



The BRADDOCK BEACON

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SUPERVISOR COOK PUSHES FOR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE-DRIVING INITIATIVE

Neighborhood speeding and unsafe driving is a chronic issue in Braddock District neighborhoods and throughout the County. Last year, police officers gave out 25,526 tickets or nearly 70 per day in Fairfax County. Of course, that's only the people who were caught! This year, police are on pace to hand out even more speeding tickets.

In 2012 the Board of Supervisors approved my proposal to create a multi-faceted effort to combat speeding and unsafe driving in our neighborhoods. The program is a cost-effective way to reduce unsafe driving in our neighborhoods and protect our families. However, the Board has not yet approved the funding to move the program forward. While the FY 2014 budget has already been passed, the Board is about to pass the FY 2013 Carryover Package. Carryover is the annual process by which certain unspent or unencumbered funds for appropriations previously approved by the Board of Supervisors are reappropriated in the next fiscal year. Typically, funds carried over are nonrecurring expenditures, such as capital projects or capital equipment items.

At the Board's meeting on September 10, I will be asking my colleagues to use some of these funds to get this important initiative moving.

My carryover request for \$150,000 would fund a public awareness campaign to urge drivers to slow down and neighborhood organizations to adopt efforts to spread the word. I am also requesting \$200,000 for traffic calming measures. State fund-

ing for traffic calming ended a few years ago, but communities continue to step forward to request assistance, which this funding would provide. My anti-speeding initiative contains a third element which would not be funded yet. That part would add traffic patrol officers and new technology as part of an enhanced enforcement effort.

I view these two Carryover requests as the beginning, not the end of this effort, and it is something I will continue to work on. If you are interested in supporting my safe-driving initiative and want to learn more, you can visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/slowdown.htm.

Maintaining County-owned Trails and Sidewalks

At next Tuesday's Carryover Review I will also be requesting funds to increase maintenance on County trails and sidewalks. This is a frequent concern of residents who write and call into our office. The County is responsible for several hundred miles of trails and sidewalks, but maintenance funding was all but eliminated during the recession. To the surprise of no one, there is a considerable backlog of needs. After consulting with County staff, I will be requesting that the Board allocate \$200,000 to help to begin to speed up the repair schedule.



Supervisor John C. Cook

ATTENTION HOMEOWNER AND CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS:

Please continue to let us know about your successful Community Engagement efforts. Keep up the good work!

Please call (703) 425-9300 or email Ann Sharp at ann.sharp@fairfaxcounty.gov with your latest information.

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SUPERVISOR COOK TO HOLD HOA/CA SUMMIT ON SEPTEMBER 23

Supervisor Cook will be hosting a summit for leaders of Braddock District home owners associations and civic associations. The summit will give community leaders an opportunity to trade ideas, talk about what has and hasn't worked in their communities, and increase communication. If you are an HOA/CA leader and would like to attend the summit, please email braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov to RSVP.

When: September 23, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Kings Park Library Meeting Room

COMMUNITY MEETINGS SCHEDULED ON PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL STUDIO UNIT ORDINANCE

This Fall, the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors will consider whether to amend the County Zoning Ordinance to permit the construction, by private builders, of small studio, or efficiency, apartments called RSU's (Residential Studio Units). These units, common in urban areas, would be rental units of 500 square feet or less, geared toward individuals making less than \$45,000. Housing advocates believe such units would help meet the need for a specific type of affordable housing in the County.

The County already has an Affordable Dwelling Unit Ordinance and a Workforce Dwelling Unit Ordinance which require large residential construction projects to reserve some units for lower income residents. RSU's, however, are geared toward individuals, not families, and would not be required, but would be permitted with Board approval after a public hearing. Nationwide, in urban and urbanizing areas there has been a trend toward so called "micro units" that are oftentimes between 300 and 400 square feet in size. Such units are being introduced in areas like New York, Boston and Seattle, and are provided as a market rate product.

In Virginia, such housing has been successfully developed in communities such as Charlottesville, Richmond, Virginia Beach and other Tidewater areas. This is an important policy change for the County, and would allow the private market to meet the housing needs of many individuals who are currently unable to live in Fairfax. County staff also hopes churches

and other non-profits concerned with combatting homelessness would attach such units to existing buildings to help house those with lower incomes.

The Board of Supervisors has debated previous drafts of the ordinance in committee meetings. Some residents are concerned that if RSU's are permitted in residential zoning areas, owners of single family homes could convert their homes to RSU's. The current draft of the ordinance contains options to address those concerns. It requires the construction of at least three units if any are built, which is a disincentive to building on a residential lot. Buildings containing RSU's would need to conform to the surrounding neighborhood and would require approval by the Board of Supervisors after a public hearing. Other options prohibit attaching RSU's to single family homes.

The Board has asked the Planning Commission to conduct additional outreach and offer public engagement opportunities to evaluate the proposed amendment. The Board placed emphasis on ensuring that these regulations would maximize the compatibility and harmony of the use within each zoning district where such units could be located. The Planning Commission will consider the proposed RSU Ordinance at a number of upcoming meetings:

- September 25, 2013. A public work session will be held in the Board

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SAVE THE DATE: UPCOMING EVENTS IN BRADDOCK DISTRICT

Braddock District Council

The Braddock District Council (BDC) will meet for the first time under new board members. The new members are: Cliff Keenan, Country Club View CA, President; George Klein, Olde Forge/Surrey Square, Vice-President; Barbara Varvaglione, Briarwood Court Condo CA, Secretary; Tom McDonald, Buckner Forest HOA, Treasurer.

BDC represents the interests of community associations (both homeowner and civic associations) within the Braddock District. The BDC works closely with Supervisor Cook and his staff, as well as other elected and county officials, in promoting the interests of our residents throughout the District, but they need your involvement in order to do so effectively. The BDC Board has been reaching out to the designated points of contact in each HOA and CA within the Braddock District but encourages you to reach out to them as well. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact the current BDC Chairman at cliffkeenan@gmail.com.

When: September 11, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Braddock Hall

Oak Hill Day

Oak Hill, an 18th century Georgian-style home, is a historic gem in Braddock District. History will come alive with dramatic reenactments and presentations during Oak Hill Day at the end of September. We ask organizations to please include Oak Hill Day in any September newsletters or updates they might be sending out.

Find more information on Oak Hill Day here: <http://bit.ly/15BxR5P>

When: September 28, 2013, from noon to 4:00 p.m.

Where: 4716 Wakefield Chapel Road, Annandale, VA 22003

Annual Pool Leaders Meeting

Supervisor Cook will host a meeting for leaders of swim clubs in Braddock District to discuss permits, zoning requirements, and other important information. Ellen Eggerton, Ombudsman for Religious and Community Groups and Green Buildings, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services/Land Development Services, will be attending to help answer questions. Please email Ann Sharp at ann.sharp@fairfaxcounty.gov with any questions.

When: September 30, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Braddock Hall

University-Community Forum

Supervisor Cook invites all that are interested to attend the quarterly University-Community Forum on October 2.

The quarterly meetings deal with relations between George Mason University and the surrounding community as well as traffic and parking issues in the community. Look for more information in a future advisory.

If you have question, please feel free to contact Ann Sharp at ann.sharp@fairfaxcounty.gov.

When: October 2, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Kings Park Library

SUPERVISOR COOK IN THE COMMUNITY



On August 1st, Supervisor Cook met with some young men from Boy Scout Troop 50, which meets regularly at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Annandale. The Scouts came to the office to interview Supervisor Cook in preparation for their Citizenship in the Community merit badge.

On August 6th, Supervisor Cook attended several neighborhood parties for National Night Out. This was a great night to come together and be with neighbors. Some of the neighborhoods he visited were Bonnie Brae, Middleridge, Ravensworth-Bristow, Kings Park, Stone Haven, Long Branch, Olde Forge/Surrey Square, Somerset, Olde Creek, and Rutherford.

On August 15th, Supervisor Cook spoke to business leaders from the Port Royal Road area near Ravensworth Shopping Center. There has been a growing concern with parking issues in that area and the group wanted to get their concerns on the table. Later that evening, he attended the 68th Anniversary of Korean Independence Day Celebration at the Springfield Hilton.

On August 22nd, Supervisor Cook was at the Burke Centre Target for the annual Shop with a Sheriff event, which partners the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office with Target to help homeless children shop for school supplies.

On August 27th, Supervisor Cook stopped by George Mason University for the annual Welcome Walk where new students visit school and community booths and receive information to help them acclimate to campus life.

On August 29th, Supervisor Cook was honored to take part in the opening coin toss with Fairfax Mayor Silverthorne at the opening day game for Woodson HS football where they played the rival team from Fairfax High School. The game was the first played on the new artificial turf field at Woodson.

Throughout the month, Supervisor Cook attended many of the concerts in the Braddock Night series. This was a successful season and we look forward to next year's lineup.

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Auditorium at 8:15 p.m. County staff will provide detailed information about the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to the Planning Commission. During the meeting, citizens will have the opportunity to submit questions which staff will research and respond to at the next workshop session. Questions and recommendations can be submitted at any time through the Planning Commission's email at plancom@fairfaxcounty.gov.

- October 2, 2013. A second public work session will be held in the Board Auditorium at 8:15 p.m. This meeting will include presentations by County staff and responses to questions submitted by citizens during the September public work session. In addition, there will be an opportunity for questions and comments from citizens. Neither work session is the official public hearing for the Zoning Ordinance amendment, however public input will assist the Planning Commissioners and staff to consider any issues associated with the proposed amendment.

- November 20, 2013. Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board Auditorium at 8:15 p.m. This is the official public hearing on the proposed RSU Ordinance amendment. The Planning Commission website includes an opportunity to sign up in advance to speak at the hearing. A public hearing before the Board of Supervisors is not yet scheduled.

To review the staff report on the Residential Studio Ordinance, please go to the following site: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoningordinance/proposed> Supervisor Cook welcomes your comments and suggestions at Braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov.

BRADDOCK DISTRICT LAND USE UPDATES

Evergreene/Penn Rezoning

As reported last month, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of this 10 house subdivision on July 17. Over the summer, the applicant has continued to work with Briarwood Homes on an agreement that would use recreational proffer funds to improve existing outdoor amenities in Briarwood. In return, the new community would be able to make use of those amenities. Adjustments have also been made to ensure future interparcel access for several large lots immediately to the north. A final hearing before the Board will be held on September 10 at 3:30 p.m. The staff report, which recommends approval for this project (RZ-FDP-BR-003), can be found at: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ldsdfw/4421603.PDF> To speak before the Board, call 703-324-3151 or sign up online at: https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker_bos.htm Letters for the record can be submitted to Braddock@fairfax-county.gov.

Ox Road Estates

Ox Road Estates Community Information Meeting September 9. A public hearing before the Planning Commission is now tentatively set for October 16, 2013. Revisions to the layout for this 13 house residential subdivision (RZ/FDP 2012-BR-020) have been submitted to the County which attempt to address noise, open space, stormwater, utility easements and tree preservation. Supervisor Cook will host a second Community Information Meeting in the Fairview Elementary School cafeteria, 5815 Ox Rd on September 9, 2013 at 7:30 pm. Individuals who would like to see the newest layout before the meeting can email Braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov. A staff report will be available in early October.

Lake Braddock Secondary School Monopole

A public hearing is currently scheduled for September 19 at 8:00 p.m. before the Planning Commission on this proposal. A staff report will be published on September 5 and can be read at the following location: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/2232/staffreports/> Any comments can be directed to Braddock District Planning Commissioner Nell Hurley at BraddockPlanning@gmail.com. The pole would now replace an existing light standard at the football field and would have 12 panel antennas, an equipment

shelter measuring 20 feet by 11 feet and a rectangular backup generator compound of 184 square feet which would be tested once a month. Under this proposal, the applicant would add 32 feet to an existing 88 foot tall light standard which would still function as field lighting. The size of the panel antennas have been reduced from 103 inches to 72 inches. The equipment cabinet will be concealed in a secure area under the bleachers. The Milestone website at has now been updated to show how the pole would appear from adjacent neighborhoods:<http://www.lakebraddockwirelesspole.com> The staff coordinator for the Department of Planning and Zoning is Doug Hansen: Doug.Hansen@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Kings Park Shopping Center to Redevelop

Regency Centers has recently submitted a by-right site plan to Fairfax County to redevelop the western portion of the 74,000 square foot Kings Park Shopping Center. The renovation will significantly expand and improve the Giant Food Store in the Center, which would go from 28,000 square feet to just over 50,000 square feet. To accomplish this expansion, Regency has reached an agreement to enter into a ground lease with the owner of the Veterinary Hospital at 5241 Rolling Road. The existing veterinary building would be demolished as would the current Giant Food Store. Site plan review is expected to take approximately 10-11 months. A copy of the full set of plans is available in the Supervisor's office and can be loaned out for any homeowner association wishing to examine the plans. This plan does not require approval of the Board of Supervisors.



FROST MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS SHOULD USE NEW WALKING ROUTE

For many years, a number of students walking to Frost Middle School or Woodson High School have used the pipe stem and wooded area at the north end of Pickett Road as a cut through to get to the school property. In an effort to help the homeowners who live on that pipe stem and to increase the safety of students who are walking to school, FCPS is encouraging the use of an alternate route for those who choose to walk to school.

Homeowners, school and police officials, Braddock School Board Member Megan McLaughlin and Supervisor Cook worked together and are encouraging the use of a route that currently exists but would not involve students walking through the private property of homeowners.

The endorsed route would be to use the sidewalk that runs through the two houses at the end of Nutwood Way which enters onto the school property rather than enter the school property by crossing through private property at the north end of Pickett Road.

The school will also be letting students and parents know



about the new route at the beginning of the school year.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Ann Sharp in Supervisor Cook's office at ann.sharp@fairfaxcounty.gov.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF NEW 'PACE' PROGRAM IN BRADDOCK

Right in our Braddock District neighborhood, the first Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Center in Northern Virginia can be found at Braddock Glen on Olley Lane. The only program of its kind in Northern Virginia, InovaCares for Seniors represents a three-way agreement between Inova, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (the federal agency that oversees Medicare). PACE is a comprehensive, coordinated healthcare program and adult day health service that allows seniors to avoid nursing home admittance, decreases emergency room visits and allows them to live in the comfort of their home.

Creating a personal, proactive health plan for each participant begins with the InovaCares for Seniors interdisciplinary team. "We operate across the full spectrum of health activities. So instead of having providers and clinicians in different offices with limited or no coordination, you have one healthcare team that tracks what's being accomplished," explains Terence McCormally, MD, Medical Director of InovaCares Cares for Seniors PACE and a board-certified geriatric physician.

PACE is a personalized approach to healthcare. Prior to joining the program, the Medical Director, along with the center's team of nurses, social workers, dietitians, physical therapists, activities coordinator and transportation coordinator meet with the family and the potential participant to discuss and develop a careplan tailored to the specific medical, nutritional,

and social needs of that individual.

Together, the interdisciplinary team then implements that plan in a coordinated caring setting. Once enrolled in PACE, participants receive care from the whole team, including a dedicated group of certified program assistants.

Residents in the Braddock District may be eligible for PACE if they are 55 years or older, are currently living at home, and could benefit from nursing-facility level of assistance.

Services may include, but are not limited to:

- Onsite physician access with personalized care tailored to individual needs
- Primary and specialty medical care (including dental, audiology, optometry, podiatry)
- Nursing and social work
- Physical, occupational and speech therapy
- Hospital and emergency care
- Prescription drug coverage and management
- Lab tests and diagnostic procedures
- Meals and nutrition counseling
- Personal care
- Home care
- Adult day care

WHAT'S THAT FLOATING IN LAKE BARTON?



It is not a robot, an outsized set of surround-sound speakers or an alien spacecraft that residents have seen floating around Lake Barton recently. Nor is the Discovery Channel scanning the lake bottom to prove the existence of "Burkie," the seldom seen monster of Lake Barton. It is, however, a "Solar Bee."

County staff recently started a yearlong evaluation of a solar powered reservoir circulator system constructed of stainless steel and polymer. The purpose of the Bee is to provide water quality improvements for larger lakes that are maintained by the County. The SolarBee draws water up from below and spreads it gently across the top of the lake for continuous surface renewal in order to improve water clarity, improve dissolved oxygen and pH levels in the lake and prevent the release of hydrogen sulphide, iron, manganese and phosphorus.

In Lake Barton, particularly during the summer, a condition frequently develops called temperature stratification, where the upper layers do not successfully mix with the lower layers, causing lower dissolved oxygen levels in the lake's deeper layers. Increasing dissolved oxygen will reduce organic buildup in the sediment and reduce algae and aquatic weeds. The SolarBee will also improve the habitat for fish spawning and growth.

SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK IS SEPTEMBER 8 -14

In the United States, one person dies by suicide every 18 minutes, and it is estimated that 5 million people in the United States have lost a loved one to suicide in the past 25 years. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of all deaths in the United States, and mental health problems will strike one in five adults each year regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion or economic status. It is the third leading cause of death among youth between the ages of 15 and 25, and the second leading cause of death for college students, with tragic consequences not only for themselves but others as well.

As unnecessary deaths from suicide continue to increase, particularly in times of economic crisis, the urgency to reach out to those in need is heightened. To raise awareness, the Board of Supervisors passed Supervisor Cook's motion proclaiming September 8 through September 14, 2013 as Suicide Prevention Week in Fairfax County.

Suicide is the most preventable cause of death, and the vast majority of suicidal individuals display warning signs. Or-

ganizations such as CrisisLink are dedicated to reducing the frequency of suicide attempts and deaths, and the pain for survivors affected by suicides of loved ones, through educational programs, research projects, intervention services, and bereavement services.

CrisisLink saves lives and prevents tragedies. The organization provides vital support to people facing life crises, trauma and suicide; and also offers information, education and resources to Fairfax County residents. Over the past year, CrisisLink saw a 60 percent increase in the number of callers contemplating suicide, answered 7,742 calls from Fairfax residents in crisis, provided 13 suicide prevention and depression awareness workshops to Fairfax residents, and distributed 180,000 suicide prevention wallet cards to the Fairfax County Public School system.

SUPERVISOR COOK HOSTS GRACE LYNCH, PATRICIA ROHRER ON BNN

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 on to share pertinent and informative items with the viewers.

This month's show features Grace Lynch from Division of Adult and Aging Services and Patricia Rohrer from the Long Term Care Coordinating Council. Over the course of the summer Fairfax County held several community forums addressing and inquiring about the various issues and concerns of our older adult population. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors together with the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging is working to continue progress towards creating a more livable community for older residents.

The shows air throughout the month and can be seen Sundays at 5:00 p.m., Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and Fridays at 5:00 p.m.

HUMAN SERVICES CORNER

The school year is upon us and as we all return to our hectic schedules, here are some important announcements, reminders and upcoming events.

Urgent Volunteer Need:

- Fairfax County's Meals on Wheels urgently needs drivers in the Franconia/Kingstowne, Lorton, Reston, and Springfield areas and coordinators in McLean. Call 703-324-5406, TTY 711. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and link to Volunteer Solutions.

- Domestic Violence Action Center(DVAC) is collecting new or gently used courtroom attire (e.g. women's and men's suits or dress pants and tops) to provide for victims of domestic violence in preparation for their court appearances.

- For more information call DVAC at: 703-246-4573 Or contact: Sandy Bromley.

- Drop off times and location:
Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Historic Courthouse
4000 Chain Bridge Rd.
Suite 2702
Fairfax, VA 22030

Back to School:

Parents: It's time to immunize. Documentation of immunization is required for children entering kindergarten, sixth grade, and new students transferring into Fairfax County Public Schools. View immunization requirements and other general registration requirements on the Fairfax County Public Schools website. The Fairfax County Health Department offers school required immunizations free of charge during regular clinic hours. For faster service, an appointment is recommended. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/immun/pdf/2013-14-school-immun-flyer-english.pdf>

Child Care:

Afters-school programs in our area: Neighborhood and Community Services has made it a priority to provide quality after-school programs so that school-age children spend non-school hours in safe, nurturing environments. Locations include: Community Centers, Teen Centers, Computer Clubhouses and Computer Learning Centers Partnerships (CLCP), and Therapeutic Recreation Services, 4-H Youth Development, and sports programs. For more information: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs/afterschool.htm>

Upcoming Events:

- Virginia Indian Festival - The 16th Annual Virginia Indian Festival returns to Riverbend Park on Saturday, September 7, 2013. The public is invited to watch dance performances, shop for home-made crafts, and learn about the Native Americans who have lived and still live in Northern Virginia. The festival runs from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and admission is \$5 per person

- Fairfax County's free Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group convenes on Tuesday, September 10, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The topic will be Keeping Organized as a Caregiver, What Works? Register beforehand at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/caregiver.htm. Call 703-324-5484, TTY 711.

- Fairfax County is offering Medicare 101 – a two hour program on Medicare basics – on Tuesday, September 17, 11:00 a.m. at Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. No registration necessary! Find more information at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/vicap.htm.

- Join Fairfax County's Independent Living Project, a free seminar series along with exercise classes for strength and

balance that help older adults remain independent. The program also offers professional home safety reviews. The next series is scheduled on Wednesdays, September 18-October 23, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/independent.htm, call 703-324-7210, TTY 711 or email Jennifer.Edge@fairfaxcounty.gov.

- Braddock District Aging in Place Presentation: Caring Considerations provides researched options for safe senior housing which preserves the quality of life that best fits the specific needs, desires, and lifestyle of the individual. September 18th, 2013

7:30 -9:00pm

Braddock Hall – Kings Park Regional Library
9002 Burke Lake Rd.

Other Events Around Town:

- Farmers Markets (May to November) - There's nothing like the taste of a fresh tomato or a juicy peach to bring out the flavor of summer. From May to November, Fairfax County's 11 farmers markets come to life with a feast for the senses. The vibrant colors of freshly picked fruits and vegetables contrast with the fragrant perfume of cut flowers. For more information please visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/wp-farm-mkt.htm>.

BRADDOCK DOGS MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 19

A Special to the Braddock Beacon, as written by Braddock Dogs Club Staff

There will be a monthly Braddock Dogs meeting in September, even though it is a very busy time with school just starting up again. We are so close to our Mastenbrook Grant goal that September will kick off the final push to hit the \$10,000 milestone. So continue talking with friends and neighbors, and even complete strangers if they have a dog. The September meeting will be held on the 19th at 7:30pm.

Fundraising Goal

Speaking of our fundraising goals, at the last Braddock Dogs monthly meeting in July, Treasurer Eddie Murawski noted that Braddock Dogs had raised \$9,000 of the \$10,000 needed for a fully funded Masterbrook grant application. I just want to remind everyone that while the \$10,000 milestone is key, we still will need to raise about another \$ 2,500 for miscellaneous items identified in our Memorandum of Agreement such as benches and signboards and or items we want to see in the OLDA such as canine area play equipment. Take a trip to the South Run OLDA to see what they have put in there.

The importance of getting our grant application in is that it shows the Park Authority we have met their public/private partnership request and that we are ready to move forward with the development of Monticello Park, and specifically the OLDA. Hopefully, it will encourage them to move our effort forward ahead of those who are not ready. To that end, upon submission of our Mastenbrook Grant application, I anticipate appearing before the FCPA Board of Directors in January 2014 (January 22nd to be exact) to introduce Braddock Dogs to the

Park Authority board, to make them aware that we have submitted a Mastenbrook grant application, and to request accelerated OLDA development or interim dog park development. As per the meeting in front of the Planning Board back in April, I would appreciate your support – meaning your physical presence at the presentation - to let the board know that there is significant community interest and support in making this happen, and that we would like to see it happen sooner rather than later.

Visit our website: <http://braddockdogs.blogspot.com>

Like or Friend Braddock Dogs on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Braddock-Dogs/309934459049513>



WANT TO BE MORE INVOLVED IN YOUR GOVERNMENT?

OPPORTUNITIES ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE BY SERVING ON A BOARD, AUTHORITY OR COMMISSION.

THERE IS A CURRENT VACANCY ON THE HUMAN SERVICES COUNCIL.

GO TO THIS LINK FOR MORE INFORMATION: [HTTP://WWW.FAIRFAXCOUNTY.GOV/BACS/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/)

PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

LEARN THE ART OF CANNING

Have you ever wondered what the process is for canning your own food? Join instructors Diane Blust and Katie Strong on Tuesday, September 10 for a Mason Sustainability Institute workshop on the basics of food preservation. The workshop will cover such topics as canning methods, safety precautions, and other food preservation methods like fermenta-

tion. The workshop will also discuss and demonstrate equipment preparation including the proper sterilization of jars, heating lids, which pieces of equipment can be reused, and much more!

Tuesday, September 10, 2013 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Fairfax County Community and Recreation Services kitchen The Pennino Building, Room 1032 (10th

floor); 12011 Government Center Parkway Fairfax, VA 22035

Register at <http://msi.gmu.edu/registration.html> or leave your name and phone number at 703-993-5301.