.

[Setting routines and schedules](#) can help improve the relationship between adults

and children. Routines provide two key ingredients necessary for learning:
[relationships and repetition.](#)

8. **Every parent feels overwhelmed at times. When it happens, ask for help!**
Relatives, friends, religious advisors, your doctor and other professionals will understand. In addition, here are some [tips and helpful resources to keep kids safe.](#)

What You Need to Know About Sexual Assault



Sexual violence is a major public health, human rights, and social justice issue nationally and in our community. We need to work together to promote safety, respect and equality to stop sexual violence. It can be as simple as having a conversation with your children or participating in a community event.

What do you need to know about sexual assault?

Sexual Assault Affects Many of Us:

- **One in two women and one in six men will experience sexual violence** in their lifetime.
- Only **one-third of victims of sexual violence report their assaults.**
- 33 million women in the U.S. have **experienced sexual harassment in the workplace.**
- **Young people experience the highest rates of sexual violence**, and youth ages 12-17 are 2.5 times more likely than adults to be victims of rape or sexual assault.

*[Information](#) provided above by Department of Family Services – Domestic and Sexual Violence Services.

- In 2017, there were **289 sexual assaults reported in our county**, according to a [Fairfax County Police Department report](#).

Talk To Your Children:

Teaching children and adolescents about consent is an important step to increasing individual and community safety. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the county is hosting events for parents, family members, guardians, and caregivers to help you gain insight on how to communicate with your children. Topics covered will be age-appropriate consent, respect, and how to ask for help. This event is free.

- **Wednesday, April 25 at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria**

[Register for April 25 Event](#)

Resources and Assistance Are Available 24/7:

If you or someone you know needs help, **call the domestic and sexual violence 24-hour hotline at 703-360-7273**, TTY 711. The hotline receives an average of **1,500 calls each year**.

[Learn More About Hotline and Resources](#)

[Learn About Sexual Assault Awareness Month Events](#)

Listen and Read:

Listen to our recent podcast for more information on events, statistics and more: [April 11, 2018 Podcast on Sexual Assault Awareness Month](#)

Our [Library](#) is a great resource for books to learn more about preventing sexual violence and supporting survivors.

[Suggested Books for All Ages](#)

Code Compliance Corner

Grass Height – As warmer weather arrives and the County begins to green and come alive after winter, citizens may begin to notice un-mowed tall grass on residential and commercial properties in their neighborhoods. Chapter 119 of the State Code regulates grass height, which may not be taller than 12-inches on any property, vacant or occupied. Department of Code Compliance (DCC) accepts complaints related to excessive grass height from April 15 through Mid-October. For more information, visit the [DCC website](#).



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



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.

Active Violence in the Workplace Preparedness Workshop



The Fairfax County [Police Department](#) and the [Office of Emergency Management](#) (OEM), the [Fairfax County Community Collaboration for Disaster Resiliency](#) and the Fairfax County OEM Volunteer Corps will present a preparedness workshop — Active Violence in the Workplace — on three dates and at three locations later this month.

The workshop will provide the same presentation and information but is being offered at multiple times to provide ample opportunity for residents to find a convenient date.

Registration is required. There is no cost to attend.

Workshops will be presented on:

- **April 23** – Reston Association Conference Center, 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. [Click here to register](#)
- **April 24** – Immanuel Baptist Church, 6911 Braddock Road, Springfield. [Click here to register](#)

- **April 30** – Fairfax County Government Center Auditorium, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. [Click here to register](#)

The workshop is designed to define active violence, review active violence incidents in U.S. history, discuss options when planning a response and to discuss police response. Additional information will be available on the [Stop the Bleed](#) program, Continuity of Operations for businesses and the Community Resiliency Group program.

Health Department Puts a STAMP on Food Safety Practices



The Fairfax County Health Department has launched a new voluntary enrollment program, [Safety Through Actively Managing Practices \(STAMP\)](#), for food service operations that meet a set of standards developed by the department.

STAMP requires that food service operations adopt a proactive approach to reduce foodborne illness risk factors through the use of Active Managerial Control (AMC). AMC includes having strong written policies, recurring employee trainings, and various monitoring activities such as the use of temperature logs. STAMP enrollees demonstrate AMC through a rigorous evaluation of their records and processes and by maintaining high performance on inspections.

The Health Department modeled the standards for STAMP after best practices outlined by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the [FDA Food Code](#), the national model for food service sanitation standards.

The FDA recognizes AMC practices as essential for controlling foodborne illness risk factors and encourages regulators to take an active role in assessing and facilitating the development of AMC in food service establishments. Through the STAMP Program, food establishments can partner with the Health Department to evaluate and strengthen their food safety management systems to make a positive impact on foodborne illness.

Two food service operations, Chick Fil-A and Joe's Crab Shack in Fair Lakes, and two school pyramids, Westfield and Falls Church, are the first enrollees in the program. STAMP participants receive a certificate of enrollment, a window decal, and recognition on the Health Department's website and [Food for Thought](#) newsletter.

"Dedication to AMC demonstrates that a food operator is meeting the standards of excellence in food safety," says Environmental Health Director Pieter Sheehan. *"We congratulate our newest participants and we hope more food operators will adopt AMC practices and enroll in STAMP."*

Food service operators can apply to the STAMP program at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/food/awards-programs/stamp>. Environmental health specialists from the Fairfax County Health Department review the application and supporting documents and make a site visit before deciding if the facility is accepted into the program. STAMP participants must also fulfill certain maintenance activities to remain enrolled in the program.

The Health Department's [Environmental Health division](#) conducts close to 8,500 site visits at more than 3,400 restaurant and food service establishments annually in Fairfax County and the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church.

The division also reviews food establishment plans; responds to citizen complaints and inquiries; investigates foodborne illness outbreaks to determine the source and to minimize the spread of disease; provides food safety information; and holds trainings and workshops to help food service establishments achieve excellence in food safety.

For more information about the STAMP program or to learn more about food safety, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/food or call 703-246-2444, TTY 711.

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Tiggs!

Age: 1y 5m

Gender: Female

Color: Tan

Spayed/Neutered: Yes

Size: Medium

Oh Tiggs!! She is one sweet girl who will gladly roll over to give you her belly for some scratches! She absolutely loves people and will keep jumping up at you for additional pets. Once Tiggs gets comfortable with you, she is very playful and will even give toys back to you when asked. She can be a little nervous with new people at first, but with a few pets, you will have her up in your lap in no time. She is a high energy girl who would love to find an active adopter who will make sure she gets plenty of exercise. Her previous owners also said that she can be protective of her family and does best with strangers when introduced properly, so this is an area her new family will have to work with her on. In exchange for a little time and training, you'll be greeted by her beautiful smile every day! We'd call that a pretty good deal! For more information about Tiggs, please contact the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at 703-830-1100 or by email at animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.