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# The BRADDOCK BEACON

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## SUPERVISOR COOK TO HOST NEW NEIGHBORHOOD COLLEGE

Beginning in May, Braddock District Supervisor John Cook will be hosting a new Neighborhood College program. The Department of Neighborhood and Community Services will be supporting this program presentation.

The Neighborhood College is a civic engagement program open to residents interested in learning about Fairfax County and how to work with neighbors, community organizations and local government. This knowledge can be used to strengthen neighborhoods, build citizen engagement, and promote a strong sense of community. This is an excellent leadership program for residents who serve as officers on their homeowner or civic association boards, or who just want to learn more about how the County works.

Supervisor Cook is a Neighborhood College graduate and knows personally the tremendous value this program can bring to the community. It has been several years since the last Braddock District Neighborhood College and it is time to train the next set of community leaders and volunteers.

If you would like to learn more or register for the series, please contact Ann Sharp or Kiel Stone at 703-425-9300 or e-mail [ann.sharp@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:ann.sharp@fairfaxcounty.gov).

**Through a combination of lectures and group discussions, participants will:**

- Learn about Fairfax County Government and how it works
- Understand demographic profiles and trends in community context
- Explore topics that impact or strengthen neighborhoods and communities
- Find out how to work effectively within diverse neighborhoods and communities
- Become effective community leaders

**Date:** Thursdays, May 15 – June 19

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.–9 p.m.  
(Dinner provided)

**Location:** David R. Pinn Community Center, 10225 Zion Dr, Fairfax, VA 22032

### *Draft Agenda*

**May 14 – County 101**

- Overview of County
- Overview of Budget
- Demographics

**May 21 – Public Safety in Your Community**

- Police
- Emergency Preparedness

**May 28 – Code Enforcement & HOA Community Leadership Part I**

- Code Enforcement
- HOA Community Leadership I
- Governance
- How to Organize a Project
- Conflict Resolution

**June 4 – HOA Community Leadership Part II**

**June 11 – Environmental Issues**

**June 19 – Cultural Competence and Graduation**



Supervisor John C. Cook

### **ATTENTION HOMEOWNER AND CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS:**

Let us know about your successful Community Engagement efforts! You're doing great work! Please call (703) 425-9300 or email Ann Sharp at [ann.sharp@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:ann.sharp@fairfaxcounty.gov) with your latest information.

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## SEASONAL FUN AT LAKEFRONT PARKS

Days of fun and enjoyment are in store for visitors at the Fairfax County Park Authority's lakefront parks this summer. Staff are gearing up to open the marinas and amusements in late spring to accommodate winter-weary residents who are looking forward to a leisurely boat ride, a spin on a carousel, a round of miniature golf, or a picnic by the lake.

Opening dates and hours for the 2014 season vary by park and are available online or by calling the individual park. As a guide, most of the seasonal attractions at Burke Lake Park are scheduled to open Saturday, April 5 at Burke Lake Park; Saturday, May 3 at Lake Accotink Park; and Saturday, May 24 at Lake Fairfax Park. For all three locations, weekdays are added to the operating schedule at later dates.

For information about **Lake Accotink Park**, visit [online](#) or call 703-569-3464. For information about **Burke Lake Park**, visit [online](#) or call 703-323-6600. For information about **Lake Fairfax Park**, visit [online](#) or call 703-471-5415.

## FAIRFAX COUNTY SUMMER CAMPS

**RECQuest** — Recreation programs for children in grades one through six in community centers throughout the county. [More information and registration.](#)

**Rec-PAC** — A six-week structured recreation program with themed weeks for those entering first grade in fall 2014 to those who finish sixth grade in spring 2014. [More information and registration.](#)

**RECenters** — Variety is the spice of life at Summer Camps in parks and other Fairfax County locations for ages 3 through teens. [More information and registration.](#)

**SACC's Camp Discovery** — Weekly sessions offer an adventure-filled summer to appeal to the artist, performer and athlete in every child. Offered at 26 sites throughout the county from June 30 to Aug. 15. [More information here](#) or call SACC registration, 703-449-8989.

## BRADDOCK NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Supervisor Cook hosts a monthly television show, Braddock Neighborhood News, on Fairfax County Channel 16, which is available on most cable networks. Each month, Supervisor Cook invites topical guests to share pertinent and informative items with the viewers.

This month's show is in part to recognize Earth Day and the environment. His guests are **Jen Cole, the Executive Director of Clean Fairfax**, and **Ted Welch, Board Member At Large from Friends of Accotink Creek**. Together, they talked about how we can be better stewards for our surroundings so that not just Fairfax County, but the entire planet can be a better place to live, work, and play.

The shows air throughout the month and can be seen Sundays at 5pm, Wednesdays at 7pm, and Fridays at 5pm.



## SUPERVISOR COOK IN THE COMMUNITY

On **March 6th**, Supervisor Cook took part in “Read Across America” by reading the book Rhyming Dust Bunnies to the students at Cardinal Forest Elementary School.



On **March 12th**, Supervisor Cook attended the monthly Braddock District Council Meeting, the joint meeting he hosts with the organization, on the upcoming budget process. The meeting was held at the the Kings Park Library and included information from Susan Datta, the CFO for Fairfax County.



On **March 19th**, Supervisor Cook attended the Aging in Place presentation by the the Braddock District Council’s Aging in Place Committee in the Kings Park Library. The event was a huge success and was standing room only.



On **March 22nd**, Supervisor Cook and his family attended the annual Kings Park Potluck at Lake Braddock Secondary School. Also that night he attended the Burke Volunteer Fire Installation Dinner at the Burke Firehouse, greeting the attendees and congratulating the newly installed members.



On **March 30th**, Supervisor Cook attended and spoke at the Korean Community Service Center 40th Anniversary Banquet at the Mclean Hilton in Tysons Corner.

On **March 31st**, Supervisor Cook attended the annual Valor Awards which is sponsored by the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce. The event was held at the Mclean Hilton and honors members of the Fairfax County Public Safety Community.

On **April 1st**, Supervisor Cook hosted a Budget Town Hall at Robinson Secondary School with Braddock School Board Member Megan McLaughlin and County Executive Ed Long.

## HUMAN SERVICES CORNER

### Senior Services

#### Join a Senior Center and Let the Fun Begin

Fairfax County residents 55 and over may join any of the 14 senior centers sponsored by the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services. There is an annual membership fee. For information, visit the [website](#), call 703-324-4600, or email [ncs@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:ncs@fairfaxcounty.gov). Senior centers offer classes, health and wellness programs, computer/Internet access, trips, and opportunities to socialize with others to stay connected with your community. The centers' calendars are [online](#). Scroll down to find the senior centers' calendars and select the month next to the facility. Lunch is available with a suggested donation between \$2 and \$6 based on age and income. Lunch reservations must be made at least 1 day in advance. Transportation may be available by Fastran bus at a nominal charge. Call your nearest senior center for information. Call your nearest senior center for information. [The City of Fairfax](#) and the [City of Falls Church](#) also sponsor senior centers and have their monthly schedules online.

#### 10th Anniversary of the Caregiver Seminar Series!

The Fairfax Caregiver Seminar Consortium offers seminars designed to help family caregivers of older adults or adults with a disability manage their day-to-day issues. Speakers include experts in law, care management, finances and community resources. The events take place at locations throughout the Fairfax area. Please join us for information, resources, and networking with other caregivers. We'd appreciate hearing from you if you have attended any of the seminars in the past and whether the seminars were helpful. Email your comments to [Caregiver@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Caregiver@fairfaxcounty.gov).

#### Volunteer Opportunities:

- The Lewinsville Senior Center in McLean needs a certified volunteer Zumba Instructor to teach a class on Friday afternoons. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit the [website](#).
- Fairfax County needs volunteers to drive older adults to medical appointments and wellness programs. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit the [website](#).
- Meals on Wheels needs drivers in Fairfax, Reston, McLean and Falls Church. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit the [website](#).

#### A Conversation on the County's Fairfax 50+ Planning Process

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, together with the Fairfax Area Commission on Aging, is working to create a more aging-friendly community. During the summer of

2013, several community forums were hosted throughout the county to hear what residents have to say. In response to suggestions made, a group of community members and county staff started preparing recommendations for the Board of Supervisors. As of April 15th, some of the outcomes and initiatives will be posted [here](#). For a month, the actions and results of the 50 + Committee will be open for public comment. A television show summarizing the efforts of the 50 + Committee is currently airing on Fairfax County's cable network, Cox Channel 16. The title of the program is Mature Living. It airs on Sunday at 6 p.m., Monday at 5 p.m., Wednesday at 12 p.m. and Friday at 9:00 p.m.

### Family Services

#### Grand Opening of the Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc.

On March 27th, The Gartlan Health Care Center opened its doors. This innovative partnership between Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc. and the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board offers primary health care to people receiving CSB services.

There is a profound disparity in life expectancy for people in America who have a serious mental illness. According to the National Institute for Mental Health, people with major mental illness die 14 to 32 years earlier than the general population, and are more likely to experience other chronic diseases and obesity. These health disparities also extend to other people served through the CSB. Access to health care and an ongoing primary care partnership for those served through the CSB is a key strategic agency goal. On November 5, Neighborhood Health, Inc. (formerly Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc.) began offering primary health care services one day per week at the CSB's Gartlan Center. Neighborhood Health is a nonprofit health care organization with a mission to provide accessible, coordinated community-based primary health care, including behavioral and oral health care, to people in Alexandria and surrounding communities.

#### George Mason Shuttle Bus from the Burke VRE

Mason Shuttles operates several different shuttles providing free service to Mason students and employees. This new option is an exciting alternative to hunting and paying for parking at GMU. Parking is free at Burke VRE. Here is the link for the [schedule](#).

## LAND USE UPDATE

Two new applications have recently been accepted by Fairfax County for public review and comment in the Braddock District:

**Garden World.** NVR, Inc. has submitted an application to develop a new subdivision near the intersection of Lee Highway and Forest Hill Road. This proposed rezoning, (RZ/FDP 2014-BR-007), asks approval to place 41 single family detached homes on 13.71 acres of land. The proposal is to rezone from R-1 to the PDH-3 (Planned Development Housing) Zoning District at an effective density of 2.95 homes per acre.

A portion of this vacant property is currently being used as a wholesale and retail nursery known as Garden World, although the actual business is not part of this application. It is bounded on the north by Lee Highway, to the south by the Deerfield Forest community and to the west by Forest Hill Road which will provide public road access for these homes. **There will be a Community Information Meeting held on Tuesday, April 22 at 7:30 PM, at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, in Conference Rooms 9**

and 10 to hear more about this proposal and to provide area residents with an opportunity to provide comments and raise concerns. A public hearing before the Planning Commission is tentatively set for September 17, 2014.

**Burke Junction.** NCL XI, LLC. has submitted an application to develop 14 single family homes on approximately 8 acres of land at the corner of Guinea Road and Zion Drive on a property owned for many years by the Young family. The project, RZ/FDP-BR-009 was accepted for review and comment by the county on March 25, 2014. It proposes a rezoning of the property to PDH-3 (Planned Development Housing) with 14 single family homes at a density of 1.9 homes per acre. Access will be on Zion Drive. A Community Information Meeting has been set for May 5, 2014 at Bonnie Brae Elementary School at 7:30 pm. to hear comments and concerns. No public hearing date has yet been established.

### FY 2015 Budget Public Hearings

**Tuesday, April 8, at 6 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, April 9, at 3 p.m.**  
**Thursday, April 10, at 3 p.m.**

To speak at a public hearing, sign up [online](#) or contact the Office of the Clerk to the Board at 703-324-3151. The public hearings will be held in the Board Auditorium of the Fairfax County Government Center, and will be televised live on Fairfax County Government Channel 16.

## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This month and throughout the year, we encourage all individuals and organizations to play a role in making Fairfax County a better place for children and families. By ensuring that parents have the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to care for their children, we can help promote children’s social and emotional well-being and prevent child maltreatment within families and communities. April is a time to celebrate the important role that communities play in protecting children.

Research shows that when parents possess six protective factors, the risk for neglect and abuse diminish and optimal outcomes for children, youth, and families are promoted.

The six protective factors are:

- Nurturing and attachment
- Knowledge of parenting and of child and youth development
- Parental resilience
- Social connections
- Concrete supports for parents
- Social and emotional developmental well-being

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### April 9, Braddock District Council Annual Legislative Forum

The Braddock District Council will once again host the area's elected representatives to the General Assembly for an update on the 2014 session. At this time Eileen Filler-Corn, Kaye Kory, Vivian Watts and David Marsden have committed to attending. The forum will begin at 7:30 p.m. and take place at the Kings Park Library Meeting Room, 9002 Burke Lake Road. Please enter through the Braddock Supervisor's Office side of the building, as the library will be closed. Light refreshments will be provided. Come join the BDC to find out what your representatives did on your behalf!

### Starts May 4, 2014, Adapted Ice Skating (13-Adult)

This foundational/transitional class offers additional staff supervision and support to help students with disabilities develop basic ice skating skills. More information [here](#).

### June 1, Lake Accotink Park Cardboard Boat Regatta

A 25-year tradition! Find out who will sink and who will float in their cardboard boat on Sunday June 1. Park entrance fee: \$4 per vehicle; applies to all vehicles entering the park that day. | 10 a.m.: Boat drop off begins | Noon: Judging | 2 p.m.: Races start | 7 Race Categories - Fun for All Ages! More info [here](#).

### Audrey Moore Rec Center Pottery Program

If you are 6 years old or older and like to make items out of clay, we have a program for you! Our pottery program offers opportunities for students -- from the beginner to the experienced -- to be creative in an educational and friendly atmosphere. Children, ages 6 -12, express their artistic abilities exclusively through hand built projects. If you are 13 years old or older, you can use an electric wheel, hand build or use an extruder to create unique pieces. Check [Parktakes Online](#) for class availability.

In addition to classes we have an open pottery lab for experienced potters who want extra time to work on their project. The cost is \$4.00 per hour or you can save by purchasing a 12-hour lab pass. The cost is \$30 for current students and \$45 for non-students. There is a glaze/firing fee of 1 cent per cubic inch to all lab users. Clay is \$18 for 25 pounds bag. We only fire pieces that were made with clay issued by the RECenter.

Open Pottery lab hours:

Sundays: 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Mondays: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Fridays: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Fridays: 7 p.m. - 9:55 p.m.

Call Audrey Moore RECenter at 703-321-7081 to confirm lab hours on given days. Lab closed on holidays.

### Braddock District Clean Ups

Kings Park Civic Association – April 5  
Crownleigh Heights – April 12  
Heritage Square Community Residents May 10

Friends of Accotink Creek has scheduled 13 cleanups at various locations at Accotink Creek on April 5, 12, 19, and 26 and May 3. Several of these cleanups are in the Annandale area, including:

April 26, 3-5 p.m. | Woodburn Road bridge  
May 3, 9-11 a.m. | King Arthur Road bridge  
May 3, 12-2 p.m. | Little River Turnpike bridge  
May 3, 3-5 p.m. | Braddock Road bridge

The full schedule of Accotink Creek cleanups and directions to all sites is on the Friends of Accotink Creek [website](#). FAC is also looking for people to host a cleanup project and register volunteers. For more information contact our office.

Also on May 3, Fairfax County is sponsoring Audrey Moore RECenter Beautification Day, with cleanups, mulching, planting, and painting at Wakefield Park and the recreation center grounds, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, contact Sheri Narayan, 703-324-9149

**Springfest Fairfax**  
Saturday, April 26  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the  
Workhouse Arts Center  
9601 Ox Road, Lorton, VA 22079  
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## LIBRARY CORNER

*An Update from The Fairfax County Public Library*

In April, once again, we celebrate one of the best cultural inventions – a library. “Lives change @ your library” - is the theme for the National Library week this year. To show how important the libraries are, the American Library Association invites you to sign the [Declaration for the Rights to Libraries](#).

For FCPL the celebration is even more special - Fairfax County Public Library is turning 75 this year. A lot of change separates FCPL's first bookmobiles of 1940s from the glow of digital books and magazines that are downloaded to the tablets of our patrons today. One thing is still the same - the library continues to fill the need for learning, discovery, making informed decisions, community gatherings and so much more. In other words, every library continues to be a heart of the community it serves.

We invite you to celebrate with us! When you stop at your local FCPL library this year, you might see a special board where you can write down a note and tell us how library made a difference in your life. We also have special “limited edition” 75th anniversary library cards that you can ask for. And as usual, we have materials and events for all ages.

For more information on the activities at the libraries, please visit our [website](#).

## Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. In observance, Fairfax County's Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, together with several partner agencies, is hosting “T-O-T-A-L-L-Y!”, a one-woman show by Kimleigh Smith. The event will be held Monday, April 7 at the Annandale campus of NVCC, and begins with a reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by the show at 7 p.m. Learn more about the event, which is for mature audiences, on the OFW&DSVS [website](#). Tickets are free at the door.

## STUDENT OPPORTUNITY

The Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC) is an advisory group that has been established by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to advise the Board on environmental matters. The Council is seeking a student representative. The board is comprised of one citizen representative from each Magisterial District, four at-large members, and one student representative. Each member is appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve a three-year term, except the student member, who serves during his or her junior or senior year of high school. The deadline for applying is April 25. A link to the application can be found [here](#). The term extends from July 2014 through the next June. Meetings are generally held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:15 p.m.

## Help Protect Your Neighborhood with New Online Crime Reporting

Whether it's a suspicious person trolling the neighborhood, a mailbox that's been vandalized, or a stolen bicycle, all crimes matter to police. Online reporting is the quickest, most convenient way of documenting incidents and police urge residents to take advantage of an updated online reporting system.

Although the police department has had online reporting capacity for almost a decade, a new, easier, more user-friendly system was installed in December 2013. Police remind residents that no crime is too insignificant to report and that, often, these figures and incidents are used by crime analysts to detect trends and insert proactive, preventive measures.

Residents may use the system to report crimes at any time. They will be notified of a report number and may use it for insurance purposes. If appropriate, an officer

will notify and or respond to the complainant.

Use the online reporting system to report the following non-emergency crimes/incidents:

- Bicycle theft
- Larceny/theft under \$5,000
- Telephone harassment/threats
- Trespassing
- Lost property
- Civil disputes
- Unoccupied hit & run crashes
- Solicitor violations
- Destruction of private property/vandalism
- Larceny/theft from motor vehicles or parts
- Suspicious persons/vehicles

[More information is available on the police website.](#)