



## A message from Kathy Smith

Congratulations to Moe's Southwest Grill in Chantilly on their 14 Carrot Gold Food Safety Excellence Award from the Fairfax County Health Department! The award recognizes outstanding food safety practices and employee education. In order to be eligible for the award an establishment cannot have any critical violations in the last 24 months. More information is below about the awardees.

The "Stuff the Bus" campaign kicks off this week. I hope you can join me at the **Union Mill Giant (5740 Union Mill Road, Clifton, VA 20124) on Saturday, January 27**. The event runs from **9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** All donated food will benefit Western Fairfax Christian Ministries who operates a food pantry that serves citizens in western Fairfax County.

In this newsletter you will find information about an upcoming land use public meeting, recycling, local and county-wide events, and more.

Sincerely,

*Kathy*

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## Meeting on Proposed Land Use Changes



Community members are invited to an upcoming [Dulles Suburban Center Study](#) Community Meeting. The group will meet on **Tuesday, January 16, 2018 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Sully Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151)**. At this meeting, community members will learn about and provide feedback on the [DSC-D3-1 submission](#) (Wall Road) site and retail loadout considerations. The subject property is located at the northwest corner of the Wall Road/Centreville Road intersection, and is currently vacant. The Wall Road site falls in Land Unit D-3 of the Dulles Suburban Center (which includes Discovery Square and is adjacent to the Chantilly Highlands subdivision).

The meeting will feature short presentations to brief attending community members about the planning background and associated planning proposals associated with the DSC-D3-1 site. The majority of the meeting will be reserved for community members to provide feedback on the project site and the consideration of a reduction in the planned amount of retail and office uses for the site.

If you are interested in material from recent meetings, please visit the [meetings section](#) of the study site. If you have any questions about this study, please contact the Planning Division at 703-324-1380, TTY 711 or by email [DPZDullesSubCenter@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:DPZDullesSubCenter@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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## Help Stock Food Pantry Shelves This Winter



**Date: Saturday, January 27**

**Time: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**Location: Clifton Giant - 5740 Union Mil Road, Clifton, VA 20124**

Benefitting [Western Fairfax Christian Ministries](#) (WFCM)

Food Pantries are full at holidays, with giving at its peak as people celebrate the season. However, after the New Year “giving fatigue” has set in and most pantries’ supplies run low. To help, Fairfax County runs “Stuff the Bus”, a food pantry giving campaign that partners with nonprofits, grocery stores, and MV transportation to restock depleted shelves.

Stuff the Bus runs from Saturday, January 13 to Monday, February 19 at 14 local Giant and Shoppers Food and Pharmacy stores. You can view the full schedule [online](#). From 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., volunteers from local nonprofit food pantries collect donated food from local shoppers. The food is then placed in an MV Transportation FASTRAN bus, and when it is full, the bus delivers the food to the food pantry. All of the donations go directly to the nonprofit! Every bit helps!

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## Chantilly Park Grows with Land Acquisition



The [Fairfax County Park Authority's](#) (FCPA) acreage continues to grow with the acquisition of 7.33 acres of land from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS), which will be combined with 6.13 acres of existing parkland at Chantilly Park.

This acreage in the Sully District was transferred to the Park Authority from the BOS in November 2017. It originally was part of a larger parcel that includes the Chantilly Library.

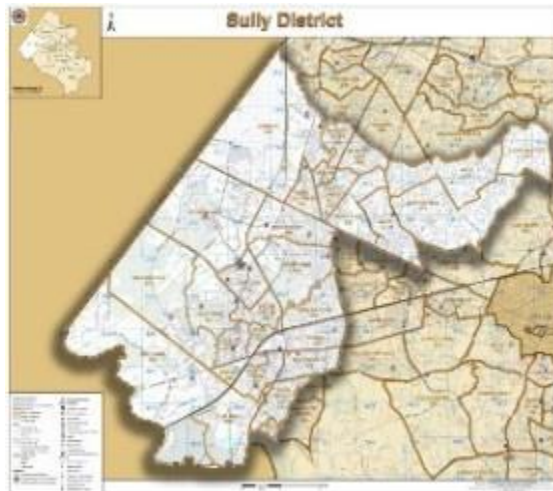
The land transferred to the Park Authority contains three, 60-foot ball diamonds, two of which are lighted. The fields were originally developed by the [Chantilly Youth Association](#), and it continues to maintain them under the Park Authority's Adopt-A-Field Program.

The property also includes a 105-space parking lot and a trail that connects to an existing trail in Chantilly Park. The combined trail runs for approximately 800 feet and connects the parking lot to Brookfield Court cul-de-sac, which is part of the Brookfield residential community. Because of the development already on the new parkland, no new facilities are planned.

For more information, please contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662 or via [Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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## Sully Land Use Spotlight



## Planning Commission Meeting:

The [Planning Commission](#) will meet on **Thursday, January 18, 2018** at the **Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035)** in the **Board Auditorium** at **7:30 p.m.** There are no Sully District cases on the [agenda](#) at this time.

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## Volunteer Opportunity in Sully



### [Adapted Aquatics Assistant: Cub Run RECenter](#)

Volunteers will get into the pool to assist individuals with disabilities during adapted swimming and water exercise classes. Volunteers provide physical support, personalized instruction, and encouragement to adapted aquatics class participants. Volunteers will be under the direct supervision of a trained class instructor, who will lead the group through learn-to-swim exercises and water safety activities. Training for new volunteers is provided on the third Thursday of each month in the evening (locations vary, details provided upon registration). Volunteers do not have to be expert swimmers, but must be comfortable in the

water. Volunteers can anticipate working with children, teens and adults with intellectual, developmental, physical, and other disabilities. Volunteers must be able to commit to a class session of 6 to 10 weeks. This is a fun and rewarding volunteer experience!

**Duties:** Work closely (this will require getting wet!) with one or two students during class under the guidance of an Adapted Aquatics Instructor. Help to set goals for the participants who are working on swimming skills or water adjustment skills. Assist instructor with administrative duties and light lifting.

**Volunteer Benefits:** Please see website: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/volunteer](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/volunteer)

**Qualifications:** Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older. Exceptions may be made for 14-15 year olds based on special skills or a dedication to working with the disabled community. Volunteers under the age of 14 may volunteer ONLY if accompanied by a parent or other adult. The ability to look beyond the disability and at the individual is of utmost importance. The volunteer must be comfortable in waist deep water. Must attend an on-line training with a Power Point presentation and workbook. Must also complete FCPA Safety Training, Sexual Harassment, and STARS customer service training within two weeks of start date. One Emergency Contact and two references required.

**Additional Info:** Time of Shift: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Location:**

[Cub Run Recenter](#)

4630 Stonecroft Boulevard

Chantilly, VA 20151

Classes meet in the shallow end of the lap pool.

**Contact:**

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703-324-8565

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## 10 Eateries Recognized for Outstanding Food Safety Practices



The [Fairfax County Health Department](#) recently announced the 10 winners of its 14 Carrot Gold Food Safety Excellence Award. **Congratulations to Moe's Southwest Grill in the Sully District!** The full list of winners is below.

These award-winning food service operations are being recognized for maintaining outstanding food safety practices and employee education. The winners were selected from the more than 3,400 permitted establishments inspected each year by environmental health specialists with the Health Department. Food service establishments can be nominated for the award by members of the food service industry, the public, or from health inspectors.



## **14 Carrot Gold Food Safety Excellence Awardees for 2017:**

- **Annandale High School**, 4700 Medford Drive, Annandale.
- **Atrium Catering & Event Design**, 263 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon.
- **Aurora House Girls Group Home**, 420 South Maple Avenue, Falls Church.
- **Five Guys Burgers and Fries**, 8971 Ox Road, Lorton.
- **FLIK at Freddie Mac HQ4 Café**, 1551 Park Run Drive, McLean.
- **Moe's Southwest Grill**, 5005 Westone Plaza, Chantilly.
- **Qdoba**, 10338 Main Street, Fairfax.
- **Ruby Tuesday**, 7692 Richmond Highway, Alexandria.
- **Simply Elegant**, 11600 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston.
- **Wegmans Food Markets**, 11620 Monument Drive, Fairfax.

## **How They Become 14 Carrot Gold:**

To be eligible for consideration, recipients of the 14 Carrot Gold awards cannot have any critical violations during inspections conducted in the last 24 months and no more than six non-critical violations in the past year. The facility must also have a valid permit to operate and be in good standing with the Health Department.

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. Health inspectors look for potential risk factors that contribute to foodborne illness, such as an unapproved food source, poor food employee hygiene, improper cooking temperatures, inadequate cold and hot holding of food, and cleanliness of food contact surfaces.

[Get Food Establishment Inspection Reports](#)

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## Tree Care Spotlight



### Proper Tree Mulching

Trees in the forest are accustomed to having a steady stream of leaf litter on their roots. In urban areas, proper mulching to simulate the natural forest floor environment in areas around trees is the **single most beneficial thing** one can do for trees.

#### Benefits of Mulching:

- Aerates the soil and reduces compaction
- Increases the amount of water available to trees
- Moderates soil temperatures to prevent extreme fluctuations
- Provides a buffer between the base of the tree and lawn mowers and other landscape maintenance equipment that can damage roots or the trunk of the tree.

Improper mulching on the other hand can be harmful to your trees – especially the common practice of piling mulch up against the trunk like a volcano. Avoid mulching with bark as this material takes a long time to break down.

Instead use shredded hardwood mulch, composted leaf material, or wood chips which often can be obtained for free from landscape companies or municipal yard waste compost facilities.

Improper mulching (see photo above), also known as “volcano” mulching, means the mulch is piled up too deep around the trunk of a newly planted tree.

Mulch should be a maximum of three to four inches deep and several inches away from the trunks of trees. Spread mulch at least three feet around newly planted trees, and/or up to the farthest extent of outer branches on established trees.

Remove and refresh mulch if it begins to clump together and becomes compacted (i.e. has a hard crust on top).

The [Urban Forest Management Division](#) staff provides timely information on tree and forest health and care throughout the year. For more information about trees call the Fairfax County Urban Forest Management Division (UFMD) at 703-324-1770, TTY 711.

# Recycling Facts & Information

## FAIRFAX COUNTY RECYCLES



### Containers, Cans, Cardboard, & Paper

Single-stream recycling allows you to collect all of these things in a single bin.

### Know the No's

Be careful! Certain items are not acceptable in your recycling bin. Don't be fooled by items that may be recycled elsewhere, just not at the curb (for example: plastic bags, phones, or clothes).

### Clean & Empty

Drips that remain at the bottom of a soda can are OK. A half-full can of soda is not OK to place in your bin.

### Un-bagged in the Bin

No need to collect your recyclables using plastic bags. This makes it harder to process. Let your recyclables run loose in the bin!

ALWAYS put these in your recycling bin



Rigid Containers



Cans



Cardboard



Paper

NEVER put these in your recycling bin



Plastic Bags



Phones



Diapers



Food



Foam



Clothes



Cables/Lights



Wrappers

Learn more about recycling at:  
[fairfaxcounty.gov/living/recycling](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/living/recycling)



## Keeping Communities Safe and Healthy

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection



#### WHAT TO BRING:

Go to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/disphhw.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/disphhw.htm) for more information

Items that are toxic, ignitable, corrosive or reactive should never be placed in the trash. Fairfax County can recycle these items for you.

#### WHERE:

- I-66 Transfer Station on West Ox Road in Fairfax
- I-95 Landfill Complex on Furnace road in Lorton

#### WHEN:

- 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. M-Sat; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the I-66 Transfer Station.
- 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday –Sunday at I-95 Landfill.

### Electronics Recycling

Fairfax County can help you responsibly recycle your unwanted electronic equipment—7 days a week!

**WHERE:** Come to the I-66 Transfer Station on West Ox Road in Fairfax, or the I-95 Landfill complex on Furnace Road in Lorton.

#### WHAT:

- Computers and related equipment, gaming systems, televisions, stereos, and other household electronic devices and cables.

#### WHEN:

- 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. M-Sat; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at I-66 Transfer Station.
- 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday –Sunday at I-95 Landfill.



### Facts About Recycling

- **Source reduction is the first goal of sustainability.** Then reuse. Recycling is last. Try to reduce waste in the first place, or reuse items before recycling.
- **You should be able to recycle everywhere you go—at home, at work, and at play.** If you are concerned that there is no recycling available at a location you frequent, call us at 703-324-5230.
- **Recycling creates jobs.** The industry supports more that 450,000 jobs for Americans and generates \$10.3 billion in revenue for federal, state, and local governments, according to a report by The Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries ([www.isri.org](http://www.isri.org)).
- **Recycled materials are commodities that are traded on world markets.** The bales of aluminum cans, mixed paper, cardboard, etc. are sold to manufacturers to make new products. Prices for these materials are set on the open market and can rise and fall based on economic conditions.

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## Animal Shelter Corner



### Meet Jinx!

**Age:** 4y

**Gender:** Male

**Color:** Blond

**Spayed/Neutered:** Yes

**Size:** Large

Meet Jinx! He was brought to the Animal Shelter because he was nervous about the whole 'small baby learning to walk' thing. He likes older kids though, plus older kids can reach the counter to give him snacks! Jinx is a vocal guy who likes to start conversations with other dogs from far away, but since he's lived with other dogs in the past shelter staff think he's just super excited to say hi to them. If you have a dog at home already, bring them in and staff can

facilitate an intro! He's also lived with cats in the past and done fine, but as with any new dog, a slow intro is best. Jinx is super playful and smart, and already knows 'sit,' 'stay,' and 'down.' He loves toys with squeakers because then he gets to find the squeaker! How exciting! For more information about Jinx, please contact the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at [animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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## Park Authority's Public Comment Meeting



The [Fairfax County Park Authority](#) will hold its annual public comment meeting on the agency's proposed fee adjustments. The public is invited to share their perspectives on the proposals with the Park Authority Board either at the meeting, via correspondence, or by email. The meeting will take place on **Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 106 of the Herrity Building (12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035).**

Information outlining all proposed fee changes is now available for review [online](#), at the Park Authority's main office in the Herrity Building, and at staffed park facilities, including RECenters, golf courses, nature centers, and historic sites.

The public comment period began on January 3, 2018. **Mail and email comments must be received no later than Thursday, February 1, 2018** in order to ensure adequate time for review by decision-makers. Residents can attend the meeting and speak or forward their comments. Feedback will be accepted via email at [Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov), or you may send your written comments to: Attention Public Information Office/Fee Comments, Fairfax County Park Authority, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 927, Fairfax, VA 22035.

The public meeting agenda includes a brief presentation on the fee process followed by an opportunity for public comment. If you wish to sign up to speak in advance please contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662. You do not need to register in advance to speak at the meeting. Individuals may speak for three minutes and organizations will be allotted five minutes. Each organization may have one five minute speaker.

For more information, please call the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

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## Events at E.C. Lawrence Park





### **Birds of Prey**

**Saturday, January 20**

**10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Seeing a bird of prey in the wild is exhilarating. Raptor bander John Shafer guides you to hot spots in search of wintering and resident hawks and owls. The trip begins with a multimedia presentation to review the fine points of identifying and aging raptors drawn from his experiences banding hawks and eagles. Bring binoculars. We'll stop for a meal or bring a bag lunch to eat on the go. Dress for the weather. Youth under age 16 must be accompanied by a registered adult. Tour departs at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park visitor center at 10:00 a.m. and returns at 6:00 p.m. Cost: \$54 (county resident); \$69 (non-resident).

### **Beautiful Handmade Arts**

**Saturday, January 20**

**10:00 to 11:30 a.m.**

Join us on Saturdays as we create art projects inspired by history. Topics vary by month. January: Silhouettes, February: Calling Cards, and March: Ceramic Art. Ages: 8 and older. Cost: \$9 (county resident); \$11 (non-resident).

### **Sewing the Past Workshop**

**Sunday, January 28**

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

Learn how to sew using a hand-cranked, 1940s sewing machine with historian Mea Clift. Learn the machine operating basics, then make your own decorative quilt square in a relaxing morning of sewing and crafting. Ages: 13 and older. Cost: \$30 (county resident); \$32 (non-resident).

Ellanor C. Lawrence Park is located at **5040 Walney Road in Chantilly, VA**. For more information, visit [Ellanor C. Lawrence Park](#) or call 703-631-0013.

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## Events at Centreville Regional Library



### [Poetry Workshop for Kids](#)

**Saturday, January 13**

**10:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

Use your imagination and get inspired as they explore the connections between poetry and art. Grades K-4.

### [Board Games Galore!](#)

**Thursday, January 18**

**3:30 to 7:00 p.m.**

Holy Grail matches your gaming interests and skills with a wide range of games for teen and grade schoolers. Parents are welcome to play as well. Age: 6 and older.

### [Unlikely Pairings: The Library & the Winery](#)

**Thursday, January 18**

**6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

Join the library at the Winery at Bull Run (15950 Lee Highway, Centreville, VA 20120) for a book discussion of Dave Eggers' suspense novel, *The Circle*. Age: Adults.

## [Art at the Library](#)

**Wednesday, January 24**

**7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

January theme: Drawing with Graphite. You will learn about different kinds of pencils and practice by working from still life objects. Bring your sketchbook and pencils. Age: Teens and adults.

The Centreville Regional Library is located at **14200 St. Germain Drive Centreville, VA 20121**. For more information, visit [Centreville Regional Library](#) or call 703-830-2223.

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## **Real Food for Kids' 6th Culinary Challenge & Wellness Expo**



Real Food for Kids will hold its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Culinary Challenge & Wellness Expo on **Saturday, March 17, 2018** at **Hayfield Secondary School (7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA 22315)**. The event will feature 11 student teams competing to create a lunch that meets USDA guidelines for school meals and 8 teams

participating in a showcase of breakfast and snack dishes that could be adapted for school use.

Last year's winning entry, a [Chicken Shawarma](#) created by students at Lake Braddock Secondary School is now on regular rotation in Fairfax County middle and high schools.

Teams from Fairfax and Prince William counties will be participating this year, made up of students from Culinary Academy or Family and Consumer Sciences programs. Participating schools include: Glasgow Middle School, West Potomac High School, Lanier Middle School, Sandburg Middle School, Irving Middle School, Franklin Middle School, Marshall Academy, Chantilly Academy, Lake Braddock Secondary School, Annandale High School, Mount Vernon High School, Stone Middle School, and Parkside Middle School.

School meal participation has declined over the last two decades, despite numerous advances in quality and variety by school nutrition directors. Rodney Taylor, director for Fairfax schools has ushered in significant upgrades to the system's food services, including the installation of salad bars in all 141 of its elementary schools (to be completed in 2021), the introduction of Fresh Express salads, sandwiches, and wraps at middle and high schools, daily outdoor barbecue at most high schools (with rotational barbecue at middle schools), and a rotisserie oven cooking fresh chicken at Annandale High School.

Today's Fairfax cafeterias are unlike anything seen even three years ago. Still, the student voice in menus is critical to increasing participation so improvements can continue. The Culinary Challenge brings the voice of students to the front of the line.

The Culinary Challenge features a Public Tasting allowing participants to sample each of the students' creations as well as samples from Fairfax County School Food Services. The Challenge is paired with a Wellness Expo featuring speakers and panelists on topics related to the culinary experience, nutrition, health, wellness, and careers. Bonnie Benwick, deputy food editor of the Washington Post, is among the confirmed presenters.

Registration for the event will open on **February 1, 2018** at [www.realfoodforkids.org](http://www.realfoodforkids.org).

Real Food for Kids is a Fairfax-based non-profit that has emerged as a trusted partner with school systems in elevating the quality and character of school food. For more information about our mission and programs, visit [www.realfoodforkids.org](http://www.realfoodforkids.org).

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