

Sull-E Newsletter



A message from Kathy Smith

I will be co-hosting a Transportation Town Hall with Delegate Karrie Delaney on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Sully Governmental Center. Representatives from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT), EMP (VDOT's I-66 partner), and the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) will be in attendance to answer your transportation questions. I hope to see you there!

Looking for a way to assist individuals and families in need this holiday season? There are several drives going on including: Santa's Ride 2019, NOVA Relief Center's Blanket and Coat Drive for Refugees, and FCPD Victim Services' Holiday Gift Card Drive. More information about these drives is below in the "Reminders" section.

Sincerely,

Kathy

Reminders!

Child Care Provider Resource Fair:

Date: Saturday, December 7, 2019

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Centre Ridge Elementary School (14400 New Braddock Road, Centreville, VA 20121)

Learn about:

- Child care options and speak with child care providers
- How to get started with your own child care business.
- Other resources from county, nonprofit, school, and faith-based organizations to meet your family's needs.

Admission is free. For additional information, contact Paul Woods at 703-324-5347.

Santa's Ride 2019:

Donate NEW, unwrapped toys, games, books, and gifts to be distributed to children at Fairfax Hospital, Georgetown Lombardi Cancer Center, and to the children in the community who might not otherwise have a cheerful holiday season!

Bring your items to any Fairfax County Police Station, including the **Sully District Station (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151)**; any of the following schools: Groveton ES, **Poplar Tree ES (13440 Melville Lane, Chantilly, VA 20151)**, Springfield Estates ES, Terraset ES, West Springfield ES, St. Ambrose School, Spring Hill ES, Holy Spirit School, and Pender School; the Lobby of the Pennino and Herrity Office Buildings; or the Government Center, **no later than 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 9, 2019.**

NOVA Relief Center - 2019 Blanket & Coat Drive for Refugees:

This year, NOVA Relief Center is **accepting donations from November 23 to December 9, 2019** to distribute to three refugee camps in Jordan: Mafraq, Jerash, and Irbid. You can help make this event a success by donating gently used blankets, coats, and winter clothing items.

There are several drop-off locations in the Sully District, including:

- Sully District Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151)
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (14150 Upper Ridge Drive, Centreville, VA 20121); **Sundays only**
- Navy Elementary School (3500 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22033)
- Westfield High School (4700 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151)

For more information visit: <https://novareliefcenter.org/>.

Transportation Town Hall with Delegate Delaney & Supervisor Smith:

Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2019

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151) in the Community Rooms

Join Delegate Karrie K. Delaney and Supervisor Kathy Smith on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Sully Governmental Center for their joint transportation town hall. Representatives from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT), EMP (VDOT's I-66 partner), and the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) will be in attendance to answer your transportation questions.

FCPD Victim Services' Holiday Gift Card Drive:

Now through Friday, December 13, 2019, the Fairfax County Police Department [Victim Services Division](#) are collecting gift cards to benefit children on their current caseload. Gift cards will allow parents to be active participants in purchasing gifts for each child and practical needed items that they would normally go without. Gift cards can be mailed to or dropped off at: ATTN: Saly Fayez, Director; FCPD - Victim Services Division; 12099 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035. For more information, contact Saly Fayez at 703-246-2465 or send an email to saly.fayez@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Park Authority Dog Park Study:

The Fairfax County Park Authority is conducting an in-depth study of Off-Leash Dog Areas (i.e. dog parks) in Fairfax County. The community is asked to share its insights through the project's public survey. **The survey will be open through December 15, 2019** and is available on the project's website at [Dog Park Study](#). Comments on the study will be received by the Park Authority until December 15, 2019. Written comments should be directed to Project Manager Adam Wynn, Planning & Development Division, Fairfax County Park Authority, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 406, Fairfax, VA 22035. Email comments may be sent to: Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

DMV 2 Go at the Sully Governmental Center:

Date: Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151) in the parking lot

The handicapped accessible full service office-on-wheels is equipped to process all DMV transactions. **Customers visiting DMV 2 Go are served on a first come, first served basis.** Appointments are not available.

Fairfax Connector Reston-Herndon Bus Service Online Survey Extended to December 27, 2019:

Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) has extended the Fairfax Connector Reston-Herndon bus service online survey **until December 27, 2019**. Residents may provide input on the service alternatives by completing the survey at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/herndon-reston-service-review>. Comments can also be mailed to FCDOT, 4050 Legato Road, Suite 400, Fairfax, VA 22033.

FY 2021 Budget Forecast: Focus on Board Priorities & Strategic Investments

FY 2021 Budget Forecast



The fiscal year (FY) 2021 Budget forecast was presented by Fairfax County Government and Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) representatives on Tuesday, November 26, 2019, to a joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors and School Board. The forecast includes expected tax revenues and significant funding needs for the upcoming fiscal year budget.

Bottom Line Forecast for FY 2021:

Based on current data, county revenue growth is projected at 1.9 percent, which generates \$85.7 million in additional revenue for FY 2021 to cover:

- \$111.8 million in county funding priorities.
- \$163.8 million in FCPS disbursement requirements (funding needs), offset by \$39.5 million in projected increases in FCPS revenue.

As a result, a budgetary shortfall forecast for FY 2021 is \$71.3 million for the county and \$79.1 million for FCPS, which must be addressed before the budget is adopted in May 2020.

FY 2021 Budget Forecast Summary:

COUNTY	Funding In \$millions	SCHOOLS
\$40.5	Available County Revenue (\$85.7 million)	\$45.2
--	Net Schools Revenue	\$39.5
\$40.5	TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$84.7
(\$59.5)	Employee Pay	(\$76.4)
--	Employee Benefits	(\$31.4)
(\$12.0)	Debt/Capital Requirements	(\$3.1)
(\$13.7)	County: Public Safety	--
(\$5.3)	County: Human Services	--
(\$10.0)	County: Information Technology	--
(\$10.0)	County: Transportation	--
(\$1.3)	County: Community Development	--
--	Schools: Enrollment & Other	(\$53.0)
(\$111.8)	NET USES¹	(\$163.8)
(\$71.3)	Net Projected Balance/(Shortfall)	(\$79.1)

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

Exchange Zone for Online Purchases



Do you love to buy or sell stuff online? Of course, many items are shipped directly to homes, but you sometimes need to meet up to complete a transaction. Sometimes this can put buyers in a vulnerable position and create opportunities for criminals.

To increase safety and promote safer exchanges, an exchange zone was established in the parking lot of the Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151). The governmental center is also home to the Sully District Police Station, so the parking lot is monitored by video camera 24 hours a day.

December Events at Centreville Regional Library



[Holiday Crooning with the Critters](#)

Saturday, December 14, 2019

10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

GoodLife Theatre presents a unique holiday puppet show. All ages.

[Books with Bella!](#)

Monday, December 16, 2019

4:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Bella loves books! Practice your reading by reading aloud to Bella, a trained therapy dog. Ages: 6 to 12. [Click here](#) to register.

[Toy Story 4: Family Movie](#)

Saturday, December 28, 2019

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Join us for a movie and popcorn. Feel free to bring additional snacks and a comfy pillow. All ages.

[Teen Movie: Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire](#)

Monday, December 30, 2019

2:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Join us for a Potterific afternoon as we watch Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire! Popcorn provided, but bring your own snacks if you wish. Rated PG-13. Grades: 7 to 12.

The [Centreville Regional Library](#) is located at 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville, VA 20121. For more information about these events contact the library by [email](#), or call 703-830-2223, TTY 711.

December Events at Sully Historic Site



[Puppet Show at Sully](#)

Saturday, December 14, 2019

1:00 to 2:00 p.m. & 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Come to Sully for family fun and a one of a kind puppet show! Laugh along with Liza the white squirrel as she tells Sully stories for the holiday season. Help Liza and her furry friends prepare holiday decorations to celebrate and find out why a funny white squirrel is at Sully in the first place. Ages: 3 to 8. Cost: \$8 per person.

Elegant Evening - Sully Candlelight Tours

[Saturday, December 21, 2019](#)

[Saturday, December 28, 2019](#)

20 Sessions available

Enjoy festive food and drink and seasonal music of the 18th century. Craft an ornament to take home and experience other engaging pursuits that bring the past to life in the gracefully decorated 1794 Lee home. Ages: 5 and older. Cost: \$10 per person.

[Holiday Concert - Iona](#)

Friday, December 27, 2019

1:00 to 2:00 p.m. & 2:15 to 3:15 p.m.

One of the top rated pan-Celtic groups in the world treats its audience to high-energy entertainment featuring Scottish fiddling, percussion, and vocals. Optional house tour included after your concert. Refreshments served in the 18th century kitchen. Limited seating. Ages: 5 and older. Cost: \$15 per person.

The [Sully Historic Site](#) is located at 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly, VA 20151. For more information about these events, call 703-437-1794, TTY 711 or send an [email](#).

Volunteer Opportunity



[Sully Historic Site: Youth Volunteer](#)

If you are passionate about history, like learning new skills, love talking to people, and have a desire to share your knowledge with others, this program may be for you! Become a Youth Volunteer at Sully Historic Site, where you can learn about history in a hands-on environment, develop your communication skills, serve your community, and make new friends!

Youth Volunteer opportunities are open for students between the ages of 12-18 and include:

- Playing historical games and leading hands-on activities in modern-day clothing or in period clothing
- Assisting with special events, summer camps, scout programs or birthday parties
- Assisting in teaching visitors how to cook on the original 1794 open hearth kitchen
- Giving tours of the 1794 home of Richard Bland Lee (Must be 16 or older)
- Helping conduct Museum education programs for area students
- Working behind the scenes with gardening and program support

Location: Sully Historic Site (3650 Historic Sully Way Chantilly, VA 20151)

Contact:

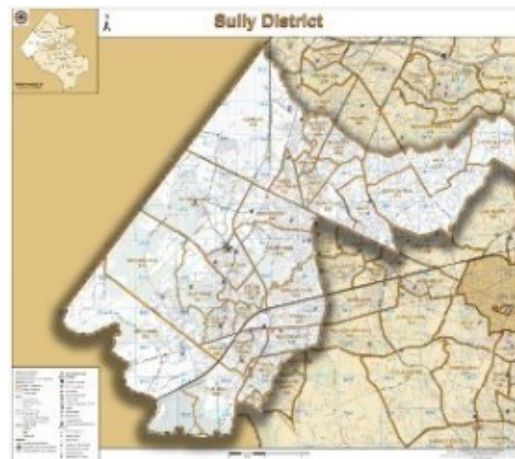
Darlene Szudera (Volunteer Coordinator)

darlene.szudera@fairfaxcounty.gov

703-437-1794

Fax: 703-653-6603

Sully Land Use Spotlight



Upcoming Meetings:

Planning Commission Meeting:

The Planning Commission will meet on **Wednesday, December 11, 2019** at 7:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035) in the Board Auditorium. The meeting will be broadcast live on [Channel 16](#). There are two Sully District applications scheduled for public hearing on the [agenda](#). More information about these applications is below.

SE 2019-SU-016 (Sadaf Khan) -

Located on approximately 1,267 square feet zoned Planned Residential Mixed-Use District (PRM) and Water Supply Protection Overlay District (WS) in the Sully District, this application proposes to permit a home child care facility for up to 12 children at any one time. County staff recommends approval of SE 2019-SU-016, subject to the proposed development conditions contained in Appendix 1 of the [Staff Report](#).

AF 2019-SU-003 (Zafarallah Khan) -

Located on approximately 22.906 acres zoned Residential Conservation (RC) in the Sully District, this application proposes the establishment of a new Agricultural and Forestal District. County staff recommends that Appendix F of the Fairfax County Code, be amended to establish the Local Agricultural and Forestal (A & F) District subject to the proposed Ordinance Provisions contained in Appendix 1 of the [Staff Report](#).

Oath of Office Ceremony



Date: Monday, December 16, 2019

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035) in the forum

Local officials, including: 10 members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the sheriff, commonwealth's attorney, and the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District directors will take their oath of office in the Government Center forum on Monday, December 16, 2019. You are welcome to attend a reception that begins at 5:00 p.m., followed by the ceremony at 6:00 p.m.. All local elected officials will take office on January 1, 2020.

ARTSFAIRFAX Announces New Fairfax Poet Laureate Program



The Fairfax Poet Laureate will serve as a poetry ambassador, promoting the appreciation of poetry as an art form in the county, region, and state. The Poet Laureate will encourage writing and reading of poetry and all types of literature, as well as create opportunities for civic engagement through poetry with diverse audiences around the county.

The Poet Laureate will serve a two-year term (April 1, 2020 to March 30, 2022) and will be awarded \$5,000 for each year. Additional funds will be available to support program activities during their tenure, including publication of a chapbook of the laureate's work. The key feature of the program is a community service project designed by the new poet laureate, which will serve as a focus of their two-year term. At the close of their tenure, the poet laureate will compose and read a final poem, as a reflection of their two-years.

[ARTSFAIRFAX](#) will manage the Poet Laureate Program as a two-year appointment, selected through a competitive application process. **Applications for the Poet Laureate Program are due January 9, 2020.** A review panel will meet in February to review the applications and make recommendations to be approved by the **ARTSFAIRFAX** Board of Directors. The review panel is open to the public and the Fairfax Poet Laureate will be announced in early April 2020. To download the application, [click here](#).

For more information about the Poet Laureate Program, [click here](#).

2019 Health & Human Services Needs Assessment



Understanding the way Fairfax County changes and grows is key to planning for our community's future. The [2019 Health and Human Services Needs Assessment](#) provides local leaders with data that can shape the way we approach challenges and improve outcomes.

The "Opportunity Landscape" is Uneven:

The 2019 Needs Assessment was specifically designed to highlight the smaller number of needs that have significant system-wide impact. Three areas emerged that depict the pervasive challenges and needs across the community: economic inequities, transportation inequities, and health inequities.

The Opioid Epidemic:

Data shows that fentanyl and heroin overdose rates are rising in Fairfax County. In 2017, there were 114 opioid-related deaths reported and while this count appears to be down in 2018, the proportion overall deaths that include fentanyl are increasing. The data shows that treatment strategies are needed as the opioid epidemic evolves within our community. [Click here](#) to learn more about opioids and how you can help.

Risk Behaviors in Youth:

The 2019 Needs Assessment also noted some concerning trends among county teens.

- New questions were added to the 2018 Fairfax County Youth Survey, and more than one-fourth of students reported vaping at least once in their lifetime.
- Responses from 8th, 10th, and 12th graders have shown a continued increase in students who have seriously considered attempting suicide.

These findings suggest that the county needs to continue its work on educating youth about physical and mental health. [Click here](#) to read five more things to know about the Youth Survey.

English Proficiency and Disparities:

Fairfax County remains diverse with 182 languages or dialects spoken in homes of elementary students. While the percent of the population who speaks English less than well has been consistent since 2016, the rate in Fairfax County remains over twice as high as the rest of Virginia, and overall higher than the U.S.

A significant contributor to income disparity in Fairfax County is limited English proficiency. This shows us that providing quality English language learning opportunities is essential to promote the social mobility of individuals, which in turn benefits the overall economic success for all residents.

Impact to the Strategic Plan:

The 2019 Needs Assessment is one of many tools that will be used to inform the implementation of the [countywide strategic plan](#) and will help create a shared agenda to influence and drive change.

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

Library Now Offers Children's Books in Chinese, Urdu & Tamil



Worried about reading to children in your native language? Don't be. It is easy for children to learn to read, write, and speak English if they have a strong foundation in any language. For adults who may be more comfortable reading to children in Arabic, Chinese, Urdu, or Tamil, the library offers World Languages Bags. These bags are available with picture books, board books, and easy readers. Each bag contains eight books that adults can read again and again to and with children. The library's collection already supports children and adult books in Spanish, Korean, and Vietnamese.

The World Languages Bags are one more element in the library's comprehensive support of [early literacy education](#). In addition to its popular early literacy storytimes the library offers [early literacy outreach](#), the [1000 Books Before Kindergarten program](#), picture books and other educational books and resources — including the [Ready-to-Read newsletter](#) — for families raising young children.

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

The Green Column



Spotting Wildlife in Winter

Whether you're a nature photographer or simply an animal lover, winter is a great time to spot wildlife in county parks. With the leaves down, birds and animals are easier to see, and some migrating species only call Fairfax County home during the winter season.

We've gathered tips from a few sites around the county on what fantastic beasts you might see and where to find them.

Sully Historic Site:

In January, there are wonderful birding opportunities for photographers along the power lines on the eastern edge of [Sully Historic Site](#). There is a small trail there, less than a half-mile, that provides viewing opportunities. Wildlife edge habitat include bluebirds, cedar wax wings, red-shouldered hawks, Cooper's hawks, raven, deer, red fox, squirrels and chipmunks.

Frying Pan Farm Park:

The meadow behind [Frying Pan Farm Park](#)'s indoor arena and the service road behind it, including the adjoining woods, are usually the park's best wildlife viewing spots. There have been deer, foxes, squirrels, hawks, and other birds in the meadow and surrounding trees. Even some wild turkeys one time.

There are often mallards or Canada geese in the water catchment basin near the northeast edge of the park and cardinals in the trees along the service road between the intersection and Monroe Street. You also can find birds around the Indoor Arena or along the service road from the Visitors Center to the farm. They may not be wild, but don't miss seeing the farm animals, too.

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

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Sage!

Sage has been at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter for two months already, but it has taken him this long to become ready for adoption. Why? Because he was originally taken from his previous owners by Animal Protection Officers for being so emaciated that he had a body condition score of 1, had urine scalding, and really bad skin and nails. This poor boy has needed lots of medical care and TLC to get to this point. Sage needed extra feedings and is on the right track with his weight gain, and could stand to gain a couple more pounds. Despite his condition, Sage has been a happy dog who likes meeting people and other dogs. He's a big puppy so he comes on strong and has a rough-and-tumble play style, so if you have a dog already bring them in so shelter staff can introduce them to see if they'd like to be friends. Sage hasn't had a lot of training thus far in his life, and now that's he's feeling better he's ready to learn how to be the best dog he can be! He is very food-motivated, which will help in his training. Sage would do best with an adopter who is ready for some big puppy shenanigans, and who has some time to devote to training him, and making sure he has lots of mental and physical exercise !

For more information about Sage contact the shelter at 703-830-1100 or send an email to AnimalShelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.
