



The BRADDOCK BEACON

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NEW BRADDOCK TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS BREAKING GROUND IN 2013

Transportation challenges have become a part of everyday life in Northern Virginia, but there are three projects slated to begin in 2013 that should offer relief in Braddock.

This month, the Fairfax County Department of Transportation will launch the first of what will eventually be three new bus lines that seek to take advantage of the 495 Express Lanes. The initial line, which begins at the Burke VRE Station, will provide commuters in the Braddock District with quick, reliable access to Tysons Corner. The inaugural ride on this line will occur on January 12, as part of a ribbon cutting ceremony that will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Supervisor Cook realizes the full potential of this new line lies beyond Fairfax. If residents of Prince William County, Manassas and Manassas Park could be enticed to use transit to get to work, that would take additional cars off of Fairfax's primary and secondary roads. In an effort to provide that incentive, Supervisor Cook submitted a board matter that directed County staff to initiate discussion with the VRE on establishing a system of transfer tickets, and developing a joint marketing campaign. That effort is currently underway and we will keep you informed as it progresses this year.

Secondly, construction that will double the length of the turn lanes on Braddock Road into Roanoke River Road, begins

in earnest early in January. The project also includes new signals and new signal phasing, as well as cross walk improvements and additional lanes into George Mason University's campus.

Taken together this will help cars enter Mason more efficiently and reduce the impact to those driving east on Braddock past campus.

Finally, after significant community involvement on the design and implementation that came from meetings with the West Campus Connector Advisory Group and the University Community Forum, Campus Drive (pictured below with the temporary detour) will begin and be completed in 2013. The intent of the bypass, which begins on Braddock Road just west of Route 123, is to keep eastbound traffic headed toward campus and westbound traffic leaving campus from entering the intersection of Braddock and Route 123 and as a result, a 10 to 30 percent reduction in congestion is expected. The detour will carry the existing four lanes of traffic along Route 123 between University Drive and Mason Pond Drive, and be removed upon completion of the underpass.



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!

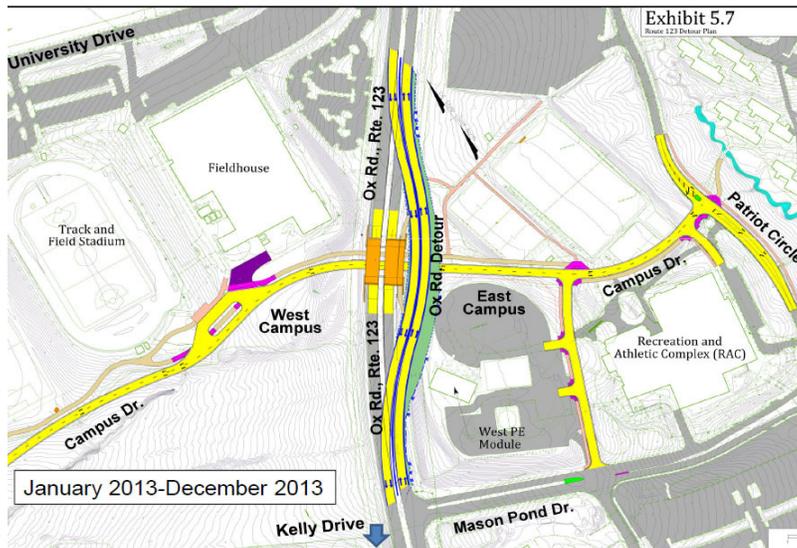
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MY GOALS AND PRIORITIES FOR 2013 AS WE BEGIN THE NEW YEAR

It's that time of year when people make resolutions and set agendas. So, here's my list of some of the things I expect to work on in 2013.

Transportation: Several transportation projects that have been in the planning stages the last couple of years will move to construction. This includes Mason's Campus Drive (a connector road around the Braddock/Route 123 intersection), improvements to Braddock Road and Roanoke River at George Mason, and the County's new Connector bus service from the Burke Centre VRE lot to Tyson's via the 495 Express Lanes.

Speaking more broadly, the Board is expected to pass a plan for funding Tyson's transportation improvements and the State will debate yet again whether to provide additional funding for transportation.

Anticipating little or no meaningful action there, I will continue to suggest that the County think outside the box and consider new approaches, such as transferring ownership of secondary roads from the State to the County, along with changes in State funding formulas and new funding authority for the County. We cannot continue to allow our neighborhood streets to crumble from lack of maintenance, and our population increases and business growth demand additional transportation capacity.

Finally, in my role on the Operations Board for the VRE I will continue to push for the expansion of that system, which is near capacity. Almost 10,000 riders a day come off the roads due to this successful rail service, which has reached a 95 percent on time performance record.

Land Use: The Braddock Land Use Committee is up and running and considering a number of new development proposals. I will ask the Committee to develop an approach to infill development so all applications can be measured by similar criteria. I will also involve the Committee in a Comprehensive Plan Review for the south side of Lee Highway from Shirley Gate to the Fairfax County Parkway.

Neighborhood Leadership: I will sponsor a Braddock Neighborhood Conference this Spring, modeled after our successful neighborhood colleges, to provide our civic associations, HOA's, community pools, PTA's, scout groups, and others with training on how to run successful organizations and to review legal requirements, financial management, and other aspects of association governance.

Neighborhood Safety: I hope the Board of Supervisors will continue to move forward with my proposal for a new campaign against speeding and unsafe driving in our neighborhoods. This year the Board is funding traffic calming measures that were part of my proposal. Other aspects include a County public awareness campaign and providing the means for police to increase enforcement.

County Budget: We are in for still another couple of rough years with the County budget. The fear of federal government cutbacks and in-sourcing has frozen office expansion and, consequently, commercial land appraisals. The result is less money available to fund the County budget. I hope the Board of Supervisors will try to reach a bipartisan compromise budget to deal with these difficult choices, as we did with the FY2010 budget at the height of the recession.

Helping People with Disabilities: I believe our first priority in our human services programs should be to help those who cannot be fully self-sufficient. This includes people with physical, intellectual, and developmental disabilities, mental illness, and substance abuse. We need to get the budget for the Community Services Board under control while making sure we fully serve the needs of our most vulnerable citizens. We need to provide services for all of the 'ID grads' so they can have the same opportunities as their neighbors. We also need to help the homeless.

Funding these programs may require cutbacks in other programs that serve those

who are more self-sufficient.

Northern Virginia Training Center: Under the terms of a settlement agreement between the Commonwealth of Virginia and the U.S. Department of Justice, the Commonwealth has agreed to provide community-based housing for people with disabilities who currently reside in State-owned Training Centers. The Commonwealth plans to close the Northern Virginia Training Center in 2015. It is important that the Commonwealth provide for the housing stock and services that current residents require.

I am working with County leaders to advance a plan for the County to acquire the site and use it to provide services to the disabled and other populations in need.

Health: Much of our national and state news will deal with the implementation of the Affordable Health Care Act, including the potential and necessary reform and expansion of Virginia's Medicaid system. But we also need to look at society's lifestyle choices.

I am especially concerned about our children and the incidence of obesity, lack of exercise, and mental health issues such as depression that can lead to teen suicides. The County, schools, juvenile justice system, and human services agencies need to work together even more to promote healthy, happy, and successful children.

These are but a smattering of the many issues that will cross my plate this year. I hope you will continue to be involved in your neighborhoods as active, engaged citizens. If my office can help you in your efforts, please let us know. We are here to serve you.



SUPERVISOR COOK IN THE COMMUNITY

On December 4th, Supervisor Cook attended the monthly meeting of the Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) which was held at the West Springfield Police Station. The CAC was organized as a way for citizens to come together with their community police force in order to learn about crime prevention and also to be updated on recent issues in their neighborhood.

On December 5th, Supervisor Cook hosted the annual Taste of Braddock Holiday Open House. This has become a traditional event to kick off the holiday season. We had food from over 20 local restaurants and welcomed over 300 people.

On December 6th, Supervisor Cook gave opening remarks for the Employee Incentive Seminar which was hosted by Fairfax County Family Services and SkillSource and held at the Government Center.



On December 12th, Supervisor Cook hosted a meeting of the West Campus Connector Advisory Group at Fairfax City Hall. As we've written before, this group is tasked with overseeing the Campus Drive interchange at Braddock Road and 123. Upon completion, this project will create an improved flow of traffic around George Mason University. See page 1 for additional details on the status of this project.

On December 14th, Supervisor Cook and his staff participated in Jeans Day. This one day event is sponsored by the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and end Homelessness, The Connection Newspaper and Apple Federal Credit Union. Over 130 organizations participated and raised more than \$50,000 for the cause.



On December 15th, Supervisor Cook stopped by Irving Middle school to join the Burke/West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls for their annual holiday potluck celebration. There was even a little bit of line dancing and hula hooping.

On December 16th, Supervisor Cook attended a service and dedication ceremony for the newly completed parking lot at Pilgrim Community Church. This was a big project and has done a great deal for the spirit of the church.

On December 21st, Supervisor Cook spent the evening at Burke United Methodist Church, supporting FACETS' Hypothermia Prevention and Response Program. Faith Communities across Fairfax and Falls Church work in partnership with the Fairfax County government to offer support to adults in our community who struggle with chronic homelessness. The Hypothermia Prevention Program is an integral part of the County's effort to prevent and end homelessness. Spanning November through March, last year the program was able to serve more than 1,000 individuals. In addition to providing shelter on a cold winter's night the program tries to link the chronically homeless with services. For more information on the County's efforts, visit: fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless. There were no hypothermia-related deaths reported in Fairfax County, in either of the last two years. That's in no small part due to the collaborative efforts of the County, non-profits like FACETS, and the faith and business communities. But most of all, a big thank you goes to all those who donate their time and volunteer so that initiatives like the Hypothermia Prevention and Response Program can operate smoothly and effectively.

On December 23rd, Supervisor Santa Cook rode along with Fire and Rescue personnel through the streets of the Bonnie Brae Community spreading a little holiday cheer to the neighbors.



START THE NEW YEAR OFF RIGHT, RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE AND HOUSEHOLD ELECTRONICS

County residents are asked to start the new year off right by participating in the County's Christmas tree and electronics recycling programs.

All County residents may recycle their Christmas trees – less than eight feet tall – at the curb with their regular trash and recycling collection service during the first two weeks in January. This is a free service for all County residents regardless of whether homeowners have their trash and recycling collected by Fairfax County or a private service provider. For trees larger than eight feet tall, please contact your collection service provider for details on how to dispose of it.

Residents are reminded to remove lights, decorations, tree toppers, tree stands and

remove trees from plastic bags as the trees will be ground into mulch which is made available to County residents at no charge.

After the first two weeks in January, collection companies may charge an additional fee for Christmas tree removal. For additional collection details, contact your refuse and recycling collection company.

Electronics Recycling: The County's Electric Sunday e-cycling program will continue in 2013. The first event will take place on Sunday, January 13, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., at the I-66 Transfer Station (4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax). Residents may bring old televisions, computers, printers, speakers and other electronics, along with unbroken fluorescent lights, to be recycled at no charge.

THE COUNTY'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN CAN HELP FAMILIES PLAN FOR CHILD CARE ON SNOW DAYS

According to the Farmers' Almanac, our area will have a colder than average winter this year with mixed snow, sleet and rain. When schools are closed due to inclement weather, parents may need backup care. The Fairfax County Office for Children (OFC) can help families find care for their children this winter.

"The key is to plan ahead and arrange for care now, before it snows," says Carol Keil, who oversees OFC's child care resource and referral division. She explains that parents can find child care programs near their home or office on the Office for Children's website: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/webdocs/childcare/ofc-overview.htm>

The Office for Children maintains a database of family child care and center-based programs in Fairfax County. Office for

Children records show that nearly half of the County's regulated child care businesses offer the option of occasional or back-up care. This includes hundreds of individuals who care for children in their homes, as well as a number of child care centers.

"It's a good idea for parents to visit a few programs ahead of time to see which child care situation will work best on snow days," Keil says. Then when bad weather hits, parents will have some child care programs to choose from.

Making arrangements ahead of time may make it less likely that children will be home alone on snow days. Fairfax County's child supervision guidelines recommend that even at age 12, children are not yet ready to be left unsupervised more than three hours at a time.

CONNECT AND ENGAGE WITH FAIRFAX COUNTY IN 2013

Fairfax County tries to make it easy to get all the latest on local news and events, community issues, and more. Here's how you can stay in touch with Fairfax County: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/>. This comprehensive news and engagement website allows you to receive County information on your terms. With the NewsWire, you can see all County news on one webpage or view news by selected topics and locations that interest you.

And for those of you with friends and neighbors looking for more Braddock District news, remind them to sign-up for the Braddock Beacon. They can subscribe by sending an email to braddock@fairfax-county.gov, with the subject line "subscribe." There are multiple ways to get news, such as:

- E-mail newsletters: <http://www.fairfax-county.gov/news/email>
- More than 40 RSS news feeds: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/rss>
- Mobile options <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/mobile>
- Social media sites, including: Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Flickr
- Podcasts <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/podcasts>

Connect and engage with your government on Ask Fairfax: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/askfairfax>, social media sites and social voting <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/socialvoting> opportunities.

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Contact Fairfax County: County Directory of Departments and Programs: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/contact/Default.aspx>. Or call 703-FAIRFAX (703-324-7329), TTY 711

BRADDOCK DISTRICT COUNCIL TO MEET JANUARY 9TH

The Braddock District Council will have their first meeting of 2013 on January 9, from 7:30 until 9:00 p.m. in Braddock Hall, adjacent to the Supervisor's office, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015.

While many communities within the Braddock District have official representatives to the BDC, anyone interested in the activities of the BDC are welcome to attend. The BDC meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and addresses issues of interest to communities and residents of the Braddock District and beyond. Make attending a BDC meeting one of your New Year's resolutions for 2013!

DISCOVER E-BOOKS AND ATTEND A WORKSHOP AT COUNTY LIBRARIES

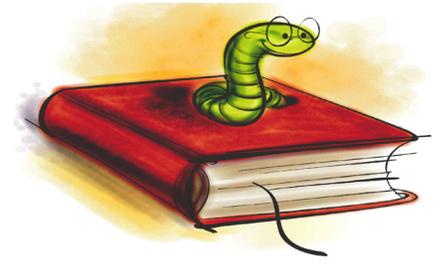
In January, the library is offering an array of workshops and one-on-one training for new eBook users. The branches listed below are offering special eBook Workshops in January. Call the branch directly for more information. For locations and directions to the branches, visit the Locations and Hours page on the library website: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/>.

- George Mason Regional Library. Monday, January 7, 2:00 p.m.
- City of Fairfax Regional Library. Thursday, January 10, 7:00 p.m.
- Sherwood Regional Library. Saturday, January 12, 1:00 p.m.
- Reston Regional Library. Saturday, January 12, 10:00 a.m.
- Woodrow Wilson Library. Tuesday, January 15, 10:30 a.m.*
- Centreville Regional Library. Monday, January 14, 7:00 p.m.
- Dolley Madison Library. Thursday, January 17, 7:00 p.m.

*Registration required

One-on-one help with e-readers or tablets is also available in January. Visit the library online Calendar of Events for more information. Click the links below to find addresses and directions for each of the branches. Please register where required; register online through our Calendar of Events (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events/>) or call the branch directly.

- Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library. January during open hours. Call for an appointment.*
- City of Fairfax Regional Library. Mondays, January 7, 14 and 28, 11:00 a.m., Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
- Pohick Regional Library. Wednesday, January 9, 7:00 p.m.; Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. and 11 a.m.
- Kings Park Library. Thursdays, 8:00 p.m.; Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. and noon. Saturdays 11:00 a.m. and noon.*
- Oakton Library. Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
- Richard Byrd Library. Thursdays, 7:00



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- Patrick Henry Library. Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.*
- Reston Regional Library. Saturdays; times vary; call for an appointment.*
- Thomas Jefferson Library. Saturdays, 1:00 p.m.
- Herndon Fortnightly Library. Saturday, January 19, 2:00 p.m. and 2:45 p.m.*
- Pohick Regional Library. Wednesday, January 23, 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.*

*Registration required

THE TRANSURBAN GRANT PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE IN 2013

Transurban and Fluor, the private partners on the 495 Express Lanes Project, have awarded over 85 grants to organizations in Fairfax County through its 495 Express Lanes Community Grant Program. Launched in 2009, the program is aimed at supporting organizations that serve communities adjacent to and most affected by construction. The partners will continue to provide small grants to community groups through this program through 2013.

The Grant Program is designed to support communities and programs that are located in the neighborhoods surrounding the Express Lanes project corridor that will: Promote safety; Enhance or protect the environment; or Support the amenities, economic development or well-being of communities.

Past grant recipients have focused on a range of program objectives including: enhancing the safety of neighborhoods and bicyclists; improving aesthetics of neighborhoods directly impacted by Express Lanes construction; improving quality of life through cultural events, early childhood education and care, and by providing furniture to families in need; and promoting sustainable living and protecting the environment through an organic vegetable garden and website to centralize County-wide environmental coordination efforts.

Interested communities may access the grant application package online at: <http://www.495expresslanes.com/grant-application>. Applications are awarded on a quarterly basis.

2012 MARKS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

As an alternative to 'Black Friday,' the Saturday after Thanksgiving is now gaining popularity as Small Business Saturday. 2012 marked the third SBS, which was founded by American Express®, and thanks to the efforts of business owners, public officials and corporations, and the millions of consumers who shopped at small businesses it has become a great success. Supervisor Cook spent the day at Fairfax Corner and visited a few of the small women owned shops and stores. His visit was documented on Channel 4 News and he looks forward to getting out there again next year.

Below are a few highlights of the impact Small Business Saturday had this year:

- U.S. consumers who were aware of Small Business Saturday spent a total of \$5.5 billion with independent merchants on Small Business Saturday
- American Express® Cardmember transactions at small business merchants rose approximately 21 percent compared to last year's Small Business Saturday.
- Elected officials in all 50 states and Washington, D.C. championed Small Business Saturday — including President Obama, who shopped with his two daughters at a local bookstore in Arlington, VA To get more stats and learn more about what's to come, check out ShopSmall.com. In the meantime:
- Visit Americanexpress.com/MyMerchantAccount to learn how your business may have been impacted on Small Business Saturday.

BRADDOCK DISTRICT LAND USE UPDATES

Tariq Khan Rezoning (FDP-2012-BR-003):

An application to rezone a property at 4335 Shirley Gate Road from the R-1 District to a PDH-2 Residential District was the subject of a Public Hearing before the Planning Commission on December 5. The applicant is now working to revise its application to reflect two homes instead of three. The public hearing and the public record remain open through January 24. There will be a staff addendum once the revisions are received.

In the interim, any written comments can be sent directly to Planning Commissioner Nell Hurley at braddockplanning@gmail.com or to the Supervisor's office: Braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov

Eleven Oaks School Site (FDP-2012-BR-014):

A public hearing before the Board of Supervisors is currently scheduled for January 8. This project has been recommended by the Planning Commission, approved by the City of Fairfax and recommended by the Braddock District Land Use Committee. A link to the staff report can be found at:

<http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ldsdfw/4401220.PDF>

A small sewer pumping facility to serve these homes that will be maintained by Fairfax City was also approved by the Planning Commission. To testify before the Board of Supervisors on this application, call the Clerk to the Board at 703-324-3151 or email clerktothebos@fairfaxcounty.gov. To provide a letter for the record, email: braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov

Ox Road Estates (RZ/FDP 2012-BR-020): A proposal to rezone 5.15 acres on Ox Road is under preliminary review by county staff. It proposes to put 14 homes on 5.15 acres of land at a density of 2.7 homes per acre, with access from Adare Drive. A tentative public hearing before the Planning Commission is scheduled for April 4 and the DPZ staff coordinator for this project is Brent Krasner.

The Braddock District Land Use and Environmental Management Committee has also established a subcommittee to work closely with Middleridge and Fairfax Club Estates. There will be a Community Information Meeting in late February.

Dunn Property: A proposal to rezone 4.26 acres of land adjacent to Banting Court and the Briarwood Community has been filed by the Evergreene Companies, Inc. The applicant proposes to construct 10 single family homes at a density of 2.35 homes per acre. The proposal will be filed as a PDH-3 development with 27 percent open space. This proposal has not yet been formally accepted by Fairfax County for public review and comment and is currently undergoing technical analysis. Residents who wish to be kept informed about this application should contact Rosemary Ryan at Ryan@fairfaxcounty.gov

The Braddock District Land Use Committee: The Land Use Committee will have its regular monthly meeting on January 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Braddock Hall. Meetings are open to interested residents. The Committee will hear from the Department of Zoning Evaluation on the 2232 Application Review Process which includes telecommunications towers.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BRADDOCK NEIGHBORHOODS WHO WON NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT AWARDS

The Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Program (NEPP) was developed as a tool to encourage partnerships between the county and neighborhood based organizations to assist in improving the quality of life in neighborhoods. It is a competitive application process to enhance the quality of life in neighborhoods by supporting projects and initiatives that assist in achieving the county's vision elements.

The partnership program's goals are to:

- Promote healthier, safer and cleaner neighborhoods.
- Enhance neighborhood appearance.
- Encourage or create a culture of engagement, including facilitating communication and connections in neighborhoods between individuals, youth and families.
- Build or nurture community leadership within a neighborhood.

To view some completed projects using NEPP funding or to learn more about the program, go to the following site: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cex/nepp>. You can find answers to frequently asked questions by visiting: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cex/nepp/faqs.htm>. In FY2013, \$100,000 was budgeted for the program, and 42 proposals were reviewed by a Selection Advisory Committee composed of County residents. Twenty-nine proposals were recommended for funding including three in Braddock District. Congratulations to the following communities:

- Country Club View Civic Association: \$1,700 to involve younger residents in revitalizing the community;**
- North Springfield Civic Association: \$2,500 to reforest community property inside the Express Lanes Sound Walls;**
- Woodbury Woods Community Association: \$3,700 to reconstruct an asphalt path on common property land.**

BRADDOCK DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATES

SCHEDULE FOR THE GREEN SPRING GARDENS WINTER LECTURE SERIES

It may be winter, but opportunities abound on **Sundays, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.** at this annual series of presentations from those on the cutting edge of horticulture at Green Spring Gardens in Alexandria. The cost is \$10 and you may register online through Parktakes Online: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/>, or call 703-642-5173 for information and to register.

January 13, Grapes into Wine: Vintner Gabriele Rausse, father of the modern Virginia wine industry and consultant to many Virginia wine producers, will share with you a little of the history of wine production in Virginia beginning with Thomas Jefferson and take you through the wine making process from vine to bottle.

January 20, Don't Be a Drip: Using water adds immensely to a garden but managing it wisely can be a challenge. Joe Henderson, pond and creek gardener at Chanticleer, discusses the use of water from ponds to tiny water features, including how to handle excess water with rain gardens and thoughtful storm water management.

January 27, Designing Layered Gardens: This lecture shows you how to recreate the majestic display of David Culps beloved Brandywine Cottage. It contains a basic lesson in layering; how to choose the correct plants by understanding how they grow and change throughout the seasons, how to design a layered garden, and tips on maintenance. It culminates in a four season garden.

THE MASON SUSTAINABILITY INSTITUTE TO HOST CANNING WORKSHOP

The George Mason University Sustainability Institute (MSI) provides education and skills development for Mason and the surrounding communities. MSI was created to bring together local businesses, students, community members, governments, non-profit organizations and faculty and staff members to advance sustainability stewardship in the region.

Below is an evening workshop on canning. This is the third MSI workshop on the basics of food preservation. It will cover such topics as canning methods, safety precautions, and other food preservation methods. The discussion will also include jar and equipment preparation, including sterilization, heating lids, which pieces of equipment can be reused, and much more!

The workshop will be held on Thursday, January 24 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. MSI will be using the Fairfax County Community and Recreation Services kitchen (room 1032) located on the 10th floor of the Pennino Building at the Government Center (12011 Government Center Parkway) for a complete demonstration. Price is free, just be sure to register at: <http://msi.gmu.edu/registration.html>

STATE SENATOR PETERSEN, DELEGATE BULOVA ON THE JANUARY EDITION OF BRADDOCK NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Supervisor Cook hosts a monthly television show, Braddock Neighborhood News, on Fairfax County Channel 16 which is available on most cable networks. Each month, Supervisor Cook invites topical guests on to share pertinent and informative items with the viewers.

This month's show features State Senator Chap Petersen and Delegate David Bulova. In preparation for Virginia's General Assembly going into session the second week of January, Supervisor Cook thought this would be a good time to catch-up with a couple of the elected officials who help shape the course of our Commonwealth and also to inform constituents of their roles and responsibilities.

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

MASON COMMUNITY FORUM TO MEET JANUARY 30

The next meeting of the University Community Forum will take place January 30 in the Community Meeting Room of the Kings Park Library. The library is located at 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015. The University Community Forum is an open forum that meets quarterly to share information and concerns on issues of common interest to Braddock District and other parts of Fairfax County adjacent to the city of Fairfax, and George Mason University. All are welcome to attend.

SAVE THE DATE: FINAL STORMWATER ORDINANCE MEETING SCHEDULED

Monday, January 28 is the final stakeholders meeting, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center.

Fairfax County is preparing a Stormwater Management Ordinance in response to state regulations that require localities to adopt ordinances and take over reviews and inspections from construction sites effective July 1, 2014. A series of meetings with stakeholders is being held to gather information that will be used to develop the ordinance, along with design and construction standards for stormwater control practices. To see the minutes from three previous meetings and to become involved in this process, go to the following link:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/stormwaterordinance.htm>

PRESENTATION ON FAIRFAX COUNTY AND SENIOR NAVIGATOR WEBSITES

Braddock District Council's Aging in Place Committee will provide a public presentation on "How to Effectively Use the Recently Updated Fairfax County Older Adult Services and Senior Navigator Web Sites" on Wednesday, January 16th at 7:30 PM in the Kings Park Library Meeting Room. Please enter through the Braddock Supervisor's Office Door. The meeting is open to all.