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# The BRADDOCK BEACON

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District Supervisor John C. Cook

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## Supervisor Cook to Host Neighborhood Leadership Town Hall

On October 15, Supervisor Cook will host a Neighborhood Leadership Town Hall at Finance Park next to Frost Middle School from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event is modeled after the popular “Neighborhood College” program and is a great opportunity for residents of the Braddock District to come out and learn more about county government and good leadership principles for neighborhood organizations. The program is appropriate for leaders of civic and homeowners’ associations, as well as pool, scout, recreational, and other organizations. The program is also a good fit for those who want to be leaders in the future, as well as the “worker bees” who just want to learn more about the County and how they can help improve their neighborhoods and organizations.

Supervisor Cook will be joined by a number of county officials and presenters. County Executive Ed Long will deliver a presentation to inform the community about county finances and future economic and fiscal goals. Sandi Fox from the County’s Office of Emergency Management will share pertinent information about Emergency Management for neighborhoods and families. Collen Turner from ElderLink will speak to the issue of caregiver support and other human services items. Bruce Easmunt, an attorney specializing in community association representation who is the president-elect of the Washington Metro Chapter of Community Associations Institute, will present the keynote address and also discuss HOA governance. Attendees will also hear from Randy Bartlett, Deputy Director DPWES Wastewater Management, who will speak about storm water, as well as Pamela Gratton, Recycling Director of Solid Waste Management, who will speak about solid waste and recycling. Finally, Supervisor Cook and Chairman Bulova will deliver opening remarks and communicate the general state of the County to residents.

Supervisor Cook would like to get an attendance headcount so that he and staff can plan the event accordingly and provide you with the best possible experience. Please inform Supervisor Cook’s office if you plan on attending this Town Hall event. Additionally, please take a minute to review the [Town Hall Agenda](#), which is also found on page 3 of the Braddock Beacon, and relay which of the breakout topics you plan to participate in by replying to this email or calling 703-425-9300. Thank you for your help in making this Town Hall the best possible experience for Braddock Residents.



Supervisor Cook has served on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors since 2009 and lives in Kings Park with his wife and SIX children.

# Braddock District Council to Host Meals Tax Discussion

There will be a Braddock District Council (BDC) Meeting on October 12 from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Kings Park Elementary School (5400 Harrow Way, Springfield, VA 22151). The meeting will be an opportunity to discuss the meals tax referendum on this November's ballot and will include speakers addressing both sides of the issue. The BDC will not express a point of view, but rather, will present factual information and context for the discussion.

# HOA/Civic Association Symposium

There will be an HOA/Civic Association Symposium hosted by Supervisor Cook and the BDC on November 9 from 7:30-9 p.m. in the Kings Park Library meeting room. All leaders and board members of homeowners associations and civic associations are welcome to attend and voice any concerns or questions they may have regarding their HOA or civic association. There is no specific agenda, and the symposium will consist of a roundtable discussion addressing thoughts from community members. Please come out and take part in the discussion.

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*The Braddock Beacon*

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# Supervisor Cook's Neighborhood Leadership Town Hall Agenda

The event runs from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on October 15 at Finance Park (next to Frost Middle School)

**9:00 – 9:30**

**Registration with light refreshments**

Volunteer organizations and county agencies will set up display tables and be available to answer questions

**9:30 – 9:45**

**Opening Remarks from Supervisor Cook and Chairman Bulova**

**9:45 - 10:15**

**General Session on County Finances**

County Executive Ed Long

**10:15 – 10:45**

**General Session on Common Interest Associations (HOAs/CAs)**

Bruce Easmunt, President-elect, Washington Metro Chapter of Community Associations Institute

**10:45-11:00**

**Break**

**11:00 – 11:30 and 11:35 – 12:05**

**Breakout Sessions**

(Each session will run during both time slots, except HOA governance, which will only be presented at 11:35)

HOA Governance

Bruce Easmunt, President-elect, Washington Metro Chapter of Community Associations Institute

Stormwater

Randy Bartlett, Deputy Director, DPWES, Wastewater Management

Trash/Solid Waste

Pamela Gratton, Director, Recycling, Solid Waste Management

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness

Sandi Fox, Community Outreach Manager, Office of Emergency Management

Caregiver Support

Colleen Turner, ElderLink

**12:15-12:30**

**Closing and Wrap up**

# 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.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and Supervisor Cook, as Chair of the Domestic Violence Policy, Prevention and Coordinating Council, is working to spread Awareness of this very important issue. Unfortunately, victims of this epidemic may not know how to reach out for help, or may not be aware of all of the useful resources available to them. This month, Supervisor Cook invited Health Department representatives Jennifer Ferraro, Maternal Child Health Coordinator, and Joanna Hemmat, Assistant Director of Patient Care Services, to come on BNN and tell viewers about their mission of fighting domestic violence here in Fairfax County.



**Supervisor Cook sits down with Health Department representatives Jennifer Ferraro and Joanna Hemmat.**

The show airs throughout the month and can be seen Sundays at 5 p.m., Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Fridays at 5 p.m. The shows can also be viewed online on [Supervisor Cook's Youtube Channel](#).

## Cook in the Community

**Labor Day Events** – On September 4<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Cook stopped by Ashbourn Community Center in Burke for the annual Lake Braddock Community Association Labor Day Picnic. The next day, Supervisor Cook attended the annual Labor Day Picnic at St. Mary of Sorrows Church in Fairfax.

**Burke Centre Festival** – On September 10<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Cook gave opening remarks and kicked off the two day festival which is held each year on the grounds of the Burke Centre Conservancy.



**Supervisor Cook cuts the ribbon on the fitness equipment at Royal Lake**

**Royal Lake Fitness Equipment Ribbon Cutting** – On September 10<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Cook joined neighbors and residents for a ribbon cutting ceremony and BBQ for the newly installed fitness equipment.



**Supervisor Cook lines up for the Lake Braddock Homecoming Parade in a vintage Mustang**

**Korean Senior Harvest Moon Party** - On September 10<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Cook stopped by Seoul Presbyterian Church in Fairfax to say a few words at their luncheon.

**Justice, Unity & Peace Town Hall** – On September 10<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Cook was pleased to take part in a Town Hall Meeting which was held at Centreville Baptist Church. The event was hosted by the Fairfax County’s Communities of Trust Committee and included speakers from the County, Fairfax County NAACP, and others from the private sector.

**Unity Event** – On September 11<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Cook joined Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn for an event titled How to Maintain Civil Discourse in a Contentious Time. It was held at the Congregation Adat Reyim in Fairfax.

**Twinbrook Popeye’s Community Meeting** – On September 12<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Cook hosted a meeting at Laurel Ridge Elementary School to brief the community on the new Popeye’s restaurant which will be moving in to the old Pizza Hut location.

**Virginia University of Science and Technology Ceremony** – On September 16<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Cook attended and gave comments at the Grand Opening Ceremony for Virginia University’s School of Science and Technology in Tysons Corner.

**Lake Braddock Homecoming** – On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Supervisor Cook participated in the Homecoming Parade by riding in a vintage Mustang convertible and throwing candy to the folks along the parade route.

**CERT Conference** – On September 24<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Cook gave opening remarks at the National Capital Region Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Conference which was held on the Annandale Campus of NVCC.

**Oak Hill Day** – On September 24<sup>th</sup>, the doors to the Historic Oak Hill Mansion were opened for citizens to visit and Supervisor Cook was there to give opening remarks.

**NVAN Legislative Breakfast** – On September 26<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Cook attended that annual Legislative Breakfast at the Fair Oaks Marriott which was hosted by the Northern Virginia Aging Network (NVAN).



**Supervisor Cook and Chairman Bulova spent the day with 19<sup>th</sup> Century resident Henry Daingerfield at the Oak Hill Open House**

**Heritage Mall Community Meeting** – On September 26<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Cook hosted a community meeting at Braddock Elementary School to update citizens on the upcoming changes to Heritage Mall in Annandale.

**Mason Community Forum** – On September 28<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Cook took part in the quarterly Mason Community Forum which focuses on issues in and around George Mason University and the City of Fairfax.

## Community Connections

### Bond Referendum Roundup

In the [Nov. 8, 2016, general election](#), Fairfax County voters will be asked to vote YES or NO on three individual bond questions that total \$312 million:

#### **Parks and Park Facilities**

The \$107 million is intended to fund the [Park Authority's capital needs](#) (\$94.7 million) and sustain the county's capital contribution to the [Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority](#) (\$12.3 million), including:

- Land acquisition and open space preservation to ensure adequate parkland for future generations
- New park development
- Park renovation and upgrades for aging facilities
- Natural and cultural resource stewardship
- Restore, renovate and modernize existing NVRPA facilities, many of which were developed or constructed more than 20 years ago

#### **Human Services and Community Development**

The \$85 million is intended to:

- Replace the [Sully Senior Center and a build new Lorton Community Center](#) (\$37 million)
- Renovate, expand or replace four [emergency shelters](#) for people who are homeless: Patrick Henry, Embury Rucker, Eleanor Kennedy, and Bailey's (\$48 million)

#### **Transportation**

The \$120 million is intended to fund for the next four years the county's share of [Metro's capital improvement program](#) that includes:

- Safety and system maintenance projects
- New rail cars and power upgrades for running eight car train
- Additional buses for operating Priority Corridor Networks
- Rail station improvements to increase the capacity of the rail system infrastructure

More information can be found [online](#), along with a list of [frequently asked questions](#) regarding bonds.

### Community Updates

#### **Lake Accotink Park Community Workshop**

The Master Plan for Lake Accotink Park is being updated, and as part of that process, the Fairfax County Park Authority will host a community workshop on Thursday, October 27, 2016, to help determine the kinds of facilities and programming the community finds most valuable.

Members of the public are invited to stop by Kings Park Elementary School between 7 and 8:30 p.m. to circulate among a variety of workshop stations. Participants can move at their own pace through a series of workshop stations that will help to clarify the types of facilities and programs they feel are most important. Participants should allow about 30 minutes to answer the workshop questions. Park Authority staff will provide a brief update on the overall project at 7 p.m. Kings Park Elementary School is located at 5400 Harrow Way, Springfield, Va.

For more information, visit us online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/lakeaccotink.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/lakeaccotink.htm) or call the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

### **RECenter Survey Now Available**

The Fairfax County Park Authority held a Public Information Meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2016, to present information on their system-wide study to guide future redevelopment and growth of the RECenter system throughout the county. The meeting addressed how the study will be conducted, opportunities to provide input into the study and how to stay informed of the study's progress. A second public meeting will be scheduled this winter.

A Community Interest Survey is now available and will be open until October 21, 2016 to gather information about public preferences for recreation programming and operations. The survey will be distributed to RECenter users and pass holders and other Fairfax County residents. The general public is invited to respond to the survey via the link: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/rec-study.htm>

### **Burke History Day Announcement**

The Burke Historical Society has designated 2016 as the Year of Research. In keeping with this theme, throughout the year BHS has sponsored a series of monthly "how to" programs on historical research at the Burke Centre Library (5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke).

The Year of Research culminates with their annual Burke History Day on November 5, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Burke Centre Library! Join them for exhibits on Burke history, children's activities, and presentations of some of their most popular historical research programs.

All events and presentations are free. For more information, visit their website at [burkehistoricalsociety.org](http://burkehistoricalsociety.org).

### **EagleBank Arena Event Traffic Advisory**

Several weeknight events at EagleBank Arena in October and November will have an impact on traffic around campus. Drivers are advised to allow extra time commuting to and from campus and avoid the southern end of campus near Braddock Road and EagleBank Arena.

- October 19: Disney on Ice, 7 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m.
- October 20: Disney on Ice, 7 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m.
- November 2: Jeff Dunham, 8 p.m., doors open at 7 p.m.
- November 9: The 1975, 8 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m.
- November 10: Brand New, 7 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m.
- November 17: Troye Sivan, 7 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m.
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For more information about EagleBank Arena events, visit [eaglebankarena.com](http://eaglebankarena.com). For questions about parking, transportation, and traffic, email [transpo@gmu.edu](mailto:transpo@gmu.edu)

## Human Services Corner

### October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Op-Ed by Supervisor Cook featured in the Fairfax Times

Domestic violence is no longer the leading cause of homicide in Fairfax County- largely due to preventative efforts instituted by the County, our police, and community non-profit partners. Nonetheless, it remains a major problem that we must address. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the County, along with other groups, will be working to inform the community about this troubling issue.

The Domestic Violence Prevention, Policy, and Coordinating Council (DVPPCC), an organization I chair that fights domestic violence countywide, has refined its agenda for the coming year. Last year, the Office for Women, in partnership with the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) and the DVPPCC, implemented the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP), a system designed to help determine exactly how serious a violent domestic situation might be. The system includes a questionnaire for victims, which can help trained personnel determine how dangerous their situation is. The DVPPCC has worked to make the implementation of tools like these critical. The result is that LAP victims can be more likely to participate in the criminal justice process, which may bring their perpetrator to justice.

This year, we have set two main priorities for the Council: increasing the availability of transitional housing to victims, and promoting outreach to and communication with the community regarding the importance of combating domestic violence.

Finding transitional housing for victims until they find permanent housing is very difficult here in Northern Virginia. Families that are in a violent situation often have to make immediate changes to ensure their safety. Victims are afraid to move, change their children's schools, and even leave their pets. Increasing the housing options for families facing these challenges helps to return the family to normalcy as soon as possible. For example, the FCPD has partnered with the Fairfax County Animal Shelter to create Pet Haven, a program that will house a pet for up to 60 days, allowing victims time to make other housing arrangements. Steps like these are being taken to help victims in their time of need.

The community needs to know that domestic violence affects more than just the victim- it affects the entire community. Child witnesses suffer psychological effects and may have trouble focusing in school. A mother may not be able to keep up with work assignments. A family in crisis impacts our neighborhoods and communities.

We must inform our neighbors on what to do if they suspect a family is in trouble. If you do suspect someone is the victim of domestic violence, you may think that it's none of your business and that it's better not to get involved in their situation. You may think the situation will resolve itself. It won't. To report a crime, call the FCPD at 703-691-2131 or, for emergencies, call 911. It is just as important to help lead a victim to the 24-hour Domestic & Sexual Violence Hotline at 703-360-7273. Let's work together to fight domestic violence here in Fairfax County and make this a safer community for everyone.

## Absentee Voting Has Begun

There are 19 valid reasons to [vote absentee](#) in Virginia. Having a disability and being a caregiver are two of them. Find out everything you need to know about absentee voting for the November 8 General and Special elections including eligibility requirements, venues for in-person voting sites and how to mail-in ballots. Keep in mind:

- Voter Photo ID Requirements - Effective July 1, 2014
- Sept. 23: In-Person Absentee Voting Begins
- Oct. 17: Voter Registration Deadline
- Nov. 1: Deadline to Apply for an Absentee Ballot by Mail
- Nov. 5: Final Day, In-Person Absentee Voting
- Nov. 8: Absentee Ballot Return Deadline

## Shepard's Center Events

### **Adventures in Learning - Fall 2016**

Join the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax every Monday for 6 weeks, October 3 - November 7 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. Start with gentle exercise, followed by speakers on topics such as health, history, community, personal development, finance, and more. Afternoon breakouts are book club, bridge, canasta, and mind games. Bring a brown bag lunch. Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Rd. Fairfax, VA 22032 is providing space and hosting this series of classes. The cost is \$30 for 6 weeks (Mondays). To register, please call the office at 703-426-2824, or go to the website and print the registration form and class schedule: [www.scfbva.org](http://www.scfbva.org).

### **Lunch and Life**

Are you 50 or Better? Come to the next *Lunch N' Life* sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke on Thursday, November 17, 2016, (12:00-2:00 p.m.) at The Church of the Good Shepherd, 9340 Braddock Rd, Burke. The guest speaker will be Paul Herbert, Author of *Treason in the Rockies*; Nazi Sympathizer, Dale Waple's POW Escape Plot. For reservations, call Bea Stephenson at 703-273-5730 by November 11th. The cost is \$10.00; checks payable to SCFB. If transportation is needed, call the SCFB office (703) 323-4788. See [www.scfbva.org](http://www.scfbva.org) for more information.

### **Volunteers Needed as Drivers and Office Workers!**

Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke serves those 50+ and who no longer drive. Volunteer Drivers are needed for trips (Monday - Friday) to medical appointments and companion shopping within the Fairfax/Burke area. Office Workers are needed to answer phones in the SCFB office (Monday - Friday) of individuals requesting rides and match an available driver for each request. If you can volunteer your time, please contact the SCFB office at 703-323-4788.

## Community Information

### **Supervisor Cook's Annual Domestic Violence Prevention and Awareness Event**

With the help of the community, domestic violence is no longer the leading cause of homicide in Fairfax County. This is a great accomplishment, as well as a testament to the strength of the community and the strength of our county in informing our neighbors of this troubling issue and combatting it wherever possible.

Each year, Supervisor Cook hosts an Event to help spread awareness of Domestic Violence during October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month nationwide. This year, Supervisor Cook will invite community members, neighborhood leaders, and county officials to come together and recognize them for their outstanding work to promote progress, strategy, and future plans for fighting domestic violence in Fairfax County.

Please come out to Chuy's, located at 11219 Lee Hwy, Fairfax 22020, on Wednesday, October 26 from 4:30 to 6:30 to join Supervisor Cook for this event. Refreshments will be served, and attendees will enjoy good food and company as they recognize the proponents of fighting domestic violence in Fairfax County. You can view a [flyer](#) for this event online.

### **Wear Purple on Thursday, October 20th.**

The color purple symbolizes the courage, persistence, honor, and commitment to ending domestic violence. Show your support today and Purple Out Fairfax! Take a selfie or a group shot and send to Sandy Bromley to add it to the DV Community Flickr album. Post it on your social media accounts. In addition to #FairfaxCounty and #DVAM2016, don't forget to use the additional hashtags #PurpleOutFairfax and #PurpleThursday on this day!

### **Medicare 101 – Introduction to Applying to Medicare Aging in Place Presentation**

9002 Burke Lake Road  
Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Navigating Services for seniors

### **Dementia Care Givers Support Group**

The Dementia Care Givers Support Group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month on October 11, 2016 at noon - 1:30 p.m. at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. The event is sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax/Burke. The group is for those caring for someone with dementia or interested in learning more about providing care giving to a person with a disorder that affects memory and cognition and may impact behavior and physical abilities. Before attending, contact the facilitator, Eileen Thompson at 703-451-8626 or Eileen.thompson1@gmail.com.

### **Domestic Violence Community's 2016 Annual Meeting.**

The 5th Annual Domestic Violence Community meeting will be held on Friday, October 28th from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. in the Government Center Forum & Board Auditorium. This is an opportunity for the entire domestic violence community to celebrate its hard work over the past year and plan for future efforts. Invite friends, neighbors, and colleagues to join in the celebration. The event is open to all.

## Environmental Update

### **Comprehensive Calendar of Events**

#### **Accotink Creek Stream Cleanups**

Saturdays, October 8th, 15th and 22<sup>nd</sup>

Time: 9-11 a.m., 12-2 p.m. and 3-5 p.m. on the 8th and 22nd; 9-noon on the 15th

The Friends of the Accotink and the Park Authority are going all out this year with 14 fall litter cleanups along the entire stretch of Accotink Creek, from Fairfax City to Fort Belvoir. Details of these events, as well as many other local litter cleanups, can be found on the [Clean Virginia Waterways website](#).

#### **Life in the Lake's Shallows**

Saturday, October 8

Time: 10 – 11 a.m.

Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Dr, Springfield, VA

Explore the shallows of Lake Accotink looking for animals that call the littoral zone home: snakes, fish, turtles and insects. Wear shoes that can get muddy and wet. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Ages 8 and up; \$6 per person. Please [register online](#) or call 703-569-3464 for more information.

### **Fairfax Park Authority's Watershed Cleanup Day**

Saturday, October 15

Time: 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Cub Run Rec Center, Ellanor C Lawrence, Hidden Oaks, Hidden Pond, Huntley Meadows, Lake Accotink, Lake Fairfax and Riverbend.

Be part of the Virginia Waterways Cleanup at park sites across the county. Help clear earth's arteries by collecting tires, bed springs, cans and other debris. Good for families, groups or individuals. Wear boots, old clothes and bring gloves. Trash bags and appreciation provided. Park-specific contact information is available on the [Clean Virginia Waterways website](#).

### **NOVA Stream Monitoring Certification Training**

Saturday, October 22

Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Manassas Battlefield National Park

Open to all volunteers, including those not yet ready to seek certification. This two part workshop will include a morning indoor presentation (9 a.m. - noon) that will introduce urban watersheds, the science of stream monitoring, and identification of common stream invertebrates. The afternoon session (12:30 – 3 p.m.) will be outdoors at Young's Branch Stream where we will take a full stream sample and identify and count all the invertebrates we find. Those not seeking certification can attend either session or both. Those seeking to become certified must attend both sessions, take the written test at the end of the morning session, and adequately demonstrate field skills during the afternoon session. Once certified, a volunteer can adopt their own stream site and monitor it quarterly with equipment supplied by their Soil and Water Conservation District. Jointly organized by the Northern Virginia and Prince William Soil and Water Conservation Districts. To register, please contact [Dan Schwartz](#).

### **Save Your Lake**

Saturday, October 22

Time: 10 – 11 a.m.

Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Dr, Springfield, VA

Enjoy a guided hike around the lake's edge to see what animals are living there, and learn what you can do to protect one of the most unique ecosystems in the county - your lake. Wear good hiking shoes and dress for the weather. The program for those age four to adult costs \$6 per person. Please [register online](#) or call 703-569-3464 for more information.

### **Nova Community College Environmental Film Festival**

Monday, October 31

**Time: 1 - 4:30 p.m.**

Location: NOVA Annandale Campus, Ernst Community Center's CE Forum and Theater

There are a lot of spooky things going on this Halloween, but NOVA Community College's Film Fest aims to show you a brighter environmental future. Free and open to all! Open parking in lots B8-B17. Refreshments and popcorn will be served. For more information, contact [crobinette@nvcc.edu](mailto:crobinette@nvcc.edu).

## Land Use Update

### **Popeye's at Twinbrooke Shopping Center (SE 2016-BR-013)**

Following a community meeting hosted by Supervisor Cook on September 12, the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee recommended approval of an application to replace the vacant Pizza Hut at Twinbrooke Shopping Center with a Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen fast food restaurant. The proposal is to remove and replace the existing building with a new structure on the same footprint in order to minimize land disturbance and have as little of an impact on the existing site as possible while meeting the requirements of the new use. Matching brick veneer would be installed along the base of the new building to better blend with the appearance of the shopping center. The applicant has committed to improving the existing landscaping and installing new plantings to spruce up the area. They have also agreed to designate five parking spaces for short-term parking, which may be used by both Popeye's and Outback customers to pick up their orders. The full staff report may be found at <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ldsdfw/4541714.PDF>. The Planning Commission approved the proposal on October 6 with minor modifications to the development conditions to address concerns expressed by neighbors at its September hearing.

A public hearing before the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, at 3:00 p.m. Residents who wish to testify are encouraged to register in advance at [https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker\\_bos.htm](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker_bos.htm). Anyone with questions or concerns may also contact Marcia Pape in Supervisor Cook's office.

### **Heritage Mixed Use Village (RZ/FDP 2016-BR-013)**

Supervisor Cook hosted a community information meeting on September 26 for area residents to learn more about the proposal to permit the landowner to construct a mixed use development on the Heritage Mall site. The four existing retail and office buildings on the eastern portion of the property would be retained, a community center space would be added, and the parking, landscaping, and plaza in the retail/office space would be improved. Pedestrian connections through the property would also be enhanced. Finally, approximately 68 townhouses and related amenities would be constructed on the western portion of the property. Questions were asked about parking, traffic, stormwater, and the size and expected cost of the proposed townhouses.

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will consider this application at its next meeting on October 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Braddock Hall. Community members are welcome to attend. The proposal is scheduled to be heard by the Planning Commission on November 30.

### **Lake Fairfax Estates**

The Christopher Companies plans to build four single-family homes at Lake Fairfax Estates, a 20-acre parcel of property off Belmont Drive, north of Braddock Road and east of Shirley Gate Road. Because this is a permitted use consistent with the property's R-C zoning, the houses may be built by right and are approved administratively. They are not subject to public hearings or approval by the Board of Supervisors.

### **Church of the Apostles (Anglican) (PCA 2008-SP-012)**

An application has been filed to build a 32-foot high, 18,500 square foot structure on a vacant 1.78 acre lot at 11717 Lee Highway in Fairfax. In 2009, the property was rezoned to permit development of an office, but that office building was not constructed and the property has since been purchased by the Church for construction of their congregation's new facilities. House of worship uses are permitted in the C-2 district without additional zoning approval, but because the rezoning plan included specific architectural facades for the office structure, the Church must obtain approval of a Proffered Condition Amendment to modify the architecture. The amount of transitional screening and landscaping has not been reduced from what was previously approved and the Church would not be as tall as the approved office structure.

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will consider this application at its next meeting on October 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Braddock Hall. Supervisor Cook will also be holding a community information meeting to discuss the proposal on Thursday, November 10, in the library at Eagle View Elementary School, 4500 Dixie Hill Road, Fairfax, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Area residents are encouraged to attend and learn more about this project. A public hearing before the Planning Commission is scheduled for January 2017.

### **Expectation Church (SP 2016-BR-002)**

County staff has recommended approval of a Special Permit application for Expectation Church to construct a place of worship on the former horse boarding facility at 11924 Braddock Road. The applicants propose a 56,000 square foot church building with a 950-seat sanctuary and accessory office and classroom space on the 31.6-acre property. A total of 410 parking spaces would be provided. The majority of the property is in a Resource protection Area and 52 percent of the property would remain open space, with the majority of the woodland to remain undisturbed. The full staff report is available at <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ldsdfw/4543204.PDF>.

A hearing on this application was held by the Board of Zoning Appeals on October 5 and will be continued on October 19. Residents who have concerns are encouraged to submit a letter for the record or testify at this hearing. You may register to testify at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/bza/bzaspeaker.htm>. This matter will not come before the Board of Supervisors, but will be decided by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

### **Marcela's Day Care (SE 2016-BR-004)**

The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of a Special Exception application filed by Marcela Munoz to permit home child care for 12 children at 5400 Donnelly Court in Springfield, across the street from Kings Glen Elementary School. The staff report may be found at <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ldsdfw/4540295.PDF>. The Board of Supervisors will hold a hearing in this case on October 18, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Individuals who wish to speak at the hearing are encouraged to register online at [https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker\\_bos.htm](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker_bos.htm).