



the BRADDOCK BEACON

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INSPIRATIONAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORTS RING IN THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Since I came into office almost two years ago, I have made increasing citizen involvement my number one priority. I believe that starts with engaged communities and connected neighborhoods. Whether it be serving as a neighborhood watch or emergency response volunteer, helping in the schools, or visiting a senior who finds it hard to get out of the house, we all have something to offer.

My Community Engagement Initiative has encouraged a renewed spirit of volunteerism and community involvement. As this year comes to a close, I would like to thank all of you who have answered the call and made the Braddock District a better place for all of us. Over 100 people participated in our Leadership Institute or Neighborhood Colleges, and many are now

leading, or participating in, new community efforts and have inspired others to do the same. We highlighted some of these great undertakings earlier this fall, and now have further good news to report.

A group is regularly cleaning the area around the Stone Haven entry marker, and as a result, also cleaning a portion of Braddock Road. A Boy Scout and his family have taken on enhancing the landscaping of the Kings Park Library grounds. Tony Vellucci organized a clean-up of Royal Lake and the streams that empty into the lake in late October and early November. Residents of Kings Park West, Kings Park West Townhouses, Park West Townhouses, Lakepointe and Glen Cove pitched in to

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TASTE OF BRADDOCK STARTS HOLIDAY SEASON

We hope you had as wonderful a time at the annual Taste of Braddock as we did. Several hundred community members came together at the Supervisor's Office and Kings Park Library in order to share in some outstanding food from around the Braddock District and kick off the holiday season.

We'd like to thank the students from the Culinary Institute of Annandale High School and Chef Christine Gloninger, or Chef "G" as everyone affectionately calls her. These outstanding young men and women helped set-up, serve and clean-up after the event and brought dozens of freshly baked goodies from their kitchen. The restaurants that helped make our event a success were: Aladdin's Eatery, BBQ World, Best Deli, Brion's Grille, Café Ima Asian Restaurant, Chesapeake Bagel Bakery, Chili's Bar and Grill, Coyote Grill, Duk Wo, Fat Tuesday, Hunan West, Kilroy's, Luigis, Magill's Famous Pizza, Mangino's, Milano's, Pad Thai Restaurant, San Vito's, Saxby's, Smith & Clarkson's Deli and Spartans. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year and wish you and yours a safe and enjoyable holiday season.



*Supervisor Cook with sons Steven and Andrew
at Taste of Braddock*



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 IN THE COMMUNITY

On November 1st, Supervisor Cook served as a judge for the “Reflections” contest at Kings Park Elementary School. This contest showcased the artistic skills of the student body.

On November 3rd, Supervisor Cook met with the Braddock District Citizens Budget Review Committee to discuss concerns and suggestions for the upcoming budget season.

On November 4th, Supervisor Cook helped kick off one of the highly popular listening forums which are put on by the Fairfax County Park Authority. This session was held at the historic Wakefield Chapel.

On November 5th, Supervisor Cook was proud to attend and speak at a special award ceremony for Good Shepherd Christian Academy. The Academy placed 6th in a nationwide contest of public and private schools that was sponsored by Kohl’s and its “Kohl’s Cares” program. For their achievement, Good Shepherd was awarded \$500,000 from Kohl’s which will be used to upgrade the playground and computer labs and provide for many other improvements.



On November 9th, Supervisor Cook, who is a member of the VRE Operations Board, rode the train into Alexandria for a tour of the VRE headquarters and a briefing from senior staff. Later that day, he stopped by a local Cub Scout Troop for their meeting and then

went off to the monthly BDC Meeting here at Braddock Hall.

On November 11th, Supervisor Cook was honored to take part in the annual Veteran’s Day Ceremony at the Fairfax War Memorial. This ceremony was held by VFW Post 8469 and American Legion Post 177.

On November 13th, Supervisor Cook took part in a Stop Hunger Packing Event at Terra Centre Elementary School. Volunteers packed over 59,000 meals to be sent to aid starving people in Haiti and Uganda.

On November 15th, Supervisor Cook held the first of two Town Hall Meetings which focus on people with disabilities. Community leaders learned about the great capacity our neighbors with disabilities have to contribute to the community.

On November 20th, Supervisor Cook took part in a ribbon cutting ceremony at Ossian Hall for the newly renovated park site. The new park is truly magnificent.

On November 23rd, Supervisor Cook was pleased to attend a neighborhood meeting for the Briarwood Court Condominiums to hear their concerns and offer suggestions on how to address

their challenges.

On November 27th, Supervisor Cook helped kick off the 8K Drumstix Dash, at Burke Lake Park, which is sponsored by the Housing & Community Services of Northern Virginia.

MAJOR RENOVATIONS TO OSSIAN HALL COMPLETED, COMMUNITY PLAZA NAMED FOR BRADDOCK PARK AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE



Supervisor Cook joins Braddock District Park Authority Appointee Winnie Shapiro, Chairman Bulova, Supervisor Gross, Braddock School Board Member Tessie Wilson and Park Authority Director John Dargle at the ribbon cutting ceremony at Ossian Hall.

The 22-acre park was once overgrown and its amenities were outdated. The park has since undergone a phenomenal transformation and will now serve as a focal point for the community, featuring new playground equipment, two multi-use courts, a synthetic turf field, more parking spaces, and a new community plaza named after retiring Park Authority Representative Winnie Shapiro.

BRADDOCK DISTRICT RESIDENTS ARE STAYING ENGAGED AND IMPROVING THEIR COMMUNITIES

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clean up trash and debris in the stream beds, on the trails and by the roadsides that drain into Royal Lake. Lois Brown celebrated her birthday by collecting food to take to the Annandale Neighborhood Food Site. The communities of Oak Hill and Olde Forge/Surrey Square pitched right in to help when a home in each neighborhood suffered damage due to fire. Several neighborhoods celebrated Fall with Halloween festivals and parades, and as the year drew to an end, the Little Run Citizen's Association had a Winter Hayride.

With the coming of Winter, there are more opportunities to help our neighbors in need. Even though the economy in our local region is stronger than in many parts of the country, we have still seen a significant

rise in the number of those in need. At the annual Taste of Braddock event, our office collected donations for the Annandale Food Site. We have agreed to keep the donation box here in our office and would welcome any non-perishable food items that you would like to give. Over the holidays, please consider taking some time to volunteer at a soup kitchen, to help staff a hypothermia program for the homeless, to teach a child with special needs, or to help an elderly or disabled neighbor rake leaves or shovel snow.

By working together we will strengthen our communities. Peace on Earth, good will to all. Happy holidays.



BRADDOCK OFFICE IN 2010: A YEAR IN REVIEW

From record setting snowstorms to Braddock Nights, from Board Meetings to homecoming parades, there was no shortage of activity for the Braddock District in 2010.

Snowstorms got the year started in earnest and during that time we were working especially hard to keep the District informed and receive calls regarding roads that needed specific attention. We fielded and responded to over 1500 emails, phone calls and walk-ins and provided hourly updates to VDOT. Five nightly Snow Advisories were sent out, reaching more than 30,000 homes collectively. Supervisor Cook spoke with the Virginia Secretary of Transportation and participated in daily conference calls with VDOT staff to give and receive status updates. Supervisor Cook and Braddock School Board member Tessie Wilson initiated a County-wide call for volunteers to shovel snow near our schools, which allowed schools to reopen sooner.

With warmer weather came the much more fun and family friendly Braddock Night's Concerts. Not one of the 26 concerts were rained out. There were some especially good performances this year and

next year is shaping up to be even better.

In between, the Community Engagement Initiative really got rolling as we held a Leadership Institute and two Neighborhood Colleges in which more than 100 Braddock District Residents participated. Beyond the CEI we got to see residents in action at a number of community events.

Supervisor Cook and his staff participated in several dozen Town Hall, Homeowners Association, Civic Association and Constituent Day Meetings, as well as PTA/PTSA sponsored meetings, graduation ceremonies, homecoming parades, Back to School Night events and many other community events.

Supervisor Cook was also very proud to recognize a great number of Braddock District residents at Board Meetings throughout the year for a whole host of great accomplishments.

Nearly 2,000 constituent concerns were answered, and 12 Braddock Beacons and 18 Cook Advisories were sent out during these last 12 months.

All of us in the Braddock Office look forward to continuing to serve you in the coming year.

BRADDOCK DISTRICT BUDGET COMMITTEE HARD AT WORK, SEEKS ADDITIONAL MEMBERS

Work is beginning on next year's County budget and some of the best work is being done by Braddock District citizens.

In early December the Braddock District Budget Committee met for the second time and had a productive meeting with Michael Longhi, the Auditor to the Board of Supervisors, and the many citizens who took time to participate.

The committee is currently creating subcommittees to help focus on specific issues.

If you are interested in getting involved, email Kiel Stone at kiel.stone@fairfaxcounty.gov.

RECOGNIZING WINNIE SHAPIRO FOR HER SERVICE

First appointed to the Park Authority Board in February of 1997, Winnie Shapiro has skillfully represented the interests of Braddock District park users for more than a decade. Balancing the two aspects of the Park Authority's mission - to protect and enhance environmental and cultural resources and to provide high-quality recreational facilities and services for all residents - is a tall order, but one she handled expertly.

As she leaves her role on the Park Authority, we in the Braddock Office would like to thank her for her many years of service to the community.

VELLUCCI JOINS PARK AUTHORITY BOARD

We would also like to welcome Tony Vellucci, who became the new Braddock appointee to the Park Authority during the December 7 Board Meeting. Tony has been an engaged citizen for many years. He served most recently as President of the Kings Park West Civic Association and spearheaded such projects as the designation of the John P. McAnaw Recreation Area at Royal Lake.

VDOT SNOW SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS NEW APPROACH TO PLOWING

When VDOT held a briefing for elected officials and their staff in early November, we were happy to hear that some lessons had been learned from the snow storms of 2009-2010, and that new practices have been adopted and will be implemented for the winter of 2010-2011. What follows is a summary of the steps being taken to ensure future snow storms will be dealt with more effectively than those in the past.

Updated snowplow assignment maps: Each of the 650 snow maps in northern Virginia has been updated. These maps show hotspots, boundary lines, schools, police stations, hospitals and bus stops.

Early deployment to subdivisions: Salt/sand trucks will be pre-positioned in subdivisions whenever the forecast calls for two or more inches. Previously, trucks were deployed to subdivisions once two inches had fallen. Each subdivision will have at least one dedicated truck, with the intent of assigning the same driver to that subdivision throughout the winter. In larger subdivisions there will be more than one truck.

How neighborhoods are assigned and plowed: Local roads are organized into about 650 "snow maps" and are assigned to plow drivers once main streets are completed. About 350 of these maps are for Fairfax County alone.

Crews begin plowing in subdivisions when two inches has fallen and main thoroughfares in subdivisions will be plowed repeatedly during a storm. Once the storm has stopped and those roads are clear, crews work to make residential streets and cul-de-sacs "passable." A neighborhood street is considered passable when a path is drivable (with caution) for an average passenger vehicle. The road will not be cleared curb-to-curb or to bare pavement, and may remain snow-packed, uneven and rutted (especially following any refreeze). Chemicals are not typically used in subdivisions, but crews will sand hills, curves and intersections as needed to provide traction.

Once drivers complete a minimum of one pass on the roads in a map, they report back that the route is complete. VDOT judges subdivisions complete through processed snow maps, resident call volume, AVL and feedback from VDOT monitors. To give crews a chance to finish their assigned snow maps, VDOT asks that residents wait a few days after the storm is over before reporting roads as "missed." Once crews have finished their routes, resident complaints are mapped into a database that feeds lists of locations back to the area headquarters to double-check and address. It is also helpful for crews if residents will park, if possible, on the odd-numbered side of their street to allow plows room to pass.

While VDOT does not remove snow from sidewalks or trails, crews are asked to be mindful of pushing large amounts of snow onto

them. With major storms, it is often an unintended consequence of making roads passable. When shoveling driveways, residents should leave the last few feet at the curb until the street is plowed, as the truck will push some snow back. It also helps to shovel to the right facing the road.

Additional equipment: There are 600 additional contractor trucks this winter, bringing the total to 2,600 of equipment (mostly contractor) available for snow and ice removal.

VDOT road priorities: Roads are generally cleared from highest volume to lowest in the following order:

- Interstates (I-66, I-95/395, I-495, etc.),

- High-volume routes (Routes 1, 7, 28, 50, Fairfax County Parkway, Prince William County Parkway, etc.)

- Main thoroughfares in neighborhoods or developments
- Residential streets
- Cul-de-sacs

Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) pilot program: Contractors are

being offered a \$1,000 bonus to equip their trucks with AVL which will allow VDOT to track what streets have been plowed, and when they were plowed. VDOT is also reimbursing contractors for the \$577 unit and as of November, nearly 400 trucks have installed AVL units. This is a pilot program that will be evaluated at the end of the snow season.

Training: Additional snow plow simulator training has been provided.

Dedicated fleet for Virginia State Police: During major storms and ice events, VDOT is providing a dozen contracted trucks to Virginia State Police. This will help ensure that State Police have trucks to assist with specific emergencies and that VDOT crews can remain focused on their assigned routes.

Budget: Last year's statewide budget was \$93.7 million; more than \$250 million was spent. This winter's statewide budget is \$115 million. In Northern Virginia, last winter's budget was \$27 million and \$127 million was spent. This winter's budget is \$33 million.

VDOT has a new number to call for reporting road hazards or ask road-related questions, 24/7. It is 800-FOR-ROAD (800-367-7623). You can get real-time updates on traffic incidents and road conditions at www.511virginia.org. There is also a wealth of information on VDOT's website, www.virginiadot.org.



RIBBON CUTTING MARKS COMPLETION OF NEW BELTWAY SOUND WALL AT NORTH SPRINGFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Virginia Department of Transportation and its private partners for the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes, Transurban-Fluor, held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, December 1, celebrating the completion of a new sound wall constructed at the North Springfield Elementary School.

The North Springfield Elementary School sound wall runs along the Inner Loop of I-495 to connect with newly installed walls, creating a continuous wall from Hemming Avenue to Braddock Road. The new wall is approximately 3-6 feet taller than the old wall depending on the topography.

Project leaders worked with Braddock District Supervisor John Cook, Delegate Vivian Watts, School Board Member Tessie Wilson, and North Springfield school officials to ensure the safety of elementary school children while the wall was under construction.

As part of the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes project, new sound walls are being constructed along both sides of the 14-mile Beltway corridor from Heming Avenue to just north of the Dulles Toll Road to nearly triple the noise protection for adjacent communities. Over 80,000 linear feet of new sound walls are being built as part of the project.

“Sound wall construction is a major benefit of the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes

project,” stated Larry Cloyed, VDOT senior project manager for the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes. “In order to expand the Beltway with four new Lanes, it was critical to upgrade the noise protection along the project corridor.”

For more information on the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes, please visit www.vamegaprojects.com or www.virginiahotlanes.com.



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPT 2011 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

During its regular meeting of December 7, the Board of Supervisors took action to adopt its State legislative program for 2011. This document was developed over a period of months in the fall, and contains the Board's recommended legislative initiatives and positions before the General Assembly.

This document will be presented to the members of the Fairfax County Delegation to the General Assembly on December 14, 2010 at a joint work session that is held annually. The primary focus of the recommendations is for increased state funding for education and transportation. It includes other priority legislative needs and our position statements on key areas including health, the environment, land use, public safety and taxation. It also includes an issue paper on human service needs.

The final version of the Board's Legislative Program is available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board. Also available on this website are the County's package of appropriations requests to the 112th Congress.

FREE CHILD IDENTIFICATION AND FINGERPRINTING

Photo identification with fingerprints gives authorities vital information to help them locate a missing child.

The Sheriff's Office periodically schedules events where you can get a FREE photo of your child and a set of his or her fingerprints using quick, clean, inkless technology.

The Sheriff's Office will be providing child identification services at Celebrate Fairfax's Frostival. You can find more information at: www.frostival.com.

The event is located at the Dulles Expo & Conference Center – North Hall. The eventschedule is as follows:

- Thursday, December 30, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Friday, December 31, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Saturday, January 1, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sunday, January 2, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, please contact Sgt. Jamilah Suarez at shf-communityrelations@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-246-7687.

BOARD APPROVES PROCESS, SCHEDULE, MEMBERS FOR 2011 REDISTRICTING

The Virginia Constitution requires local governing bodies elected by district to consider redistricting in calendar year 2011. At its November 16 meeting, the Board of Supervisors adopted both the schedule and process that effort would follow. After the Board of Supervisors approves a redistricting plan in late April, it will need to be approved by the U.S. Department of Justice.

In adopting the plan, the Board established an Advisory Citizen Committee to participate in the process with County staff. Each district supervisor will appoint one member to the committee along with County-wide organizations. In the Braddock District, Supervisor Cook appointed Chris Craig.

AN UPDATE ON BRADDOCK DISTRICT SIDEWALKS AND TRAILS

Sidewalks and trails are critical to the lifestyle that exists within the Braddock District. Recommendations from residents, staff and VDOT are factored into decisions to add or improve trails, as funding becomes available.

Over the past year a number of projects have been completed that will improve connections and safety of street crossings. Additional projects are at various stages of planning or construction.

Roberts Road: New sidewalks and trails were part of the recent road widening project along Roberts Rd. Mason, VDOT and Fairfax County worked collaboratively to build this trail; allowing convenient pedestrian and bicycle access from Braddock Rd. to Mason's east entrances, and a continuous off-road pedestrian and bicycle route between Braddock Road and Main Street.

Braddock Road at Wakefield Chapel Road: Crossing either Wakefield Chapel Road or Braddock Road has long been difficult for pedestrians due to the location of a crosswalk through traffic on Wakefield Chapel Rd. and the lack of timed crossing on Braddock Rd. This situation has now been corrected to provide improved pedestrian safety as shown below.



HOT Lane Construction: Bridge Construction at both Little River Turnpike and Braddock Road is progressing, and both bridges are targeted for completion by Spring, 2011. The new spans will include separate bike and pedestrian lanes, and the County has applied for grant funding to connect these lanes to existing sidewalks on both roads.

Zion Road Improvements: Final plans have been submitted to VDOT to

reconstruct the curve in Zion Rd east of Windsor Hill Dr. The project includes pedestrian improvements along the length of the project which is scheduled for construction next summer.

Guinea Road at Falmead Road: Sidewalk and trail connections at this intersection are now complete; providing improved pedestrian access to Guinea Rd. from the communities that feed into Falmead Rd. The segment also allows improved pedestrian access to both the local Target and the Burke VRE by completing the trail connection along Guinea between Falmead and Zion Road.

Burke Centre Pkwy at Terra Centre Elementary School: In coordination with Terra Centre Elementary School and the Burke Centre community, plans have been developed for construction of a sidewalk between Pond Spice Lane and Terra Centre. This project will provide pedestrian access along the North side of Burke Centre Pkwy to the school, and avoid the current hazardous pedestrian crossing of Burke Centre Pkwy. Construction will be completed by June, 2012.

Burke Commons Road Trail Extension: Preliminary planning for improved pedestrian access along Burke Commons Road to Burke Center Parkway, improving access to the Burke VRE, a community pool and local businesses is underway. Additional meetings are planned with the community on the alignment.

Pohick Stream Valley Trail: The Fairfax County Park Authority is nearing completion of plans for construction of trail and bridge crossings needed to complete a segment of the Pohick Stream Valley Trail between Burke Village Center II and the Burke VRE. This connection will allow improved bicycle and pedestrian access to the VRE, and access to the Burke Village Center shops. Construction is expected in 2012. The Board of Supervisors has also

authorized the Park Authority to apply for VDOT grant funding to construct another segment of this trail between Burke Lake Road at the end of Coffey Woods and the sharp curve in Burke Road immediately South of Burke Nursery, which, if approved, would take several years to complete.

Please contact the office or Braddock District Trails and Sidewalk Committee representative, Tom Kennedy (tfinva@aol.com) with any additional recommendations.

Tom Kennedy provided this update to the Braddock Beacon

MASTER PLAN PROCESS STARTS FOR MONTICELLO PARK

The Fairfax County Park Authority has begun developing a park master plan for Monticello Park. The decisions made as a result of this public process will shape the future development of the park. A public information meeting was scheduled for Thursday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. at Bonnie Brae Elementary School, but due to inclement weather was cancelled and will be rescheduled.

The meeting will feature a presentation describing the site's existing conditions, potential future uses and the park master planning process. The plan serves as a long-range vision (10-20 year timeframe), is conceptual in nature, and not intended to address detailed issues related to site design or park operations. One potential future use, already proposed, is a dog park.

A public discussion will follow the staff presentation in an effort to identify community concerns, answer questions and receive suggestions for future park uses. This dialogue will serve as the basis for the draft master plan. If you are interested in learning more, please visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/monticello.htm>.

If you are unable to attend, comments can be sent to Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov or Braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov.

BID TO DREDGE LAKE BARTON RECEIVED

The County recently received three bids for the Lake Barton dredging project. The apparent low bidder is Lake Services, Inc. (<http://www.lakeservices.com/>) Construction Management Division (CMD) is finalizing the review of the bids and contractor. The Board of Supervisors will vote on this contract at its January 11, 2011 meeting.

The apparent low bid for the complete project (up to 35,000 cubic yards) was slightly higher than the original budget of \$1.5 million. Despite this, based on recent awards and proposed project schedules for this fiscal year, the County believes that it will be able to fund the full dredging project. The goal will be to maximize the

amount of dredging to take advantage of the cost savings per cubic yard. This will result in a fully restored sediment pool capacity and extended life of Lake Barton.

Lake Services is proposing to mechanically dredge the wet soil. As a result, the lake water levels will not need to be drawn down to complete this project. A temporary drawdown may be needed for shoreline stabilization and replacement of the boat launch ramp. Lake Services is proposing to haul the dredge material to the private Lorton Construction Landfill where it will be used as a landscaping soil media to aide in capping and closing that landfill. This is a beneficial re-use of dredge material which would otherwise need to be buried.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ARTISTIC RAIN BARREL PROGRAM

Are you a conservation-minded artist or do you know one? The Northern Virginia Rain Barrel Program is looking for volunteers to turn rain barrels into works of art this spring! The barrels will be displayed along with artist information at prominent local businesses and community centers. Create a design and send it in with a basic application by mid-January. For more details or to apply, please see: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/rainbarrelart.htm>

A LOOK AT LAND USE CASES IN THE BRADDOCK DISTRICT: UNIVERSITY MALL MOVES FORWARD, THREE CELL TOWERS

Three free standing cell towers have recently been proposed for the Braddock District. Two of these towers are located in industrial zones, but will be within the view of nearby residential communities. The third is located within a residential community.

Shurgard Storage Tree Pole (2232-B09-31)

A 150 foot "treepole" has been proposed by T-Mobile and Verizon Wireless at the Shurgard Storage facility - 5797 Burke Centre Parkway - behind Kohl's, on land that abuts the Norfolk Southern/VRE railroad tracks.

A community balloon test was held on December 11 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The balloon was flown at the proposed height of the pole. It will be followed by a **community information meeting for Burke residents at 7:30 p.m. on January 6** at The Landings Community Room, 6001 Cove Landing Road.

A similar meeting was held with residents of Fairfax Club Estates in October. The Planning Commission Public Hearing is currently scheduled for January 19, 2011. Interested residents can sign up to testify before the Planning Commission by calling (703)324-2865 prior to 3:00 P.M. on the

day of the public hearing or on line at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/speaker.htm>

Port Royal Road Monopole (2232-B10-15)

A 120 foot Cell Tower has been proposed to be placed at the rear of an industrial facility at 5405 Port Royal Road in Springfield. The Application has been submitted by T-Mobile Northeast. A Balloon Test took place on Saturday, November 13. The pole was not visible from most locations in the Ravensworth and North Springfield communities.

The staff report has now been issued and is available for review on-line here: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/2232/staffreports/2232-b10-15.pdf>.

The Planning Commission Public Hearing was held on December 9.

Commonwealth Swim Club Tree Pole (SE-2009-BR-020)

This T-Mobile application, originally filed in 2006, was withdrawn over a year ago while the Club resolved a number of ownership issues. The applicant proposes a tree pole at a height of 120 feet. This project will require a 2232 Review, a Special Exception and a Special Permit Amendment. In June, 2009 a balloon test

was conducted.

A public hearing before the Planning Commission has been tentatively scheduled for April 6, 2011. Supervisor Cook will hold an informational meeting for the community in early 2011.

University Mall Rezoning Application Moves Forward

After many months of thorough review by the Planning Staff and VDOT, College Town Associates recently submitted a new set of proffers to the County in advance of its public hearing before the Planning Commission, currently scheduled for January 19, 2011.

The proffers have been placed on the Braddock District website and can be found at this link: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/pdf/proffers_11-30-10_rev_02.pdf

Should you have any questions or comments do not hesitate to contact the office. Supervisor Cook would very much like to hear from nearby residents with any issues that they believe may still need to be addressed. A detailed analysis, including a link to the published staff report, will be available in January.

BRADDOCK RESIDENT TURNS BIRTHDAY INTO AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP OTHERS



What do you do to celebrate your 92nd birthday? You probably have everything you need or want. What if you turned your celebration into a way of helping others? That's exactly what Lois Brown of Annandale did when she turned 92 in November. She and her friends decided to collect 92 pounds of non-perishable food and donated it to the Annandale Food Site. What a great example of staying engaged in your community at any age!

BRADDOCK NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS: OFFICE FOR WOMEN AND DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE SERVICES AND COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

On this month's edition of BNN, Supervisor Cook invited Jeannie Jew and Nancy Krakover from the Fairfax County Commission for Women and Kathleen Kelmelis, Program Manager of the Fairfax County Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, to discuss their work on behalf of women and girls in our community.

Topics discussed on the program included the partnership with George Mason University on a Portrait of Women and Girls in Fairfax County, the Commission's work on domestic violence awareness, services offered to our community by the Office of Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, and information about the County's shelter for victims of domestic and sexual violence, Artemis House.

To learn more about the Office of Women

& Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, you can call 703-324-5730. You can also call 703-324-9495 if you are interested in becoming a volunteer or call their 24-hour hotline at 703-260-7273 if you or someone you know has domestic or sexual violence issues you would like to discuss. Lastly, if you or someone you know is in imminent danger and in need of immediate shelter, please call Artemis House at 703-435-4940.

BNN airs on Fridays and Sundays at 5 p.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. on Channel 16. You can also watch this month's edition online at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/asx/supervisor_cook.asx.

HOME 4 THE HOLIDAYS: PET ADOPTION EVENT

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter is offering a free spay or neuter for the first 100 cats, kittens, dogs or puppies adopted from the shelter during the month of December. The special offer is part of the shelter's annual Home 4 the Holidays adoption celebration to help homeless animals make their way out of the shelter and into a great new home in time for the holidays.

The shelter has a variety of cats and dogs available for adoption. To view animals available for adoption, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/animalservices/> and click on adoption. Additionally, a new animal is featured each week on the Fairfax County Police Department website homepage, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police under "Adopt-A-Pet."

The shelter is located at 4500 West Ox Rd., Fairfax, VA 22030. Regular adoption hours are Tuesday – Friday, 12 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact the shelter at (703) 830-1100.

MEETING SCHEDULED ON PARKING CONCERNS ALONG ZION DRIVE

For those communities and individuals concerned about parking along the lower portion of Zion Drive, primarily the area from the Greater Little Zion Baptist Church to Guinea Road, a meeting will be held from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 11, 2011 in Braddock Hall at Supervisor Cook's office.

Because several different communities, and a number of individual owners would be affected by changes, a staff member from the County Department of Transportation will attend to explain what needs to be done to establish a Community Parking District in this area.

If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please call contact Ann Sharp at 703-425-9300 or ann.sharp@fairfaxcounty.gov.