



the BRADDOCK BEACON

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SUPERVISOR COOK SET TO LAUNCH CITIZEN GOVERNANCE INITIATIVE

As a follow-on to my Community Engagement Initiative (CEI), I intend to launch a "Citizen Governance" Initiative. The CEI is about empowering individuals to work together to improve their own neighborhoods. In this model, government facilitates change, but does not impose it. As citizens become more involved they eventually begin to influence public policy. This leads to my next step as Supervisor, corralling that active citizen involvement into ongoing county policymaking. The Citizen Governance Initiative will take several forms:

(a) We will strengthen the existing Braddock District Council (BDC) to better serve the current needs of our homeowner and civic associations.

(b) We will form a Land Use Committee, similar to those found in other magisterial districts, to study development, environmental protection and zoning issues. Though Braddock District traditionally has not had many land use cases as it is overwhelmingly residential, that has changed with redistricting as Fairfax Corner and several apartment and condominium complexes in the Monument Drive area have been added. The Land Use Committee would make recommendations to me and to the Planning Commissioner on all land use matters in the District. In addition, County compliance with new EPA stormwater regulations may require voluntary or mandatory changes in land use, meaning more erosion control and stormwater retention mandates in the future.

(c) We should expand citizen opportunities to engage in real efforts to affect policy. My citizens' budget committee has already had a positive effect on County government. Its recommendation last year for a greater role for the auditor to the Board of Supervisors

led to the addition of an assistant auditor to that office, paid for by reductions in staff allotments to individual supervisors. Our budget committee needs greater participation and other areas of county policy need citizen input as well – we should consider citizen committees on education, the aging and transportation.

Formation of the Citizen Governance structure will follow the theme of citizen involvement. It is not for me, or any Supervisor, to design. It is for the citizens. Therefore, I will hold a visioning conference for citizen participation in the design of these new initiatives. In a normal year, I would convene this conference in the Fall, but given that it is an election year, I believe an initiative of this magnitude should await the choice of the people this November. Consequently, I am aiming toward a February conference. However, work has already started. Last month I briefed the BDC Board of Directors on this idea and asked them to begin considering this initiative and the future role of the BDC.

Braddock District is large – consisting of 120,000 people, two universities, many small and large businesses, lakes and streams, Lake Accotink Park and many smaller parks, and many public and private schools. It is home to several major roadways and a VRE rail station. County policies should not be made in a vacuum, or behind closed doors, only to be announced to citizens after decisions have been made. I am calling on our Braddock citizens, now engaged in their communities, to step up and get engaged in their county government. If you have ideas that should become a part of the discussion or thoughts on structure, please let me know.



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@fairfax-county.gov with your information.

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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>

REMINDER: ZION DRIVE WILL CLOSE THIS MONTH!

Fairfax County's long awaited project to realign Zion Drive from Windsor Hills Drive to Grovewood Way will begin this month. Dominion Power has already completed the relocation of utilities and a contractor, Omni Excavators, Inc., has been selected. This \$1.02 million project was funded with money approved by the voters in the 2007 Fairfax Transportation Bond. The project will eliminate the dangerous curve in the road that has been the cause of many accidents. It also includes the installation of a dedicated pedestrian walkway, curb, gutter and storm drainage improvements.

To accelerate construction that would otherwise disrupt traffic for many months, the County plans to close the portion of Zion Drive between Jib Lane and Windsor Hills Drive to thru traffic between the close of Fairfax County Public Schools for the summer (on or about June 21) and reopen the road to thru traffic prior to the reopening of school (on or before September 6). Access will be provided to residents on Zion Drive, the residential communities accessed by Zion Drive, the Greater Little Zion Baptist Church and the Pinn Community Center. At this time, the proposed detour is as follows: Westbound traffic from Guinea Road to Zion will be detoured to Roberts Road and eastbound traffic on Zion (i.e. coming from Ox Road) will be detoured to Roberts Road and Guinea Road. A link to the project and the detour can be found at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/ziondrive.htm>

AN UPDATE ON BRADDOCK DISTRICT LAND USE ITEMS

Trinity Christian School

Reminder! Community Meeting on proposed revisions to the Special Exception Amendment for Trinity Christian School (SEA-96-B-010-02) is **scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on June 9 in the school's gymnasium.** Staff will be on site to direct participants to the building. A public hearing before the Planning Commission is currently scheduled for July 21. The County staff coordinator for this project is St. Clair Williams who can be reached at 703-324-1290 or StClair.Williams@fairfaxcounty.gov

Commonwealth Swim Club

Update! Public Hearing before the Planning Commission for the proposed telecommunications tower for Commonwealth Swim Club (SE2009-BR-020) has now been scheduled for **July 20 at 8:15 p.m.** before the Planning Commission. The staff coordinator for this project is Miriam Bader who can be reached at 703-324-1290 or Miriam.Bader@fairfaxcounty.gov

Steamboat Landing

The site plan for this three house project was approved on May 27 and has gone to the Bonds and Agreements Division for final processing.

Song Subdivision

Although all interested neighbors were notified directly by mail, consideration of this proposed rezoning has now been suspended indefinitely due to a court case that restricts the County's ability to approve lot width exceptions.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING ON WAKEFIELD CHAPEL ROAD SIGNAL AT NVCC SCHEDULED JUNE FOR 13

At the regularly scheduled quarterly NVCC/Community Forum on May 19, the College announced its intention to fund a new traffic signal at the intersection of Wakefield Chapel Road and Chapel Drive. This signal will allow traffic from the parking lot and the parking garage to safely access Wakefield Chapel Road. In response to a request from a citizen, VDOT had determined that a signal was warranted at this location in late 2008. Although preliminary meetings were held to look at where such a signal could possibly be installed in 2009, no funding (estimated to be approximately \$250-300,000) was available and the project was suspended in March of 2010. Until last month, the County was unaware that the signal was in the process of design and was not notified by the College that it had secured a funding source.

Because the impact of any new signal on adjoining neighborhoods has always been a concern, a meeting with the community has been scheduled in Braddock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Road on June 13, 2010 at 7:30 pm to discuss signal timing, configuration and engineering.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING ON DANBURY FOREST DRIVE/WAKEFIELD CHAPEL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

On Thursday, June 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Braddock Hall, Supervisor Cook will be hosting a meeting to discuss potential short-term and long-term upgrades to mitigate traffic along this intersection. This meeting is a product of Supervisor Cook's call to study this intersection and comes after much work by County staff and a consultant team.

Earlier this year, VDOT added signs and markings at the intersection of Danbury Forest and Braddock Road to warn drivers not to block the intersection, a first of many steps toward improving this intersection.

SAVE THE DATE: TOWN HALL ON FUTURE VRE SERVICE IN BURKE

On Monday, July 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Commons Community Center, Supervisor Cook will be hosting a meeting to discuss the future of VRE and Transit service in the Burke Area. This meeting is held prior to the VRE Board's Retreat and will feature presentations from VRE and County Staff as well as Supervisor Cook and Chairman Bulova.

Topics will include VRE, future bus service from Burke Centre to Tysons Corner and a potential shuttle to George Mason University.

SUPERVISOR COOK IN THE COMMUNITY

On May 3rd, Supervisor Cook held the first meeting of the Fairfax County - Fairfax City Interjurisdictional Committee, which he chairs. Topics included George Mason University and its proposed west campus connector road.

On May 6th, Supervisor Cook attended the Little Run Civic Association Meeting at Canterbury Woods Elementary school where he spoke on and answered questions about pending issues in Braddock and Fairfax County.

On May 7th, Supervisor Cook hosted another in his series of Leadership Institutes as part of his greater Community Engagement Initiative. The topic for this one was the Environment and was enthusiastically attended.

On May 10th, before the regularly scheduled Board of Supervisor's meeting, Supervisor Cook attended a breakfast at the Waterford at Fair Oaks which was hosted by FACETS. After the Board Meeting, Supervisor Cook stopped by the Bristow Village HOA meeting which was held at Braddock Elementary School.

On May 11th, Supervisor Cook attended the monthly meeting of the Braddock District Council at Braddock Hall.

On May 12th, Supervisor Cook attended a trio of Association meetings in the evening. First up was the Burke Village HOA meeting in the Kings Park Library meeting room, followed up by the Canterbury Woods HOA meeting at Braddock Hall and then rounded out with the Burke Centre Conservancy annual meeting which was held at the Woods Community Center.

On May 17th, Supervisor Cook was present for a ceremony at the Massey Building which honored members of the Fairfax County Police Department who have lost their lives while on duty.

On May 18th, Supervisor Cook attended another Association meeting, this time the Woodhirst HOA meeting which was here at Braddock Hall.

On May 21st, Supervisor Cook started out his day by attending the North Springfield Civic Association Community Social which was held at the North Springfield pool. Later on he stopped by the Fairfax Ridge Community Cleanup and Outreach which was held in the neighborhood.

On May 21st, Supervisor Cook was honored to attend a service at Pilgrim Community Church and then visit with some of the members of the congregation and view first-hand, the parking and traffic issues faced by the church.

On May 28th, Supervisor Cook hosted the Braddock Bike Day at Lake Braddock Secondary School. The event was well attended by children

and adults who took advantage of all the info and services that were offered. An article from the Burke Connection can be found here <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/article.asp?article=351305&paper=61&cat=104>.



On May 30th, Supervisor Cook attended two Memorial Day Ceremonies which honored our fallen service members who gave their last full measure of devotion to ensure our country's freedom. First, he was at the Fairfax War Memorial for a ceremony that was put on by the American Legion Post 177 and VFW Post 8469.



Here is a Connection article that highlights the event <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/article.asp?article=351289&paper=63&cat=104>. Afterwards he attended the Burke Centre Ceremony which was held on the Conservancy grounds. It was a touching event and was covered by the Patch <http://burke.patch.com/articles/burke-vfw-commemorates-memorial-day>.

REMEMBER, PARENTS WHO HOST, LOSE THE MOST

June is traditionally a time of great celebration for high school seniors, as well as their families and friends. Now that prom season is underway and graduation is fast approaching, it is essential for teens and their parents alike to keep in mind the importance of having fun and celebrating their achievements in a safe and responsible way. In light of this, Supervisor Cook would like to reiterate his support of the “Parents Who Host Lose the Most: Don’t be a party to teenage drinking” message.

Parents planning on hosting an event should take care to ensure that they are providing an alcohol and drug-free environment for underage guests. Make sure that you know who is on the guest list and monitor the celebration to ensure that there are no unwelcome visitors and that all attendees are behaving in a safe way.



Taken during the May 10, 2011 Board meeting as the Board designated May as Parents Who Host Lose the Most Month

Keeping a good supply of food and plenty of non-alcoholic beverages is essential, as is planning activities ahead of time to keep everyone engaged. If you are going out of town, please make sure to set and communicate rules and standards to be followed in your absence and ask a neighbor or family member to check up on your teen to make sure that no unsupervised parties or gatherings are taking place. If your child is attending a party, make sure that you know where he or she will be and call the host parents ahead of time to verify the location and the presence of adult supervision at the event. Set a curfew for your teen to be home and stress the importance of never accepting a ride from anyone under the influence of alcohol or drugs and make it clear that you will pick up your teen if he or she is in a dangerous situation.

To make this season safe, law enforcement officials will increase their monitoring to make sure that illegal parties aren't taking place, and your vigilance is requested to stop these events from allowing teens to put themselves in hazardous situations. If you have reason to believe that underage teens are being served alcohol at an event, please do not hesitate to contact your local police department.

IMPORTANT COMMUNITY EVENTS AND UPDATES IN THE BRADDOCK DISTRICT

High School, College Graduations Will Impact Traffic

Springtime in Fairfax County means graduations. Because George Mason University, Northern Virginia Community College and high schools from throughout the area use the Patriot Center facilities for graduation ceremonies, the Braddock District gets a lot of extra traffic throughout the months of May and June.

You can find the high school graduations scheduled for the Patriot Center at the following link: http://communityrelations.gmu.edu/high_school_graduations.html. You can find a list of all Fairfax County high school graduations at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/grad.htm>. This second link is important because at the same time graduations will be taking place at the Patriot Center, ceremonies will also be taking place at Robinson Secondary School on June 16, 17 and 20. This will probably cause additional traffic headaches for those of you who live in that area, so please try to plan accordingly.

Coffee Connections Coming Soon

As part of his ongoing Community Engagement Initiative, Supervisor Cook is pleased to announce “Coffee Connections”! As you may recall, this past fall Supervisor Cook hosted a Town Hall which focused on improving connections between our neighbors with disabilities and the community at large. Starting this May, in partnership with Saxby’s coffee, Specially Adapted Resource Centers, and Fairfax County’s Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, Disability Services Planning and Development, that connection is being strengthened through this unique program called “Coffee Connections”.

“Coffee Connections” is a social opportunity for residents with disabilities to learn about events that they can be a part of within the larger community. Our first “Coffee Connections” will host a member of the Fairfax County Park Authority who will discuss opportunities related to the upcoming Braddock Night’s concert series.

This new program will begin on June 10 at 7 p.m. in the Kings Park Library. We already have a dozen people waiting to participate. Supervisor Cook would especially like to thank Braddock District residents Donna Goldbranson and Mark O’Meara for their generous support. For more information please contact Evan Braff at 703.324.5650 or Lindsey Smith at 703-425-9300.

Help Design New Addition to Wakefield Skate Park

The Fairfax County Park Authority is in the beginning stages of developing an addition to the Wakefield Skate Park. They will be hosting a community input / skate park design meeting June 16, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Audrey Moore RECenter (8100 Braddock Road, Annandale). A representative from Spohn Ranch Skateparks, a professional skate park design / build firm, will be present, so please come join the Park Authority so that they can obtain your input and ensure that the skate park built will be what you want.

SUPERVISOR COOK ANNOUNCES FAIRFAX COUNTY WILL ACQUIRE CLOSED KINGS WEST SWIM CLUB FOR STORM-WATER MANAGEMENT AND PARK USE

**Process Underway to Convert Land from Vacant Pool to a Park*

**Step 1: DPWES scheduled to begin demolition and restoration in fiscal year 2012*

As many of you may know, the Kings West Swim Club located off of Tapestry Drive has been closed for about five years, having suffered from declining membership. The abandoned pool has been a safety concern as well as an aesthetic blight on the community. Many efforts to find other uses for the property, including additional homes and a day care center, did not pan out for a host of reasons, but mainly, because the majority of the nine acre parcel lies in a Resource Protection Area (RPA). It is, however, ideal for storm water management and a neighborhood park.

After significant community consultation, Fairfax County has found a solution to this vexing community concern. The Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) Storm Water Management Division and the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) will partner to incorporate the property into the Park Authority's Stream Valley Park Network,

which will provide needed water quality enhancements in the Rabbit Run Branch of the Pohick Creek Stream Valley and protect the sensitive Resource Protection Area.

DPWES will replace the asphalt parking lot and basketball court, the pool house, tennis courts and the pool with landscaping and low impact bio-retention techniques to reduce storm water flows and improve water quality. The path intersecting the property will be realigned from the bridge to Tapestry Drive and the remainder of the property will be reforested. DPWES has put the project on its Fiscal Year 2012 (FY-12) work plan.

The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) has agreed to acquire the property once all impervious surfaces are removed.

The innovative plan is reflective of an increased cooperative effort between FCPA and DPWES regarding storm water runoff in response to Environmental Protection Agency mandated Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) requirements. That program seeks to reduce impervious surfaces and reduce harmful pollutants from flowing directly into local water

bodies. The stream that runs through the Kings West property empties into Royal Lake.

This is a significant achievement for the Braddock District. The Park Authority picks up additional land for the park system, DPWES picks up MS4 credits, and the community is able to pick up additional green space while disposing of a property whose facilities have been closed for years. The removal of the pool and its amenities also removes a potential health hazard, eyesore, and crime magnet. Additionally, the plan avoids potential financial liability for pool board members, who have served in the best interests of the community and were subject to potential legal obligations.

Supervisor Cook would especially like to thank Anthony Vellucci, his appointed representative to the Park Authority, the Pool Board members for their dedication to the community both before and after the pool closed, and staff members of the FCPA and DPWES for working with his office and the community to convert a community challenge into a community success story.

POSITIVE AGING COALITION SPONSORS LECTURE

On Saturday, June 11 well-known author and Washington Post columnist Abigail Trafford will speak about her book, 'My Time: Making the Most of the Bonus Decades.' Hosted by Fairfax County's Positive Aging Coalition, **the event will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 at the George Mason University Johnson Center Cinema.** Free parking will be available at Sandy Creek and Mason Pond Parking Decks, registration is free, but is required as space is limited. To register, email msouder@gmu.edu.

Formed in 2009, the Positive Aging Coalition helps ensure the wellbeing of community members who are in the process of transitioning from their work careers into their "Next Chapter." This demographic is sometimes called Third Agers, because they have one third of their life left to live after they retire. There are currently well over 250 people who have

joined this movement and are helping to plan what a "Next Chapter" would look like here in Fairfax. Next Chapter projects are community coalitions across the country that are working to help people in the second half of life set a course, connect with peers, and find pathways to meaningful work and significant service.

The Positive Aging Coalition is supported by the Fairfax County's Long Term Care Coordinating Council (LTCCC), the Chesapeake Life Planning Network and George Mason University's Center for Consciousness and Transformation. The Coalition provides opportunities for adults of retirement age to explore personal resources, attitudes, motivation, skills and interests to stay healthy, active and connected to their families, friends. If you'd like to be kept informed of presentations and activities, contact Dorothy.Keenan@fairfaxcounty.gov.

CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENTS HELD THROUGHOUT FAIRFAX COUNTY

Fairfax County continues to play host for many Civil War events during the ongoing sesquicentennial celebrations. Many opportunities to attend lectures, tour sites and participate in events will occur over the summer. To find out more information go to the following website: <http://www.fxva.com/150/events/fairfax-county>. Copies of a brochure identifying important locations during the conflict are available at the Braddock District offices.

June activities include: The Skirmish at Fairfax Courthouse; Fort Marcy: Occupied Virginia; the Battle of Big Bethel; the Reenactment of the 1861 Battle of Vienna, and the 31st Annual Spring Mosby's Confederacy Bus Tour. There is also a film entitled Mosby's Combat operations in Fairfax County, Virginia.

BRADDOCK RESIDENT, SKIP CHAPLES RECOGNIZED FOR HIS SERVICE

Last month, Supervisor Cook had the pleasure of presenting a Fairfax County Community Champion Award at the Volunteer Fairfax awards dinner. Skip Chaples, the founder of a local chapter of Guitars Not Guns, was the deserving recipient. Mr. Chaples started the local branch of the national organization in September 2006 after Aaron Brown, a neighbor and former member of Chaples' Boy Scout troop, was shot and killed outside of an IHOP in February of that year. After Brown's death, Chaples sought to honor the music-loving teenager's memory and address the violence that had ended his life. His efforts resulted in the Aaron Brown Chapter of Guitars Not Guns. What started as a small group of students that met at the Essex House Boys and Girls Club in Alexandria now has 32 teaching locations in Virginia, Maryland, and D.C.



Skip Chaples' efforts to provide children with activities that keep them out of harmful situations and keep musical education alive in a time of severe budget cuts, make him an inspiration to the community. Skip is a resident of North Springfield in the Braddock District where he is on the board of the civic association and continues his work with the boy scouts.

CHARLIE AND DOTTIE DANE NAMED LORD AND LADY FAIRFAX IN BRADDOCK

To say Dottie and Charlie Dane are active members of their community is an understatement. Dottie has served over the years as Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Stone Haven Civic Association (SHCA) and is again serving as President. Charlie previously served as Area Improvement Chair of the SHCA, and still coordinates the association's biennial home tour event to encourage others to remodel and improve their homes and yards.

Their community involvement has extended beyond their immediate neighborhood. Charlie is presently Vice Chair and 8-year member of Fairfax County Commission on Organ and Tissue Donation as Braddock District's representative. He was President for 3 years of National Association of Active & Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) and also served as Treasurer and 1st Vice President. He is a



Taken by Fairfax County Office of Public Affairs during June 7, 2011 Board meeting as the Board honored the Lord and Lady Fairfax award winners. Braddock recipients, Charlie and Dottie Dane are pictured fourth and fifth from the left.

member of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations, was Chair of the Federation's Land Use Committee for 1 year and 1st Vice President for 2 years. For 10 years he has been Chair of the Federation's Education Committee. He has served on several advisory boards for the Fairfax County Public Schools. Dottie is currently the Membership Chair for Braddock District Council and served as recording secretary many years ago. She has been a leader in the local chapter of PEO (Philanthropic Educational Org.), whose mission is to promote educational opportunities for women, and in 2003 established a scholarship which bears her name for her local chapter. She is currently her PEO chapter Scholarship Chair, reviewing applications for the Pell-Dane scholarship given annually to a girl graduating from a Northern Virginia high school. Dottie is the President-elect of the Fairfax Chapter of Quilters Unlimited. They personally make quilts for: Quilts of Valor for injured servicemen/women, Habitat for Humanity's new residents, the Ronald McDonald House at Fairfax Hospital, NOVECO and Bethany House, and Project Linus for critically ill children. Oh, and she is still actively selling real estate.

The tradition of honoring the Lords and Ladies Fairfax began in 1984 as a way to recognize the accomplishments of the outstanding citizens of Fairfax County. Each member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors selects two people from their district who have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service, heroism or other special accomplishments to receive the award. The Tuesday prior to the opening of Celebrate Fairfax!, the Board of Supervisors along with honored guests enjoy a catered meal provided by Coastal Flats, a Great American Restaurant to publicly honor the Lord and Lady Fairfax Honorees. To date, more than 500 individuals have been named a Lord or Lady Fairfax by their respective member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

THANKS FOR MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE A MAJOR SUCCESS!

On Saturday, May 7, environmental experts and 30 local leaders attended the first ever Braddock District Environmental Leadership Institute. The Leadership Institute was another extension of Supervisor Cook's ongoing Community Engagement Initiative. The overarching goal of this Institute is to have participants take the information they learned back into Braddock communities to help transform them into "Livable Neighborhoods." Special thanks to all the citizens who came out to participate, the great County staff who were able to teach, and our corporate sponsor Verizon.



WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE FROM GEORGE MASON'S SUSTAINABILITY INSTITUTE

The George Mason University Sustainability Institute (MSI) provides sustainability-oriented education and skills development for Mason and its surrounding communities. June and July's Schedule include the following classes:

1) Energy Efficiency at Home: Learn how to save 20 percent or more on energy bills with a very modest investment! The class will cover energy audits; plan reviews, and energy modeling to help homeowners reduce energy use in their homes. The workshop attendees will leave this course with a list of companies offering energy-auditing services and an energy reduction resource list for future reference.

Workshop 1: Wednesday, July 13, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Workshop 2: Saturday, August 6, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

2) Water Conservation Workshop: The water conservation workshop will cover topics on water conservation options for both inside and outside of your home or business. Indoor water conservation will focus on options to help save water in the kitchen, bathroom, and laundry room,

while the outdoor component will cover landscaping and watering options to do the same.

Workshop 1: Saturday, June 25, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Workshop 2: Wednesday, June 29, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

3) Waste Minimization Workshop: Packaging accounts for 64 million tons by weight, or 33 percent of all our garbage. Recycling helps, but reducing and reusing is even better! So come and learn how waste reduction techniques like smart purchasing decisions, reducing, reusing, and recycling waste can help save natural resources, energy, disposal space and cost and minimize pollution risks.

Workshop 1: Wednesday, July 6, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Workshop 2: Saturday, July 16, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Location: Green Acres, 4401 Sideburn Road, Room 113

Fee: \$15

E-mail Danielle Wyman (dwyman@gmu.edu) for registration inquiries.

INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL

Invasive species are, generally, non-native species that cause ecological or economic harm. Because of the ease in which invasives establish in new territory, these plants make terrible neighbors.

They out-compete native species for the same resources, eventually reducing or eliminating the populations of native species. Some invasive species have more complicated effects which have ramifications higher up the food chain, resulting in fewer native birds and wildlife. The third main effect of invasive species is that they have the ability to alter natural functions of communities and ecosystems.

There are well over 300 invasive plant species that have been reported in our area. To learn more or to report seeing invasives on public land go to the following website: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resources/IMA/whatareinvasives.htm>

In June, you can sign up on Wednesdays to assist with removal of invasives from Lake Accotink and Americana Park and on Saturday, June 25 from the Pohick Stream Valley Park.

CALENDAR OF ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF JUNE

Saturday, June 11, Artistic Rain Barrel Benefit Auction: 5 to 7 p.m.

Location: Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Rd, Alexandria, VA

25 beautiful rain barrels decorated by local artists will be auctioned off at a reception to benefit the Northern Virginia Rain Barrel Program. They will be displayed at Green Spring the week before the auction.

Saturday, June 11, 2011, Stream Monitoring Workshop at Accotink Creek: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Location: Lake Accotink Park

Help the Friends of the Accotink monitor their favorite stream at the popular Lake Accotink Park. To RSVP, please contact their volunteer coordinator.

Sunday, June 12, Butterfly Gardening Workshop: 2 p.m.

Location: Hidden Oaks Nature Center, Annadale

Enjoy a presentation by Dr. Dexter Hinckley where you will learn techniques for attracting these garden jewels and area butterfly gardens you can visit.



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY PRESENTS

2011 SUMMER CONCERTS

Friday Evenings, 7:30 p.m. at Royal Lake, Lake Accotink Park
and Sunday Evenings, 7:00 p.m. at Ossian Hall

Performances are **FREE**. Concerts are cancelled if it's raining. If there is a threat of bad weather, call 703.324.SHOW (7469) one hour prior to the start of the show for cancellation updates. These parks are not lighted. For a safe exit after dark, please bring a flashlight.

Go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances for further information.

LAKE ACCOTINK PARK

7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield 22152
Friday Evenings • 7:30-8:30 p.m.

<p>JUNE 3 The Roustabouts (Blues/Fiddle Band)</p> <p>10 City of Fairfax "Concert Band" (Big Band)</p> <p>17 The United States Army Band "Blues Jazz Ensemble" (Jazz)</p> <p>24 MAHALA (Township Jive)</p> <p>JULY 1 Hangover Royale (Rockabilly/Western Swing)</p> <p>8 The Taters (Country/Pop)</p> <p>15 Night Music (Vintage Rock)</p> <p>22 Celtic Marc (Irish/Scottish)</p> <p>29 Billy Coulter (Roots/Rock)</p> <p>AUGUST 5 The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra's Brass Quintet (Classic)</p> <p>12 The United States Navy Band "Commodores" (Jazz)</p> <p>19 Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition (Bluegrass)</p> <p>26 City of Fairfax Band "Alte Kameraden German Band" (German)</p>
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 For accommodations, call Inclusion and ADA Support at 703-324-8563. TTY 703-803-3354

ROYAL LAKE PARK

5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax 22032
Friday Evenings • 7:30-8:30 p.m.

<p>JUNE 3 Natty Beaux (Jump Blues)</p> <p>10 Andrew McKnight & Beyond Borders (Folk)</p> <p>17 Elvis Tribute Band, Jed Deuwall (Rock&Roll)</p> <p>24 Mariachi Los Amigos (Mariachi)</p> <p>JULY 1 Billy Woodward & The Senders (Rockabilly/Vintage R&B)</p> <p>8 Janine Wilson Band (Roots/Rock)</p> <p>15 The Damnells (Roots/Blues)</p> <p>22 Cathy Ponton King (Blues)</p> <p>29 Washington Toho Koto Society (Japanese)</p> <p>AUGUST 5 Trio Caliente (Latin Gypsy Rhumba)</p> <p>12 7: The Capital Focus Jazz Band (Jazz)</p> <p>19 Andrew Acosta String Band (Folk/Bluegrass)</p> <p>26 No Second Troy (Indie/Pop/Rock)</p>
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The Damnells

OSSIAN HALL

7900 Heritage Drive and Four Year Run, Annandale 22003
Sunday Evenings • 7:00 p.m. Movies start at dark.

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Welcome to our summer 2011 season! This series of free musical performances held throughout the summer presents a wide array of performances from classical to bluegrass and everything in between. The atmosphere is informal and you're encouraged to bring a picnic dinner, blankets and lawn chairs and relax with friends and family to celebrate the end of the workweek. Volunteers are always welcome! If you have an interest in music or just enjoy being with people, we'd love to have your help. For more information, please contact my office at 703-425-9300. I look forward to seeing you this summer.

John C. Cook
Braddock District Supervisor

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