



The BRADDOCK BEACON

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BE AN ENGAGED BRADDOCK RESIDENT: ATTEND THE MAY 5TH CITIZEN GOVERNANCE CONFERENCE

Serving as a continuation of Supervisor Cook's pledge to get Braddock residents more involved in our community, the all day, May 5 conference is designed to make you a decision maker on the course of Braddock's future.

Supervisor Cook wants you to be engaged in County government and to be a decision maker in Braddock's future. With this Conference we hope to provide you with the information and structure you need to help form and participate in a number of Advisory Committees that will work directly with Supervisor Cook, advising him on policy and helping create a long term vision for Braddock District.

The morning of the conference will provide attendees with the context and knowledge base to begin to see where their input is needed. It will include a presentation on the Braddock District's demographic characteristics, both now and in the future, a review of the current comprehensive land use and transportation plans for Braddock, and a panel discussion

made up of leaders of citizen committees in other districts, so that participants have the background needed to help design Braddock's new citizen-governance structure. The afternoon will be focused on five breakout sessions that will each cover a specific policy area: Land Use and Environmental Management, Transportation, Aging in Braddock, Education, and the Fairfax County Budget. A full agenda can be found on page three of this Beacon.

While attendance for this event is not capped, we do ask that if you are interested in attending, please RSVP to braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov so that we may be sure to provide enough lunches for everyone. Additionally, for ease of planning, please indicate which breakout session you think you would like to participate in.



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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Be sure to stay up to date on the Braddock District. See: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Burke-VA/Office-of-Braddock-Supervisor-John-C-Cook/113003565389251?ref=sgm> and on Twitter at [@SupervisorCook](https://twitter.com/SupervisorCook)

A STEP TOWARDS MEETING OUR TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES

As the Board of Supervisors moves through its discussions on the FY2013 budget, Supervisor Cook introduced a plan during the Board's meeting on March 20 that begins to address the dire lack of funding for transportation in Fairfax County. "Continued inaction from this Board to meet this critically important need threatens to decrease our mobility to the point where it begins choking off economic growth," said Supervisor Cook.

The plan comes on the heels of the Board's retreat in early February, where staff provided a sobering analysis of the County's transportation needs over the next ten years - highlighting a need for \$3 billion in funding over and above

that which can currently be accounted for by federal, State and County funds. This amounts to \$300 million a year, nearly equivalent to ten percent of the County's general fund.

Supervisor Cook's twofold plan, if implemented fully, would generate more than \$40 million per year in new transportation dollars and mark a proactive step toward addressing the significant challenges the County faces. First, the proposal would dedicate, for transportation, funds generated by the Vehicle License Fee. Since its implementation, the Vehicle Fee has generated

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BRADDOCK LAND USE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU

A key component of our May 5 Citizen Governance Initiative will be the launching of a Land Use and Environmental Management Committee. Recently, a number of residential in-fill development applications have been filed in Braddock – in-fill development is where developers seek to add small numbers of homes in still undeveloped lots, and yes, there are more spots for this than you might think. In addition, the new part of the district, along Lee Highway from Shirley Gate to the Government Center, and the Fairfax Corner development, has significant land use activity. Development opportunities can increase our economic base, add commercial services and establish job centers. They also bring transportation and environmental challenges, especially with stormwater management and traffic congestion. Our new Braddock Land Use committee will have citizens review these applications, develop expertise in land use law and policy, and over time, establish a “Braddock-style” approach to land use.

I do not believe I should establish that policy or approach. It should be you. This new committee will be open to whoever wishes to join. It will not have the final say over development applications; that function must remain with the Board of Supervisors, but its recommendations will be brought to the Board and given significant weight by me. The Committee will work with me, my office, and the Braddock District Planning Commissioner, and most importantly, our citizens, to establish a broad, non-partisan, rational approach to land use and environmental management for the coming decade. As engaged citizens, your role in this process is essential.

If you are interested in developing some expertise in land use and development, and willing to help use devise a Braddock-style land use approach, please attend our May 5th conference and lend your voice to the development of land use policy. As always, thank you for volunteering!



Citizen Governance Conference

May 5, 2012

**Junior Achievement Finance Park at Frost Middle School
4101 Pickett, Fairfax, VA 22032**

- 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. **Registration and Light Refreshments**, provided by Wegmans
- 9:30 a.m. **Welcoming Remarks from Supervisor John Cook**
- 9:35 a.m. **Welcome from Ed Grenier**, President and CEO of Junior Achievement of Greater Washington
- 9:45 a.m. **Braddock District: Now, and In the Future.**
Anne Cahill (County Demographer)
- 10:15 a.m. **Current Plans Governing the Future of Braddock: A Review of Current Comprehensive Land Use and Transportation Plans**
Supervisor John C. Cook
- 11:00 a.m. **Break – Refreshments provided by Saxbys Coffee**
- 11:15 a.m. **Panel Discussion: Citizen Voices in other Magisterial Districts**
- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch Provided to all Participants**
- 1:00 p.m. **Where to Go From Here: Brainstorming Session on Braddock’s Future**
Discussion Facilitated by Evan Braff (Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood & Community Services)
- 1:30 p.m. **Policy Topic Breakout Sessions:**
 - Land Use and Environmental Management: For those interested in serving on a Braddock District Land Use and Environmental Management Committee
Discussion led by Jan Hedetniemi, Jane Gwinn (former County Zoning Administrator) and Marlae Schnare (Supervisor Herryty’s Land Use Aide)
 - Transportation: For those interested in the future of transportation and mobility in Braddock.
Panel Discussion led by Kathy Ichter (former Director, Fairfax County DOT), Kevin Morse (Braddock Appointee to Transportation Advisory Committee) and Tom Kennedy (Braddock Appointee to Trails and Side walks Committee).
 - Aging in Braddock: For those interested in ensuring Braddock remains a community where everyone can live and thrive.
Panel Discussion led by Tena Bluhm (Chair, Fairfax County Commission on Aging Committee), Ken Malmberg (Braddock Appointee to Commission on Aging) and Patricia Rohrer (Long Term Care Council).
 - Education: For those interested in both a community-based vision for and increasing volunteer opportunities in our schools. (Co-Sponsored Braddock School Board Member Megan McLaughlin)
Panel Discussion led by Mark O’Meara (Robinson S.S. Athletic Boosters), (Braddock Appointee to FCPS Facilities Committee) and Charlie Dane (Fairfax Federation Education and Youth Committee).
 - The Fairfax County Budget: For those interested in taking an active role in examining the County’s budget
Discussion led by Kiel Stone (Supervisor Cook’s Chief of Staff) and Joe Mondoro (Deputy Director, Fairfax County office of Management and Budget)
- 2:30 p.m. **Break**
- 2:45 p.m. **Report Back: Summary Discussion of Breakouts and Next Steps**
- 3:15 p.m. **Closing Comments and Thank You**
Supervisor John C. Cook
- 3:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

SUPERVISOR COOK IN THE COMMUNITY

On March 5th, Supervisor Cook gave opening comments at an event entitled Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) 101. This was a primer course on the basic workings of FCPA and how the Park Authority interacts with County residents.

On March 6th, Supervisor Cook hosted a community meeting about the proposed artificial turf field that is planned for the grounds of Robinson Secondary School.



On March 7th, Supervisor Cook hosted a meeting at Braddock Hall for the University/Community Forum. This group works to address issues and concerns for the residents in and around George Mason University.

On March 8th, Supervisor Cook hosted two students from Robinson Secondary School who are involved with Fairfax Youth Leadership which is a joint program between FCPS and Fairfax County. These students had some very insightful questions and comments for Supervisor Cook on local and state issues. Later that evening, Supervisor Cook hosted another community meeting to discuss the impact of widening for Route 29 which is planned in the northwestern part of Braddock.

On March 10th, Supervisor Cook attended the Boy Scout Troop 1501 45th Anniversary Celebration which was held at Messiah United Methodist Church.

On March 12th, Supervisor Cook hosted a community meeting at Oak View Elementary School for HH Hunt to present a proposal for an assisted living center near the corner of Roberts Road and Braddock Road. More on this is included on Page 8 of the Beacon.

On March 14th, Supervisor Cook attended the Braddock District Council Meeting at Braddock Hall which included a presentation on the proposed FY 2013 Budget.

On March 16th, Supervisor Cook was pleased to attend and also be a guest presenter at the Asian American Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala which was held at Mason Inn.

On March 19th and 28th, Supervisor Cook hosted two Budget Town Hall Meetings where citizens heard presentations by County staff and were able to ask specific questions about the proposed FY 2013 Budget.

On March 21st, Supervisor Cook attended the Fairfax County Valor Awards to honor County Public Safety Personnel for their bravery in the line of duty. Later that evening, he attended a meeting at Laurel Ridge Elementary School on the transformation of the Kings West Swim Club into a new Park and Stormwater Management site. More on this is included on Page 6 of the Beacon.

On March 24th, Supervisor Cook attended the annual Kings Park Potluck at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

On March 25th, Supervisor Cook started out the day by going to Oak Marr RecCenter where he recognized the Shark Tank Swimmers, a local swim team that goes out of its way to give back to the community. From there he went over to the Gesh



Jewish Day School where they were holding their annual Good Deeds Day. Finally, he attended the Fairfax Federation Awards Dinner at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Tysons Corner. At this event, former Planning Commission member, Suzanne Harsel was honored for her years of service to Braddock and Fairfax County.

On March 26th, Supervisor Cook hosted a community meeting for citizens to hear about the plans for the new Public Safety Building that will replace the aging and dilapidated Massey Building. The new structure will be built next to the Herrity Building on Government Center Parkway. More on this is included on Page 8 of the Beacon.

On March 28th, Supervisor Cook attended a public hearing put on by VRE where people could come to ask questions and give feedback on the proposed VRE fare increases.

DMV MOBILE UNIT RETURNS TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER

The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles' DMV 2 Go customer service van will be at the Fairfax County Government Center on Wednesday, April 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Government Center is located at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. DMV 2 Go will be parked near the front of the building.

This is also a convenient opportunity for residents to visit the Department of Tax Administration in Suite 223 to take care of transactions, including those below. Just park your car and take care of everything in one visit.

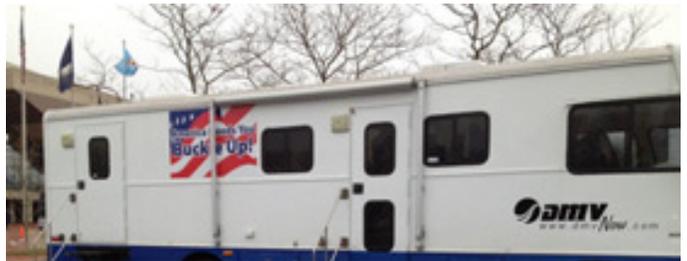
- Personal Property (car) Tax
- Business, Professional and Occupational License (BPOL)
- Outstanding parking tickets

DMV 2 Go offers all DMV services, including:

- Obtain vehicle titles, license plates, decals and transcripts.
- Apply for or renew your ID card - available for adults and children.
- Apply for or renew your driver's license - take road and knowledge tests; get your picture taken. Get a copy of your driving record.

- Obtain vehicle titles, license plates, decals, transcripts.
- Order disabled parking placards or plates.
- Update DMV records, as well as your voter registration record, with address change, etc.
- Request a Personal Identification Number (PIN) to set up a myDMV account.

While you are at the Government Center, visit the Office of Elections in Suite 323. Staff are available to answer questions about voter registration, absentee voting, your polling place location and other information related to the May 1 town elections, the June 12 congressional primary and the Nov. 6 presidential election.



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARKWAY TO SEE MAJOR CHANGES THIS SPRING: VDOT TO HOLD FOUR PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS

During this spring and summer the Virginia Department of Transportation plans to repave 24 miles of the 32-mile, six-lane Fairfax County Parkway. The paving will occur between Route 7 in Dranesville and Rolling Road in Springfield. The \$19 million maintenance project will take place mostly at night and on weekends and will require lane closures and occasional detours.

In advance of the work, VDOT is holding four community meetings along the corridor to communicate the work plan and schedule. Each meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

- April 11: Armstrong Elementary School, 11900 Lake Newport Rd, Reston, VA 20194
- April 17: Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, VA 22032
- April 24: VDOT District Office, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030
- May 2: West Springfield High School, 6100, Rolling Rd, Springfield, VA 22152

While work will begin in April and be complete in October, the heaviest traffic impacts will be scheduled from June until Labor Day, when Fairfax County

schools are out for the summer.

Crews will re-pave the northern section of the Parkway first, from Route 7 to Baron Cameron Avenue (Route 606).

Sections of the Parkway that will not be repaved include the construction work zone area at Fairfax Lakes Parkway and locations that were paved in the last five years.



COOK SUBMITS TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR CONSIDERATION DURING FY2013 BUDGET

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approximately \$27 million a year, but has been placed in the County's General Fund. Under Supervisor Cook's proposal, over a three year period, this fee would be moved out of the General Fund and instead committed solely to transportation. With implementation spread over three years, the impact on the General Fund would be relatively small and quite manageable.

Second, under the proposal the Board would designate one-half of each year's unencumbered carry-over funds to transportation - except in the event of an emergency situation. This idea was one of the proposals set forth by County staff at the recent Board of Supervisors retreat. Based on an average from the last five years, this action would result in approximately \$23 million per year in new funding.

Neither of these proposals is funded by new taxes, but by placing first priority on new funds generated by economic growth toward meeting our most daunting public challenge.

"This is one of the most important issues facing our County and it demands our attention," said Cook.

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR BRADDOCK NIGHTS CONCERT SERIES AND BECOME A FRIEND OF BRADDOCK NIGHTS

Braddock Nights brings free concerts to our community all summer long through a partnership between the Braddock office and the Fairfax County Park Authority. In the past, performances had been funded primarily through corporate grants. However a decrease in sponsorships prompts an appeal for general support.

This year's program of free performances continues its great tradition of family-oriented, quality entertainment. So join Supervisor Cook and become a Friend of Braddock Nights by filling out the membership form you see below and mailing it to the Braddock Office at 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015. All donations, payable to the Fairfax County

Park Foundation, are tax deductible and are dedicated to underwriting the cost of performer fees and support services.

Supervisor Cook thanks you in advance, and hopes to see you this summer during our Braddock Nights Concert Season at either of our nationally recognized gold-medal award winning parks.

If you were a donor to our Braddock Nights last year and did not receive a T-shirt please contact our office at 703-425-9300 and we will be happy to provide you with one.



Dear Friend of Braddock Nights:

Please complete the following membership form and return it with your donation to the address mentioned below. On behalf of the Braddock Nights, I thank you for your kind donation. As a token of our appreciation, we mail a specially designed Braddock Nights' Friends T-shirt to those contributing \$50 or more.

Membership Donation:

___ Friend of Braddock District Nights - \$50, Members will receive a Braddock Nights Friends T-shirt at the program at the beginning of the season.

Name: _____ Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Here is my check for: \$ _____ (make your check payable to: Fairfax County Park Foundation)

T-shirt size: _____

If you wish us to contact your corporation to seek their support, please provide the following:

Company's Name: _____ Contact Name: _____

Title: _____ Phone: _____

Mail to:
Office of Braddock District Supervisor John C. Cook
Braddock District Government Center
9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015
(703)425-9300

BRADDOCK DISTRICT PARK UPDATES

Monticello Park: The 30 day public comment period following the February 27 community meeting has ended and the proposed Master Plan is ready to go before the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) Board. Neighboring communities raised some specific concerns about the proposed park development, such as drainage and parking. After these comments were addressed, the Master Plan was amended and the neighboring communities seemed satisfied. It's important to note that many of the specific details will be worked out after the Master Plan is approved.

Kings West Swim Club: The pool property has officially been turned over to FCPA in preparation of tearing down the existing structures and developing what will be a new park. One thing to note about this project is that since the land is designated as

an RPA (Resource Protection Area), it can only be turned into a natural pasture type area and not a fully developed park that requires a high level of maintenance. The park accomplishes the goal of ridding the neighborhood of the pool area which has become an eyesore and safety hazard. The name for the park is still up in the air. Originally it was going to be named Rabbit Run Park, but since the actual name of the minor local tributary is Rabbit Branch, Rabbit Branch Park has been suggested in addition to Tapstry Park.

Long Branch Stream Bridge: Since Tropical Storm Lee knocked out the bridge that runs between Canterbury Woods and Stone Haven, it has been very difficult for people to get from one point to another. It was especially a concern with the summer months coming up and this bridge be-

ing one of the main thoroughfares for local walkers/bikers. Well, there is good news and not so good news. The good news is that even though FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Association) was not releasing emergency repair funds until further studies were done, County Executive Griffin approved the release of County funds to assist with this project as well as others in the County. The not so good news is that since extensive planning, design and environmental impact studies must be made, the repairs to the bridge won't be completed until the end of 2013. We know that this is a great inconvenience to everyone, especially residents of Canterbury Woods and Stone Haven and your patience is greatly appreciated. We will keep you posted on any update to this project as well as others in the Braddock District.

PINK DEER ALERT! FAIRFAX COUNTY CONDUCTING COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH STUDY

As part of a new research study looking at a novel method of controlling tick infestations, the Fairfax County Wildlife Biologist's Office has deployed deer feeding stations in 20 locations across the County.

These stations are used to attract deer, using corn as bait. When the deer come to feed, they rub up against rollers treated with a pesticide used to kill ticks. A non-toxic dye is added to the rollers that will leave a pink streak on the deer that come in contact with the stations. The pink dye fades in three to four days.

Residents shouldn't be alarmed if they notice raccoons, squirrels, or other creatures that may have come into contact

with the pink dye at the feeding stations.

The three-year study examines the use of this technology as a method of controlling tick infestations on white-tailed deer and the practicality of the stations to treat free-

roaming deer. Deer are the primary host of adult blacklegged ticks which transmit diseases, such as Lyme disease, to humans.

Development of this study has been underway since 2009 and deployment of the stations is expected to last from 2012 through early 2015. The feeding stations have been deployed at the following locations: Sully Woodlands and Hemlock Overlook Regional Park. Laurel Hill Park and Braddock

Park have been selected as control sites to collect additional tick data, minus deployment of the feeding stations.

The research study is being conducted by the Fairfax County Wildlife Biologist's Office and the Health Department's Disease Carrying Insects Program,

with the support of the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. The feeding stations are not presently available for legal commercial use in Virginia, so a special permit

was issued by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

The cost of the three-year study is approximately \$380,000 and includes purchase and maintenance of the feeding stations and supplies, corn, pesticide, and technicians' wages.

For more information on this study, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/wildlife or contact the Fairfax County Wildlife Biologist Office at 703-246-6868.



APRIL COMMUNITY EVENTS IN BRADDOCK DISTRICT



Fairfax County residents can recycle televisions, computers and peripheral devices – including keyboards, speakers, printers, external drives and other such materials – and unbroken fluorescent light bulbs and tubes on Electric Sundays. There is **No Charge** for Fairfax County residents to participate in Electric Sunday; however, they may be required to show proof of residency. This year's Electric Sunday events are scheduled monthly through November.

2012 Dates All events are held from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Jan. 29: I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030

Feb. 26: I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030

Mar. 25: I-95 Landfill Complex, 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton, VA 22079

Apr. 29: I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030

May 20: I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030

Jun. 24: I-95 Landfill Complex, 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton, VA 22079

Jul. 22: I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030

Aug. 26: I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030

Sept. 23: I-95 Landfill Complex, 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton, VA 22079

Oct. 21: I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030

Nov. 18: I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030

For additional information, please contact 703-324-5230, TTY 711.

BRADDOCK DISTRICT COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE FORUM

On Wednesday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Kings Park Library Community Room. members of the General Assembly who represent Braddock District voters will be giving updates on what happened in Richmond this year.

NVCC WAKEFIELD CHAPEL FORUM

The NVCC Wakefield Chapel Community Forum scheduled for April 17 has been postponed at the request of NVCC. Upon rescheduling we will make an announcement.

COUNTYWIDE TRANSIT NETWORK STUDY

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation is beginning the Countywide Transit Network Study to determine the type of transit systems needed to accommodate desired economic growth throughout the county over the next several decades. The study will develop recommendations for where Metrorail should be extended, where streetcar or light-rail systems are appropriate, and where dedicated lanes that allow buses to move faster could go. The study will also recommend how the system can be phased in and funded over time.

The purpose of the Countywide Transit Network Study is to establish a network of high quality transit corridors in a cost-effective way to serve the county's needs to accommodate planned growth over the long term. The study has three primary objectives:

1. Determine future countywide transit needs: Which highway corridors show a very high level of congestion in future?

What quality of transit service do we need? Where do we need exclusive right-of-way?

2. Determine travel markets:

Which of the county's activity centers have the highest level of travel demand to, from, within, or between them?

3. Determine countywide connected transit network:

Where are there gaps in the network?

Where should connections occur?

How well are the needs to move people and goods and to support economic growth being served? If you would like to participate in the survey you may go to the Fairfax County website at <http://www.fairfax-county.gov/fcdot/2050transitstudy/>.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE FY2013 BUDGET

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will hold public hearings on the FY2013 budget in the Board Auditorium of the Fairfax County Government Center. The public hearings are scheduled for:

April 10 3:30 p.m.-Effective Tax Rate Hearing;6:00 p.m. for Public Hearing

April 11, 3:00 p.m.

April 12, 3:00 p.m.

Those wishing to speak at any of the public hearings should contact the Office of the Clerk to the Board at 703-324-3151, TTY 703-324-3903, to place their name on the speakers list or you may sign up online at https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker_bos.htm

HONOR OUR MILITARY CHILDREN IN APRIL

April marks the nation's "Month of the Military Child," a time to honor youth impacted by deployment. In celebration, Virginia Operation Military Kids (OMK) invites you to join them for the 2nd annual "Purple Up! for Military Kids." They are encouraging everyone across the state of Virginia to wear purple on Friday, April 13, as a visible way to show support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices. Purple is the color that symbolizes all branches of the military, as it is the combination of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red and Navy blue. OMK would like to honor those who get involved. Let them know you are participating by sending your name, organization, address, and phone number as well as photos to post on the VA OMK website, where military youth and families from across the state will see them.

Virginia Operation: Military Kids State Project Director:

Megan Baker, Phone:301-401-4878
Email: OMKDIRECTOR@GMAIL.COM
www.operationmilitarykids.org

BRADDOCK DISTRICT LAND USE UPDATES

Cardinal Forest/TD Bank. (SE 2011-BR-016/PRC-A-787-02). A public hearing on this Category 5 Special Exception and revision to the Planned Residential Community for Cardinal Forest Plaza, 8316-8332 Old Keene Mill Road, is currently scheduled to come before the Planning Commission on May 3 at 8:15 p.m. The bank would, in total, use .87 acres of the 8.67 acre parcel and expects to serve up to 400-600 patrons per day, with six to eight employees. Later this month, a staff report will be available on the County website.

Staff is closely looking at transportation impacts. Anyone wishing to testify should call (703)324-2865 prior to 3:00 p.m. on the day of the public hearing to be placed on the pre-registered speaker's list or go to the following link: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/speaker.htm>. Those wishing to comment on this application can also contact Braddock Planning Commissioner Nell Hurley by email: BraddockPlanning@gmail.com A Hearing before the Board of Supervisors is not yet scheduled.

Braddock Glen/Inova PACE Program (PCA 87-A-011-2 and PCA 89-A-001-2). Last May, the Board of Supervisors authorized Inova Health Care Services to sublease 9,510 square feet of space in the Braddock Glen Adult Day Health Care facility to operate a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) for 50 eligible seniors. Under this program, an interdisciplinary team provides all medical services for the participants, including primary

health care, hospitalizations, medications, home care, adult day health care and nursing care if necessary. Since then, Inova has completed its interior renovations to this space and officially began to operate the site on February 9. However, it was subsequently determined that a previously established limit of 50 participants on site at one time at Braddock Glen could be successfully increased by ten. This change to the existing Special Exception requires a Proffer Condition Amendment. No public hearing dates have yet been assigned.

Public Safety Center. A Community Information Meeting was held on March 26 to discuss the County's plans to replace the Massey Building with a 275,000 square foot Public Safety Headquarters to meet the needs of the police and fire departments through 2030. The structure, which will be designed as a green building, includes eight stories of offices and two smaller "penthouse" stories to house mechanical and electrical equipment. The building will also house the County's Data Center. The development will include a five story secured parking garage with 850 parking spaces to house both employees and large pieces of public safety apparatus. Public access to the building will be from Government Center Parkway, and access to the garage will be from the Parkway or from an existing entrance on Random Hills Road. A new traffic signal at the intersection of Post Forest Drive and the Legato Road/Random Hills Road intersection would be built as part of this construction which will begin in late

2013 and be ready for occupancy in 2015. Details can be found at this location: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2011/updates/public-safety-headquarters.htm>

HH Hunt Assisted Living. A Community Information Meeting was held on March 12 to hear about a proposal from HH Hunt Assisted Living to construct a 90 bed facility at the northeast corner of Braddock Road and Roberts Road. A large group of citizens assembled to hear about the impacts of the size of this building, the number of parking spaces and the traffic patterns that would be generated by the employees, residents and visitors. Supervisor Cook has informed the developer that he will not introduce an Out-of-Turn Plan Amendment (which would be required under County Ordinance) unless the community's concerns can be adequately addressed.

Tariq Khan Property. 4335 Shirley Gate Road (RZ 2012-BR-003). A proposal to rezone this 1.91 acre property has now been accepted by Fairfax County for public review. The owner proposes to place three residential homes on this property which now holds one house that will be demolished. Access would be through a single shared entrance and a major goal would be to ensure retention of much of the existing tree canopy. The applicant has filed under the Planned Development Housing regulations which are used by the county to encourage innovative and creative design. A community information meeting will be scheduled for early May.

FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ASK FOR YOUR INPUT ON THEIR FACILITIES

Fairfax County residents are invited to provide input for a long-term strategic plan that will help Fairfax County Public Schools prepare for critical facilities issues facing the school system in the next decade, including increasing enrollment, the availability of space to meet needs, and adequate funding to meet maintenance, renovation, and construction needs. The School-Board appointed Facilities Planning Advisory Council (FPAC) is developing the new strategic plan and encourages parents and all residents to participate in community meetings on:

Tuesday, April 24, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.:

Carson Middle School cafeteria, Herndon

Glasgow Middle School cafeteria, Alexandria

Tuesday, May 22, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.:

Whitman Middle School cafeteria, Alexandria

Robinson Secondary School blue cafeteria, Fairfax

The facilities strategic plan is driven by issues identified in FPAC's careful evaluation of the current conditions and input from residents at a series of listening tours FPAC held in spring and fall 2011: space utilization (enrollment, capacity, and programs), operations and maintenance, capital improvement, community use, and communications.

Those interested in attending any of the community sessions can register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FPACstrategicplan-communitymeetings>.

ADDRESSING CONCERNS RELATING TO GEORGE MASON STUDENTS LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY

During the last several years, there has been significant improvements in the quantity and quality of communication that occurs between George Mason University and the Braddock District. We continue to hold quarterly University Community Forums, which provides an opportunity for residents to meet with elected representatives and Mason officials and share information and concerns. And through the establishment of the Fairfax Campus Advisory Board in 2010, we have significantly enhanced our ability to address topics of mutual interest, such as the Mason West Campus Connector.

Moreover, the Office of Community Relations Director Traci Claar is in touch with this office on a regular basis, alerting us to activities on campus that could affect the surrounding communities – everything from concerts to helicopter landings to high school graduations. The Office of Student Involvement, which oversees all student organization, including sororities and fraternities, has increased their effort this last year to work with the Braddock Office when complaints are made against students living off campus whom are believed to be members of Greek organizations.

Continuing in that spirit of cooperation, through its Good Neighbor and Welcome Walk programs, Mason has stepped up its efforts to reach out to students who live off campus. Just as the name implies, the Good Neighbor Program provides information to students to help them understand the responsibilities of living in a residential community. Also, last September was the first time a Welcome Walk was tried by Mason. The nearby townhome communities were targeted and had a member of their HOA participate. Since the Walk, for the most part, the level of problems within those communities has decreased.

No program is perfect, however, and it is helpful when community members make an effort to establish contact with their younger neighbors when they move in. Doing so gives you the opportunity to build a relationship and open a line of communication with them. Something else to think about - students are not usually on the association newsletter list, and might actually appreciate knowing what is going on in the neighborhood, even if they are not permanent residents. If your community has an active Facebook page, let them know. Make sure they are at least given a copy of your community guidelines, and if you'd like them to be a stop on the next Welcome Walk, please contact Ann Sharp at 703-425-9300.

If the information shared with your student neighbors proves to be of little interest to them, and they violate community guidelines or County code, it is up to you as residents to make the first step to stop the behavior. If they leave their trash out front all of the time, contact your association to see what they might be able to do to force a change in behavior. If you suspect too many unrelated people are living in a house, call our office at 703-425-9300 or Code Compliance at 703-324-1300. If students have parties that violate the county noise code, you can try talking to them. But if that makes you uncomfortable, please, call the county police at 703-691-2131 - it's okay. This establishes a pattern of behavior, which helps when it comes to any sort of disciplinary measures Mason may be able to take.



TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT THE BEST OF BRADDOCK!!

Each year, the Braddock District Council (BDC) and the Braddock Supervisor come together to celebrate the outstanding people who live and work in the Braddock District with the Best of Braddock Awards. This is a wonderful way to recognize the good things that your friends and neighbors are doing which may otherwise go un-noticed. It's also a great way to say to the businesses in our community that they are valued, and it's a way to show appreciation to those who contribute to the beauty of the community.

The awards will be presented at the July 11 BDC Picnic. Nominations will be accepted until May 28th, and can be submitted by anyone who thinks someone they know in Braddock District deserves recognition in

one of the following categories:

- Braddock District Citizen of the Year
- Braddock District Young Person of the Year
- Neighborhood Enhancement or Beautification in the Braddock District: Individual Homeowner or Association
- Commercial Beautification or Improvement in the Braddock District: Landscaping, Building Appearance, Clean-Up or Other
- Most "Can-Do" Public Employee Working on Issues in the Braddock District: Federal, State, Local
- Most Outstanding Business or Business Person in the Braddock District
- Club or Organization Making a Differ-

ence in the Braddock District

You may request a nomination form by contacting Ann Sharp at 703-425-9300 or ann.sharp@fairfaxcounty.gov.



BRADDOCK DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATES

Order Your Native Seedlings Before April 16th!

There is still time (but not much!) to put in your orders for the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District's 2012 native seedling sale. The Incredible Edible packages include seedlings that provide food for people and wildlife! Order forms are available at <http://www.fairfax-county.gov/nvswcd/seedlingsale2012.pdf> and include

1) The Incredible Edibles Shrub and Small Tree package is \$15.95 and includes ten bare root seedlings: two Elderberry, two Serviceberry, two Cranberrybush Viburnum and four American Hazelnut seedlings.

2) The Incredible Edibles Tree Package is \$11.95 and includes 7 bare root seedlings: two Chokecherry, two Persimmon, two American Plum and one Allegheny Chinkapin.

Potomac River Watershed Cleanup!

The Alice Ferguson Foundation is gearing up for its 24th Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup, the largest such event in the region. Fairfax County currently has 100 registered cleanups, including multiple locations along Accotink Creek in or near Braddock District, sponsored by the

Friends of Accotink Creek. The main day of the event will be Saturday, April 14th, but cleanups will be scheduled throughout April. To see a list of cleanup sites looking for volunteers (or to easily set up your own cleanup!), please visit www.potomaccleanup.org.

Environmental Communications Summer Internship

The Conservation District is offering an internship opportunity two to four days per week through the summer, depending on the intern's availability and the District's needs. The intern's responsibilities will include working on the newsletter, website outreach, volunteer programs and other communications with the public. The intern will also participate and assist with some of their educational programs including rain barrel workshops, a composter workshop, storm drain education, biological stream monitoring and other work in the field. Familiarity with Adobe Acrobat, InDesign, HTML and GIS is helpful, but excellent attention to detail, patience, and a desire and ability to learn quickly is a valid substitute. To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to lily.whitesell@fairfaxcounty.gov

FREE MULCH FOR SPRING

Wood mulch is usually available at the I-95 Recycling and Disposal Center (9850 Furnace Rd, Lorton, VA 22079) and the I-66 Recycling and Disposal Center, (4618 West Ox Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030). When quantities are sufficient, mulch is also distributed to the following park sites: Baron Cameron Park, Bull Run Regional Park, E.C. Lawrence Park, Grist Mill Park, Lewinsville Park and Pine Ridge Park. Parks are open daylight hours only. Some sites are not open every day. If you do not have access to a pickup truck or trailer, you may contract with one of several private hauling companies identified on the county website. Payment arrangements for the hauling of mulch are strictly between the company and resident. The County does not endorse any hauler. If quantities of mulch are low, citizens who load their own mulch will be given priority over private contractors. For more information on park locations and the names of private haulers, go to the following website: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/dispmulch.htm>.

Availability varies. Call 703-324-5995, TTY 711
first to check on current supply.

CELEBRATE CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT ON EARTH DAY/ARBOR DAY

To celebrate Fairfax County Earth Day/Arbor Day, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and area businesses and community groups are sponsoring a day of activities on the Annandale Campus of Northern Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, on Saturday April 28 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This free event marks the 33rd anniversary of the Earth Day celebration and the annual observance of Arbor Day.

The April 28 program includes performances by Billy B, a nationally known environmental entertainer, Barnett Williams on the drums and a play by Glee Mania. Those attending can visit the petting zoo and Reptiles and Amphibians in Our Back Yard, see a program on the Living Rain Forest and view a presentation by the Wildlife Center of Virginia. Other activities include demonstrations and exhibits, free tree seedling giveaways, food, games, free Segway rides, a recycled costume parade and much more.

The Fairfax County Division of Solid Waste Collection and Recycling will also be on hand with the e-waste collection program at the Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration. This collection program, made possible through a partnership with Computer Donations Management and Service Source, enables the county to collect old computers and electronics for recycling. There is a \$10 charge for computer monitor disposal. The cost of the computer and the \$10 disposal charge are tax-deductible. Also during the event, Michael McMahan, chairperson of the Fairfax County Tree Commission, will present the commission's 2012 Friends of Trees Awards.

Fairfax County Earth Day/Arbor Day is being coordinated and sponsored by the Earth Day/Arbor Day Planning Committee, the Clean Fairfax Council, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Fairfax County Recycling, Miller Office Products, National Soft Drink Association, Northern Virginia Community College, Starbucks Coffee and Target Stores. For more information about the April 24 Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration or for reasonable accommodations, call 703-324-5471, TTY 711.

