



the BRADDOCK BEACON

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PASS NEW RULES FOR TYSONS, BUT QUESTIONS REMAIN

During its regularly scheduled June 22nd meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved a significant Comprehensive Plan Amendment designed to spur the redevelopment of Tysons Corner. I voted for the plan, and while I am an optimist, I expressed my significant concern that it was too cautious and timid, and did not support the broad economic development objectives of the Tysons Task Force.

Why Tysons?

The redevelopment of Tysons Corner is critical to the future of Fairfax County for a number of reasons. Primary among them is the fact that we need a new wave of commercial development. Commercial development, especially in the technology sector, brings good jobs to Fairfax. Businesses also bring tax revenue as they pay more in county taxes than they consume in county services. During the last thirty years our commercial tax base has played an important role in funding the great schools, police and fire, parks and libraries that Fairfax residents have come to enjoy.

In addition to more commercial development, the vision for Tysons proposes roughly 40,000 new residential units to handle 80,000 new residents over the next 40 years. Why build new housing? Demographers tell us that 250,000 people will move to Fairfax County over the next 30 to 50 years, whether we like it or not. The idea of Tysons is to concentrate many of them near jobs and near transit, to minimize the transportation impacts. If we don't concentrate residential development, those people will move all over Northern Virginia and then drive to jobs in Tysons, creating gridlock exponentially worse than

we see today.

The fact is there is only one way to stop people from moving here - make it a bad place to live. We certainly don't want that. As long as Fairfax is a great place to live, people will want to come here, and we need to prepare for them in the most advantageous way.

The Task Force Plan

Tysons Corner is currently a gridlocked sea of asphalt, concrete and low-rise suburban office buildings. In 2005, the Board of Supervisors established a citizens committee, known as the Tysons Task Force, and charged it with creating a future vision for Tysons and developing a land use plan to support it. People from literally all over the world have been watching, as this effort marks the first time a community has tried to convert a suburban sprawl mall into an urban center.

The Task Force delivered a bold plan that called for extensive growth, residential development not just for the rich but for those at various income levels, environmental protection and public facilities such as parks and schools. It also called for developing an inviting, city-like atmosphere with a grid of streets for shops and walking. This atmosphere would attract the young professionals planners predict may choose to live in the new Tysons. The grid of streets would also spread out traffic on a number of smaller streets, instead of concentrating it on a few large boulevards.

The genius of the Task Force approach was that it did not ask for people to choose between economic development and



Supervisor John C. Cook

ATTENTION HOMEOWNER AND CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS:

For the next phase of our Community Engagement Initiative, we are looking for communities interested in taking the "next step" by taking on a new project or goal.

Please keep us informed as you move forward with your projects so we can track progress across the district. We are here to help as well.

For all organizations, as you conduct your annual elections, please provide us with the latest contact information for your Association Officers so that we may keep you better informed of events/issues in Braddock District that may impact you and your neighborhood.

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

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SUPERVISOR COOK IN THE COMMUNITY

On June 4th, Supervisor Cook attended the 40th Anniversary Celebration at Laurel Ridge Elementary School. Also present for this historic event were past principals, faculty and alumni.

Later that evening, Supervisor Cook helped kick-off the 2010 season of Braddock Nights at Lake Accotink and Royal Lake Parks. This is going to be a great season of fantastic music, so please check the schedule and come on out.

On June 7th, Supervisor Cook was honored to attend the 2010 Lord and Lady Fairfax Recognition Ceremony and Reception. This year, the Braddock District Honorees were Shirley and Sam DiBartolo, who have been longtime champions of the Braddock District.

On June 8th, Supervisor Cook attended the monthly Braddock District Council Meeting here at Braddock Hall. Look for an article here in the Beacon about the BDC's Best of Braddock recipients.

On June 10th, Supervisor Cook took a tour of the new Finance Park complex on the campus of Frost-Woodson. This center is sponsored by Junior Achievement of the National Capital Region and is also supported by Fairfax County Public Schools as well as the local business community. Every eighth grader in the County will take a six week course in financial literacy that will culminate in a full day immersion program at the Park. It's scheduled to be up and running by the start of school in the Fall.

Later that evening, Supervisor Cook, along with Supervisor Pat Herry of the Springfield District, co-hosted a Town Hall meeting on Internet Safety. Look for a more in-depth article in this issue of the Beacon.

On June 15th, Supervisor Cook attended the Annual Meeting and Luncheon of the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce. Later that evening he hosted a meeting with citizens concerning the possible development of a 3.4 acre section of land along Burke Lake Road near Bryce Estates. There will be another community meeting forthcoming and if you wish, the application can be viewed in the Braddock District office.

On June 17th, Supervisor Cook was pleased to attend graduation ceremonies for Woodson High School and Robinson Secondary School. On the 22nd he attended the Lake Braddock Secondary School Graduation. It's always an honor to be present when these fine young men and women move on to the next stage of their lives.

On June 23rd, Supervisor Cook hosted an alumni event for all of the participants from the recent Leadership Institute and Neighborhood College programs. It was a spirited evening as Supervisor Cook charged each individual to go forward and continue to practice what they learned so that our Braddock communities become more engaged in civic engagement.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCLAIMS JUNE 25, 2010 KOREAN WAR REMEMBRANCE DAY IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

June 25, 2010 marked the 60th anniversary of the start of the Korean War. This conflict brought together the efforts of sixteen nations and featured the first use of United Nations troops and a fully integrated U.S. armed forces. 54,200 Americans lost their

lives and another 100,000 were injured in Korea during the 3 years of bitter warfare that ended on July 27, 1953.

Sandwiched between the national unity of World War II and the national discord of the Vietnam War, however, Korea has

largely faded from the public consciousness, rendering it the "Forgotten War."

But neither the sacrifices made nor the hardships faced by those who served should ever be forgotten. To recognize Fairfax County's Korean War Veterans and to honor their service, at Supervisor Cook's motion, the Board proclaimed June 25, 2010 Korean War Remembrance Day in Fairfax County.

During a ceremony marking this occasion at the Board's formal meeting on Tuesday June 22, Veterans of the Korean War were invited to appear before the Board and were recognized for their tremendous service to our country.

A special thank you goes out to Korean War Veteran and Kings Park resident Jim Starrs for bringing this fantastic idea to Supervisor Cook's attention.



WITH NEW PLAN TYSONS NOW READY FOR REDEVELOPMENT

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environmental protection, or between private development and public facilities. By offering adequate density, that is, by permitting large buildings, they created a scenario where the private sector could underwrite significant costs, but remain profitable.

Staff and Planning Commission Plan

The Task Force proposal went to County staff and the Planning Commission, where, unfortunately, many of the bold development opportunities were taken away, but the expensive environmental and public facilities requirements remained. The Staff and Planning Commission Plan, which the Board adopted, permits large development to occur within ¼ mile of the four new Tysons Metro stops. In other areas, however, there are tighter restrictions on the level of density that can be built, even though the costly requirements remain. The question left unanswered, but so critical to the complete redevelopment of Tysons, is whether developers will choose to build beyond the ¼ mile radius under the recently passed plan amendment.

The newly adopted plan does not supersede current zoning, so developers have the right to reject the new rules and build smaller



buildings under the old rules (called “By Right” development). If they view the new rules as too costly, without sufficient incentives such as greater densities, they will build “By Right” and we will just see more of the same low building, horizontal sprawl in Tysons. Several businesses and business groups testified that they believe that is exactly what will happen under the

Board plan. I tried to build a coalition on the Board to permit significantly more development out to ½ mile from a metro stop, but the Board did not agree. Time will tell whether the newly passed plan will encourage, or strangle, the economic growth we need.

For More Information

Though the Braddock District may not be physically impacted by the proposed redevelopment, we will still feel the impact. Tysons is Fairfax’s downtown, and many Braddock residents work there. We will all benefit if economic growth accelerates.

It is important to note, however, that the transformation of Tysons Corner from a suburban office park to an urban center will occur slowly over the course of many years. The Tysons Task Force presented an overarching vision with a long time horizon. The plan adopted by the Board covers just the first 20 year increment.

During this initial stage, development for office space is capped at 45 million square feet. Currently, about 33 million square feet are already built or planned for. However, this cap does not apply to retail, hotels and other uses that generate a low number peak-hour travel trips. The purpose of a cap is to ensure that the redevelopment of Tysons does not outpace the building of infrastructure, such as the grid of streets.

Much more of the focus in the first 20 years is placed on the construction of residential properties. As we look to develop a better resident-to-job ratio and create a livable community that will help take some pressure off of our transportation system, this residential building will be essential. In fact, within ¼ mile of Metro stations, there will be no density cap on residential, retail, hotel or certain other uses. Between 1/4 and 1/3 mile from the stations, there will be ceilings on density, becoming more restrictive between 1/3 and 1/2 mile. Seventy-five percent of all new density at Tysons will be within 1/2 mile of the stations, a distance that most studies indicate pedestrians are willing to walk on a daily basis.

While the densities allowed in Tysons are

To learn more about the transformation of Tysons Corner, visit the County’s website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner/>.

There you will find the comprehensive plan, the zoning ordinance and many background materials.

higher than elsewhere in the County, to build under the new plan for Tysons, developers will be required to meet a number of new, more stringent and more urban standards. LEED Silver environmental standards will be required for commercial development and 20 percent of residential units built must be “affordable” (meaning designed for those making under \$120,000 per year). Currently, that requirement is 12 percent “affordable” countywide.

Finally, in Tysons, the land area and/or building space for public facilities - the schools, the parks, the police and fire stations - are expected to be provided by developers at no cost to the County. The private sector will also be responsible for paying for the grid of streets, perhaps the piece most necessary if we wish to construct an urban center that is truly livable. The County estimates that the grid of streets will cost approximately \$444 million dollars over the next 20 years. The development community will also be asked to pay for some portion of the Tysons-wide road projects the County has identified, items like widening roads within Tysons or creating ramps on and off of the Dulles Toll Road. If that cost is too high, or the incentives not great enough, Tysons could fail, but if the Board found the right mix, as we hope, then we will begin a new era of economic development and the creation of an urban, transit and pedestrian-focused community.

Stay tuned to future issues of the Beacon for information on the infrastructure projects and their cost. In the meantime, I will continue to push for more development near transit and for new transportation initiatives to meet our growing needs.

INTERNET SAFETY 101: PROTECTING CHILDREN WHILE THEY SURF THE WEB

On June 10th, Supervisor Cook and Supervisor Pat Herrity of the Springfield District hosted a very informative meeting at Woodson High School addressing the issue of internet safety. We hear on a daily basis how people are stalked, are overwhelmed with unnecessary spam or have their identities stolen.

The guest speakers for this event were Donna Rice-Hughes from *Enough is Enough* (EIE) and Detective Joe Sorrentino of the Fairfax County Police Department. They focused on the dangers that our children face while on the internet, and what, we as parents and guardians can do to ensure their safety.

The evening started with opening comments by Supervisors Cook and Herrity and then was turned over to Donna Rice-Hughes. Donna's organization, EIE, emerged in 1994 as the national leader on the front lines to make the Internet safer for children and families. Since then, EIE has pioneered and led the effort to confront online pornography, child pornography, child stalking and sexual predation with innovative initiatives and effective communications.

She shared with the audience an overview of EIE's Internet 101 DVD series which

is a "must see" for anyone who is raising children. Some of the content was quite eye-opening, as the audience saw just how easy it is for our youngsters to stumble on pornographic content or to be cyber bullied or stalked. For more information about this series, visit www.enough.org.

Detective Sorrentino from the Criminal Investigations Bureau, Child Exploitation Unit followed, and shared some real world scenarios that have occurred here in our own backyard. It's important to remember that these types of crimes can happen to anyone and in any neighborhood. Sometimes the biggest hurdle we face is the attitude: "This could never happen to my kids. They're so good". We also think that we are correctly safeguarded by our internet filters and programs. Sometimes this is true, but most families are not.

The program ended with a Q&A session for all the participants. There were a lot of good questions raised and information shared.

If you'd like more information about this town hall, contact Lindsey Smith at 703-425-9300 or by email Lindsey.smith2@fairfaxcounty.gov. Let's all do whatever we can to protect our youth from this ever-present danger.

ZONING TIP OF THE MONTH: PARKING VIOLATIONS

Our office has received several calls on the topic of how to report parking violations. According to Lt. Randy Joyce, Assistant Commander, West Springfield District Station, citizens should not contact the district stations to report parking violations that are in-progress. Instead, the best way to report any parking violation is to contact the police communications center via the non-emergency phone number, 703-691-2131. Once reported, an officer will be dispatched to handle the parking violation.

You can also call the Parking Enforcement Section at 703-280-0636. However, they are better equipped to handle long term issues, non-immediate violations or those violations that occur on private property. The Parking Enforcement Section is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and they do not dispatch from that office.

For those of you with web access, Fairfax County has a great site that explains parking restrictions. Please visit: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/parking_restrictions.htm.

If you do not have web access, please call our office at 703-425-9300 and we will be happy to answer parking related questions for you.

BRADDOCK NIGHTS SUMMER CONCERT SERIES ROLLING STRONG

This series of free musical performances held throughout the summer presents a wide array of artists, from classical to bluegrass and everything in between. The events take place every Friday evening from June 4 to August 27 at Royal Lake and Lake Accotink Park, beginning at 7:30 p.m. A full list of performances and more information on the 2010 Braddock Nights Summer Concerts can be found on



Supervisor Cook's website (http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/pdfs/bn_flyer.pdf).

If the weather looks threatening and you think it may result in a cancelled performance, you can call the office at 703-425-9300 until 5:00 p.m. on the day of the concert or the county hotline at 703-324-SHOW (4796). We are always looking for volunteers to help staff the events, so if you are interested please contact Lindsey Smith at 703-425-9300.

Braddock Nights is an outstanding tradition that allows our community to come together and celebrate with each other an evening of entertainment and fellowship. It is a fantastic series that truly help strengthen our neighborhood spirit. The atmosphere is informal and with free entertainment for the whole family, this is a great year for folks to make their first trip or their sixteenth. This summer Braddock Nights are the place to be and we look forward to seeing you there!

OBEY THE SPEED LIMIT WHILE DRIVING THROUGH BRADDOCK

We are all busy and often in a hurry. However, speeding and reckless driving are a danger both to ourselves and others. Especially in the summer, when school is out and more people - notably children - are out walking around, we need to be careful while driving so as not to endanger pedestrians.

After citizens complained of unsafe conditions on some streets due to speeding drivers, Fairfax County police, at Supervisor Cook's request, conducted two enhanced speed enforcement efforts. These involved assigning several squad cars in teams to a designated place for a period of a few days. The squads worked together to identify,

flag down, and ticket speeding drivers.

It was a great success. Our first effort, organized during the month of April on Olley Lane near Little River Turnpike, yielded 54 speeding tickets. Our second, from May 17-21 on Wakefield Chapel Road, yielded 49 speeding tickets. Initial reports are that drivers slowed down after these enhanced enforcement efforts. We will continue to monitor these streets, with citizen help, to see if the slower speeds remain.

Captain Ferguson of the West Springfield police district and Paul Anderson, the VDOT Liason for the Fairfax County Police, remain committed to working with

us to slow down speeding drivers. We will continue to conduct random, enhanced enforcement efforts at locations identified by citizens as unsafe due to speeding drivers. Those who speed and are caught will be ticketed. Enhanced enforcement efforts could occur at any place and any time, and will never be announced in advance.

Enhanced speed enforcement is for our safety. We don't need any more tragedies on our roads. So, slow down, enjoy the scenery, don't get ticketed, and be a part of our Braddock-wide effort to keep our neighborhoods safe.

HELP US RECOGNIZE THE BEST OF BRADDOCK AWARD WINNERS - COME ON OUT TO THE ANNUAL BRADDOCK PICNIC

It's time again for the Annual Braddock Picnic and the awarding of the one and only BOB Awards! Sponsored by the Braddock District Council (BDC) and Supervisor Cook, the picnic will be held Tuesday, July 13th from 6-8 p.m. at Braddock Hall in the Kings Park Library, 9002 Burke Lake Road.

Please come join us to celebrate those in our community who work so hard to make the Braddock District a better place to live. As a community service, the BDC will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Annandale Neighborhood Food Site. Please bring along an item to share with those in need.

The Best of Braddock Awards for 2010 go to:

Citizen of the Year
Duane Murphy

Club or Organization Making a Difference
Burke/West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls

Most Can-Do Public Employees
Local: Neighborhood College Team for the 2010 Sessions

Federal: Mike McMahon, National Park Service

Young Person of the Year
Kelsey Rose, West Springfield High School

Melissa Sbrocco, Robinson Secondary School

Special Achievement Award
Tommy Salvi, Canterbury Woods Elementary School

Outstanding Business Persons
Jules and Nicky Verster, previous owners Great Harvest Bread

Neighborhood Enhancement or Beautification, Homeowner
Fernando Restropo, Wakefield Chapel Road

Neighborhood Enhancement or Beautification, Civic Association
Mike Walsh, Woodwalk HOA Landscaping Committee Chair

Congratulations to you all!

CELEBRATING LAUREL RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S 40 YEARS IN THE COMMUNITY

To be recognized for their ceaseless dedication to our children, Supervisor Cook asked his colleagues to invite representatives from Laurel Ridge Elementary School to come before the Board of Supervisors on June 22, 2010.

For 40 years now, Laurel Ridge has been serving the Kings Park West community, preparing youth for future success in life and acting as a model for excellence in the Fairfax County Public School system. It truly is one of Braddock's great treasures.



NORTHERN VIRGINIA SENIOR OLYMPICS TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 18TH TO THE 29TH

Sponsored by the Northern Virginia Senior Olympic Committee and co-sponsored by Northern Virginia Recreation and Parks Departments, the Northern Virginia Senior Olympic Program is held annually in Northern Virginia.

Over 25 events will take place during the 10 day competition at various venues throughout the region. Participants must be 50 years old by Dec. 31 and live in one of the sponsoring jurisdictions: cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church, counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun and Prince William.

Things to Know for the 2010 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics

- Fee Structure: \$10 registration fee (includes one event), \$1 per additional event
- 9/18—Welcome & Indoor Track Events, free Health Fair, Traveling Bicycle Museum, Thomas Jefferson Community Center, Arlington
- 9/25—Field Events, Wakefield High School, Arlington
- NEW Events: Bocce, Fencing
- Hotline Number: (703) 228-3600, ext. 9996
- NVSO Website: www.nvso.us

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES DUE OCTOBER 5TH, AVOID THE LINE, PAY ONLINE!

The 2010 personal property tax bills are being mailed to Fairfax County residents this summer, with payment due by October 5. This year your bill includes a new vehicle registration fee, effective July 1. More information on personal property taxes can be found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta or call 703-222-8234, TTY 703-222-7594.

Note - There is no vehicle decal, unless you are a resident (corporate limits only) of Clifton and Herndon and then you are required to purchase a decal from your town. Town of Vienna residents need to pay a vehicle license fee. Contact your respective town for more information.

There are many convenient ways to pay your personal property taxes:

Online

Go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta and click on Pay Car Taxes.

In Person – (Long lines are possible close to the Oct. 5 deadline.)

Pay in person at the Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 223, Fairfax, VA 22035, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (open until 6:30 p.m. Thursdays). Pay by mail or online to avoid the line.

Pay With Cash

You can pay with cash at Global Express Financial Centers in Shoppers Food Warehouse locations throughout Fairfax County. For additional locations call 800-989-6669, option 3 then option 4. You must have your bill and pay the exact amount due. A \$1.25 processing fee will be charged

by Global Express per transaction.

At Banks

Pay by check or cash (not credit card) at any of the following Fairfax County bank branches: Bank of America, Sun Trust and Wachovia. You must have your bill and pay the exact amount due.

Electronic Check

Access www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta and pay by electronic check. Provide information from your check and your bank account will be automatically debited.

Credit Card

Call 703-222-6740, TTY 711, to pay by telephone or go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta to pay online. A processing fee is charged for credit card payments.

By Mail

Detach the bottom of your bill and send in the full amount by check written to County of Fairfax. Do not send correspondence with your bill. Send an e-mail to wwwdta@fairfaxcounty.gov, or write to DTA 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 223, Fairfax, VA 22035.

Tax Relief is Available

Tax relief is available to residents age 65 and older, or individuals who are totally and permanently disabled. You may qualify for relief from some taxes based on income and assets, excluding the home and up to one acre of land. For more information go to http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/taxrelief_faq.htm or call 703-222-8234, TTY 703-222-7594.

BRADDOCK NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS: HOW TO PREPARE YOURSELF AND YOUR COMMUNITY FOR AN EMERGENCY

On this month's edition of BNN, Supervisor Cook invited Dave McKernan, Director of the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management, and Jeanne Sanders, Executive Director of Volunteer Fairfax, to discuss emergency management planning in Fairfax County and how we can each plan to protect ourselves as well as our families and neighbors in the event of a potential emergency.

Events from the past decade, the 9/11

attacks, hurricanes and the impact of heavy snowfalls, have heightened awareness by Fairfax County residents to the importance of planning ahead for potential emergencies.

While our government can play a vital role in preparing the community for emergencies and assisting those in need, many emergencies can overwhelm the capabilities of our government.

When an unforeseen emergency strikes, our own preparation is vitally important.

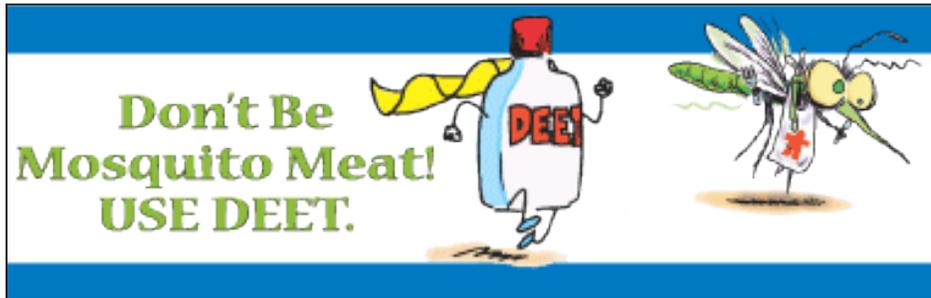
We are better able to protect ourselves, our families and our neighbors when we know what to do, where to go and how to help.

To learn more, please tune in to BNN on Fridays and Sundays at 5 p.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. on Channel 16. You can also watch a streaming video of the show by visiting http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/asx/supervisor_cook.asx.

FIGHT THE BITE: PROTECT YOURSELF FROM MOSQUITOES THIS SUMMER

West Nile Virus is spread through the bite of an infected Mosquito. In some people, West Nile Virus will produce no symptoms, while others may experience fever, fatigue, headache, or swollen lymph glands. A few may experience serious complications, such as a stiff neck, severe headache, change in mental status, paralysis, seizures or even death. The best way to protect yourself from West Nile Virus is to prevent mosquito bites. Apply insect repellent containing DEET, wear light-colored, long sleeved shirts and pants, and eliminate mosquito breeding sites by removing sources of standing water from around your house.

Fairfax County address this issue through its Disease Carrying Insects Program



(DCIP). Established in 2003 to monitor and control West Nile virus (WNV), DCIP has since expanded to include ticks and tick-borne diseases. The mission of the DCIP is threefold: vector and disease surveillance, vector management and community outreach activities. For more information on the County's DCIP program please visit: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/westnile/>

To help you combat mosquitoes this summer, in the Braddock Office we have MosquitoDunks, which float on water and will kill mosquito larvae for 30 days or longer. While floating, they slowly release a long-term, biological mosquito larvicide that gradually settles in the water where it is eaten by the mosquito larvae. These are great to use in bird baths, flower pots, water gardens, rain barrels or roof gutters. So stop by the office and pick up a pack.

BRADDOCK NIGHTS AT OSSIAN HALL WINS NATIONAL AWARD

The National Association of Counties (NACo) Arts and Culture Commission recently named Fairfax County as the recipient of its 2010 Arts and Culture Award for the Braddock Nights series at Ossian Hall. Entitled "Explore the World in Your Community," the series at Ossian Hall, which featured a variety of performances by cultural groups, was awarded as part of a program to recognize counties that utilize the arts and cultural activities to address quality of life and societal problems in their neighborhoods.

Set in Fairfax County's highly diverse Annandale neighborhoods, the "Explore the World in Your Community" Braddock Nights series at Ossian Hall relied on partnerships and community resources to plan, fund and present summer festivals, each with a different ethnic theme, featuring music, dance, traditional crafts and native foods. The international performance series used arts and culture to address two problems facing the neighborhood: how to turn a potential gang hotspot into a community asset and how to engender a sense of park ownership in residents from other countries who are new to Fairfax County.

The success of the "Explore the World in Your Community" series was due to a partnership between the Park Authority, business leaders who funded the program, and Supervisors Bulova and Cook, who raised the private funding, and with the help of volunteers staffed the events.

MICHAEL LONGHI NAMED AUDITOR TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

After twelve years of outstanding service to Fairfax County, John Adair recently retired from the position of Auditor to the Board of Supervisors. After a nationwide search for his replacement, the Board of Supervisors appointed Michael Longhi to this position, effective July 12, 2010. Mr. Longhi is currently serving as the Deputy Treasurer in the office of the Arlington County Treasurer.

In Fairfax County, the Auditor to the Board of Supervisors provides the Board with an independent method of assuring that policies, programs and financial resources authorized by the Board are being used consistent with the Board's intent, and is consistent with all appropriate statutes, ordinances and directives. The Auditor to the Board is one of only three County employees who are hired directly by the Board of Supervisors. The other two are the County Executive and the County Attorney.

The Auditor plans, designs and conducts audits, surveys, evaluations and investigations of County agencies as assigned by the Board of Supervisors or the Audit Committee acting on behalf of the Board of Supervisors. For each audit it conducts, the agency focuses primarily on the County's Corporate Stewardship. The agency does this by developing, whenever possible, information during its audits that can be used to increase County revenues or reduce County expenditures.

The Auditor to the Board works directly with the Board's Audit Committee which includes four Board members and two private citizens. The Audit Committee is itself charged with identifying inefficiencies, waste and duplication in County programs, and proposes actions to the Board and County management to correct problems.

During deliberations on the FY 2011 budget, Board members reduced their individual office budgets and directed that those savings fund an additional position on the staff of the Auditor to the Board.

BRADDOCK DISTRICT LAND USE UPDATE: BUS PARKING LOT, BRYCE ESTATES AND TWO PROPOSED CELL TOWERS

In early June, Fairfax County Public Schools filed a 2232 Application with Fairfax County to construct a bus parking lot on a 1.70 acre parcel at the corner of Pickett Road and Little River Turnpike adjacent to **Woodson High School**. According to the application, which has not yet been formally accepted by the County, the lot would house vehicles that serve existing schools in the area and are currently parked on a site owned by Fairfax City. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on this application on October 28, 2010. The Planning Commission will make their final decision on this application after the hearing.

On June 15, Supervisor Cook hosted a community meeting to discuss a proposal by Christopher Land LLC to place 10 homes on the 3.4 acre parcel known as **Bryce Estates** on Burke Lake Road at its intersection with Shiplett Boulevard.

Residents raised concerns about current transportation problems in this area, and asked the applicant to work on possible improvements. Issues of buffering adjacent homes and the intensity of the project were also raised. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on this project on September 30 at 8:00 p.m. A formal staff report will be published on September 15 and copies will be available in the Braddock District office for review.

As was reported in last month's *Braddock Beacon*, T-Mobile and Milestone Communications have proposed a new cell tower at **Washington Irving Middle School** on Old Keene Mill Road. Although the applicant flew a balloon at the proposed height of 115 feet in June, they have been requested to repeat that effort on **July 10 between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.** Citizens who wish to view the location and height of this pole are invited to be present.

The Braddock Office has recently been notified that ATT Wireless has proposed that the Park Authority allow an application to be filed with the County to switch out an existing 50 foot light pole at Howery Field off Braddock Road and replace it with a new light that would hold a 30 foot extension for a cell tower. Before that application can go forward, it must be considered internally by the Park Authority Board.

Site Plans are being actively pursued by the 7-Eleven Corporation to construct a new store on Rolling Road at Traford Lane (24637-SP-001-3) and by Medical Facilities of America to complete a 34,000 square foot addition to the Burke Health and Rehabilitation Center on Burke Centre Parkway (25011-SP-001-2). Both applications are being evaluated by the county staff and are available in this office for review.

COMMISSION FOR WOMEN SEEKS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

The Fairfax County Commission for Women is seeking a college student interested in serving as a non voting member of the Commission from September 2010 through May 2012. The student will aid the Commission in gaining perspective on issues facing young women. Applications are being accepted now – must be postmarked no later than July 31, 2010. Information about the Fairfax County Commission for Women is available at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cfw/>

INPUT SOUGHT FOR POHICK CREEK WATERSHED PLAN

A community forum will be held on Tuesday, July 27, 2010 to review the Draft Pohick Creek Watershed Plan. This forum is open to all residents, and will be held in the Sangster Elementary School cafeteria (7400 Reservation Drive, Springfield, VA 22153). Registration is from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The meeting is from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and will include an introduction to the watershed planning process and the draft plan document. Participants will be asked to provide their feedback and comments on the plan and on projects that are proposed for Pohick Creek.

Watershed plans are important tools for improving the water resources, natural habitat and overall health of each of the county's 30 watersheds. The Pohick plan was initiated by Fairfax County with participation from local residents and is

part of an ongoing watershed planning effort. It is a recognition that the practice of stormwater/watershed management has rapidly evolved to include newer technologies, innovative techniques and many regulatory changes governing water quality at the local, state and federal levels. This plan is intended as a management tool to be used over the next 25 years, and fulfills Fairfax County's commitment to the effort of improving water quality in the Chesapeake Bay. Projects costs over the next decade could reach \$46 million.

Pohick Creek originates near the George Mason University campus and its headwaters primarily drain the Burke area. The Pohick Creek watershed makes up more than 9 percent of Fairfax County and covers more than 36 square miles, which makes it one of the largest watersheds in

the County. The watershed contains two other major tributaries, Middle Run and South Run, which flow from northwest to southeast. This watershed ultimately drains into Pohick Bay and Gunston Cove before reaching the Potomac River.

A copy of the draft plan is available in the Braddock District office or can be accessed at the following site:

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/watersheds/pohickcreek_docs.htm

Supervisor Cook looks forward to receiving your comments on this important effort. Any civic or homeowner association interested in having a presentation on this draft plan or in obtaining a CD with the full plan should contact Danielle.Wynn@fairfaxcounty.gov Public comment period closes 30 days after the public meeting.