

Falls Church Residents' Input Sought for Pedestrian, Bicycle, Traffic Calming Project

The City is kicking off the Pedestrian, Bicycle and Traffic Calming Strategic Implementation Plan. This effort will include the evaluation of every City street to find deficiencies in pedestrian and bicycle access and to develop a plan for improvement. Input is needed from citizens.



The public is invited to any of three community meetings to learn about the project, provide comments, and walk/bike City streets to identify first-hand the type of improvements most needed (bring your walking shoes and/or bicycle). The meetings will be held:

Saturday, May 22, 9 a.m.
Community Center Community Room, 223 Little Falls St.

Saturday, May 22, 11 a.m.
Thomas Jefferson Elementary School gym, 601 S. Oak St.

Wednesday, June 2, 7 p.m.
Community Center Art Room
Opportunity for input will continue throughout the project, which is expected to take about one year. Citizens are invited to send comments and photos to Wendy Block Sanford, Principal Planner/Transportation Planner, at wblocksanford@fallschurchva.gov or call 703-248-5041 (TTY 711).

Following the public input sessions and work by City staff and a consultant, the final Pedestrian, Bicycle and Traffic Calming Strategic Implementation Plan will include an inventory of every City street and an outline of policies, design criteria, and specific improvements that will further enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety, comfort, and access throughout the City.

Implementation of identified and planned improvements will begin immediately, using federal grant funding.

Free Leaf Mulch Loading This Saturday

Operations Division staff will use heavy equipment to load pickup trucks and open-bed commercial trucks for free at the Property Yard (7100 Gordon Road) this Saturday, May 22 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Staff will only load open-bed vehicles. Be prepared to sign a waiver prior to vehicle loading. You do not need to be a City of Falls Church resident or business to participate. There is no limit to the number of loads available per customer. Leaf mulch is also available for self-load at the Recycling Center (next to the Property Yard), daily from 7 a.m. to dusk. Customers must bring their own tools and containers. For more information call 703-248-5176 (TTY 711).



Bike to Work on May 21

Make the most of this beautiful spring weather and turn your commute into an outdoor workout. Friday, May 21 is the annual national Bike-to-Work Day.

Biking to work will not only improve your health, but will also save you money on gas and help preserve the environment. Depending on your current commute, you may follow the same roads on your bike that you drive, or you may need to choose a more bike-friendly route (such as the W&OD Trail) that avoids highways or otherwise unsafe roads.

While you bike to work on May 21, take note of where there needs to be better bike access and connected trails in the City. Then tell City officials at a Pedestrian, Bicycle and Traffic Calming Strategic Implementation Project kickoff meeting (see above).

Wednesday is Waste Day Begins June 2

Residences currently receiving City-provided curbside solid waste collection will have refuse, recycling, yard waste, bundled brush and special bulk items collected all on the same day - Wednesday. The new City-wide collection program begins Wednesday, June 2. Through the last week of May, City staff and the recycling contractor will continue to collect solid waste according to the current schedule.



For more information, visit www.fallschurchva.gov or call the Solid Waste Hotline at 703-248-5160.

May is Watershed and Floodplain Awareness Month

City Council has declared May as Watershed and Floodplain Awareness Month. The City of Falls Church has many environmental programs and best management practices that support the protection of the Tripp's Run and Four Mile Run watersheds and the management of these floodplains.

It is important to know the storm drain openings at the curb lead directly to these streams without treatment. Each year the Department of Environmental Services is responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of more than 140,000 linear feet of storm drain pipe and 1,000 storm drain openings. Residents are asked to help protect our natural resources by remembering to clean up after their dog, pick up litter and debris, fix vehicle leaks and reduce the use of chemicals on their property so that the storm drain system is kept free of debris and keep streams clean. For more information on how to help protect the streams, visit www.onlyrain.org or speak to the City engineer at 703-248-5026 (TTY 711).



- 20 City Meals Tax Due (Paid in Commissioner of the Revenue's Office)
- 21 Human Services Advisory Council, 7 p.m.
- 22 Environmental Services Council, 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Farmers' Market, 8 a.m.-noon and Special Collections (last day before new schedule)
- 25 City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- 26 Court in Session
- 29 General District Court in Session
- 29 Farmers' Market, 8 a.m.-noon



Monday, May 31

Questions or Comments?

City of Falls Church, Harry E. Wells Building
300 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046
703-248-5003 (TTY 711)
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