

Fall 2009

Dear Braddock Residents:



Thank you for your interest in my Community Engagement Initiative. Its mission - to foster stronger connections between people and their communities - will strengthen our neighborhoods and help improve the quality of life in the Braddock District.

Our multi-pronged approach to achieve this goal includes:

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

In this brochure you will find information on two programs that will teach you how to step forward and make a difference in your community. I encourage you to sign up today and join us for one or both of these educational opportunities.

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:

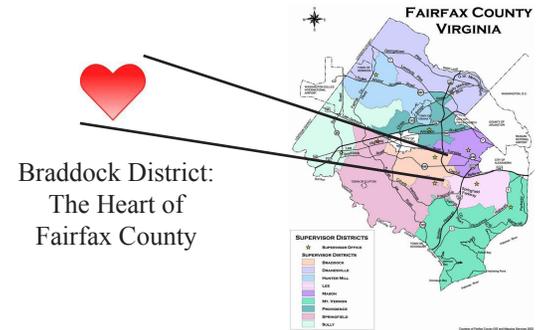
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Dottie Dane, Membership
Bill Barfield, Chairman

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BRADDOCK DISTRICT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE

PREPARING CITIZENS FOR CIVIC SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP



Sponsored by

John C. Cook, Braddock Supervisor
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Braddock District Council



ARE YOU READY TO MAKE YOUR COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE? DOES YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD WORK TOGETHER TO ADDRESS ISSUES? ARE YOU INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

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

The Braddock District Community Engagement Initiative will create an informed, engaged citizenry who are:

- willing to create stronger bonds with their neighbors and work toward stronger communities
- eager to make a difference through service with a nonprofit organization or civic 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 on boards or 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. 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: CALL SUPERVISOR COOK 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? _____

Please contact me about Braddock District Council

Please return this completed form to:

Braddock District Office
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Burke, VA 22015

Fax to: 703-503-9583

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