



UPDATE

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News to know for the area from Ox Road to Mason Neck, Fairfax County Parkway to the Occoquan River.

Planning Comm. approves data center zoning

At their meeting that concluded on June 6th, the Fairfax County Planning Commission approved the staff-authored data center zoning amendments unanimously. The vote was held at the end of a two-day hearing with numerous residents speaking out. The Commission amended the original proposal, requiring a 500-foot setback for data center equipment, if it can't be enclosed, and extending the distance from Metro stations to one mile.

The amendments now go to the Board of Supervisors on July 16th. For more about the proposed amendments, visit: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/data-centers>



New Workhouse President named, events planned

Keith Gordon has been announced as the new President and CEO, effective July 1st, replacing Interim President Rachel Kizielewicz. Gordon previously led the charity Fight for Children, and founded his own consulting service, Evolution Strategic Consulting LLC, in January. The summer concert series has started up with performances each Saturday evening at the Workhouse along with the return of the Community Market, which has been moved to Saturday nights as well. The next big event at the Workhouse is the fireworks show on June 29th, tickets are available at: <https://www.workhousearts.org/fireworks>

FCPS Teachers and Staff vote to unionize

After securing the right to collective bargaining in March 2023, the staff and teachers of Fairfax County schools voted to unionize just before the end of the school year. They have formed Fairfax Education Unions (FEU), combining the Fairfax County Federation of Teachers and the Fairfax Education Association. The organization represents over 27,500 FCPS employees and will negotiate contracts in search of "a livable wage," improved benefits, and working conditions. The vote follows a prolonged budget season where proposed wage hikes were scaled back. For more about the FEU, visit: <https://www.fairfaxeducationunions.org/>



Parks offer program for Pretty Awesome Children

Coming to a RECenter near you, the Park Authority has launched a six-week structured recreation program with emphasis on leisure skills designed for elementary school children. The program is offered June 24th to August 1st and scholarships are available. The children will take part in indoor and outdoor games, team sports, nature, crafts, storytelling, talent shows, festivals, and supervised play sessions. Weekly character-building activities are based around different themes.

For more about Rec-PAC, visit: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/recpac>

Join us for the next SCF meeting: July 9th at 7 pm on Zoom