

# Sull-E Newsletter



July 24, 2020

## A Message from Kathy Smith

Several new laws took effect in Virginia and in Fairfax County on July 1, 2020. This includes a new law ([HB 1705](#)) requiring drivers to stop (not just yield) to pedestrians in marked and unmarked crosswalks until the pedestrian has cleared the lane. This includes all lanes and both directions at clearly marked crosswalks; any regular pedestrian crossing (such as residential intersections) even if unmarked; or at any intersection where the maximum speed limit is not more than 35 miles per hour. Nationally, pedestrian deaths in the U.S. have hit their highest levels in the past 30 years. To learn about what you can do to prevent pedestrian crashes and fatalities, [click here](#).

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) is seeking public input on the Fairfax County and Franconia Springfield Parkway Study. They will hold three online community meetings starting July 29, 2020, and an online survey will be available following the first meeting. More information is below.

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### **Board of Supervisors Meeting:**

- **The Board of Supervisors will meet on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.** at the Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Pkwy., Fairfax, VA) in Conference Room 11. The [agenda and Board package are available to view online](#).
- This meeting will be aired live on Channel 16 and [streamed online](#). Following the meeting, you may view it [on demand](#) online. Live audio of the meeting is available by dialing 703-324-5300.
- While in-person testimony will be allowed at this meeting, [alternative ways to testify](#) are still encouraged.

### **FCDOT - Virtual Community Meetings for Fairfax County & Franconia Springfield Parkway Study:**

- The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) will hold its first online community meeting to present its plans for the Fairfax County and Franconia-Springfield Parkways "Alternatives Analysis and Long-Term Planning Study".
  - \*[Wednesday, July 29, 2020, from 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.](#) (Please note this is a lunchtime presentation)
  - \*[Thursday, July 30, 2020, from 7-9 p.m.](#)
  - \*[Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2020, from 7-9 p.m.](#)

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- In order to participate in the online meeting experience, FCDOT has put together a [step-by-step process](#) for registration, logging in, and participating in the meeting. For more information, visit the Study webpage at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/study/fairfax-county-parkway>.
- **Feedback also will be collected via an online survey that will be available after the first meeting through Monday, Aug. 31, 2020.**

**Udvar-Hazy Center Reopening on July 24, 2020:**

- The [Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center](#) will reopen to the public on Friday, July 24, 2020. You will notice changes to how you visit the Museum, including free timed entry passes and mandatory face coverings.
- Face coverings are required for entry and must be worn throughout your visit. For more information about visitor requirements, [click here](#).

**Summer Entertainment Series In-Person Concerts Canceled:**

- Due to public safety concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Park Authority's 2020 Summer Entertainment Series in-person events will be canceled.
- Virtual concerts will begin July 30, 2020 and continue through the end of August. They will be held Thursday through Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m., and children's shows will be held on Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. **A schedule of virtual events will be released later this month.** [Details](#)

Sincerely,

*Kathy*

## Team Effort: NCS Supports Food Distribution Drive-Thru for Sully District



[Neighborhood and Community Services](#) (NCS) was one of several organizations to support a collaborative food distribution event in the Sully District on June 15. The event was organized by the Office of Sully District Supervisor Kathy Smith and sponsored by the DeLune Corporation. With the assistance of seven Fastran buses, more than 60 volunteers distributed 2,000 boxes of USDA dairy products and 960 boxes filled with milk at seven locations in the Sully District.

In total, 1,165 households each received four half-gallons of milk, plus a boxed dairy product.

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Food was also distributed to local churches and community-based organizations to take back to their own food pantries to distribute to clients.

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

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## Sully Land Use Spotlight



### **Board of Supervisors Meeting:**

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on [RZ 2019-SU-021 and SE 2019-SU-022, Blue Knob Investors LLC](#), on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

The subject property is located south of Rte. 50 near the intersection of Stonecroft Blvd., and is surrounded by commercial, industrial, and public park uses. The applicant, Blue Knob Investors LLC, proposes to establish a vehicle sales use on the northern half of the property, and a vehicle storage and service use on the southern half. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this application at its July 8, 2020 meeting.

[Learn more about the proposal](#) and how to [provide public testimony](#) on the application.

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## Upcoming Events at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park



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**Upcoming Events:**

- Saturday, August 1, 2020: We're Going on a Nature Hunt
- Sunday, August 2, 2020: Are You Going to Eat That?
- Wednesday, August 5, 2020: Family Outdoor Exploration
- Saturday, August 8, 2020: Owl Prowl and Campfire

Click on the links above to learn more about the event. [Ellanor C. Lawrence Park](#) is located at 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly, VA. For more information, contact 703-631-0013 (TTY 711) or email [parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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## Volunteer Opportunities

**VOLUNTEER IN SULLY DISTRICT**  
**BOARDS, AUTHORITIES & COMMISSIONS**  
[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs)

Are you, or someone you know, interested in volunteering as a Sully District appointee? The Sully District currently has three vacancies for which we are considering candidates.

If you are interested in serving on a committee, contact the Sully District office at [sully@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:sully@fairfaxcounty.gov), or by phone at 703-814-7100. Please provide a current résumé.

**Current Vacancies Include:**

		
<b>Architectural Review Board</b>	<b>Citizen Corps Council</b>	<b>Commission for Women</b>



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# Coronavirus Column

Important reminders as Phase Three continues in Fairfax County:



## **Face Coverings Save Lives:**

By wearing a face covering, you can prevent the spread of COVID-19 and keep case numbers down.

- Your face covering should cover both your mouth and nose
- Be careful not to touch the face covering
- **Continue Social Distancing** – While face coverings are effective, they are not a substitute for social distancing, and everyone is encouraged to do both
- [Click here](#) to learn more about face coverings.
- **Donations Needed** – Donate cloth face masks to community members in need. Drop Boxes located at all Fairfax County Police Stations. Drop off any time, day or night. [Find a location near you.](#)

## **Ways to Help Those Impacted by the Coronavirus:**

- **Office for Children Childcare Program** – The Office for Children is seeking donations to support healthy hygiene practices for children and clean childcare environments. Supplies needed include soap, paper towels, and diapers. [Click here](#) for more information.
- **Donate Blood** - The [American Red Cross](#) is seeing an extreme shortage in blood donations. There is no evidence that the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) can be transmitted through blood. Donate by [clicking here](#).

## **Ways to Stay Informed:**

- Call our Health Department Call Center at 703-267-3511 with Coronavirus questions; open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends.
- Text FFXCOVID to 888777 to receive updates from Fairfax County about COVID-19.
- Email questions or concerns to [ffxcovid@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:ffxcovid@fairfaxcounty.gov). This email account will be staffed Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. through 6 p.m.
- Visit a [web portal for coronavirus](#) that serves as a one-stop online resource for information.
- Learn more about COVID-19 on the [Health Department Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Webpage](#) or [FAQ page](#).
- Follow the [Fairfax County Government Facebook Page](#) and [Health Department Facebook Page](#).
- Follow [@fairfaxcounty](#) and [@fairfaxhealth](#) on Twitter.

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## The Green Column



### Bluebird Monitors Keep Watch Over Feathered Families

The colorful Eastern bluebird can now be found throughout Fairfax County, but it wasn't too long ago that this bird we often associate with happiness was facing a sad and uncertain future.

Their numbers have bounced back in recent years with the help of national, state, and local bluebird societies that encourage the building and monitoring of birdhouses for these cavity-nesters. The Virginia Bluebird Society was founded in 1978, and Fairfax County has an active network of bluebird monitors who keep close tabs on an array of bluebird houses that occupy local parks and neighborhoods.

To learn more about bluebird monitoring, and how you can help, [click here](#).

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## Animal Shelter Corner



### Meet Romeow!

Romeow is an adorable little guy, who is almost three months old. Here's what his foster mom says about Romeow: "If you're looking for a velcro kitty - look no further! This little guy will follow you anywhere & help you with everything! He loves to snuggle under the covers & will happily sit on your shoulders when you're online... (wear a towel on your shoulders)!"

If you are interested in adopting Romeow, send in a completed adoption questionnaire! All adoption info, steps, and forms can be found [online](#).

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# Reminders!

## **VDOT Seeks Input on Route 28 and Dulles Toll Road/Greenway Interchange Study:**

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) invites the public to learn more about and provide input on traffic operations and safety improvements being evaluated as part of a study to improve the Route 28 and Dulles Toll Road/Dulles Greenway interchange area. Interested residents and travelers are encouraged to [view the online presentation](#), [review supporting materials and maps](#), and [provide input by completing an online survey](#) by **August 2, 2020**. Study details, the presentation, and online survey are available on the [project webpage](#).

## **Census 2020:**

Have you filled out the 2020 Census? It's not too late! Fairfax County's Census 2020 response rate is at 75.8%, but let's push to reach 100%. **Your answers to the Census are kept strictly confidential.** Visit [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) to begin.

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