



# the BRADDOCK BEACON

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## SUCCESS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL BOARDING HOUSES

When I took office, I made closing down illegal boarding houses and enforcing zoning restrictions a centerpiece of my efforts to strengthen our neighborhoods. Over the last year, Fairfax County has made significant progress in this effort.

During 2009, the Code Enforcement Division of the Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ) closed a total of 574 cases in Braddock District, including 146 cases resulting from reports of multiple occupancy (boarding house) violations. Both the number of closed cases and the number of zoning complaints are down, showing the effort's success. In 2008, DPZ received 892 complaints. This year 733 complaints were filed, including 187 new cases resulting from reports of multiple occupancy violations. Overall that's a decrease of 159 complaints.

Additionally, since last May, the Fairfax County Code Enforcement Strike Team, which was commissioned to focus specifically on the health and safety issues surrounding illegal boarding houses, closed 19 cases in Braddock District, for a total of 52 cases since its inception in 2007. Countywide, the team has closed 570 cases since 2007. A "closed" case is one in which either the violation was stopped or staff determined there was no violation.

County staff attributes these successes to three factors. One is the economy. Many owners of illegal boarding houses have been forced out of business by the bad economy. A second is that the County's legal enforcement efforts are beginning to bear fruit. Legal processes take time, so many cases filed in 2007 and 2008 are beginning

to be closed now. The recent criminal prosecution of what the Washington Post called the McMansion Mortgage Fraud Scam is a prime example of the County's legal success. A third reason for continued results in the fight against illegal boarding houses and zoning violations is the increased attention given to the issue by me and the Board, and the increased vigilance that this attention brought about in our communities.

Community leaders have followed our lead, and made it clear in their communities that illegal boarding houses will not be tolerated. Taken together, these factors have produced significant improvements in our neighborhoods.

In Braddock, most cases are resolved without the need to take violators to court. However, two cases since last May have been referred for civil prosecution, while three cases were egregious enough that the Strike Team reported them to the Commonwealth Attorney's office for criminal prosecution.

Thank you to everyone in the community who is helping enforce our zoning laws by reporting violations through our office and through the county's code enforcement office. Thanks too to the Fairfax County Code Enforcement Strike Force and the Department of Planning and Zoning for their diligence in processing these cases.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Cook".



Supervisor John C. Cook

### NEXT CONSTITUENT DAY SCHEDULED

Monday, May 17, from 6:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m at the Keene Mill Elementary School.

Constituent days provide a great forum to get out and meet Supervisor Cook and get your questions answered in a relaxed setting. Stop by anytime. There is no set program.

Hope to see you there!

### 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 let us know what your project is 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 in Braddock District that may impact you and your neighborhood. Call (703) 425-9300 or email Ann Sharp at [ann.sharp@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:ann.sharp@fairfaxcounty.gov) with your latest information.

## SUPERVISOR COOK IN THE COMMUNITY

On April 9th and 10th, Supervisor Cook was present for two Little League Opening Day Ceremonies. On Friday, Supervisor Cook and Springfield Supervisor Pat Herrity participated in a parade and festivities for the West Springfield Little League, and on Saturday, the Supervisor was honored to throw out the first pitch at the Annandale/North Springfield Little League Opening Day.

On April 12th, Supervisor Cook was present for the graduation ceremony for the first of the Braddock District's Neighborhood College at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church. On April 28th, Supervisor Cook attended the graduation ceremony for the second Neighborhood College which was held here in Braddock Hall.

On April 13th, Supervisor Cook visited the child care center at INOVA Fairfax Hospital and read to some of the Pre-K children there.

On April 19th, Supervisor Cook went to the Cox Communications Headquarters in Herndon to do a taping of its Local Edition TV segment. This segment will air periodically in the future on your local Cox channels and features the Community Engagement Initiative. You can view it at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JBh6ZLFrLio>



On April 21st, the Supervisor was present at the Kings Park Library when the Fairfax County Public Library honored all of the fabulous volunteers who help make our libraries the great place they are.

On April 23rd, Supervisor Cook attended the Community Champions Award Ceremony put on by Volunteer Fairfax. Many wonderful people were honored, including Jeff Root from the Braddock District, who has been involved in a number of projects in the Kings Park West area.

On April 24th, Supervisor Cook attended two important events. First, he was present at Lake Accotink for the celebration of its 50th Anniversary. Afterwards, he attended the Annandale Campus of NVCC for a lively celebration of Earth day. The Supervisor welcomed the participants and honored guests into the Braddock District for this wonderful event.

On Monday, April 26, Supervisor Cook attended the Southport HOA meeting here in Braddock Hall where issues that concern the residents were addressed by the Supervisor. The following evening he attended the annual members meeting for the Kings Park West Civic Association at Robinson Secondary School.

On April 29th, Supervisor Cook began the night at NVCC for the "Light of Hope" Volunteer Appreciation Evening sponsored by Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates. After that, Supervisor Cook went over to Wakefield Forest Elementary School for a Wakefield Chapel Road Transportation Safety Community Meeting. More on this meeting is included in a separate article in the Beacon.

## LOOKING BACK AT FAIRFAX: POW'S IN FAIRFAX AFTER WORLD WAR II

On May 8, 1945, Germany surrendered and the fighting in Europe ended. Many Fairfax residents who had seen German soldiers only in newsreels throughout the war, soon afterward saw them in person. During World War II, approximately 435,000 captured enemy soldiers were held in approximately 660 prisoner of war camps spread throughout forty-six of the forty-eight states.

Of that total, approximately 5,000 were Japanese, 51,000 Italians and the remainder German. In June 1945 German soldiers began to arrive at a POW camp along Route 29 in Fairfax County, near today's Fairfax Government Center. Because of the labor shortage at the time - our soldiers, marines

and sailors were still overseas - the POWs represented an important component of the labor force.

Farmers rented them out by the day, paying the prevailing labor rate of 43 cents per hour to the U. S. Government. For their labor the POWs received eighty cents per day (officers received more) in canteen credits to buy beer, cigarettes, snacks and toiletries. The excess went to the U. S. Government and was used to fund the POW camps.

In 1944 alone, the U. S. Government made \$22 million nationwide from renting these POWs out. The two hundred POWs in Fairfax were sent back to Europe in November 1945. In their six months here,

the POWs logged approximately 111,000 total labor hours.

Across the country fewer than 3,000 POWs tried to escape. Two POWs tried to escape from a Colorado POW camp - with the assistance of an American Army private. The real bizarre thing here is that the army private had just graduated - with honors - from Harvard! The private and his two German POWs made a long road trip to Mexico, which during the war was very pro-Germany. They made it to Mexico, barely, but things unraveled from there.

*Paul N. Herbert is the President of the Historical Society of Fairfax County and the author of God Knows All Your Names.*

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TIP OF THE MONTH: VOLUNTEER WITH THE FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Every year since 1983, Fairfax County area residents have contributed significant hours of their own time volunteering with the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD). Members of the department's Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), Auxiliary Police Officers (APOs) and alumni from the Citizens Police Academy come from a variety of backgrounds and offer a number of skills and abilities to the agency while providing a great cost benefit to the county.

In 2008, the VIPS and APOs saved the

county close to \$2 million dollars. Police volunteers are a vital part of the department and assist in various capacities ranging from administrative support, photographers, child safety seat inspections to helping patrol the streets.

They also serve an important role in staffing the FCPD Canteen, which provides officers with snacks and hydrating drinks at major, hours- or days-long police scenes.

To learn more about our police volunteer programs, just visit the Fairfax County

Police website (search by keyword: VIPS, APO, Citizens Police Academy); or go directly to:

- VIPS: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/citizencorps/vips.htm>
- APO: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/jobs/auxiliarypoliceofficer.htm>
- Citizens Police Academy: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/services/citizens-police-academy.htm>

## CONGRATULATIONS TO GRADUATES OF THE 2010 BRADDOCK DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD COLLEGE!

Supervisor Cook began the Braddock District Community Engagement Initiative because he wanted to foster stronger connections between people and their communities, strengthen our neighborhoods, and help improve the quality of life in the Braddock District.

Part of that effort was creating learning opportunities for those looking to step forward and make a difference in their communities. Through two separate Neighborhood Colleges, a one-night-a-week class on community involvement that lasts seven weeks, about 40 individuals are now ready to take that step. They join the 60 graduates of January's Leadership Institute to form a dedicated band of 100 trained community volunteers.

The real work happens now that training is completed and these 40 graduates return to their community organizations and help craft their own community enhancement initiatives.

Supervisor Cook would like to thank these graduates for the commitment they have demonstrated to their community and wish them luck in their future endeavors to improve the Braddock District



## BRADDOCK DISTRICT BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL

As a small business owner, Supervisor Cook wants to ensure that we foster a productive, business-friendly environment here in the Braddock District. To help implement that vision he has established an informal "Business Advisory Council" that has, and continues to meet on issues of concern and to hear a speaker on a topic of interest. If you wish to become involved, please contact Kiel Stone at [kiel.stone@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:kiel.stone@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call the office at 703-425-9300.

## A SUMMARY LOOK AT THE FISCAL YEAR 2011 ADOPTED BUDGET

On April 27th, 2010 the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors adopted the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget, which begins on July 1. The FY 2011 plan approved by the board provided a balanced budget. Total General Fund Disbursements are projected to total \$3.31 billion, a decrease of \$92.2 million or 2.71 percent compared to the FY 2010 Revised Budget Plan.

The FY 2011 adopted budget proposal included a real estate tax rate of \$1.09 per \$100 of assessed value, a \$.05 increase from the \$1.04 rate in FY 2010. In addition, it increased the stormwater service district tax from \$0.01 to \$0.015 per \$100 assessed value. The board also approved establishing a Vehicle Registration License fee of \$33 per vehicle for most vehicles for FY 2011. The sewer service charge increased by \$0.77 per 1,000 gallons, from \$4.50 to \$5.27. This fee increase addressed aging sewer infrastructure and will ensure compliance with state and federal clean water and environmental mandates.

Of the \$103.3 million in reductions included in the county executive's proposed budget in February, the adopted budget restored \$12 million to various programs, including:

### **\$1,390,948 in Human Service Restorations -**

- \$497,244 to restore proposed elimination of County funding to the Mental Health Adult Day Treatment Site at Northwest/Reston Community Mental Health Center
- \$275,008 to restore proposed cut to In-Home Respite Services
- \$172,619 to restore proposed cut to the Emergency Services at the Mount Vernon Center for Community Mental Health
- \$88,385 to restore proposed cut to the Emergency Services at the Northwest Center for Community Mental Health
- \$84,235 to restore proposed reduction of one Counselor Position in Prevention Services
- \$80,497 to restore proposed reduction of one Mental Health Forensic Staff position at the Adult Detention Center
- \$73,075 to restore proposed reduction of one Substance Abuse Counselor position in Alcohol Drug Services
- \$73,075 to restore proposed reduction of one Substance Abuse Counselor position in the Cornerstone Program
- \$46,810 to partially restore funding for support for Domestic and Sexual Violence Services

### **\$2,875,197 in Police Restorations -**

- \$2,104,480 to restore the proposed elimination of School Resource Officers in the Middle Schools
- \$386,240 to restore 50 percent of the reduction in Police Citizen Aide Positions at District Stations

- \$222,287 to restore the proposed elimination of the Marine Unit

### **\$2,509,267 in Fire and Rescue Restorations -**

- \$953,735 to restore the proposed reduction in hours of operation of Basic Life Support units
- \$692,705 to restore the proposed elimination of the Seventh Fire and Rescue Battalion
- \$452,825 to restore the proposed elimination of dedicated staffing for the Hazardous Materials Support Unity
- \$400,000 to restore the proposed elimination of issuance of second set gear to firefighters
- \$10,000 to restore the proposed elimination of weekend Fireboat Patrols on the Potomac River and Pohick

### **\$1,946,951 in Parks and Library Restorations -**

- \$676,743 to partially restore the proposed reduction in Library hours by maintaining Tuesday evening hours (6-9) at all 8 regional libraries
- \$50,000 to partially restore funding for Library Access Services
- \$525,252 to restore the proposed reduction to the Athletic Field Maintenance Program
- \$451,715 to restore the proposed reduction of grounds maintenance staff, including keeping open Park restrooms
- \$100,000 to restore the proposed elimination of nighttime court lighting and add funding for practice times
- \$91,848 to restore elimination of Truck Driver and Heavy Equipment Operator Positions
- \$51,393 to restore the proposed elimination of the operation and management of the Martin Luther King Jr. Swimming Pool

### **\$3,313,119 in Other Restorations -**

- \$3,059,849 to restore all the proposed CONNECTOR route reductions. The 75 percent reduction in stand-by buses is not restored
- \$253,270 to restore the proposed elimination of five law clerks supporting Circuit Court Judges

Supervisor Cook joined Supervisors Pat Herrity and Michael Frey in voting against the budget. Supervisor Cook objected to the imposition of the vehicle registration fee, stating that the bottom of a recession is not the time to institute a new tax and increase tax payments. Under the plan passed by the Board, the average taxpayer will pay an additional \$95 in taxes. Many Braddock residents will pay hundreds of dollars more because many Braddock residences had flat assessments this year, compared to the county wide average drop of five percent.

## GET READY FOR ANOTHER SUMMER OF BRADDOCK NIGHTS

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 atmosphere is informal and you're encouraged to bring a picnic dinner, blankets and lawn chairs and relax with your friends and family to celebrate the end of the workweek. 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 is on page nine of the newsletter.

We are always looking for volunteers to help staff the events, so if you are interested please contact Lindsey Smith at 703-425-9300.

## DEMOLITION OF LITTLE RIVER TURNPIKE BRIDGE EXPECTED TO LAST 12 WEEKS

As part of the construction of the I-495 Capital Beltway HOT Lanes, every bridge and overpass within the work zone area (Braddock Road to just north of the Dulles Toll Road) over the Beltway will be demolished and rebuilt. Demolition of the westbound portion of the Little River Turnpike/I-495 Bridge is scheduled to begin at the end of April and is expected to last 12 weeks.

In order to safely remove the Little River Turnpike bridges, demolition will occur at night (9:30 p.m. – 5:00 a.m.) and will require multiple lane closures in both directions on I-495 just before the Little River Turnpike interchange. Exit ramps to/from Little River turnpike will also be impacted as demolition continues.

Recently, demolition started on the existing westbound bridge, to be followed by the eastbound bridge. The work is expected to take 6 weeks to demolish each bridge for a total of 12 weeks. While bridge demolition work can create significant noise, VDOT will try to complete the demolition as soon as possible to minimize impacts to the community.

Little River Turnpike at I-495 will remain open during the entire construction of the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes project. During this second phase of bridge construction, traffic on Little River Turnpike has been shifted to the newly construction bridge. Three eastbound lanes and two westbound

lanes will be maintained on the bridge over I-495. With the absence of a westbound merge lane, motorists exiting off I-495 north to Little River Turnpike westbound will have to yield before entering the westbound lanes on Little River Turnpike. This traffic shift will be in place for approximately 18 months.

### QUICK FACTS ON THE BRIDGE DEMOLITION

**Where:** Little River Turnpike at I-495

**What:** east and westbound bridges

**Duration:** Starting week of April 18, 6 weeks for each bridge

**Times:** 9:30 p.m. – 5 a.m.

**Impact:** lane closures and exit ramps to/from Little River Turnpike. Traffic shifted east and westbound

**Shift:** traffic on newly constructed Little River Turnpike bridge; Traffic shift will be in place for approximately 18 months

## TRAFFIC SLOWING ON WAKEFIELD CHAPEL ROAD

Due to concerns about increased traffic volume and speed along Wakefield Chapel Road since the beginning of the HOT Lanes construction, on April 29, approximately 30 residents from communities along the Wakefield Chapel Road corridor attended a meeting held by Supervisor Cook. The meeting informed the communities of options available for traffic “slowing” along this busy thoroughfare.

The presentation, given by Hari Sripathi, Traffic Engineer for VDOT, and David Metcalf of Virginia MegaProjects, offered two striping alternatives that would make the road feel narrower to traffic passing through, while still allowing for residents who live along Wakefield Chapel Road to park in front of their homes. Alternative 1 allowed for a middle two way turn lane, while Alternative 2 offered enhanced parking with bike-able lanes. Both options included signage advising of additional fines for speeding, as well as the use of speed radar devices.

The residents of the surrounding communities came to the meeting with concerns about line of sight and safety issues when turning onto Wakefield Chapel Road, as well as questions about the possibility of all way stops at the intersections of Queen Elizabeth and Braeburn. They also asked about the possibility of marked crosswalks at certain intersections, which VDOT agreed to consider.

While no formal vote was taken, a straw poll taken by Supervisor Cook indicated that the majority of those attending were more open to Alternative 2. VDOT will be taking the input given from residents into consideration when coming up with its final proposal. The goal is to have a final striping plan developed by June of 2010, and to eradicate the old striping and add the new in July of 2010.

If you have any questions about the meeting or the proposed alternatives, please feel free to call our office, and Ann Sharp or Rosemary Ryan will be able to assist you.

## GEAR UP FOR BIKE TO WORK DAY, MAY 21

Many in Fairfax County will celebrate Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 21, by pedaling to workplaces throughout the county. This yearly tradition is supported by the Fairfax Board of Supervisors as a way to encourage residents to participate in an effective means to improve air quality, reduce traffic and conserve energy.

Meet up with neighbors and coworkers at one of the 35 pit stops throughout the region. Of those, one will be at the **Burke VRE Station (open 6:30-8:30 a.m.)** in Braddock and another will be at Van Dyck

Park (**open 6:30-9:30 a.m.**) in Fairfax City. At each pit stop there will be a raffle, prizes, food, drink and more at all pit stops throughout the region.

Bike to Work Day is a FREE event and open to all area commuters. Free T-shirts will available for the first 8,500 registrants who are in attendance at the pit stop they registered for.

To register, go to <http://waba.org/events/btwd/pitstops.php> or call 202-518-0524.

## LAND USE IN BRADDOCK

It has been a number of months since there were any land use applications pending in Braddock District. Recently, however, three applications have been formally submitted to the county for consideration:

**Danbury Forest.** A Final Development Plan Amendment has been submitted by this community to address a desire to make improvements to their homes, including additions, which do not meet current yard setback requirements. Danbury Forest also wishes to make changes to its common open space for a variety of uses. Supervisor Cook will host a **community meeting on May 13 at 7:30 pm at Kings Glen Elementary School** to allow the community to review and comment on the application.

**Bryce Estates.** Christopher Land, LLC has submitted an application to develop a 3.4 acre parcel on the west side of Burke Lake Road just north of its intersection with Burke Center Parkway. The property currently has one home and the applicant proposes to put 10 single family detached homes on the site. Supervisor Cook will hold a community meeting regarding the application, tentatively set for June 15.

**Song Subdivision.** Hyang and Yon Song have proposed Special Exception 2010-BR-006 on their two acre property located at 10611 Zion Drive, an area currently zoned for one house to the acre. The exception is required because the parcel does not have the minimum 150 foot front yard width required for this zoning category. No public hearings for this application have yet been scheduled, but the supporting documents are available in the Braddock office.

**University Mall.** Before this application can be scheduled for community review, a number of non-County issues must be addressed by the applicant, College Town Associates. The proposal would substantially reconstruct and modernize this 19.74 acre parcel at Ox Road and Braddock Road across from George Mason University. Supervisor Cook will update you as more information becomes available.

## LAKE ACCOTINK SPILLWAY REPAIR

Work on the Lake Accotink spillway continues to be delayed due to weather conditions over the winter and a blockage in the outlet control structure that is preventing proper drawdown of the lake.

The County has hired a contractor to clear and repair the outlet control structure. There is currently a barge on site to dredge and remove approximately 1,600 cubic yards of silt and other debris from around the riser. Already, the County has discovered that the structure itself was blocked by a Trash Rack that had been smashed into the structure by a log.

Once the outlet control structure is functioning properly, the contractor will begin drawing down the lake. The

additional contract cost is significant, and just this week the contractor was authorized to hire a diver to go into the structure to investigate what else might be causing this blockage and assess how to undertake repairs. A major consideration at this point is designing a protective piece to prevent this from happening again. Your patience during this process is greatly appreciated



## WOODGLEN LAKE DAM REHABILITATION

On May 15, Supervisor Cook will join Chairman Bulova and Federal and State officials to mark the start of the long awaited rehabilitation of the Woodglen Lake dam. This ceremony will take place at the Lake at 1:00 p.m. near the Fireside Court entrance.

This project is a continuation of the county's commitment to ensuring that all Pohick PL-566 lakes meet current dam standards, and is a partnership with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District. On this project, the County has also tapped Federal stimulus funds.

The total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$1.7 million, of which \$600,000 is County funds. When completed, the project will ensure the

protection of over 400 homes, 20 public commercial and industrial facilities and the VRE railroad.

A notice to proceed was issued to the contractor, Environmental Quality Services, on April 26 and community residents will see a new temporary road being created to access the Lake south of Bonnie Brae Elementary School.

The contract is expected to take approximately 120 days. Parents are encouraged to remind their children that this is a construction site and should avoid entering the site limits, identified by orange fencing, at any time. During the project, pedestrian trails will be detoured and there will be construction traffic in and around the project site.

## TREAT EMERALD ASH BORER NOW

Homeowners who wish to protect their ash trees from the emerald ash borer should take action in May through June, say County officials. Every ash tree is at risk from this insect because it has been found across the county. For more information go to: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2010/homeowners-should-treat-ash-borer-now.htm>

## SUPERVISOR COOK PROMOTES FINANCIAL LITERACY, BOARD HONORS JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT FOR THEIR EFFORTS

It seems that every day we read another article in the newspaper about American consumers facing one sort of financial hardship or another. April has been declared National Financial Literacy Month, and rightfully so. Too few of us are sufficiently educated about our personal finances. In 2005, the national savings rate fell to negative 0.5 percent for the first time since the Great Depression, and since 2005, the American public has been spending more money than it has earned after taxes. Our youth are not properly prepared either.

Sixty percent of American teens do not know the difference between cash, credit cards and checks, and only 6.9 percent of 12th grade students scored a grade of C or better on a recent national financial literacy survey.

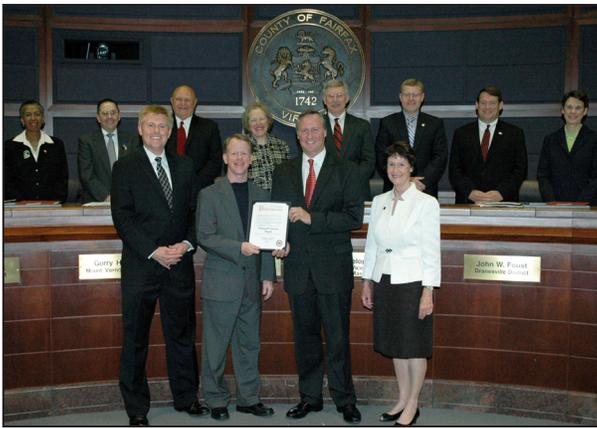
Here in Fairfax County we have made a major push in addressing that lack of knowledge. The Fairfax County Public School System has, with the support of local businesses, partnered with Junior Achievement of the National Capital Area, an organization dedicated to educating students about workforce readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy.

They are constructing a 20,000 square foot facility at the Frost-Woodson Campus designed to prepare young people for the real world by showing them how to generate wealth and effectively manage it, and learn the value of contributing to their communities. The program will

provide a unique educational experience to more than 14,000 middle school students each year, helping them understand many basic life skills including individual and family budgeting. It will also provide an information base for some slightly more complex but equally important topics like the role of financial institutions and the advantages and disadvantages of credit, interest, saving and investing.

This is knowledge all of us should have, but many lack. Fortunately, with this program our next generation may become more financially savvy.

To help raise awareness on financial literacy and to recognize Junior Achievement for its efforts, Supervisor Cook brought Junior Achievement before the Board to receive a proclamation and asked for April to be declared Financial Literacy Month in Fairfax County. Ed Grenier, President and CEO of Junior Achievement, and Bud Morrisette, from Interstate Relocation Services and a Junior Achievement supporter, accepted the proclamation.



## A FRIENDLY REMINDER TO CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG

Spring is here and with the warmer weather, more of us are coming out of our cocoons and enjoying the outdoors again. We take more walks, and often take them with our dogs. We have beautiful lakes and trails in the Braddock District that add to the pleasure of getting outside for exercise. But it is never a pleasure to find waste from someone else's animal in your front yard or on the bottom of your shoe.

All of us can help with this. When you walk your dog, use bags to pick up after your animal and take extra bags to share with others. Some neighborhoods have places where you can grab a bag and where others can bring their extra bags.

And remember, there are people who are afraid of dogs, so please, keep them leashed and under control. If you really feel like they need to be able to run, keep them in a fenced yard or take advantage of the one the

several dog parks in the county.

Those of us with dogs need to remember that the Fairfax County Code specifically addresses issues such as keeping animals on a leash and picking up animal waste. Section 41.1-2-4 addresses the leash law, stating that no dog shall run unrestricted other than under certain specific circumstances. Section 41.1-2-6 states "The owner or custodian of any dog shall be responsible for the removal of excreta deposited by such dog on the property of another, including public places." Failure to abide by either of these is a Class 4 misdemeanor and can mean a fine of \$250.

Let's enjoy the beauty of the Braddock District by walking our dogs responsibly and treating our neighbors courteously.

## GREENING FAIRFAX: RESTORING LAND, RESTORING WATER



In an ongoing effort to encourage residents and homeowner associations in Braddock District to actively engage in improving our neighborhoods, Supervisor Cook hosted an abbreviated version of the Greening Fairfax County Series: Restoring Land Restoring Water on March 27 at Braddock Hall.

## BRADDOCK NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS: INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY IN FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

On this month's edition of Braddock Neighborhood News, Supervisor Cook interviews Sam Clay, the Fairfax County Public Library Director, and Charles Fegan, a member and former Chairman of the Fairfax County Public Library Board of Trustees, to discuss innovation and the use of technology in our public libraries.

Over the past several years, our public library system has had to do more with less. Utilizing the promise of new technology,

however, our libraries have become centers of innovation that use our tax dollars more efficiently and effectively to meet the ever greater demand for information. Although the County has faced financial difficulty, our libraries continue to successfully meet the challenges facing us, serving as examples to libraries from across the region and beyond.

To learn more about the exciting innovations in our public libraries, including how our libraries are incorporating new

technology to expand service, and about how our libraries are partnering with other county agencies to improve their services to taxpayers, please tune in to Braddock Neighborhood News 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](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/asx/supervisor_cook.asx).

## PARK AUTHORITY CAMPS: YOUR SUMMER FUN SOLUTION

Camps through the Fairfax County Park Authority are an affordable way to keep your children active and having fun all summer long. What follows is a listing of camps in the Braddock District. For a complete listing and to register online visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks).

**Camps in the Braddock District:  
For 3-5 yr olds (Half day options may be 9am-noon or 1-4pm):**

Kiddie Camp, Kiddie Sports or Kiddie Gymnastics at Audrey Moore RECenter (all half day)

**For school-agers and young teens (full day options mostly 9am-4pm):**

Hoops & More – basketball, juggling and more at Little Run Elem School (full day)

Summer ROCS - traditional style day camp + swim time at Audrey Moore RECenter (full day, extended care offered)

Dual Sports - focuses on 2 sports for the week + swim time at Audrey Moore

RECenter (full day, extended care offered) Tennis, Basketball, Cheerleading, Lacrosse, Skateboard, Softball or Chess Camp at Audrey Moore RECenter (full day, extended care offered)

Excursion Camp – a different excursion every day at Audrey Moore RECenter (full day, extended care offered)

Drama Camp or Art Explorers – for theater and art enthusiasts at Audrey Moore RECenter (full day, extended care offered)

Technology & Game Design Camp- one of our new computer-based camps at Audrey Moore RECenter (half day)

Girls Leadership – for girls who want to develop leadership skills at Audrey Moore RECenter (full day, extended care offered)

Fit & Fun Boot Camp – multi-sport and

fitness camp at Lake Accotink Park (half day)

Lakeside Nature Camp – outdoor camp providing boating, fishing, archery, orienteering and more at Lake Accotink Park (full day, extended care offered)

Doggone Fun Camp- campers bring their dog and learn pet care at Lake Accotink Park (half day)

Geocaching Camp- NEW camp...a high tech treasure hunt using GPS units at Lake Accotink Park (full day, extended care offered)

History Adventures – learn about local VA heritage at Lake Accotink Park (full day, extended care offered)

Eco-Trekker- learn about wildlife and ecosystems while visiting a different park each day meets at Lake Accotink Park (full day, extended care offered)

### THE BARBARA VARON VOLUNTEER AWARDS

The Barbara Varon Volunteer Award is given annually to a Fairfax County resident whose dedication to improving the community through volunteer service honors the memory of Barbara Varon, former chairman of the Fairfax County Electoral Board.

If you know of someone in your community that has demonstrated an appreciation for diversity and shown evidence of having a positive effect on the community, nominate away.

Nomination forms can be found at <http://www.fairfax-county.gov/oep/barbaravaron10.pdf>. Be sure to return the form no later than the second Tuesday in June.

### BEST OF BRADDOCK AWARDS

Nominations are now being taken for the 2009/2010 World Famous BOB's – otherwise known as the Best of Braddock Awards.

The BOB Awards is a joint Braddock District Council of Community Associations/Braddock District Supervisor Program to recognize those residents, organizations and businesses of the Braddock District who have gone above and beyond to be the very best and to make our community a better place to live.

Nominations are being accepted through the end of May. To get a nomination application, please call our office at 703-425-9300.



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY PRESENTS

## 2010 SUMMER CONCERTS

Friday Evenings, 7:30 p.m. at Royal Lake and Lake Accotink Park

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](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances) for further information.

### LAKE ACCOTINK PARK

7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield 22152

### ROYAL LAKE PARK

5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax 22032

- JUNE 4 MSG - The Acoustic Blues Trio (Piedmont Blues)
- 11 Samovar (Russian Folk Music/Dance)
- 18 Moonlighters (Swing/blues)
- 25 The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra's Dixieland Band (Dixieland)
- JULY 2 Hot Society Orchestra of Washington (Hot Jazz & Dance Music 20'-40's)
- 9 City of Fairfax "Concert Band" (Big Band)
- 16 Sun of a Beach (Reggae Pop Rock)
- 23 The NOVA Annandale Symphony Orchestra (Summer Pops)
- 30 The United States Army Band "Blues Jazz Ensemble" (Jazz)
- AUGUST 6 Lox & Vodka (Jewish and American Music)
- 13 The United States Navy Band "Commodores" (Jazz)
- 20 The Groove Spot (Motown)
- 27 City of Fairfax Band "Alte Kameraden German" (German)

- JUNE 4 Memphis 59 (Roots-rock, alt-country)
- 11 TimbaSon La Original (Cuban/Salsa)
- 18 The Jukebox Chronicles (Covers from 60s-present)
- 25 Mystic Warriors (Andean)
- JULY 2 Swing Speak (Swing)
- 9 Night Music (Vintage Rock)
- 16 Johnny Cash Tribute Artist (Country)
- 23 Honor By August (Rock/Pop)
- 30 Billy Woodward & the Senders (Rock/R&B/Soul)
- AUGUST 6 Debi Smith (Pop/Folk)
- 13 Bill Kirchen & Too Much Fun (Roots/Rock)
- 20 Melodime (Country/Rock)
- 27 Rick Franklin & His Delta Blues Boys (Delta Blues)

Welcome to our summer 2010 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

### BECOME A "FRIEND OF BRADDOCK NIGHTS"

**Yes!** I want to help ensure funding for future Braddock Nights Concert Series:

#### CORPORATE STARS

- Presenting (\$4,000 plus)
- Premier (\$2,000-3,999)
- Shining (\$1,000-1,999)
- Media Supporter (call for details)

#### COMMUNITY STARS

- Community (\$100-\$999)
- Family (\$50)
- Individual (\$25)
- Student (\$5)

(Please be our Presenting STAR)

Your contribution to the Fairfax County Park Authority for Braddock Nights is tax deductible.

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make donations payable to:** FCPA - Braddock Nights

**Mail to:** Fairfax County Park Authority  
Park Services - Volunteers/Special Events  
12055 Government Center Pkwy, Suite 425  
Fairfax, VA 22035-1118

### MAX OUT YOUR CONCERT FUN!

1. COME IN STYLE - check the weather, dress for comfort.
2. DON'T MISS A NOTE - come early, set up before the show starts.
3. DELETE THE BEEP - turn off those cell phones and beepers.
4. BREATHE DEEP & SMILE SWEET - No smoke or alcohol.
5. STAY WITH THE ONES YOU LOVE - keep children near.
6. BE THE GOOD NEIGHBOR - be considerate of others.
7. GROUND THAT HOUND - pets must be on a leash.
8. WE DON'T HAVE A CLEANUP CREW - take your trash.
9. THE MORE THE MERRIER - bring a friend.

Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket to enjoy the concert.



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Braddock Nights is made possible through the efforts of The Braddock District Supervisor, Friends of Braddock Nights, and the generous support of:



Appropriate accommodations may be provided upon request.  
Call 703-324-8563 for information.  
TTY 703-324-3988.

