



## A message from Kathy Smith

Happy New Year! All Fairfax County government offices will be closed on Tuesday, January 1 in honor of the New Year's Day holiday. My office will reopen on Wednesday, January 2 at 8:00 a.m.

Important upcoming dates! The voter registration deadline for the special election for the 33rd Senate District is **Wednesday, January 2, 2019: in-person/by mail at 5:00 p.m.; online 11:59 p.m.** The deadline to apply to receive an Absentee Ballot for the special election by mail, fax, and online is **Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.** The deadline for In-Person Absentee Voting is **Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.** Please note that only qualified voters of the 33 District are eligible to vote in this election. There are three precincts in the Sully District that are in the 33rd Senate District: Brookfield (902), Franklin (905), and Carson (931). More information is below in the "Reminders" section.

Sincerely,

*Kathy*

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## Reminders!

### Special Election for 33rd Senate District:

A special election will be held **on Tuesday, January 8, 2019**, to fill the unexpired term of the 33rd District seat in the Virginia State Senate. The unexpired term ends January 8, 2020. The 33rd Senate District includes parts of Fairfax and Loudoun Counties. Only qualified voters of the 33rd District are eligible to vote in this election.

### Important Dates:

- **January 2, 2019** - Voter Registration Deadline (In-Person/By Mail) 5:00 p.m.; Online: 11:59 p.m.
- **January 2, 2019** - Deadline to apply to receive an Absentee Ballot by mail, fax, and online: 5:00 p.m.
- **January 5, 2019** - Deadline for In-Person Absentee Voting: 5:00 p.m.
- **January 8, 2019** - Absentee Ballot return deadline: 7:00 p.m.

### 33rd Senate District - Precincts in the Sully District:

- 902 Brookfield
- 905 Franklin
- 931 Carson

For more information, click [here](#).

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## Volunteer Opportunity



### Youth Volunteer (Centreville Regional Library)

**Description:** Provides general assistance as needed to library staff.

**Duties:** Helps, as needed, with programs including: room set-up and take-down, crowd control, and providing other assistance as needed. Sorts carts and straightens materials in the children's section of the library. Performs other related duties as assigned. Reports volunteer hours promptly and accurately.

**Qualifications:** Must be between the ages of 12-18. Responsible, prompt, and focused. Strong work ethic and professional attitude in the workplace. Enthusiasm for libraries. Willingness to follow directions and perform assigned tasks. After training, ability to complete tasks with little supervision.

**Location:**

Centreville Regional Library  
14200 St. Germain Drive

Centreville, VA 20121

**Contact:**

Jyoti Shirke

703-830-2223

[Jyoti.shirke@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Jyoti.shirke@fairfaxcounty.gov)

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## School Age Child Care (SACC) Open Hire Event



**Date:** Tuesday, January 8, 2019

**Time:** 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** Pennino Building (12011 Government Center Parkway, Room 206, Fairfax, VA 22035)

Are you interested in working with school age children in a fun, energetic, and educational setting? SACC staff support children's healthy development by providing opportunities for children to expand their interests, develop their talents, and enhance their learning.

**Position:** Day Care Center Teacher I

**Salary:** \$18.49/hour, benefits eligible\*

**Schedule:** Works afternoons and evenings, 26-30 hours per week, Monday through Friday for 40 weeks, with summer, winter, and spring break off. Occasional flexible work hours and full days required (teacher workdays, delayed openings, early releases, etc.)

For more information, visit the [SACC](#) program or call 703-449-1414, TTY 711.

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## **Give an Hour Offers Free Counseling to Fairfax County Youth**



[Give an Hour](#) has partnered with Healthy Minds Fairfax to provide free mental health counseling to youth ages 5-21 from income eligible families (household income up to \$100,400 for a family of four).

Give an Hour is a national non-profit organization that develops a network of volunteers who agree to "give an hour" each week to those in need of mental health services. In their partnership with Healthy Minds Fairfax, Give an Hour has identified mental health providers in Fairfax County who are willing to provide one

hour of free mental health counseling a week to Fairfax County's income eligible youth.

This [video](#) explains how to access care through Give an Hour. To request service for your child, or for more information, simply visit [Give an Hour Healthy Minds Fairfax](#) and complete the referral form. Give an Hour staff will contact you within 72 hours to connect you to a provider. If you have any questions, please contact [fairfaxcounty@giveanhour.org](mailto:fairfaxcounty@giveanhour.org).

To read the full article, click [here](#).

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## **Avoid the Flu in 2019: 5 Steps You Should Take Now**



'Tis the season - for flu. Flu epidemics occur in the U.S. every year, but unfortunately, it is not possible to predict what the 2019 flu season will be like. Last flu season was one of the most severe in recent memory with 48.8 million illnesses, more than 959,000 hospitalizations, and 79,400 deaths nationwide,

according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Here are five steps you and your family can take to stay healthy in 2019.

### **1. Get the Flu Shot, ASAP**

- An annual flu vaccine is the best way to fight the flu.
- The flu vaccine is safe and effective.
- The flu vaccine cannot cause the flu. Some people may experience a mild reaction from their flu shot, but that isn't the same as having the flu.
- The CDC recommends that everyone 6 months and older get vaccinated against the flu every year.

Find out where you get a flu shot today, with the [Flu Shot Finder](#). Many flu clinics provide the shot at no cost.

### **2. Sick? Stay Home - Please**

If you are sick with the flu the Health Department recommends two things to prevent the spread of germs to other people. Stay home and avoid contact with other people, including family members.

### **3. Wash Your Hands!**

Washing hands is the most important and easiest action we can take to prevent getting sick and spreading illness.

### **4. Cover Your Cough the Right Way**

Cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands. Or use a tissue to cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze, then discard the tissue in the

trash.

## 5. Practical Tips and Reminders From You

We're passing along practical tips and reminders we heard from our residents on social media:

- Use a paper towel to open the door exiting a restroom.
- Wipe the handle of the grocery cart before using.
- Use your knuckle or elbow to push elevator buttons.
- Get extra sleep when you can.
- Eat a healthy diet.
- Use your own pen when signing in at a doctor's or other office.
- Avoid crowded areas when you can, including elevators.

To read the full article, click [here](#).

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## ARTSFAIRFAX FY20 Grant Program



Through wide ranging grants, [ARTSFAIRFAX](#) strengthens Fairfax County organizations, supports and honors Fairfax artists, cultivates creativity, encourages equitable access to county-wide artistic experiences, and mobilizes the arts as tools for ensuring a creative economy.



Each year **ARTSFAIRFAX** awards over \$500,000 in grants through five grant programs:

1. **Fast Track** - Grants fund one-time special needs or activities that fall outside the regular cycle or scope of **ARTSFAIRFAX** grants. Application Deadline: Rolling.
2. **Operating Support** - Grants fund arts organizations' basic operational needs. Application Deadline: Wednesday, March 20, 2019.
3. **Project Support** - Grants fund programs and activities that engage new audiences in the arts and contribute to community arts activities in Fairfax County. Application Deadline: Thursday, March 23, 2019.
4. **Organizational and Professional Development** - Grants fund activities that improve organizational management. Application Deadline: Thursday, September 5, 2019.
5. **Artist Grant** - Grants honor individual artists for outstanding accomplishments. Application Deadline: Thursday, January 9, 2020.

**ARTSFAIRFAX** invites non-profit arts organizations and artists to free grant information sessions to learn about their funding opportunities and how to submit an application. Click [here](#) to view model applications, presentations, list of previous recipients, and other resources. **ARTSFAIRFAX** is also seeking panelists to review FY20 grant applications.

To learn more about session locations, grant opportunities, or how to become a panelist, email [grants@ARTSFAIRFAX.org](mailto:grants@ARTSFAIRFAX.org). To view grant guidelines and applications visit <https://artsfairfax.submittable.com/submit>.

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## Reducing Electricity Costs in County Buildings

Did you know utilities costs for the Government Center, Herrity, and Pennino buildings exceed \$2 million annually? That's over \$100,000 a month for the Government Center and more than \$35,000 a month each for the Herrity and Pennino buildings.

Becoming a more energy-efficient organization is a priority for our Facilities Management Department and the county in general. This summer, Fairfax County adopted a new, broader operational energy strategy to significantly lower utility bills and carbon emissions.

Electricity accounted for 51 percent of the county's total energy use in 2016 and it produces 65 percent of carbon emissions. Electricity was also responsible for 69 percent of the county's total energy bill.

Recent funding was allocated as a first-year investment in the strategy, which aims to reduce energy consumption in county buildings and facilities by 20 percent per square foot over 10 years. The funds are being used to replace incandescent or fluorescent lighting with LEDs in 18 facilities, including libraries, community centers, and athletic fields.

Though implementing energy-saving technologies can require larger investments and longer-term planning, there are a host of solutions that can quickly, easily, and inexpensively deliver significant savings, like the LED lighting retrofit, reduce lighting hours of operation, and changing temperature set points during times when

buildings are unoccupied or closed.

To read the full article, click [here](#).

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## The Green Column



### How to Manage Yard Waste

Yard waste includes: grass clippings, leaves, and brush (i.e., branches and twigs smaller than four feet in length) generated during general yard maintenance. Yard waste does not include materials generated during tree removal, land clearing, or home renovation projects.

#### **Manage it onsite -**

Leave grass clippings on your lawn by grasscycling, and/or backyard composting yard waste along with other organics, such as food waste, to enrich your soil and promote healthy plants.

**Set it out for curbside collection\* -**

If you are a county customer, place leaves, grass, or brush in a separate reusable container lawn bag. Brush and sticks less than four feet in length, and weighing less than 40 pounds can be tied in bundles. If a private hauler collects your trash, please follow their instructions for the curbside collection of yard waste. When packaging yard waste for collection at the curb, please consider the use of paper lawn bags or reusable containers.

**\*Please Note:** Yard waste is collected at curbside year-round, but only processed for recycling from March 1 through December 24. With the exception of Christmas trees, between December 25 and the end of February, the small amount of yard waste generated is disposed of as trash.

**Self-haul to a county facility -**

Yard waste is accepted at the county's I-66 and I-95 waste management complexes for a fee. For more information regarding fees, click [here](#).

For more information about yard waste, visit

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/yard-waste>.

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## Animal Shelter Corner



### Meet Fawna!

**Age:** 2y

**Gender:** Female

**Color:** Fawn

**Spayed/Neutered:** Yes

**Size:** Medium

Fawna is a sweet girl who came to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter as a stray. When she first arrived, she was super nervous and really didn't know

what to think of the shelter. A few of their staff members worked with her to help her come out of her shell and let her true personality shine! She is a playful, young girl who loves to jump up or crawl into your lap and bathe you in kisses! She hasn't quite figured out that the leash is for walking and not for tugging and chewing, but a little obedience training can help correct that in a jiff! When out on walks, Fawna may often look like she wants to run away from you, but she constantly looks back to make sure you're still there and that seems to make her feel better. She really enjoys being outside and would love to find an active adopter who will take her on walks and hikes and help her build her confidence. In return, you'll get a sweet, beautiful new best friend! For more information about Fawna, contact the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at 703-830-1100 or by email at [AnimalShelter@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:AnimalShelter@fairfaxcounty.gov).