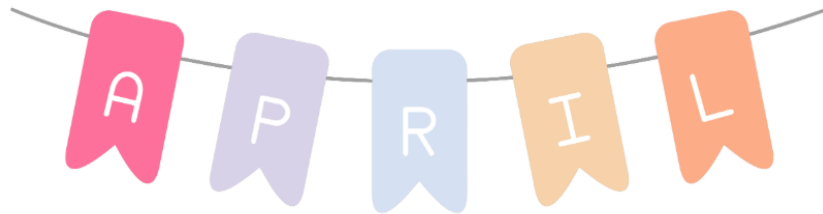




April 2026 Newsletter

Dear {{FirstName or 'Friend'}},

Happy April!



I hope everyone had a great Easter weekend. My staff and I have been busy since session ended meeting with residents, attending numerous events throughout the district, and much more. I am looking forward to seeing my colleagues again in Richmond on April 22 for reconvene - where we will vote on a final budget agreement.

Continue reading for more important reminders, updates, upcoming events and other District news.

As always, it is a pleasure to serve you in the 36th District,

Cheers,



Stella Pekarsky

Senator, District 36

Reminders

Early Voting is OPEN

Early Voting HAS BEGUN for Virginia's April 21st Redistricting Referendum.

This amendment is a temporary, one-time exception that gives Virginians a crucial voice while meeting the needs of the current moment. Additionally, it preserves Virginia's bipartisan redistricting process by ensuring it resumes after the 2030 census. By providing a fair and transparent path forward, this referendum will help keep our elections balanced and fair while protecting competitive districts, and prevent any one state from distorting the national playing field ahead of the 2026 midterm elections. This is a practical, common-sense response to the ongoing concerns regarding the fairness and integrity of our democratic process.

VOTERS get to make the final decision to any changes to our congressional maps.

Additional information on early voting hours and locations are below:

Early Voting Information

In-Person Early Voting began March 6th, 2026 and runs through Saturday, April 18th, 2026.

In-Person Early Voting will take place at the following locations and times:

Opening on March 6 - April 18:

Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Pkwy, Conference Room 251):

Monday-Friday: (8:00a-4:30p)

Saturdays, April 11 & April 18: (9:00a-5:00p)

Sundays: (Closed)

Opening on March 11 - April 18:

Burke Centre Library (5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke 22015):

Monday-Friday: (1:00p-7:00p)

Saturdays: (9:00a-5:00p)

Sundays: (Closed)

Centreville Regional Library (14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville 20121):

Monday-Friday: (1:00p-7:00p)

Saturdays: (9:00a-5:00p)

Sundays: (Closed)

Sully Government Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly 20151)

Monday-Friday: (1:00p-7:00p)

Saturdays: (9:00a-5:00p)

Sundays: (Closed)

West Springfield Governmental Center (6140 Rolling Road, Springfield 22152)

Monday-Friday: (1:00p-7:00p)

Saturdays: (9:00a-5:00p)

Sundays: (Closed)

Absentee Voting Information

You may apply for a mail ballot until Friday, April 10th, 2026 at 5:00pm.

Mail ballots returned by mail must be postmarked on or before Tuesday, April 21st and received by Friday, April 24th at 12:00pm to be counted.

The last day to register to vote in advance of this special election, or update any existing registration is Tuesday, April 14th, 2026.

Same day registration will begin on Wednesday, April 15th and will be available until Election Day on Tuesday, April 21st.

For more information regarding this referendum and voting locations or info, you can visit the official department of elections website [here](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office anytime at: senatorpekarsky@senate.virginia.gov or call (805) 698-7536.

2026 Governors Fellowship Program Application Deadline Approaching

The 2026 Virginia Governor's Fellows Program is now open for applicants.

The Governor's Fellows Program is a prestigious opportunity for rising college seniors, recent college graduates, and postgraduate students to gain firsthand experience in the executive branch of state government. Since 1982, fellows have worked alongside the Governor's Cabinet and staff — serving Virginians,

learning about state government, and assisting in essential work for the Commonwealth.

PROGRAM DATES: June 8, 2026 - July 31, 2026

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, April 10, 2026

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Upcoming Events

April 14th Post-Session Town Hall

Post-Session Town Hall

April 14, 7:00pm

Senator Stella Pekarisky
(Senate District 30)

Delegate Irene Shin
(House District 8)

RSVP with the Google Form Link for Location and Time

Join Delegate Irene Shin and me for a Post-Session Town Hall!

WHEN: April 14th, 2026 at 7:00pm

WHERE: Location Upon RSVP

Topics will include all things session: 2026 legislative victories, general assembly highlights, budget discussions and more!

Register by completing the RSVP form below, and you will receive the location and event details to the email address you provide prior to the event! We look forward to seeing you there!

RSVP FORM

Celebration of Life for Michael Frey



Please join us as we celebrate the life of Michael Frey, former Sully District Supervisor — a kind, humble, and generous soul who brought warmth and laughter to everyone he met.

Michael had a deep love for animals, baseball, and, most of all, people. His friendship, compassion, and gentle spirit left a lasting mark on all who knew him. While we miss him dearly, we gather to honor the joy

he shared and the memories that continue to live on in our hearts.

WHEN: April 11, 2026 at 2:00 - 4:00pm

WHERE: Government Center Auditorium

EVITE HERE

Out & About

Here are some snapshots of what I have been up to these last few weeks in the District. It was great to see many new and familiar faces!

Getting to attend these events and interact directly with the community is one of the best parts of this job!



Senator Pekarsky with Congressman James Walkinshaw and others with the Centreville Volunteer Fire Department at their

75th Anniversary Celebration.



Senator Pekarsky with former Maryland Lt. Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend at the 2026 Greek Independence Day Celebration at the U.S. Capitol.



Senator Pekarsky and volunteers at an Invasive Plant Clearing community event in Fairfax County.



Senator Pekarsky, Delegate Dan Helmer, Delegate Vivian Watts, and Congressman Suhas Subramanyam with volunteers and community leaders at a Voter Outreach Event.



Activists and community members making their voice heard during the March 28th 'No Kings' Protest in Centreville, Virginia.

In the District

Fairfax County Seeks Member of the Board of Zoning Appeals



The Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals has an upcoming opening for one member.

Interested candidates must apply by Friday, May 1st, 2026 to the Fairfax Circuit Court.

Applicants should send their resume to Chief Judge Penney S. Azcarate, Fairfax Circuit Court, by email entitled “*Board of Zoning Appeals Application*” to kim.callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov OR by first-class U.S. mail to Chief Judge Penney Azcarate, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA 22030.

For more information about the opening, check out the official Fairfax County government website [here](#), and for more information on the Board of Zoning Appeals checkout their website [here](#).

Growing Bikeshare Program Provides Real Transportation Solutions



The Capital Bikeshare program is providing real transportation solutions through its expansion.

There are now Capital Bikeshare stations at every Metrorail station in the county, and the program continues to expand!

New Textile Recycling Bins at Sully Governmental Center



Supervisor Kathy Smith at the Sully Gov. Center with the New Textile Recycling Bins

Fairfax County's textile recycling pilot program is expanding. Residents can now recycle textiles at the Sully Governmental Center.

Residents can now recycle unwanted clothing, shoes, and household fabrics by dropping them off at in blue collection bins at the Sully Governmental Center. Reminder: all donations must be clean, dry, odor-free, and placed in a securely closed plastic bag before being deposited into the collection bins.

For a full list of acceptable items, click [here](#).

Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services to Hold Open Hire Events in April



Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) is holding Open Hire events at four county locations in April 2026. Interested applicants should bring several copies of their resume and be prepared to interview on the spot for part-time jobs in school-age programs and recreation.

For more information on this event, checkout the official Fairfax County government website by clicking the button below:

OPEN HIRE INFORMATION

Fairfax County Unveils National Poetry Month Events



With the support of ArtsFairfax, Fairfax County Poet Laureate Angelique Palmer is launching a “Poetry &” initiative that will bring a handful of events to the county throughout the month, with some starting as soon as next week.

For specific event dates and details, checkout the ArtsFairfax website by clicking the button below:

EVENT DETAILS

For the full Fairfax County calendar of events and public meetings, check out the official website by clicking the button below:

APRIL CALENDAR

[Other News](#)

[InsideNOVA: Virginia Redistricting - Who's running in which Northern Virginia District](#)

[13NewsNow: Early voting numbers ahead of Virginia's special election](#)

[Patch: Fairfax City Sen. Saddam Salim Launches Campaign For Congress](#)

[WTOP: Fairfax Co. considers updates to home height limits to avoid 'creative workarounds'](#)

[Submit Issues to VDOT](#)

VDOT has an online form that you can complete for a list of issues, including needing a road repaired, something removed from the road, a stop sign installation, and other requests. You can find that form [HERE](#).

[Contact my Office](#)

If you need any assistance with a state agency or other concerns, contact our office directly at: senatorpekarsky@senate.virginia.gov

I would love to hear directly from you!

[Subscribe to my Newsletter](#)

Stay informed on what's happening in Richmond & the 36th District!

SUBSCRIBE

As always, it is a pleasure to serve you in the 36th District,

Cheers,



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