

Fall 2009

Dear Braddock  
Constituents:



Thank you for your interest in my Community Engagement Initiative. The mission of this community engagement initiative is to foster stronger connections between people and their communities, thereby strengthening our neighborhoods and helping to improve the quality of life in the Braddock District.

We have a multi-pronged approach to achieving this goal, including

- encouraging people to get to know their neighbors;
- encouraging participation in community organizations;
- encouraging organizations to reach out to diverse communities; and
- education and leadership training for community leaders.

In this brochure are two opportunities to learn about the needs in Braddock District, what resources are currently in place, and leadership training to help constituents step forward and make a difference in their community. I encourage you to sign up today and join us for one or both of these educational and inspirational opportunities to strengthen your neighborhood.

*John C. Cook*  
Braddock District Supervisor

## Braddock District Council

The Council represents the interests of all community associations within Braddock District of Fairfax County. It facilitates cooperation and coordination between the community associations and provides a path of communications between associations and county officials and elected representatives, all as part of normal business and during and after a major disaster.

The BDC consists of volunteers offering their time, skills, and leadership to improve and maintain the wonderful standard of living in the Braddock District. The goal of the BDC is to promote the civic, community, and general welfare of all Braddock citizens. Note that the BDC is strictly nonpartisan and nonsectarian.

Council membership is open to all Braddock District homeowner and civic associations.

The BDC meets monthly to discuss relevant topics and issues and hear county, state, or corporate speakers. BDC sponsors key events, such as an Information Forum, County Budget reviews and an annual District picnic with presentations to Best of Braddock award selectees. All events are open to the public.

For more information, contact:

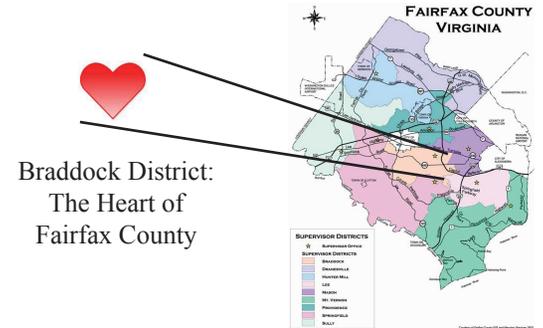
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Dottie Dane, Membership  
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# Braddock District Community Engagement Initiative

## Preparing Citizens for Civic Service and Leadership



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John C. Cook, Braddock District Supervisor  
Fairfax County Government  
Braddock District Council



ARE YOU READY TO MAKE YOUR COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE? DOES YOUR NEIGH

DO YOU KNOW WHAT RESOURCES FAIRFAX COUNTY GOVERNMENT HAS TO OFFER?

BORHOOD WORK TOGETHER TO ADDRESS ISSUES? ARE YOU INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

The Braddock District Community Engagement Initiative is an effort to create an informed, engaged citizenry who are:

- willing to create stronger bonds with their neighbors and to work toward stronger communities
- wanting to make a difference through service with a nonprofit organization or civic association or home owners' association
- ready to step forward and serve as a leader, board member or engaged volunteer

Two exciting opportunities for learning and service will be offered in Braddock District:

**BRADDOCK LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

*Saturday, January 23, 2010*

Ideal for those who serve on boards and those considering community leadership. Students will learn:

- Their role in creating a "thriving community" and responsibilities of volunteering and board leadership
- Leadership skills, including running successful meetings, volunteer recruitment, and cultural competency
- Fiduciary responsibilities of organizational leadership, e.g., how to read financials and how to be financially viable in a down economy

Participants also will have the opportunity to engage with other students to discuss ideas for a community action plan for their home owner's association, civic association or community-based organization.

**BRADDOCK NEIGHBORHOOD COLLEGE**

*Two sessions: February-March and April-May*

Ideal for those who want to make a difference but aren't sure where to start. Neighborhood College helps build strong, healthy communities where we live and work. Graduates use this program to help their neighbors, become involved in local issues, take on leadership roles in their communities and volunteer. Students:

- learn about local government; meet elected officials and leaders
- learn what makes Braddock unique
- meet community-based organizations
- see how to build partnerships and consensus
- learn effective participation and leadership skills, including engaging diverse communities
- see how to build partnerships and consensus

Students must be able to attend and participate in scheduled classes (held once a week, evenings, for six weeks) and activities.

**For more information, please call Supervisor Cook's office at 703-425-9300.**

WHAT ARE YOUR COMMUNITY'S ASSETS?

HOW CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

**Braddock District  
Community Engagement  
Initiative  
Leadership Institute and  
Neighborhood College  
Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (W/C) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Organization represented \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable, e.g., HOA, nonprofit, PTA, etc.)

Please register me for:  Leadership Institute  
 Neighborhood College

What would you like to learn more about? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please contact me about Braddock District Council

**Please return this completed form to:**

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Burke, VA 22015

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