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ENGAGED BRADDOCK RESIDENTS MAKE CITIZEN GOVERNANCE CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

Nearly 100 participants strong, Supervisor Cook's Citizen Governance Conference, held this past Saturday, showed what an engaged, civic-minded populace we have in Braddock District. "We are at our best when we don't spend all our time pursuing our own interests, but fully engage in our citizenship opportunities," said Supervisor Cook. "Policy is best when it is informed by engaged citizens." And creating a system whereby citizen committees provide



advice and counsel on a number of policy topics was exactly the purpose of the conference.

The morning of the conference gave attendees the context and knowledge base to begin to see where their input is needed. The County Demographer, Anne Cahill, gave a presentation on the Braddock District's demographic characteristics; Supervisor Cook provided a

look at the current comprehensive land use and transportation plans for Braddock; and there was a panel of leaders of citizen committees in other districts. In the afternoon the focus was on



Supervisor John C. Cook

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BUILDING TOWARD THE FUTURE

There is no time like the present to start planning for the future. Here in the Braddock District, our citizens are ready to take hold of the future and make it their own. Nearly 100 Braddock residents turned out for our Citizen Governance Conference. Not only did they devote a Saturday to learning about County policy, they devoted themselves to continue working on these issues going forward.

Important issues face the County and district. Infill development, where developers seek to build in small empty places tucked in various hidden corners, could add pressure to already-dense neighborhoods. We now understand the importance of stormwater and runoff to construction projects. Areas such as Fairfax Center, which was planned in the 1980's, need to be updated. Parts of Annandale need to be revitalized.

With 250,000 people coming to the county in the next few decades, we need to pay serious attention to traffic congestion and crumbling roads. Our population is aging and that means new challenges ahead. Communities and schools need to work together more constructively. Our County budget needs to plan for the future, not

seek to resurrect the past. These are just some of the issues our citizens have agreed to tackle by establishing as many as five citizen governance committees.

I'm looking forward to working with our engaged citizens as they dive into this important policy work. For my part, I pledge that their recommendations will be taken seriously. Our land use committee will be a mandatory part of the review of all development applications. Our transportation group will be an important part of the County's overall effort to engage citizens in reviewing our options for funding future transportation options. Well developed policy recommendations will go to the Board of Supervisors and County staff to be part of the foundation of future County policy.

A special thank you to those who attended our conference and pledged to stay engaged. You are an inspiration to us all, and your energy and enthusiasm give us confidence in a brighter future.



HONORING OUR ENLISTING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

On May 9, Supervisor Cook was a featured speaker at a ceremony honoring young men and women who are graduating from Fairfax County Public Schools and have chosen to enlist in America's Armed Forces. The event was put on by Our Community Salutes, a national program that was started to honor these young heroes as they graduate from one chapter of their life and embark on a new adventure. This was the second anniversary of this event in the County, the first being hosted by Supervisor Cook last year here at Braddock Hall.



BRADDOCK NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS: SUPERVISOR COOK SPEAKS WITH ED LONG

Every month, Supervisor Cook hosts a television show, Braddock Neighborhood News, on Fairfax County Channel 16 which is available on most cable networks. For each show, Supervisor Cook invites topical guests to share pertinent and timely information with the viewers.

This month, Supervisor Cook was honored to have newly appointed County Executive Ed Long join him on the show. Mr. Long began serving Fairfax County in 1977 as a budget analyst. Over his tenure he has served as a Deputy County Executive as well as Chief Financial Officer. His credentials and experience make him the right person for the job as we face challenges in the future.

Some of the items that Supervisor Cook and Mr. Long covered were local transportation planning, creating a multi-year

budget, his goals for the County, employee compensation, Tysons funding and the Dulles Rail project. The shows airs throughout the month and can be seen Sundays at 5:00 p.m., Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and Fridays at 5:00 p.m. they can be viewed online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/vod.htm>



SMALL BUSINESS VENDOR FORUM

Supervisor Cook will be speaking at this year's Small Business Forum on Thursday May 24. The Fairfax County Small Business Commission is inviting small business owners to attend its fourth annual "Vendor Forum" The twelve-member Commission's flagship event, held at the Government Center, aims to promote competition in the Fairfax marketplace by introducing local small and minority business owners to County agencies' procurement offices. It is a free event, open to the public. The Vendor Forum and free luncheon will be held at the Fairfax Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, on Thursday May 24 and begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. To register for the free event, visit the Small Commission's website <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpsm/vendorforum/forum2012.htm> or call 703-324-3201..

SUPERVISOR COOK IN THE COMMUNITY

On April 2nd, Supervisor Cook hosted a community meeting at Robinson Secondary School to address local safety concerns in the wake of the recent incidents that have occurred on pathways in several neighborhoods.

On April 6th, Supervisor Cook met with business leaders from Fairfax Corner. Now that Fairfax Corner is in the Braddock District, Supervisor Cook wants to foster a strong working relationship with these local business owners.

On April 10th, 11th and 12th, Supervisor Cook and the other members of the Board held public hearings where citizens came forward to share their opinions on the proposed FY2013 Fairfax County Budget. These forums are very important in providing every constituent a voice in this important and deliberative process.

On April 13th, Supervisor Cook kicked off, or handed off, the Kings Park/Kings Glen Elementary School volleyball game.



Saturday, April 15th was a busy day for Supervisor Cook. He first was present for the opening day parade and ceremony for the Fairfax Little League held at Chilcott Field behind Paul VI High School. He also threw out the first pitch, and according to scouting reports, it was a strike. After that, Supervisor Cook went over to Fairview Elementary School to watch his daughter play soccer. These weekly games are a priority for him. After



that, Supervisor Cook was present for the groundbreaking for the Wakefield Skate Park renovations. After that, he went to Fairfax Corner for a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly opened Fanfare restaurant.

On April 17th, Supervisor Cook attended a retirement reception for Tom Hennessey, the outgoing Chief of Staff for the president of George Mason University. Later that evening, he met with local faith leaders at Burke United Methodist church as they discussed the Hypothermia Program and what can be done to help those in need.

On April 19th, Supervisor Cook attended a reception at Chantilly National Country Club for retiring County Executive, Tony Griffin.



On April 22nd, Supervisor Cook attended another Hypothermia Prevention program at Saint Stephens Methodist Church. This meeting brought County officials together with community members to discuss this ever growing concern for people in Fairfax County who need assistance.

On April 27th, Supervisor Cook attended the Volunteer Services Awards Breakfast which was sponsored by Volunteer Fairfax and honors local citizen who give unselfishly of their time to assist others. Our Braddock award winner is Greg Sykes who was recognized for his efforts supporting habitat preservation, sustainability, natural resource protection and Chesapeake Bay Watershed clean-ups.

April 28th was another busy day for Supervisor Cook. First he attended a Neighborhood and Community Services Volunteer Recognition Ceremony at the Waterford Fair Oaks. After that, he went over to the Government Center for an Earth Day/Arbor Day ceremony. Following that, Supervisor Cook stopped by the Fairfax Ridge Community Outreach and Cleanup event and ended the day at a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the transformation of University Mall.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPTS FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET

During its regularly scheduled meeting of Tuesday, April 24, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Budget. With General Fund expenditures at \$3.54 billion, the budget represents increased spending of about \$160 million or nearly five percent over the FY 2012 Adopted Budget Plan. The total of all appropriated funds is \$6.7 billion.

While the County Executive, in his advertised budget, recommended maintaining a constant real estate tax rate, the FY 13 Adopted Budget increases the tax rate by \$0.005, going from \$1.07 per \$100 of assessed value to \$1.075. This will result in the average homeowner paying approximately \$55 more than last year. Residential real estate revenue accounts for an estimated 74 percent of the total tax base. The proposal also increases the storm water service rate from \$0.015 to \$0.020 per \$100 of assessed value, an increase of more than \$20 to the average homeowner. The County Executive had recommended a full penny increase in this fee. This increase is designed

to meet amplifying federal and state environmental regulatory requirements. Additionally, the sewer service charge increased by \$0.54 per 1,000 gallons, from \$6.01 to \$6.55. When combined with the two real estate based taxes, the average household will see its tax payment to the County increase by roughly \$115.

As education continues to be a high priority in the community, Fairfax County Public Schools has a \$1.68 billion recommended transfer, up 4.5 percent over the FY 2012 Adopted Budget Plan. The FY13 budget also shows a renewed commitment to County employees as it funds both a 2.18 percent Market Rate Adjustment (MRA) for all county employees, and merit increments and longevity steps for public safety employees on their anniversary dates and a 2.5 percent performance based increase in January for non-public safety merit employees. Transfer to schools in the support of School Operating and Debt Services is \$1.85 billion or 52.2 percent of total county disbursements.

The Board of Supervisors also increased the proposed \$50 million bond referendum for the Park Authority to \$75 million, \$63 million of which will be for Fairfax County parks and \$12 million for the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority.

Additional proposed budget highlights include the restoration of nine hours weekly at Regional Libraries and three hours weekly at Community Libraries, \$1.3 million put back into the budget to restore reductions in human service areas, additional compensation increases for county staff and the maintaining of the Marine Patrol Unit, Police Cadets program and HAZMAT Support Unit. In addition, the budget will include a net increase of 24 county staff positions with reductions of 26 positions, which will be offset by 50 new positions.

The budget passed by a vote of 8-2, with Supervisors Cook and Herrity voting nay.

Supervisor Cook released a statement on the budget outlining his reasons for opposition which can be found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/pdfs/fy2013budgetstatement.pdf>

SCHOOL'S OUT EARLY? SEND KIDS TO SUMMER CAMP

The announcement that the last day for Fairfax County Public Schools had been moved up to Friday, June 15, 2012 was surely good news for students. But for parents the news created a potential problem: what to do with their kids the following week when students were supposed to still be in school.

One option for safe, supervised fun is a Fairfax County Park Authority summer camp. The Park Authority is the largest provider of summer camps in Northern Virginia and has a variety of camps for school-age children scheduled during the week of June 18 to June 22. Parents can browse a complete list of engaging camps and find the necessary forms by visiting Parktakes Online.

Many RECenters offer Summer R.O.C.S. Camp (RECenters Offer Cool Stuff) for kids who enjoy swimming, arts and crafts and games. Five and six-year-olds can explore the shore and surrounding forest at Burke Lake Park during Nature's Secrets/Great Outdoors Camp. Other interesting camps include Robotics Green City Challenge, Chess Camp, Sports Zone, Beaches, Bays and Critters, Dinosaur Days, and Adventures on the Farm.

Parents who choose to send their kids to summer camps should keep these helpful tips in mind:

- Make multiple copies of completed camp forms. Forms must be turned in at each location for each session, and you may want to keep a copy for personal records.
- Be sure to put your name on the Pick-Up Authorization Form as an authorized individual even though you are the one completing the form.
- Label all of your child's belongings, including child's lunch which must have child's name and date on it.
- Keep electronics at home.
- Dress your child in play clothes and sneakers every day. Sandals, wheelie shoes, flip flops, clogs and other shoes that may be unsafe for activities are not permitted.
- For your child's safety, do not drop off your child at the front door. Parents must sign children in and out of camp each day. An I.D. is required at pick up.

A complete list of summer camps and registration information is available online, or by calling 703-222-4664.



MAY COMMUNITY EVENTS IN BRADDOCK DISTRICT

MOVIES UNDER THE STARS

The David R. Pinn Community Center will be hosting their movies under the stars program starting April 27 and running until September 28. Movies will be shown every Friday night at 8:00 p.m. at the community center located at 10225 Zion Drive in Fairfax. You can enjoy free movies on a 12 foot outdoor screen. If you have any questions please email Roberto.Tamara@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-250-9181.

Just Keep Dreaming

4/27 Inception PG- 13

Remembering the 90s

5/4 Home Alone PG

5/11 Jurassic Park PG -13

5/18 Babe G

5/25 First Kid PG

Animal Instincts

6/1 Beethoven PG

6/8 Rise of the Planet of the Apes PG- 13

6/15 Cats & Dogs PG

6/22 Marley & Me

6/29 King Kong PG-13

Super Heros

7/6 The Incredible Hulk PG- 13

7/13 X-Men: First Class PG- 13

7/20 Captain America: The First Avenger PG- 13

7/27 Green lantern PG -13

Video games Come Alive

8/3 Dungeons & Dragons PG- 13

8/10 Super Mario Bros. PG

8/17 Final Fantasy VII: Advent Children PG- 13

8/24 Street Fighter PG- 13

8/31 Lara Croft: Tomb Raider PG- 13

World Cup

9/7 Bend It Like Beckham PG- 13

9/14 Goal! The Dream Begins PG- 13

9/21 Kicking and Screaming PG

9/28 The Big Green



BURKE FARMERS MARKET OPENS

The Burke Farmers Market has opened for the season. It will be open every Saturday at the VRE Station at 5671 Roberts Parkway until November 17, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.. If you would like additional details on the vendors that will be present you may go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/FarmersMarkets/burkemkt.htm>

CELEBRATE COMMUNICATION 2012

On Saturday, June 12 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. the Northern Virginia Resource Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons will host its 10th Annual Celebrate Communication Expo for the entire Northern Virginia Community. The Expo will be held at George Mason University's Center for the Arts. Over 50 exhibitors will be present with booths on the latest technologies, government services, great resources, support groups and more. Participants will have the opportunity to test equipment and talk to professionals and learn strategies to help improve communication. If you would like additional information you may go to their website at <http://www.nvrc.org/celebrate-communication>.

HELP REPORT CRIMES

Crime Solvers is introducing a new mobile app to report crimes. TipSubmit Mobile will allow tipsters to submit secure and anonymous tips to Crime Stoppers, law enforcement agencies or School Safety Officers and Administrators. Thousands of communities, schools and government agencies are covered by this application since it connects directly with TipSoft, the world's largest and North America's only, truly anonymous tip reporting system. For additional information you may go to their website at <http://tipsoft.com/index.asp?P=TipSubmitMobile>

2012 HERSHEY'S TRACK & FIELD GAMES

May 18 at 5:00 p.m for ages 9-10

May 19 at 9:00 a.m. for ages 11-14

Falls Church High School

7521 Jaguar Trail

If you are a kid between 9 and 14 who loves to run, jump, and throw, these games are for you! Come on out and join in the fun by competing in basic track and field events and earn opportunities to advance to compete in the annual North American championships in Hershey, PA. Beginners and track enthusiasts are all welcome. Everyone's a winner because you are making the choice to get fit!

Participation is free, but pre-registration is required. You may register until May 11 with this form <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs/athletics/pdf/hreg.pdf>. For information, Call 703-324-5533.

LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH



The Board of Supervisors has proclaimed May as Lyme Disease Awareness Month in Fairfax County.

This month, take time to learn how you can limit your exposure to ticks by going to the Fairfax County website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/westnile/lyme-disease.htm>. Preventing tick bites is the best way to prevent tick-borne diseases like Lyme disease.

It is important to be extra vigilant during the warm months when ticks are most active and people spend more time outdoors.

If you think you have Lyme disease or are concerned that you may have contracted a tick-borne illness, consult your physician as soon as possible. Learn more about the diagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at <http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/diagnosistreatment/index.html>

BRADDOCK DISTRICT LAND USE UPDATES

4335 Shirley Gate Road (Tariq Khan Property) RZ/FDP 2012-Br-003. In April, a proposal to rezone a 1.91 acre property to the PDH-2 district to construct three homes on Tax Map 56-4((6))1 was filed. It is proposed that 50 percent of the site be retained in a conservation easement. This property abuts the Cloisters with which it was originally planned to be consolidated. The Planning Commission hearing is tentatively scheduled for September 13. The DPZ staff coordinator is Suzie Zottl, and a community information meeting is planned for June.



Cardinal Forest Shopping Center/ TD Bank SE 2011-BR-016/PRC-A-787-02. A Category 5 Special Exception and a revision to a Planned Residential Community for Cardinal Forest Plaza, 8316-8332 Old Keene Mill Road was the subject of a hearing before the Plan-

ning Commission on May 3. The plan was submitted by Edens Inc., the owner of the shopping center and asks approval to place a free standing TD Bank in the parking lot, near the intersection of Rolling Road and Old Keene Mill Road. The bank would, in total, use .87 acres of the 8.67 acre parcel. The bank building will be 3,900 square feet on one level and will duplicate the construction of the TD Bank on Pickett Road as shown in the adjacent photo. It will now have three drive-thru lanes. A PC decision was deferred to May 31 to resolve a number of issues raised by the community. No Board hearing has been set.

Fairfax County Public Safety Headquarters PCA 86-W-001-12 & FDPA-86-W-001-07. The County proposes to construct an eight story 275,000 square foot structure adjacent to the Herrity Building. Construction will also include a five story secured parking garage with 850 parking spaces for employee vehicles and public safety apparatus. The complex will replace the Massey Building. Public access to the building will be from Government Center Parkway, and access to the garage will be from the Parkway or from Random Hills Road. A recommendation for a new traffic signal at the intersection of Post Forest Drive and the Legato Road/Random Hills Road intersection is under review.

Inova PACE program at Braddock Glen. PCA 87-A-011-2/PCA 89-A-

001.2 This proffer condition amendment, for which the Board of Supervisors is the applicant, will modify an existing lease for the use of this facility by seniors. It will increase the number of seniors who may be served at one time at Braddock Glen from 50 to 60 participants. PACE is an acronym for Program for All-inclusive Care for the Elderly, and is a Federally funded capitated health care program for low income seniors. The Inova Cares for Seniors Program officially began to provide service on April 1 and is the first of its type in Northern Virginia. A Planning Commission public hearing is tentatively scheduled for June 28.

Terra Centre Elementary School (PRC-C-546-2). Fairfax County Public Schools plan to enlarge the school at 6000 Burke Centre Parkway by approximately 20,000 square feet. The FCPS proposal would add a library, kindergarten, a lobby and classrooms to the school. The renovation would also include an expanded kiss and ride drop off area, a new ADA access to the upper play fields and an expanded hard surface play area. A public hearing before the Planning Commission was held on April 18 and a decision has been deferred until May 31 to resolve transportation issues. While this is ongoing, Supervisor Cook has authorized FCPS to concurrently process their site plan for this project.

FCPS' FACILITIES PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL TO HOST INTERACTIVE BLOG

The Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Facilities Planning Advisory Council (FPAC) is hosting an interactive blog and invites all Fairfax County residents to join this online discussion about long-term goals for FCPS facilities. The blog will be available for citizens to post comments until the end of June.

FPAC, a citizens committee appointed by the Fairfax County School Board, created a draft of a strategic facilities plan that includes 25 proposed goals addressing capacity and space use, operations and maintenance, communication, and capital improvement funding and projects. The draft plan addresses the challenges facing FCPS as school enrollment swells, demand for space and services intensifies, and funding sources to meet maintenance, renovation, and construction needs are drained.

The blog, at <http://fcpsfpac.wordpress.com>, coincides with a series of community meetings FPAC is hosting in May. On Tuesday, May 22, there will be two meetings held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Whitman Middle School and Robinson Secondary School. Additional information can be found at <http://www.fcps.edu/fts/planning/fpac/index.shtml>.

The new strategic plan will provide a decision framework for facilities issues related to capital investments, program assignments, and boundary management, and will enable FCPS to more effectively anticipate, respond to, and manage change. FPAC will present the final plan to the School Board in the fall.

BRADDOCK DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATES

Green Breakfast: Northern Virginia's Commonwealth - Recognizing Our Region's Treasured Landscapes **Saturday, May 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

Location: Brion's Grille, 10621 Braddock Rd, Fairfax, in the University Mall shopping center across from GMU

Every eight years, Northern Virginia adds 300,000 people, the population equivalent of Loudoun County. With this trend expected to continue into the future, finding ways to balance growth and conservation is very important. Enjoy a delicious buffet breakfast while listening to Laura Grape - senior environmental planner with the Northern Virginia Regional Commission - speak about the Conservation Corridors in Northern Virginia Planning Project. The project identifies new opportunities to collaboratively plan for the connection, restoration, and enhancement of Northern Virginia's natural resources while also strengthening public health, local quality of life and the economy. The cost of breakfast is \$10, tip included, payable at the door. If anyone just wants to have coffee, please contact the Conservation District in advance: 703-324-1460



Wildlife Garden Tour

Saturday, May 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: 15 locations in Fairfax and Loudoun Counties

The National Wildlife Federation (NWF), working with landscape designer John Magee, is sponsoring a 15-location wildlife garden tour at sites including homes, a church, a school and a nature center. Each of these sites provides you an opportunity to view the garden, see some unique landscape design ideas that you can use in your own garden, and to learn more about some of the plants and wildlife that call these locations home. Volunteers at each

location can answer your questions. Pick up a site tour book at NWF headquarters in Reston, and then proceed to any of the sites that you wish! Day of Event Cost: \$20 per person or \$40 for a family. Please register <http://online.nwf.org/site/Calendar?id=105981&view=Detail>

Unveiling of VDOT's HOT Lanes Landscaping Plan

Thursday, May 17 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Location: Fairfax Government Center, conference rooms 4-5, 12055 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax, VA

Come attend the Fairfax County Restoration Project's quarterly meeting and get an early peek at VDOT's proposed plans for re-forestation along the Beltway Hot Lanes Project. As anyone who has recently driven the Beltway knows, many trees and plants were removed to construct the expanded lanes. If you would like to attend the meeting, learn about the plans, and add your comments, please RSVP to Dan. Schwartz@fairfaxcounty.gov

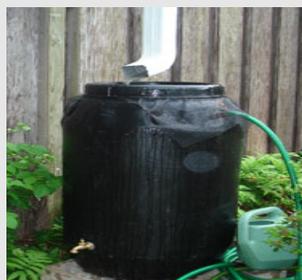
Build Your Own Composter Workshop

Saturday, May 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Sponsored by ReBuild and the Mason Sustainability Institute

Cost is \$75 and space is limited. Location: Green Acres Center, Sideburn Road, Fairfax

Do you have a composter? Would you like to make your own out of recycled materials? Do you want to minimize your waste footprint? Workshop will provide tools and instructions to turn a pile of pre-cut recycled lumber, a recycled pickle barrel, gas pipe, and a handful of bolts and screws into a working tumbler composter. Take it home the same day and start harnessing the power of nature to turn food, yard, and paper scraps



into black gold compost.

Build Your Own Rain Barrel Workshop

Location: Various Locations

A rain barrel sits at the end of your downspout and captures rainwater that can be reused on your property rather than flushed through our storm drains and into our streams. For \$55, you will receive all necessary materials and instructions, and will leave the workshop with a finished 55 gallon rain barrel made from recycled food containers. Registration is necessary. Please RSVP at: <http://www.arlingtonenvironment.org/barrel.php>

Master Gardeners Plant Sale

Saturday, May 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

Purchase a few nice things for the garden or the yard. All plants are grown in the Master Gardener's own demonstration plots.

Help Fairfax County Name This Stream

A small unnamed stream in Wakefield Park is about to be restored and needs a name. This stream, which flows through a culvert under the Beltway and flows west about 750 feet to Accotink Creek is being restored because its bed and banks are eroded at several locations, and are a source of sediment transport to Accotink Creek. There is a fair weather crossing in the Dominion Power right of way and just before it joins Accotink Creek, there is a bridge that is part of the Cross-County Trail used by hikers, cyclists and walkers. The Friends of Accotink Creek and the Braddock District Supervisor's office are helping to get the word out about this initiative and will select a name from among the suggestions received from the community. For more information check out the full announcement: <http://fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/name-this-stream.htm>



MAY IS NATIONAL BIKE MONTH 2012

May is Bike Month 2012, and biking to work, school or anyplace else is good for the environment, helps reduce traffic congestion, and benefits public health.

County resident should consider commuting to work by bicycle on Friday, May 18 — Bike to Work Day 2012. There will be nine pit stops in Fairfax County where bike commuters can get free snacks, drinks, bicycle tune-ups. Find the pit stops locations and learn more on the county's Bike to Work web page at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/bike/btwd2012.htm>.

In Fairfax, 0.2 percent of residents commute to work by bicycle and 1.8 percent walk, according to 2010 Census estimates.

To encourage more two-wheeled commuting, Fairfax offers financial assistance to

employers to create a bike benefit program for workers who commute by bike 80 percent of the time.

Bikes are allowed on Metro trains with some restrictions, and similarly, VRE allows bicycles on trains if they meet certain requirements. For those who want to ride to a train station, bike parking is available at most Metro stations, many VRE stations and the county's Herndon-Monroe, Reston South and Sunset Hills park and ride lots.

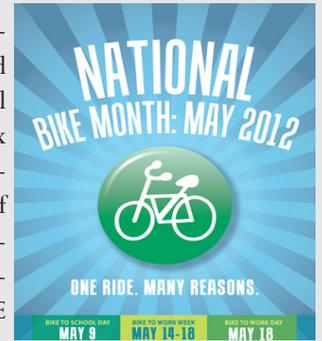
Every Fairfax Connector bus is equipped with a bicycle rack, and there is no cost to bring a bike on board. Metrobuses also offer bike racks on every vehicle.

To plan out your ride, Fairfax created a comprehensive bike map that shows trails and routes countywide which you may ac-

cess at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/bike/bikemap/>.

The County also is developing a bicycle master plan. This plan will guide the county in making improvements both on- and off-road for a more bike friendly community.

For more information about Bike to Work Day, county bike facilities, and maps, call the Fairfax County Department of Transportation at 703-324-BIKE (2453).



COULD YOU DEFEND YOURSELF IF YOU WERE ATTACKED? POLICE CO-SPONSOR NEW COURSE FOR WOMEN

The Fairfax County Police Department, working with the Fairfax Police Law Enforcement Foundation and C & J Security Corporation is sponsoring a new two-day self-defense course on Tuesday, May 22 and Thursday May 24. Classes will be held at the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy, 14601 Lee Road, Chantilly from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Whether you're 13, 30, 80 or anywhere in between, this comprehensive safety course will help prepare you against attackers. You'll learn risk awareness and reduction, crime prevention strategies, defensive concepts and hands-on training in defensive tactics. These techniques, when applied swiftly and correctly, can and do protect students. This course is taught by trained experts who have years of experience. Women will test their newly-learned skills in realistic, controlled, environments and they'll experience what it's like to be suddenly grabbed in a stairwell, a parking lot or an elevator.

The course is free of charge throughout its introductory time period. It is open to all women 13 years of age or older; however mothers (or female guardians) are required to attend with their teens. Due to the nature of the course, men are not allowed to attend.

For more information, email wsd@fairfaxfoundation.org. To register for the May or June 12 and 14 sessions, please email wsd@fairfaxfoundation.org or call 703-246-7806. Seating is limited.



BRADDOCK DISTRICT COMMUNITY CHAMPION 2012

Anyone who walks around or uses Lake Royal Park is the beneficiary of Greg Sykes' volunteer work with the Fairfax County Park Authority. Throughout his life, Greg builds bridges between disciplines. He started drawing and painting at an early age, with many of his subjects inspired by nature. He now is an important part of the Invasive Management Area (IMA) Volunteer Program, a community-based project designed to reduce invasive plants on our parklands. This unique, volunteer-led program gives residents an opportunity to connect with people while taking care of the natural resources around us. Greg is the site leader at Royal Lake Park where he coordinates with a team of volunteers the removal and replacement of invasive, non-native plants. He has been instrumental in the reestablishment of native species in the Royal Lake Park/Pohick Valley Stream Park. An environmentalist in both his personal and professional life, Greg is involved with additional causes such as habitat restoration, sustainability, natural resource protection, and Chesapeake Bay watershed clean-up efforts. He is a past recipient of the Elly Doyle - Outstanding Volunteer Award in 2010. The Community Champion award is very special to Supervisor Cook as he was honored to receive it in 2008 from then Braddock District Supervisor, Sharon Bulova for his work in the Kings Park community. Supervisor Cook is proud to recognize Greg Sykes as the Braddock District Community Champion for 2012.

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR BRADDOCK NIGHTS CONCERT SERIES AND BECOME A FRIEND OF BRADDOCK NIGHTS

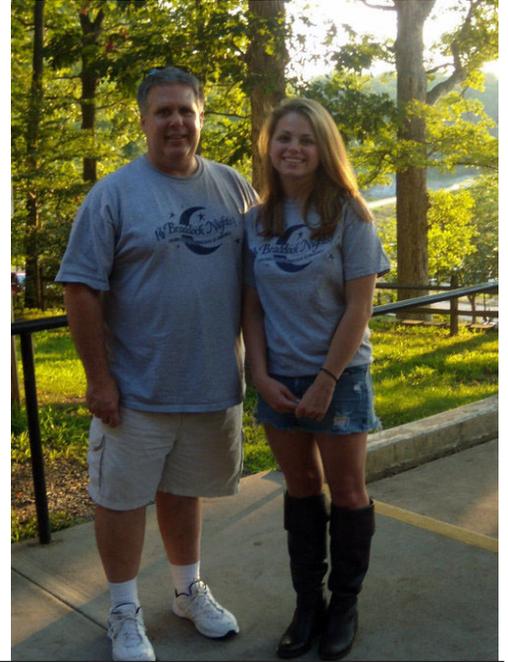
Braddock Nights brings free concerts to our community all summer long through a partnership between the Braddock office and the Fairfax County Park Authority. In the past, performances had been funded primarily through corporate grants. However a decrease in sponsorships prompts an appeal for general support.

This year's program of free performances continues its great tradition of family-oriented, quality entertainment. So join Supervisor Cook and become a Friend of Braddock Nights by filling out the membership form you see below and mailing it to the Braddock Office at 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015. All donations, payable to the Fairfax County

Park Foundation, are tax deductible and are dedicated to underwriting the cost of performer fees and support services.

Supervisor Cook thanks you in advance, and hopes to see you this summer during our Braddock Nights Concert Season at either of our nationally recognized gold-medal award winning parks.

If you were a donor to our Braddock Nights last year and did not receive a T-shirt please contact our office at 703-425-9300 and we will be happy to provide you with one.



Dear Friend of Braddock Nights:

Please complete the following membership form and return it with your donation to the address mentioned below. On behalf of the Braddock Nights, I thank you for your kind donation. As a token of our appreciation, we mail a specially designed Braddock Nights' Friends T-shirt to those contributing \$50 or more.

Membership Donation:

___ Friend of Braddock District Nights - \$50, Members will receive a Braddock Nights Friends T-shirt at the program at the beginning of the season.

Name: _____ Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Here is my check for: \$ _____ (make your check payable to: Fairfax County Park Foundation)

T-shirt size: _____

If you wish us to contact your corporation to seek their support, please provide the following:

Company's Name: _____ Contact Name: _____

Title: _____ Phone: _____

Mail to:

**Office of Braddock District Supervisor John C. Cook
Braddock District Government Center
9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015
(703)425-9300**



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY PRESENTS
2012 SUMMER CONCERTS

Friday Evenings, 7:30 p.m. at Royal Lake, 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 for further information.

LAKE ACCOTINK PARK

7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield 22152

Friday Evenings • 7:30-8:30 p.m.

- JUNE 15 The United States Army Band "Blues Jazz Ensemble" (Jazz)
- 22 Folsom Prisoners (Classic Country)
- 29 Radio King Orchestra (Big Band)
- JULY 6 The Winstons (Motown)
- 13 Falls Church Concert Band (Big Band)
- 20 The United States Air Force Band "Strolling Strings" (String Ensemble)
- 27 Project Natale (Jazz)
- AUGUST 3 The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra's Brass Quintet (Classic)
- 10 Johnny Cash Tribute Band, Jed Duvall (Country)
- 17 Andrew Acosta String Band (Bluegrass)
- 24 Swing Shift (Swing)
- 31 City of Fairfax Band "Alte Kameraden German Band" (German)



The United States Air Force Band "Strolling Strings"

ROYAL LAKE PARK

5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax 22032

Friday Evenings • 7:30-8:30 p.m.

- JUNE 15 Night Music (Rock)
- 22 Esencia Tropical (Salsa)
- 29 Cheryl Wheeler (Folk)
- JULY 6 Rick Franklin & His Delta Blues Boys (Blues)
- 13 Honor By August (Rock/Pop)
- 20 The Hot Seats (Bluegrass)
- 27 The Logan Kraft Band (Pop/Rock)
- AUGUST 3 Junkyard Saints (New Orleans/Blues)
- 10 Veronneau (Jazz)
- 17 Bachata-VIP (Bachata)
- 24 The Grandsons (Rockabilly)
- 31 Janine Wilson Band (Roots/Rock)



Honor By August

For accommodations, call Inclusion and ADA Support at 703-324-8563. TTY 703-803-3354



Welcome to our summer 2012 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 Foundation for Braddock Nights is tax deductible.

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Please make donations payable to:
Fairfax County Park Foundation - Braddock Nights

Mail to: Fairfax County Park Foundation
12055 Government Center Pkwy, Suite 404
Fairfax, VA 22035

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