



# the BRADDOCK BEACON

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## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CONTINUES WITH SECOND LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Braddock District Community Engagement Initiative (“CEI”) continues with a half-day “Leadership Institute,” scheduled for Saturday, February 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Kings Park Library in Burke. The “Leadership Institute” is back by popular demand. Last year, the program drew more than 60 community leaders who learned the “ins and outs” of HOA management, fiduciary responsibility and organizational building.

This year’s Leadership Institute will draw on that programming and add some new sessions. Developed by my office and County staff, the Institute is targeted for those who are, or wish to be, officers and directors of civic and homeowners’ associations and community-based volunteer and non-profit organizations.

Those who attend the workshop will learn about emergency planning, public safety, environmental stewardship, fiduciary roles and responsibilities and how to identify and leverage the assets in your community. The tentative agenda is below. Spots are limited, so I encourage those who aspire to effective community and organizational leadership to contact Ann Sharp at 703-425-9300 to sign up today.

**Leadership Insitute, February 26,  
9:00 a.m. to 2:30 pm**

**9:15 - 9:30: Opening and Welcome**

**9:30 – 10:15: Emergency Planning**

**10:15 – 11:00: Public Safety**

**Short Break - 11 – 11:10**

**11:10 – 11:55: Environmental Stewardship**

**11:55 - 12:30: Fiduciary Roles and Responsibilities**

**12:30 - 1:15: Lunch**

**1:15 – 2:15: Keynote – How to identify and leverage the assets in your community**

**2:15 – 2:30: Closing remarks - Taking what you learned today and putting it into action**



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](mailto:ann.sharp@fairfaxcounty.gov) with your latest information.

### EMAIL SUBSCRIPTION TO THE BRADDOCK BEACON

If you would like the Braddock Beacon and the Cook Advisory electronically, instead of through mail, please contact us at [braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov) and write “Beacon Subscribe” in the subject line.

### COMMUNITY MEETINGS IN BRADDOCK

- VRE Public Hearing: February 23, 7:00 p.m at the Burke Centre Conservancy. The hearing is to solicit comment related to several proposed changes.
- University Mall Information Meeting: February 23, 7:30 p.m. at the OakView Elementary School
- Budget Town Hall: March 14, Robinson SS Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- Joint Budget Town Hall with Springfield Supervisor’s Office: West Springfield HS Cafeteria, March 23, 7:30 p.m.
- Community Environmental Leadership Institute, May 7, time and location to be determined (details in next month’s Beacon).

### BRADDOCK DISTRICT NOW ON FACEBOOK

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>

## SUPERVISOR COOK IN THE COMMUNITY

On January 6th, Supervisor Cook's office hosted a town hall meeting at the Landings Community Center in Burke which focused on the proposed monopole at the Shurgard Storage Facility.

On January 12th, Supervisor Cook attended Chairman Bulova's Holiday Reception at the Government Center and then went back to Braddock Hall for the January Braddock District Council Meeting.

On January 16th, Supervisor Cook addressed the 2011 Korean American Day Celebration at the Ernst Cultural Center on the Annandale Campus of NVCC.

On January 17th, Supervisor Cook observed and took part in the Family Volunteer Day at George Mason University. This event was coordinated by Volunteer Fairfax and people came

together to assist groups such as FACETS, Fairfax 4-H, Herndon Senior Center, Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, Operation Military Kids and Orphan Foundation of America.

On January 20th, Supervisor Cook addressed the monthly Lunch N' Life which was held at the Jubilee Christian Center in Fairfax. These luncheons are sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke.

The weather was definitely a factor for the District this last month and two events had to be cancelled due to the snow. The Monticello Dog Park meeting and the Braddock-GMU Community Forum will be rescheduled for a later time. We'll make sure to get that information out as soon as dates have been set.

## SOUND WALL RELOCATION ALONG I-495 SOUTH NEAR LONG PINE DRIVE TO BEGIN AROUND MID-FEBRUARY

As part of the construction of the I-495 Capital Beltway HOT Lanes, four new lanes (two in each direction) will be added to the Beltway. In order to make room for the two new Beltway lanes in each direction, the existing sound wall along Long Pine Drive near Heming Avenue must be relocated. The wall will be moved back on VDOT right-of-way approximately 8-10 feet closer to Long Pine Drive to accommodate the Beltway widening. To relocate the existing sound wall, the area behind the wall will be cleared of some trees and brush. Crews will add a construction fence behind the sound wall for residents without an existing barrier to the highway.

As part of the HOT Lanes project, new sound walls will be constructed along the project alignment. The new sound wall at Long Pine Drive will be approximately three feet taller than the existing barrier. The location and size of the new sound walls were determined based on VDOT's computer modeling, current and projected noise readings, and other factors.

Construction crews will begin removing old sound barriers and posts in mid February. The entire operation will be complete in Spring 2011. Crews will do their best to build the new walls as soon as possible.

For more information, please contact Jeff Wagner with Fluor-Lane at (571) 480-4651 or by email at [Jeff.Wagner@Fluor-Lane.com](mailto:Jeff.Wagner@Fluor-Lane.com).



### YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR CALL

There will be a live, call-in TV program for homeowner and condominium association members, **February 15, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The subject is fair housing laws.**

Is your association board aware of its requirements under the law? How does the law relate to parking rights? Michelle L. Thompson, Consumer Affairs Branch; Lella Amiss E. Pape, attorney with Rees Broome; Susan Rae Helander, senior community manager with Value Properties, will respond to your calls, 703-818-1445 and e-mails ([ycyc@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:ycyc@fairfaxcounty.gov)). The program also will be online here: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/vod.htm>.

### SEEKING WILDFLOWER PHOTOGRAPHY

Have your photography featured in Conservation Currents, the quarterly newsletter of the Conservation District! We are looking for great black and white photographs of native spring emergent flowers for the Winter-Spring 2011 edition. For more information, please contact Lily Whitesell ([lily.whitesell@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:lily.whitesell@fairfaxcounty.gov)) at the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District.

## COUNTY DISCUSSING PURCHASE OF WASTE TO ENERGY FACILITY

The I-95 Waste-to-Energy Facility has been the primary waste disposal facility in Fairfax County since 1990. Currently owned and operated by Covanta Fairfax, Inc, the County has a contract with Covanta to dispose of waste generated in Fairfax County that expires in 2016.

Terms of the contract include an option for Fairfax County to purchase the facility. This option has a deadline of April 4 for the County to take action. Covanta has offered the County an option to extend the lease an additional 20 years at terms similar to those of the previous 20.

If purchased, the plant would be financed using revenue bonds, meaning the bonds would be guaranteed by revenue collected

from the fees that trash collection companies would pay the County for the use of the facility.

A public hearing is scheduled during the Board's regularly scheduled meeting of February 22 at 4:30 p.m. If you would like to sign up to speak you can do so at: [https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker\\_bos.htm](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker_bos.htm)

For information related to Fairfax County's current waste management system and the options now facing the County, please go to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/waste-to-energy.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/waste-to-energy.htm), or call the Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program at 703-324-5253, TTY 711.

## SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS OF DEPLOYED SERVICE MEMBERS RESCHEDULED

Unfortunately, the first meeting planned for the Support Group for Parents of Deployed Service Members had to be rescheduled due to weather considerations. Fortunately, we have been able to quickly reschedule the meeting, and it will be Thursday, February 10, 2011, 7:00-8:30 PM at Brion's Grille in Fairfax.

Parents of sons and daughters who are overseas often do not have the necessary support network to deal with the emotional and psychological stress associated with their loved one being in harm's way. Many of these parents may also need support in understanding and navigating the military system.

In response to this need, the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services has partnered with the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program, Easter Seals Greater Washington-Baltimore Area, and Supervisor Cook's office to create a support group for parents who have children who are currently deployed

or who have been deployed.

The support group will be led by Gail Ledford from the department of Administration for Human Services, Tilly Blanding from the department of Neighborhood and Community Services and Ann Sharp, a senior staff assistant for Supervisor Cook. Gail has a son who served during the Gulf War and Somalia. Tilly has a son who is currently deployed to Afghanistan, and Ann has a son who has recently served in both Iraq and Afghanistan. Parents of service members currently deployed are invited, but also it is important that parents of military members that have returned from deployment know that they are most welcome also. It is you who understand and have experienced what these other parents are going through now.

Dessert and Coffee will be served. For more information about the program and to RSVP please contact Tilly Blanding at (703) 324-5252.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFERING TRAINING CLASS FOR CERT PROGRAM

The Fairfax County Community Emergency Response Team Program is offering the CERT Basic Training Program over five Saturdays in February-March 2011. The classes will be limited to 15 students due to classroom size.

The CERT Basic training program is designed to prepare residents to help themselves, their families and their neighbors in the event of a disaster in their community. Through CERT, the individual can learn about disaster preparedness and receive low-impact training in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue and disaster medical operations, to be able to provide immediate assistance and critical support before emergency responders arrive on the scene. The classroom instruction incorporates some hands-on skill development and experience in conducting a search and victim assessment. Participation does not require any physical



exertion such as lifting or carrying.

The eight required modules will be taught in four sessions split between the Springfield District Government Center (Feb 19 and March 5) and the Braddock District Supervisor's Office (Feb 26 and March 12). A fifth morning only session (Fire Safety) will be conducted at the Burke Volunteer Fire Station.

Each of the four sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m., with a one hour lunch break, and end no later than 4:30 p.m. The Fairfax County CERT Program is administered through the auspices of the county Fire and Rescue Department. For more information and to enroll contact [dana.powers@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:dana.powers@fairfaxcounty.gov)

# COUNTY'S "GREEN" TRASH TRUCK HITS STREETS, COMMONWEALTH'S FIRST HYDRAULIC HYBRID TRASH & RECYCLING VEHICLE

The Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program has turned the ignition on its first hydraulic hybrid trash and recycling collection vehicle serving Fairfax County residents in established sanitary districts. The trash truck is the commonwealth's first to utilize a hydraulic hybrid assist system. The County utilized \$35,000 in federal grant funding to purchase this system that is estimated to save up to 6 percent in fuel and maintenance costs.

Trash trucks stop and start up to 800 times per day collecting waste or recyclables from residential homes. The new hydraulic hybrid system utilizes a hydraulic pump installed along the truck's drive shaft that will aid in slowing the vehicle's forward movement while gaining a charge to be used to assist with the vehicle's acceleration. In addition to cost savings, this new system will also provide environmental benefits through reduced fuel consumption, emissions and generation of heat from the braking process.

"It has long been our priority to promote environmental stewardship throughout Fairfax County, not just 'make the trash go away,'" said Jeff Smithberger, director of the Division of Solid Waste Collection and Recycling. "Part of our strategic process incorporates looking at the feasibility of new technologies and innovations that can help us perform our work at a high level and in a cost-efficient manner while minimizing the impact on our local environment."

For the past two years, Fairfax County's trash and recycling collection vehicles have been equipped with a regeneration system

aimed at reducing the vehicle's carbon footprint. This system captures carbon and soot particles, causing the truck to run



cleaner than it's traditional counterpart. The Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program provides collection service to county facilities, 45,000 county residents in established sanitary districts and to provide debris removal in times of emergency

## PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR NEWLY PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RPPD

to better serve the needs of residents living in the area of Northern Virginia Community College, Supervisor Cook has proposed an amendment to the portion of the County code that sets the criteria when considering petitions for Residential Permit Parking Districts (RPPD).

Section 82-5A-4(a) currently reads "The Board of Supervisors may establish and expand a Residential Permit Parking District encompassing an area within 2,000 feet walking distance from the pedestrian entrances of an existing or proposed high school, existing or proposed rail station or existing Virginia college or university if:". Supervisor Cook has proposed that it be amended to read "The Board of Supervisors may establish and expand a Residential Permit Parking District encompassing an area within either 2,000 feet walking distance from the pedestrian entrances and/or within 1,000 feet from the property boundaries of an existing or proposed high school, existing or proposed rail station or

existing Virginia college or university if:". Supervisor Cook's interest in this stems from the fact that out-of-the-area vehicles are being parked at an increasingly high rate in portions of residential neighborhoods near colleges and universities. The aforementioned drivers are creating walking paths into the facilities through portals that are not official pedestrian entrances. Expanding the criteria would allow residents near these unofficial entrances the opportunity to apply for an RPPD if they should want to do so.

A public hearing will take place February 22, 2011 at 4 p.m. at the Board of Supervisors meeting. If you would like to speak at the public hearing, we encourage you to register in advance with the BOS clerk at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speakerbos.htm> or calling 703-324-3151 by 10 a.m. on the day of the hearing. Please feel free to call Ann Sharp at 703-425-9300 if you have any questions about this amendment or the hearing.

## BED BUG FORUM SCHEDULED

On February 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Park West Lions Club, 8620 Sunnygate Drive Manassas, the Virginia Cooperative Extension is holding a forum on bed bugs. Pre-registration is required.

### Who should attend?

Apartment/multi-unit housing managers, daycares, shelters, nursing homes, assisted living communities, hospitals, urgent care facilities, hotels & motels, public & private schools

### What will you learn?

VT Entomologists & local professionals will share Bed Bug Biology, Prevention, Detection Methods, Control in Multi Unit Facilities, Challenges of the Apartment & Multi-Family Housing, & Effective Methods for Detection & Control

### Questions?

Contact VA Cooperative Extension at 703-792-6285 or email [jgraham@pwcgov.org](mailto:jgraham@pwcgov.org)

## BRADDOCK DISTRICT LAND USE UPDATE

### University Mall Rezoning -

On January 19, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposal by College Town Associates to rezone the University Mall, located at Braddock Road and Route 123 across from George Mason University. A number of issues remained unresolved, and the Commission deferred a decision on this case until April, 3, 2011. A formal date for a public hearing before the Board of Supervisors is not finalized.

Individuals who testified at the hearing focused on a number of issues, including: lighting, security, trash collection, a fenced area where the Veterinary Clinic could better control animal waste, the playground for the child care center, design of the new stormwater detention system and the height of three proposed accent towers. Questions were also raised about specific retail uses on the side of the mall that faces the Country Club View community and the impact of lighted signage. The applicant must also work with 10 private covenant holders on Portsmouth Road to gain their specific acceptance of the proposal.

**A community meeting to discuss these and other concerns will be held at Oak View Elementary School, 5004 Sideburn Road, on February 23, at 7:30 pm.**

To facilitate your review of this application, please go to my website: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock> and click the link for the February 23 meeting. A full set of plans, renderings and the staff report can be viewed at any time in my office. Supervisor Cook believes that this application is significantly improved from its original 2009 submittal. With your participation, he hopes that it will become a facility in which the community can have a great deal of pride.

### Commonwealth Swim Club -

Another application which has recently been reactivated is the proposal for a Special Exception (SE-2009-BR-020 associated with SPA 79-075-03) by T-Mobile to place a 120 foot telecommunications tower disguised as a pine tree at the Commonwealth Swim Club, 9800

Commonwealth Boulevard. Because this proposal would place a cell tower in a residential community, this application will come before both the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. **A tentative public hearing before the Planning Commission has been scheduled for April 5, 2011**, though it is probable that this date will be deferred. Supervisor Cook intends to host another community meeting on this in the near future, although the application has not changed substantially from 2009.

### Trinity School -

On January 20, 2011 Trinity Christian School submitted a Special Exception Amendment to amend the development conditions that restrict the after school and weekend activities that can be sponsored by the school. The amendment would permit the use of playing fields or school buildings by those not directly affiliated with the school. The amendment would permit boy and girls scout troops, community sports leagues or before and after school care, and summer camps to use the site. This application has not yet been accepted by the County for processing. Supervisor Cook will work closely with affected communities such as North Hills, George Mason Woods, Lake Braddock Estates and Brecon Ridge on possible impacts.

### Song Subdivision -

Finally, Supervisor Cook has been advised that the Song Subdivision (SE 2010-BR-116), a proposal by Hyang and Yon Song, to subdivide a two acre parcel at 10511 Zion Drive, has been reactivated. This Special Exception was deferred indefinitely last spring, and is required because the existing lot is not wide enough to accommodate two lots in the R-1 zoning category. Under normal circumstances, each lot would have to have 150 feet. In this case, each lot is proposed to be 100 feet in width. There is also a significant environmental quality corridor at the rear of this property, much of which will become part of a permanent conservation easement. A meeting with the affected neighbors will be scheduled in the spring.

## SPRING SEEDLING SALE SCHEDULED

The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District has begun its annual sale to provide an inexpensive source of seedlings to Fairfax County residents. All seedlings are native to Northern Virginia.

Two packages are available: one features deer resistant shrubs and small trees, offered at \$15.95 and includes red osier dogwood, silky dogwood, serviceberry, spicebush and pawpaw. Another offers a black oak, sycamore and American hornbeam, and is available for \$10.95.

The order form is available at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd> or in the Braddock office. Specific questions can be addressed to [Nicholas.Kokales@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Nicholas.Kokales@fairfaxcounty.gov). Proceeds from this sale help to support educational programs sponsored by the District, including stream monitoring, Envirothon, and storm drain marking. All payments must be received by Monday, April 11 and may be picked up on April 15. Pictures of the mature species offered in the packages are on the website.

## MONTICELLO PARK MASTER PLAN MEETING TO BE RESCHEDULED

For the second time, the public information meeting discussing the development of a park master plan for Monticello Park was cancelled due to weather. When a new date is set, we will make the community aware.

The meeting will feature a presentation describing the site's existing conditions, potential future uses and the park master planning process. 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. 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](mailto:Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov) or [Braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov).

## COUNTY SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO ENSURE ACCESS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

The Justice Department recently announced an agreement with Fairfax County, Va., to improve access to all aspects of civic life for persons with disabilities. The agreement was reached under Project Civic Access (PCA), the department's wide-ranging initiative to ensure that cities, towns and counties throughout the country comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Supervisor Cook's motion to approve the agreement was approved by the Board on a 8-1 vote.

As part of the PCA initiative, Justice Department investigators, attorneys and architects survey state and local government facilities, services and programs in communities across the country to identify the modifications needed for compliance with ADA requirements. The agreements are tailored to address the steps each community must take to improve access. This agreement is the 186th under the PCA initiative.

Under the announced agreement, Fairfax County will take important steps to improve access for individuals with disabilities, such as:

- Making physical modifications to facilities surveyed by the department so that parking, routes into the buildings, entrances, service areas and counters, restrooms, public telephones and drinking fountains are accessible to people with disabilities;

- Providing access to county programs;
- Surveying other facilities and programs and making modifications wherever necessary to achieve full compliance with ADA requirements;

- Administering a grievance procedure for resolving complaints of violations of Title II of the ADA;

- Ensuring that any county programs for victims of domestic violence and abuse are accessible to people with disabilities;

- Providing accessible polling places;

- Providing effective communication;

- Posting, publishing and distributing a notice to inform members of the public of the provisions of Title II and their applicability to the county's programs, services and activities;

- Undertaking the required planning and modifications to ensure equal, integrated access to emergency management for individuals with disabilities, including emergency preparedness, notification, evacuation, sheltering, response, clean up and recovery;

- Ensuring that 9-1-1 emergency service calls placed by persons with disabilities who use text telephones (TTYs) are answered as quickly as other calls, that such calls are monitored for timing and accuracy, and that employees are trained and practiced in using a TTY to make and receive calls;

- Ensuring that the county's employment

policies comply with the regulations of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission implementing Title I of the ADA;

- Ensuring that the county's official website and other web-based services are accessible to people with disabilities;

- Amending the county's police policies and procedures for law enforcement; and

- Implementing a comprehensive plan to improve the accessibility of the county's sidewalks and pedestrian crossings by installing accessible curb ramps throughout Fairfax County.

The agreement was reached under Title II of the ADA, which prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities by state and local governments. The department will actively monitor the county's compliance with the agreement, which will remain in effect for 7½ years. The department will actively monitor compliance with the agreement until all required actions have been completed.

People interested in finding out more about the ADA, today's agreement with Fairfax County, the PCA initiative, or the ADA Best Practices Tool Kit for State and Local Governments can access the ADA Web page at [www.ada.gov](http://www.ada.gov) or call the toll-free ADA Information Line at (800) 514-0301 or (800) 514-0383 (TTY).

## LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES NEED HELP RESTOCKING THEIR SHELVES

Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services and the Office of Public Private Partnerships are partnering with MV Transportation, Inc. and local grocery stores to collect donations of food to assist the most vulnerable in our community. Please look for the Fastran bus parked at the following locations between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. All donations will go directly to local nonprofit organizations that help feed needy families and individuals in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community. For a full listing of sites visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/news/nr2011/fstb.htm>.

Sites that are convenient to the Braddock District include:

### February 5

Huntsman Square Giant, 7501 Huntsman Blvd.

Benefiting Ecumenical Community Helping Others

### February 12

Fair City Shoppers, 9622 Main St, Benefiting Food for Others.

### February 19

Fair Lakes Center Bloom, 13065 Fair Lakes Center, Benefiting Our Daily Bread.



## BNN: ANNANDALE FOOD SITE AND HYPOTHERMIA PROGRAM

On this month's edition of BNN, Supervisor Cook invited Wendy Breseman, the Braddock District appointee to the Fairfax County Human Services Council, and Ann Woodle of the Annandale Food Site. With demand for the most basic of needs at its greatest in recent history in our community, Wendy and Ann came to discuss how volunteers are pitching in through the hypothermia program and the Annandale Food Site to help our neighbors in need.

Viewers this month have the opportunity to learn about how each of these programs started, became active in our community,

and find support from the donations and time of our neighbors. Both are helping to address critical needs for food and comfort during this exceptionally cold winter and provide services that aid affected communities year round.

To learn more about these programs in our community and how you can help, you can tune in to BNN at 5 p.m. on Fridays and Sundays or 7 p.m. on Wednesdays this month on Channel 16. You can also watch this month's edition online at [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/asx/supervisor\\_cook.asx](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/asx/supervisor_cook.asx).

## TREE TRIMMING AND PLANT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION FROM DOMINION POWER

If you have tree branches overhanging electric wires, you can call Dominion at 1-866-366-4357 to request tree trimming and also get any questions you may have answered. Dominion will cut and remove tree limbs and/or brush from property as needed to maintain reliable electric service.

**Customers are responsible for:** trees/limbs that fall and are removed from wires or are cut for service restoration, dead, leaning trees that are cut/trimmed at any time by Dominion, and trees that are cut to provide proper clearance for the customer or contractor to remove a tree.

**For customers with overhead service:** Dominion does not trim trees or branches that overhang or are touching a wire that runs from an electric pole to your house or building. We will temporarily disconnect the service line so

your contractor can safely trim or remove the tree. To request an appointment, please call Dominion's Customer Service Center at 1-866-366-4357. A Dominion representative will contact you to arrange a date to have your service temporarily disconnected for tree maintenance.

When landscaping, don't plant any trees or shrubs that will grow taller than 10 feet under power lines. It will be safer and prevent outages that can occur if trees or tree limbs are blown onto power lines.

You can find this and much more information on items such as Vegetation Management and Our Rights-of-Way and Herbicide Questions and Answers by visiting Dominion's website at: <http://www.dom.com/dominion-virginia-power/customer-service/your-service/tree-trimming.jsp>

## SHEPHERD CENTER OF FAIRFAX-BURKE OFFERS DEMENTIA CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Shepherd Center of Fairfax-Burke is offering a new support group for anyone who wants to be of service to a friend or family member with a dementia disorder.

Learn and share with others experiencing similar challenges.

Contact Eileen Thompson, facilitator, for more information at 703-451-8626 (please leave a message), or [eileen.thompson@gmail.com](mailto:eileen.thompson@gmail.com).

## 2011 ELECTRIC SUNDAY SCHEDULE RELEASED

Fairfax County residents may use each Electric Sunday recycling event to recycle their electronic devices. Residents may also recycle their unbroken fluorescent tubes and light bulbs. This is a free service for Fairfax County residents. For additional information, please contact us at 703-324-5230. All events are held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Feb. 27: I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030

March 27: I-95 Complex, 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton, VA 22079

April 10: I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030

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

June 26: I-95 Complex, 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton, VA 22079

July 24: I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030

August 28: I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030

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

Oct. 23: I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030

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

## FRIENDS OF SADIE ANNUAL VALENTINE BLOOD DRIVE, SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13

To raise awareness of childhood cancer, the Friends of Sadie ask that you please join them for their Annual Valentine Blood Drive, Bake Sale and Raffle.

**When: Sunday, February 13, 2011 from 9 am - 4 pm**

**Where: Woods Community Center, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke**

You can sign up now and make an appointments to donate blood by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) and use sponsor code 17053. The Bake sale and raffle will benefit CureSearch and raffle prizes include two 2011 season tickets to the Washington Redskins. For more information visit <http://friendsofsadie.org/>.