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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 be hosting a Neighborhood Leadership Town Hall event 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. Finally, Supervisor Cook and Chairman Bulova will be there to deliver opening remarks and communicate the general state of the County to residents. You can find a detailed agenda of the Town Hall event on [page 3 of the Braddock Beacon](#).



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

## Mason/Community Forum to Discuss Water Tank Project

To improve service to customers, Fairfax Water will be replacing its existing water storage tank located on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University... [\(continued on page 8\)](#)

## County Encourages Reporting Property Tax Evaders

Most residents know that we need to register our vehicles with Fairfax County and the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. And most of us do, which leads to your car tax bill every year (friendly reminder: it's due Oct. 5). However, not everyone registers their new vehicles, especially some people who have moved here from another state or purchased their vehicle elsewhere. A "Target Program" allows you to send tips on vehicles with out of state plates that may be not be registered in Fairfax County. [Learn more in this NewsCenter article.](#)

## Applications for Express Lanes Community Grant Programs due September 30

The [395](#), and [495 and 95](#) Express Lanes Community Grant Programs are designed to support organizations that sustain, enhance or protect the local environment and neighborhoods of these highways...[\(continued on page 9\)](#)

## VDOT Interactive Paving Map Online

Through June 2017, the Virginia Department of Transportation will be abuzz [paving roads in Northern Virginia](#). Is your neighborhood road on the schedule? You can look up which roads VDOT will be paving for the next year on its [interactive map](#), which shows four levels of status: Scheduled, In Progress, Completed, and Deferred. Exact work dates are available about 10 days prior to work beginning, as contractors set schedules based on personnel and equipment availability. In subdivisions, "no parking" signs with precise date information will be posted at least three business days prior to work starting. You may have to temporarily relocate parked vehicles, as well as basketball hoops and garbage cans, while work is under way.

*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 11:30)

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**

## Oak Hill Open House Set for September 24

Oak Hill is a privately owned 18th-century Georgian-style home that was preserved in October 2004 when the Board of Supervisors, Park Authority Board, and Northern Virginia Conservation Trust negotiated the purchase of an historic easement from Seville Homes. Each year the home is opened to the public on “Oak Hill Day”. Please come enjoy the unique opportunity to tour the grounds and first floor of the house and celebrate local history. The event will take place at 4716 Wakefield Chapel Road, Annandale, VA on Saturday, September 24 from noon - 4 p.m. with a welcome ceremony at 12:30.

## Be Wary of IRS Phone Scams

Recently, [imposters posing as IRS agents](#) have targeted seniors with harassing phone calls demanding payments and threatening jail as part of an elaborate tax scam that has cost taxpayers millions of dollars. The U.S. Senate Committee on Aging estimates that nearly 1 million people have been targeted and 5,000 people lost \$26 million last year. Use the following strategies to determine if you are being scammed, such as with a phone call that:

- Requests detailed or an unusual amount of personal and/or financial information, such as name, SSN, bank or credit card account numbers or security-related information.
- Dangles bait to get the recipient to respond, such as mentioning a tax refund or offering to pay the recipient to participate in an IRS survey.
- Threatens a consequence for not responding to the call, such as additional taxes or blocking access to the recipient’s funds.
- Gets the Internal Revenue Service or other federal agency names wrong.

Consumers who believe they may be victims of identity theft or other scams should visit the U.S. Federal Trade Commission’s Web site for identity theft, [www.OnGuardOnline.gov](http://www.OnGuardOnline.gov).

## Mosquito-borne Illnesses Still Concern Despite Cooling Temperatures

Even as the weather begins to cool off, the presence of mosquitos is still a concern here in Fairfax County. The Fairfax County Health Department’s Disease Carrying Insects Program works to minimize the threat of mosquito-borne diseases through active mosquito surveillance, control activities and community education. The Asian tiger mosquito (*Aedes albopictus*), a possible vector for Zika, is common in northern Virginia. Because mosquito season will not end until the first hard frost of the year, it is important that residents remain vigilant. The most effective way to control the Asian tiger mosquito is to eliminate standing water from artificial containers. If you can’t get rid of the water, treat it with a mosquito-specific, environmentally-friendly product such as Mosquito Dunks®, which are available at hardware stores, garden centers, and for free at Supervisor Cook’s office. For more information on Zika, visit the [Health Department website online](#).

## Fairfax County “Communities of Trust” Town Hall

On Saturday, September 10 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., the Communities of Trust Committee (COTC) will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting at the Centreville Baptist Church, 15100 Lee Highway, Centreville, VA. The event will provide a forum for community discussion on public safety initiatives and revised policing strategy, and will offer residents the opportunity to share their encounters with police officers. Supervisor Cook is very excited to speak this Town Hall, which will also be an opportunity for residents to learn about their roles and responsibilities in keeping our neighborhoods safe and enhancing trust.

# 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.

It's that time of year again: back to school! As students make their way back to school and head back into the classroom, many parents may find themselves with extra time on their hands. This month on Braddock Neighborhood News, Supervisor Cook is joined by Woodson High School Director of Student Services Dr. Carlyn Floyd, Mantua Elementary School's Volunteer Coordinator, Teresa Lemair, and the President of the Woodson PTSO, Monica Cameron. They tell the viewers about the many ways to volunteer and become involved in our schools, even if they are not parents of a student.



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

**SEIU Appreciation Event** – On August 5<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Cook stopped by the local office of the Service Employees International Union as they held a BBQ to help celebrate Union Member Appreciation Week.

**Criminal Justice Academy Tour** – On August 11<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Cook got an inside view of how FCPD Officers are trained as he was given a tour of the Criminal Justice Academy in Chantilly.

**Chesapeake Bay Foundation Boat Trip** – Also on August 11<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Cook, along with his Chief of Staff Kiel Stone, took a three hour tour (yes, a three hour tour!) along the Potomac River and learned about how the natural ecosystems operate.

**VietFest 2016** – On August 13<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Cook was honored to give remarks at the annual VietFest which was held at the Tysons Corner Center.

**Korean Independence Day Event** – On August 15<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Cook was onstage at the GMU Center for the Arts to give remarks at the annual Korean Independence Day Celebration.

**Diversion First Presentation** – On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, Supervisor Cook gave a presentation on Diversion First to staff members of the ARC of Northern Virginia. The event was a huge success and he has been asked to come back to give the presentation to a larger group of people.

**Police Ride Along** – On the evening of August 23<sup>rd</sup>, Supervisor Cook joined a Fairfax County Police Office on a four hour patrol where he saw firsthand what our public safety workers do on a routine patrol.

**Shop With a Sheriff** – On August 25<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Cook was at the Burke Target as the Fairfax Sheriff's Office held their annual Shop With a Sheriff event, which allows young children in need to go around the store and pick out items to help them get ready for the upcoming school year.

**Fire and Rescue Ceremony** – Later on August 25<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Cook was at the Massey Building for the Fire and Rescue Officer, Firefighter, and Civilian of the Year Ceremony.

**Relax in Fairfax** – On August 27<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Cook, along with members of the Fairfax City Government, took part in an annual contest with members from the staff from George Mason University. This ritual is part of the welcoming week for students beginning their new school year at Mason. Once again, the County/City team crushed the team from Mason's student government and will proudly hold the trophy for yet another year.



## Human Services Corner

### September is Suicide Prevention Month

September is Suicide Prevention Month, which helps promote awareness of resources for suicide prevention and emphasizes the importance of knowing how to talk to people about suicide without increasing the risk of harm.

Suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of age, gender or background. It is the third leading cause of death among young people in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as well as across the United States. If you or someone you care about may be at risk of suicide, don't hesitate to reach out for help. These resources are available 24/7:

- Call Community Services Board Emergency Services at 703-573-5679.
- Text "CONNECT" to 855-11 to contact PRS CrisisLink.
- Call PRS CrisisLink at 703-527-4077.
- In an immediate, life-threatening situation, call 911.

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), there is one suicide in the U.S. every 13 minutes. Nearly 40,000 people per year die by suicide in the U.S. In Fairfax County, an annual youth survey found that local youth in 10th and 12th grades are at significantly higher risk for depression and suicide ideation than their peers in other parts of the state.

To assist adults, Fairfax County is hosting three community presentations called “Caring for Mental Wellness: For You or Someone You Know.” Presenters are licensed county therapists and specialists in wellness resources for older adults. Topics include strategies for maintaining mental wellness as well as how to tell and what to do if you think someone you care about may have clinical depression. For all of these events, call the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging at 703-324-5411 for more information and ADA accommodations.

**Tuesday, September 13**

**11 a.m. to noon**

**Herndon Senior Center** – free and open to members and nonmembers

873 Grace Street, Herndon

**Monday, September 19**

**1 to 2 p.m.**

**George Mason Library**

7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale

**Tuesday, September 20**

**1 to 2 p.m.**

**Sherwood Regional Library**

2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria

Help is available, treatment works and people do recover! Come to one of the September presentations to learn more! You can also call the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board for guidance and resources at 703-383-8500, TTY 711.

## Absentee Voting Begins Sept. 23

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
- Upcoming Voter Photo ID Opportunities
- Sample Ballots (not yet available)
- 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

# Community Connections

## Community Happenings

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

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month – September 13, 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.

### **Volunteers Needed as Drivers or 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.

### **Save the Date to Walk with NAMI**

Join the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Northern Virginia for the 8th annual NAMIWalks event being held at Tysons Corner on the Plaza on Saturday, September 24. The Fairfax County Community Services Board (CSB) is a proud supporter of the walk, which raises not just awareness about mental illness, but also much-needed funds to support the no-cost services, education, and advocacy that NAMI Northern Virginia provides. Advance online registration is available, and on-site registration begins at 9 a.m.; walk kick-off is at 10 a.m.

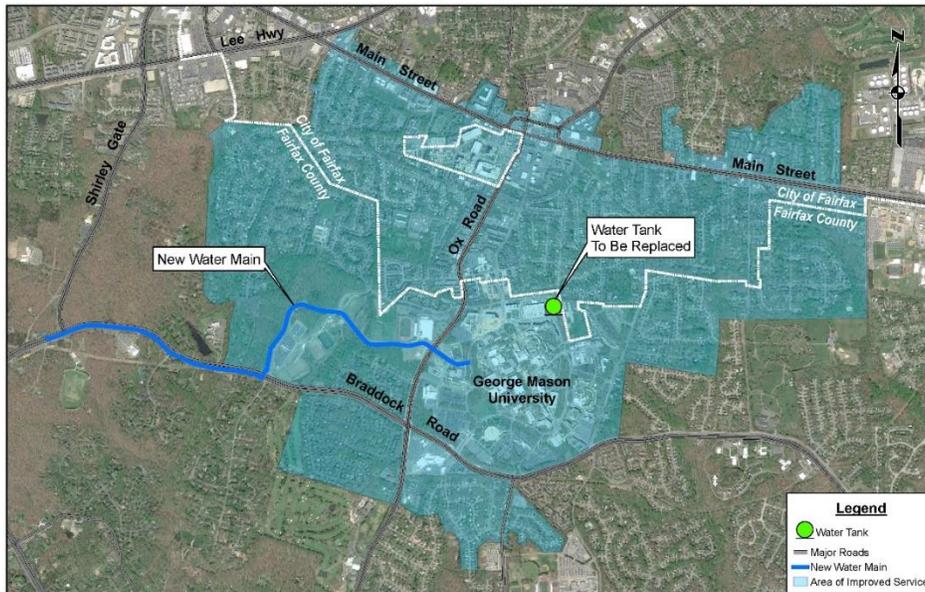
### **50+ Expo at Springfield Town Center, Sept. 25**

Don't miss the 50+ Expo at Springfield Town Center on Sunday, September 25 from noon to 4 p.m. Browse service exhibits, take a health screening, and enjoy the entertainment. The keynote speaker is Lt. Joe Kenda of Investigation Discovery Channel's hit show, "Homicide Hunter". Kenda is a retired homicide detective who began a television career in his 60s. The Beacon Newspapers is sponsoring the event in partnership with Fairfax County. Call 301-949-9766 or visit [www.theBeaconNewspapers.com](http://www.theBeaconNewspapers.com). Be sure to stop by the Fairfax County Services for Older Adults table!

## Mason/Community Forum to Discuss Water Tank Project (continued from page 2)

The existing tank controls water pressure on the campus as well as surrounding areas in Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax. These areas experience delivery pressures that are lower than those typically experienced elsewhere in Fairfax Water's system. The replacement tank will be taller than the existing tank, which will increase delivery pressures to customers in the areas shown on the map below. Changes to the style of the tank will also ensure water quality will be maintained. The new tank will be constructed on the same site as the existing tank between University Drive and Sideburn Road.

The new tank will be supplied through a new 24-inch diameter water main that will extend from Shirley Gate Drive to Campus Drive along Braddock Road, and then across portions of the GMU campus. The alignment of the new water main will be largely within public right-of-way and Fairfax Water will work closely with VDOT to minimize traffic disruptions during construction. The map below shows the preliminary alignment of the new transmission main.



### Locations of Replacement Water Tank and New Water Main

Fairfax Water will be presenting information on these projects including renderings illustrating how the tank will appear from various perspectives at the next Mason/Community Forum:

September 28, 2016, at 7:30 p.m.  
Fairfax City Council Chambers, Fairfax City Hall  
10455 Armstrong Street, Fairfax, VA 22030

Questions regarding the tank project may be addressed to Susan Miller, Public Information Officer, Fairfax Water at [smiller@fairfaxwater.org](mailto:smiller@fairfaxwater.org) or (703)289-6018.

## Applications for Express Lanes Community Grant Programs due September 30 (continued from page 2)

The most recent winners of these awards were just announced, and the next application deadline is September 30. The [395 application](#) and the [495 and 95 application](#) can both be filled out online. Each of the following organizations will be receiving grants:

### 495 and 95 Express Lanes Grant Program:

- Arts Council of Fairfax County - \$1,500
- Fairfax County Park Foundation - \$1,500
- Our Daily Bread, Inc. - \$1,500

### **395 Express Lanes Grant Program:**

- Alexandria Police Foundation - \$5,000
- Carpenter's Shelter - \$5,000
- Friendship Place - \$5,000
- NoVA Outside - \$5,000

## **Braddock District Library Events**

The Braddock District is home to 2 library branches, the Burke Centre Library and the Kings Park Library. Both are excellent places to relax with some good materials. This month, both libraries offer an extensive course of programs and lessons for your enjoyment. A list of these programs can be found on [Supervisor Cook's website](#). Here are the library hours for both branches:

### **Burke Centre Library**

5935 Freds Oak Road  
Burke, VA 22015  
703-249-1520 | TTY: 711  
Sun.: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.  
Mon. - Thurs.: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.  
Fri.: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Sat.: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### **Kings Park Library**

9000 Burke Lake Rd.  
Burke, VA 22015  
703-978-5600 | TTY: 711  
Sun.: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.  
Mon. - Thurs.: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.  
Fri.: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Sat.: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

## **Environmental Update**

### **Bagging Yard Waste in Plastic is NOT Fantastic**

Instead of collecting yard waste in plastic bags, consider using reusable containers, paper bags, and bundling branches. Using plastic bags for collection of yard waste is not a sustainable or cost effective practice.

#### **Plastic Bags are Environmentally Unfriendly**

Manufacturing plastic bags consumes energy and non-renewable natural resources, and the bags “junk up the works” at our regional yard waste processing facilities. Using plastic bags for yard waste is expensive because it requires removing the material from the bags before it can be processed, which adds significant equipment, labor, and disposal costs.

#### **Plastic Bags are Inefficient**

An estimated 20 percent of yard waste is lost because it clings to the plastic bags that must be disposed of as waste. When breaking open the bags, small pieces of plastic make their way into the compost, compromising quality and resulting in reduced revenues.

#### **Paper Bags are Biodegradable**

While paper bags may cost a little more than plastic bags, their use reduces overall environmental impacts and processing costs. Not only are paper bags manufactured from a renewable resource and use less energy to manufacture, they break down naturally when composted.

Using paper bags or reusable containers instead of plastic is a win-win for the facilities that manage our yard waste and those who ultimately use these products to improve the health of soil and the look of their yards.

### **Recycling Yard Waste is Required**

Fairfax County's Solid Waste Management Program is responsible for ensuring trash and recycling are properly managed. This is accomplished by implementing the county's Solid Waste Management Ordinance, Chapter 109.1, which defines yard waste as brush, leaves and grass, and requires that these materials be recycled.

For more recycling information, call the **Solid Waste Management Program** at **703-324-5230**, TTY 711, visit [Yard Waste](#), or download the [Plastic is NOT Fantastic information card](#).

## **Watershed Engagement Program at Little Run Elementary**

The [Friends of Accotink Creek](#) (FACC) has been awarded a grant of \$7,500 from Fairfax Water to fund a new watershed engagement program at Little Run Elementary School, adjacent to Long Branch. They will work closely with [Lands and Waters](#) to bring their innovative "Follow the Water" program to the school, leading educational activities with 6th grade classes in collaboration with their partners, including the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Audubon Naturalist Society, Braddock District, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, Fairfax County Restoration Project, and the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District. This program provides experiential learning activities like stream monitoring, schoolyard stormwater mapping, and conservation activities integrated with classroom programming supporting science-based investigation. In addition, FACC will lead a strong community outreach program in support of the school program, hosting workshops on schoolyard conservation projects, watershed awareness, and watershed educator activities.

One of the core goals in this project is meaningful community engagement on local watershed issues. FACC welcomes volunteers and partner organizations who wish to work with them on outreach, educational workshops, and environmental stewardship activities - this is an excellent opportunity for some hands-on learning! For more information, please contact Kris Unger, Primary Conservator, Friends of Accotink Creek, at [krisunger@gmail.com](mailto:krisunger@gmail.com).

## **Program Updates**

### **Fall Stream Cleanups - Volunteer Now!**

The annual Clean Virginia Waterways Cleanup, an affiliate of the International Coastal Cleanup, is looking for your help! Throughout September and October, community litter cleanups in Northern Virginia are in need of volunteers. Come out and join the effort. A list of sites and RSVP information is available on the [Clean Virginia Waterways website](#).

### **Seeking Funding for Your Conservation and Efficiency Projects?**

Want to do something environmentally friendly on your property? Is heavy runoff causing you distress? Do you have poor energy efficiency in your community's club house? The new Conservation Assistance Program (CAP) can help. It provides technical assistance and up to 50% matching funding for qualifying projects. For more information about CAP - including application deadlines, eligible projects and funding levels - please visit the program webpage at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/cap/>.

## **Apply for the Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professionals Certification**

The Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional Certification is a new, voluntary credential system for professionals who design, install, and maintain sustainable landscapes.

Training and examination are based on a core set of standards in sustainable landscaping emphasizing stormwater retrofit best practices and conservation landscaping with native plants to benefit the environment. The pilot training classes to prepare for the certification will be starting this October in Virginia, Maryland and DC. Be one of the first to get certified. More information is available at <http://cblpro.org/>.

## **More Good News for the Potomac**

Conservation can be a dour business, with bad news often seeming to outweigh the good, but that doesn't mean there aren't success stories to celebrate. The Potomac recently received its best health score in years, and now it is seeing an increase in some of its iconic wildlife. From the Potomac Conservancy and the Bay Journal, read about the river's [7 Comeback Species](#) and the surprising places where [dolphins have been sighted](#).

## **Deconstruction Versus Demolition: A Source of Recycled Materials**

Redevelopment is coming to many of the older neighborhoods in Fairfax County. A [recent article](#) in the Washington Post real estate section looked at the practice of deconstruction - taking apart a house and reusing its components - as a green alternative to demolition. The article focuses on Fairfax County and mentions several local non-profits where one can buy the wood, fixtures, appliances and other materials salvaged during the deconstruction process.

## **Remove Invasive Plants from Fairfax County's Natural Areas**

Invasive invaders such as kudzu, wisteria and stilt grass are pushing out important native flora and diminishing the health of our parklands. Help turn the tide against these exotic invaders by joining the Invasive Management Area (IMA) volunteers and pulling these weeds out by their roots. Ten workdays are scheduled in September! The IMA volunteer calendar can be [found online](#).

## **September Stream Monitoring Events**

Are we finally done with 100 degree summer days? What better way to welcome the cooler weather than a trip to your local stream?

[Saturday, September 10, 9:30 - 11:30am](#): Monitoring of Accotink Creek in Springfield with Friends of the Accotink

[Sunday, September 18, 2 - 4:30pm](#): Monitoring of Cub Run in Centreville

[Sunday, September 25, 1 - 5pm](#): Kid-friendly Herndon NatureFest, featuring a display of live stream monitoring critters.

# Land Use Update

## Popeye's at Twinbrooke Shopping Center

On **Monday, September 12**, Supervisor Cook will hold a community meeting for the applicant to present its proposal for replacing the vacant Pizza Hut at Twinbrooke Shopping Center with a Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen fast food restaurant. The meeting will be held in the **library at Laurel Ridge Elementary School, 10110 Commonwealth Boulevard in Fairfax, beginning at 7:30 p.m.** Community members who are interested in this project are encouraged to attend. A public hearing before the Planning Commission is scheduled for Thursday, September 29, followed by a hearing before the Board of Supervisors tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 18.

## Heritage Mixed Use Village

A community meeting to learn more about the plans for the Heritage Mall site has been scheduled for **Monday, September 26, in the cafeteria of Braddock Elementary School, 7825 Heritage Drive, Annandale, beginning at 7:30 p.m.** The applicants will present their plans for rezoning the Heritage Mall property to permit the landowner to construct a mixed use development on the 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 retail/office space plaza 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. Those who live nearby or who are interested in the project are encouraged to attend and learn more.

## Church of the Apostles (Anglican)

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. The property was rezoned from R-1 to C-2 in 2009 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. 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 Church will continue to provide screening and buffering through landscaping and other measures, including seven-foot high masonry walls. Supervisor Cook will schedule a community information meeting to discuss the proposal later this fall. A public hearing before the Planning Commission is scheduled for January 2017.

## Marcela's Day Care

Marcela Munoz has filed a Special Exception to permit home child care for 12 children with two assistants at 5400 Donnelly Court in Springfield, across the street from Kings Glen Elementary School. A hearing in this case is scheduled before the Planning Commission on September 14 in the Board Auditorium of the Government Center at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, beginning at 8:15 p.m. Individuals who wish to speak at the hearing are encouraged to register online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/speaker.htm>.