



# The BRADDOCK BEACON

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## SUPERVISOR COOK AND FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE JOIN ON ROAD SAFETY INITIATIVES

Supervisor Cook and Fairfax County Police are teaming up to stop speeders and unsafe drivers. Supervisor Cook, “McGruff” the Crime Dog, and West Springfield MPO J.T. Frey met at the Laurel Ridge Elementary School on September 10 to reaffirm their commitment to making our neighborhood streets safer. Unsafe driving not only makes our roads dangerous, but parents are hesitant even to allow their children to walk down the sidewalk, or play in the front yard, because they may wander into streets that seem to have become raceways. As summer draws to a close and school begins again it is especially important to remember to be alert and mindful of pedestrians, bicyclists and other vehicles on our roads.

The Fairfax County Police Department has already been hard at work keeping our neighborhoods and roadways safe with two programs; one implemented over the summer, and another which began in September.

Over the summer, Police Officers launched HEAT (Help Eliminate Aggressive Traffic) which targets unsafe and aggressive driving behaviors. In September, Police Officers began Operation Blue Guardian. This initiative focuses on enforcing the speed limits in school zones and shadowing buses as they travel throughout the County. Police are reminding drivers that when bus lights and stop signs are activated, vehicles must stop in both directions, unless they are separated from the bus by a median.

In 2011, officers issued 1,364 citations for speeding in school zones. They issued 364 citations for improperly passing school buses and not stopping for a school bus with flashing lights. Aggressive drivers can face fines up to



\$2,500, six months suspended license, and a year in jail. Motorists are encouraged to slow down in school zones, stay alert around bus stops and drive safely through school crossings.

Supervisor Cook also continues to push his anti-speeding campaign on the Board of Supervisors. At its meeting on June 19 the Board unanimously approved Supervisor Cook’s board matter directing County staff to begin to develop a campaign focused on addressing traffic concerns and safety issues, particularly speeding through our neighborhoods. Additional elements of the campaign include: increased coordination between our Police Department and Office of Public Affairs to highly publicize a campaign against unsafe driving that would increase public consciousness, working with community groups, and an increased focus on highly visible speed check points. Moving forward, the Board’s “carry over” package this month is expected to contain \$200,000 for traffic calming measures and will direct staff to prepare a briefing for the Board later this Fall on implementing additional pieces of Supervisor Cook’s proposal.



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@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:ann.sharp@fairfaxcounty.gov) with your latest information.

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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> and on Twitter at [@SupervisorCook](https://twitter.com/SupervisorCook)

## INFILL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS BRING CHALLENGES

Historically, the “base zoning” in Fairfax was one house to an acre. As subdivisions were built, those areas were “rezoned” as part of the process of approving the subdivision. Most homes in Braddock District sit on quarter acre lots or are townhomes. (The Eagle View area south of Lee Highway is an exception as most of that area retains one acre lots.) Now, however, developers have filed, or are considering, a number of infill development applications, which present our new Land Use Committee, and the Braddock District as whole, with some challenging policy decisions.

“Infill” refers to a proposal to develop a small parcel of land which is surrounded by land already developed. If you look closely as you drive the district’s roads, you will see a number of areas, some only a couple acres large, that seem to have been “left out” when the surrounding area became a subdivision. When those “hold out” owners now seek to develop their land, that is “infill.” The question is, what guidelines should apply to such developments.

It would seem obvious that infill areas should be developed in the same way as the areas that surround them. That can be tricky if, for example, a parcel is bordered on two sides by single family homes and on two sides by townhomes. Which type should be permitted? Either? Then there is the issue of road frontage. Zoning laws require homes to face a road. Why? So a house doesn’t face someone else’s back yard. Pipe stems sometimes create exceptions to this rule. Road frontage requirements also help control overall density (important for traffic congestion, utility use, and school crowding) by limiting the number of homes. Should developers be permitted to create new roads and pipe stems in order to reach into areas that otherwise could not hold houses?

Of course, all these questions have to be balanced against a land owners right to develop his property to make a profit. Wouldn’t we all like to retain the ability to sell our land and houses to the buyer out there willing to pay the most?

These are just some of the questions I will be asking our new Land Use Committee to consider. I am also interested in your thoughts. Please shoot me an email, or give us a call (or even an old-fashioned “snail mail” letter) letting us know what you think. It’s your community, and you ought to be involved in determining what it looks like.



## TAKE PART IN DECIDING THE COUNTY’S FUTURE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING POLICY

As funding for transportation in Fairfax County has become increasingly limited, and is far less than what is necessary, the Board of Supervisors is seeking community feedback on ways to address the next ten-years worth of transportation (highway, transit, bike and pedestrian) needs.

This effort to engage the public will include a series of community meetings in September and October, during which project priorities and potential options to raise revenue will be discussed. **Braddock’s Meeting will be held at the Kings Park Library Meeting Room (9000 Burke Lake Road), on October 11, at 7:30 p.m.**



## SEPTEMBER BDC MEETING TO FEATURE PRESENTATION ON 495 EXPRESS LANES

The 495 Express lanes team will be at the Braddock District Council Meeting, Wednesday, September 12 in Braddock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Road at 7:30 p.m. to give you an overview of the Express Lanes and answer your questions. Get information on:

- Remaining construction
- How the 495 express lanes will work
- Rules of the road
- What you need to know before you use the Express Lanes
- About Express Lane Signage



The Virginia E-Z Pass team will also be at the meeting to answer your E-Z Pass questions, exchange standard E-Z Pass for E-Z Pass Flex and to sign you up for a new E-Z Pass account.

If you sign up for a new Virginia E-Z Pass account in September you can get two toll-free weeks on the 495 Express Lanes.

## BRADDOCK NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS: SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS GROWTH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

This month’s show will feature Dr. Gerald Gordon, the President and CEO of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, and Mr. Jim Corcoran, who is the President and CEO of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce. The three of them discussed what makes Fairfax County one of the best business locations in the country and how we can stay that way.

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



## SUPERVISOR COOK IN THE COMMUNITY

On August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Supervisor Cook took a guided tour of the Northern Virginia Training Center facilities on Braddock Road. As they prepare for the potential closing of the facility, Supervisor Cook is working with other local officials to determine what could be the best use for the land and structures and how to best serve the residents of the center.

On August 7<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Cook rode along with the Fairfax County Police Department and visited many neighborhoods that were participating in National Night Out.



On August 9<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Cook took County Executive Ed Long on a driving tour of the Braddock District. Supervisor Cook pointed out the diversity of neighborhoods, parks and businesses in the Braddock District and discussed the upcoming County budget with the new County Executive.



On August 22<sup>nd</sup>, Supervisor Cook hosted a meeting in Braddock Hall on new Connector Bus Service. The service will start at the Burke Centre VRE and head to Tysons Corner via Guinea Road, Braddock Road and the 495 Express Lanes. The service is expected to start at the beginning of 2013.

On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, Supervisor Cook stopped by Burke United Methodist Church to see the Burke/West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls members as they kicked off a new class of line dancing.



On August 29<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Cook attended the annual Shop with a Sheriff event at the Burke Centre Target. The event is sponsored by the Sheriff's Department and aids underprivileged children. The kids are paired up with a Sheriff and taken around to shop for clothes and school supplies. Several businesses additionally contributed funds to sponsor the event.



On August 31<sup>st</sup>, Supervisor Cook took part in Mason Walk. Teams made up of students, Mason staff and local community members visited the residences off campus where students attending Mason have chosen to live. The goals are to welcome them to Fairfax County and to provide materials that will educate and inform them about what it means to be a good neighbor.



## GUINEA ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT NEARS COMPLETION

After almost a year of construction, over the next three weeks the contractor for the Guinea Road Bridge will be putting the finishing touches on the roadway construction. The current goal is to have the bridge open for traffic by the end of September.

The sidewalk along southbound Guinea Road is now complete, along with all major construction. Traffic was then shifted to the west in order to finish the sidewalk along northbound Guinea Road prior to September 3. VDOT and its contractor have also been meeting with the Park Authority to ensure repair of the parking lot at Rutherford Park which had been used as a staging area.

This \$2.3 million project will increase the length of the bridge to 54 feet. It will be about 15 feet wider and three feet higher than the existing bridge and will reduce the storm events where flooding forces the closure of the road. Details on this project can be found at [http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/guinea\\_road.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/guinea_road.asp)



## PROJECT TO TURN KINGS PARK WEST SWIMMING POOL INTO RE-SOURCE PROTECTION AREA STILL MOVING FORWARD

*This article was contributed to the Beacon by Tony Vellucci, Braddock District Representative to the Park Authority Board*

Are you wondering what is going on with the Kings West Swim Club (KWSC) property? After a Park Authority contractor removed asbestos contained in the caulking at the KWSC site in late May, and Park Authority maintenance personnel removed five Bradford pear trees that lined Tapestry Drive in mid-June, many residents expected to see heavy equipment move in shortly thereafter to commence demolishing the swim club, but that has not happened.



The County's Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) – the project manager for the demolition – has run into a snag in permitting work for the swim club demolition and Resource Protection Area (RPA) restoration and expects a late winter early spring construction start.

DPWES will be submitting a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The LOMR applies to situations where fill material (which in most cases would be

fill-dirt) has or will be placed after the first floodplain map of an area has been established.

In the meantime, DPWES is proceeding with its plan review with the County's Department of Planning & Zoning via the Land Development System (LDS). The Rough Grading Plan was submitted to LDS on August 16 and a response is expected by October 15. If the Rough Grading Plan is approved, then the authorization for construction by the Utilities Design Construction Division is expected by November 19.

Once that authorization is received, DPWES can then proceed. If DPWES is required to bid the project based on project cost estimates exceeding bid thresholds, then the following schedule is anticipated:

- Advertise for Bid by 12/19/2012
- Bid Opening by 1/22/2013
- Award by 3/8/2013
- Notice To Proceed (NTP) and preconstruction meeting by 3/11/2013

If project cost estimates are below bid thresholds, then existing contracts can be

used and the following schedule is anticipated:

- Award by 12/19/2012
- Notice To Proceed (NTP) and preconstruction meeting by 1/2/2013

Since the public meeting held in March, there has been a Project Manager change. Linda Fertal resigned from DPWES effective August 3 and Rose Barrie has taken her place as the new Project Manager. Ms. Barrie notes she will be able to refine the schedule when she receives approval of the plans and has determined if any approval conditions warrant additional plan modifications.

Meanwhile, coordination between DPWES and the Park Authority continues. During the week of August 20, FCPA notified DPWES that as of Thursday, August 16, all Kings West Swim Club officers had signed paperwork for the legal transfer of the property to the Park Authority. The Park Authority will finalize the transfer agreement upon a board vote scheduled for just prior to DPWES commencing actual demolition operations.

Another community meeting similar to that held earlier this year in March may be scheduled sometime after the preconstruction meeting with the contractor.

## SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY EVENTS IN BRADDOCK DISTRICT

### GEORGE MASON PRESIDENT TO SPEAK AT COMMUNITY FORUM

The next University Community Forum will be held Wednesday, October 3 at the Fairfax City Hall City Council chambers at 7:30 p.m. Mason's new President, Dr. Angel Cabrera will be a special guest. Updates will also be given on Campus Drive (West Campus Connector) construction, developments regarding the Eleven Oaks property, and the recent Welcome Walks as part of the Mason Good Neighbor program. We hope you will take the opportunity to learn more about what is taking place on campus and in the neighborhoods surrounding George Mason University.

### COMMUNITY MEETINGS

**September 24, 7:30 p.m.:** Community Pools Meeting with Supervisor Cook in Braddock Hall. Pool Board members are encouraged to attend this information meeting.

**October 1, 7:30 p.m.:**

NVCC Wakefield Community Forum  
Nancy F. Sprague Technology Center  
4414 Holborn Avenue, Annandale

**October 10, 7:30 p.m.:** Braddock District Council Meeting, Braddock Hall

**October 11, 7:30 p.m.:** Transportation Advisory Information Meeting, Kings Park Library Community Room



### OAK HILL OPEN HOUSE

The Oak Hill Open House will be on Saturday, September 29. The welcoming ceremony will begin at 12:30 p.m. and self-guided tours of this historic 18th century Georgian-style home will begin at 1:00 p.m. In Fairfax County, Oak Hill is the sole surviving plantation home built by the Fitzhugh family. Free refreshments provided by Annandale High School, local history book sales and exhibits, and farm animals for your entertainment.

### COMMUNITY FORUM ON DRINKING AND DRIVING IN OCTOBER

Fairfax County residents are encouraged to attend a community forum on drinking and driving. Sponsored by the Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County (UPC), the event is part of an effort to put a major dent in the number of alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes involving drivers ages 15 to 24. The forum will be a part of the West Springfield Police District Citizen Advisory Committee held at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday October 3 in the government center's community room at 6140 Rolling Road in Springfield.

### YOUTH BICYCLE RODEO

The Fairfax County Police, West Springfield District Station's Neighborhood Patrol Unit will be hosting a bicycle rodeo for grade school aged children (6-12) at the station on Saturday, September 29. The rain date is Saturday, November 3.

The West Springfield District serves the communities of Burke, Springfield, Lorton, and parts of Fairfax Station and Annandale. Please share this information with your Cub Scout Packs, Girl Scout Troops, and other elementary school aged youth groups that live and work nearby.

Children will learn about bicycle safety, and then participate in a challenging obstacle course that is designed to reinforce safe riding. Additionally, the Police Department will have several police vehicles and equipment on display along with a visit from McGruff the Crime Dog. All children who wish to participate are required to bring their own bicycle and a bicycle helmet that has been approved by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).



### NEW LIBRARY HOURS WILL BEGIN THIS MONTH

Starting in September, regional library branches will be open additional hours Monday and Wednesday mornings and Thursday evening. The new fall schedule at regional branches will be: Monday 10-9; Tuesday 10-9; Wednesday 10-9; Thursday 10-9; Friday 10-6; Saturday 10-5; Sunday 1-5.

Community branches will be open additional hours on Monday evening and Tuesday morning. The new fall schedule at community branches will be: Monday 10-9; Tuesday 10-9; Wednesday 10-6; Thursday 1-9; Friday 10-6; Saturday 10-5.

Regional branches include Centreville, Chantilly, City of Fairfax, George Mason, Pohick, Reston, Sherwood and Tysons-Pimmit.

Community branches include Burke Centre, Dolley Madison, Great Falls, Herndon Fortnightly, John Marshall, Kings Park, Kingstowne, Lorton, Martha Washington, Oakton, Patrick Henry, Richard Byrd, Thomas Jefferson and Woodrow Wilson.

### FAIRFAX PREPARES: 30 WAYS IN 30 DAYS

The Office of Public Affairs and the Office of Emergency Management are fostering a new emergency preparedness campaign this month. As part of National Preparedness Month, they have begun "Fairfax Prepares: 30 Ways in 30 Days." You may follow and participate in the campaign in four ways:

- 1.) The emergency website featuring all of the tips; people can subscribe by email: <http://fairfaxcountyemergency.wordpress.com/category/30ways-30days/>
- 2.) A special Facebook page for this campaign: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Fairfax-County-Prepares-30-Ways-in-30-Days/417496534964846>
- 3.) The Fairfax County NewsWire webpage and daily email will feature all of the posts: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/>
- 4.) By following the hashtag #fairfaxprepares on Twitter

## BRADDOCK DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATES

### THE REBUILD WAREHOUSE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

The non-profit ReBuild Warehouse recycles materials from deconstructed houses and offers them for sale to the public. This keeps perfectly usable materials out of our landfills and offers you great discounts on materials for your next project. The problem is, ReBuild doesn't currently have the funding to staff their warehouse, so they are open by appointment only, limiting their sales and the amount of material they can recycle. To help, would you be willing to donate two to four hours of your time, one Saturday per month at the new warehouse site on Fullerton Road in Springfield? This would allow the warehouse to establish regular weekend hours and reach more customers. If interested, please contact Paul Hughes at [phughes1967@gmail.com](mailto:phughes1967@gmail.com)

### STREAM MONITORING WORKSHOP: LAKE ACCOTINK

Saturday, September 8, From: 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., At: Lake Accotink Park, Springfield. Help the Friends of the Accotink monitor their favorite stream in beautiful Lake Accotink Park. Meet behind the administrative building and walk down to the stream site together. You can RSVP online at the Friends of the Accotink website at <http://www.accotink.org/>.

### GET YOUR BRAIN WET! JOIN FRIENDS OF ACCOTINK CREEK WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP OF 2012

It's time to pull on our waders, grab our tongs, and join the planet AGAIN! For additional dates in October please go to: [www.accotink.org](http://www.accotink.org)

#### September 15 Cleanup Locations:

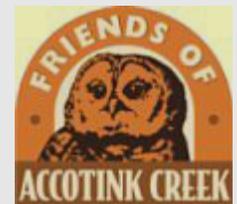
9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., Fullerton Rd. – Costco parking lot  
 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m., Off Franconia-Springfield Prkwy. – Hunter Village Dr./Cross County Trail  
 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Telegraph Road bridge – at Telegraph Square Drive industrial park

#### September 23 Cleanup Location:

11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Wakefield Park at Braddock Rd. - 1st lot parking lot on left

#### September 29 Cleanup Locations:

9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., Pickett Rd. - at Accotink Creek bridge in Thaiss Park  
 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m., Barkley Dr. – at Accotink Creek bridge in Sally Ormsby Park  
 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., Woodburn Rd. – at Accotink Creek bridge in Eakin Park



### PARKFAIRFAX NATIVE PLANT SALE

Saturday, September 29, From: 9:00 am until 2:00 p.m., At: 3601 Valley Dr, Alexandria, VA 22302

Who would have guessed that a small community off I-395 would host one of the biggest native plant sales around? Come and out and see the wares of dozens of vendors, and take something beautiful for your yard.

### EARTH SANGHA NATIVE PLANT SALE

Sunday, September 30, From: 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., At: Earth Sangha's Native Plant Nursery, Franconia Park, Springfield

Earth Sangha is a local non-profit that operates a native plant nursery in Springfield and a tree bank in the Dominican Republic. Plants from the Springfield nursery are used for ecological restoration projects throughout the DC metro area. All of the Earth Sangha's 40,000 container-grown plants with all 220 plus species will be made available for sale. For more information and driving directions, visit <http://www.earthsangha.org/>

### THE PARK AUTHORITY BOARD WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Residents are invited to speak at the start of regular Park Authority Board meetings. Park Authority Board meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. The Board will hear testimony from residents on any park topic except issues related to litigation or personnel matters. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. in Suite 941 of the Herrity Building located at 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Va.

- There will be time for up to five speakers. Each speaker will be given three minutes to testify.
- Speakers will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis with registration beginning on the Monday prior to the Board meeting.
- Register via e-mail to Parkmail, or call the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662, or sign up in person at the Herrity Building, Suite 927, by noon on the day of the meeting.

## BRADDOCK DISTRICT LAND USE UPDATE

### TARIQ KHAN REZONING.

An application to rezone a property at 4335 Shirley Gate Road from the R-1 District to a PDH-2 Residential District was the subject of a Community Information Meeting hosted by Supervisor Cook on September 5. This proposed rezoning (RZ/FDP-2012-BR-003) asks approval to place three single family lots on this 1.9 acre property located on the east side of Shirley Gate Road, approximately 500 feet north of its intersection with Park Drive. In the current application, 68 percent of the 1.9 acre property would be retained in an open space conservation easement, with a single private drive serving the three houses. The residences would be designed to be visually compatible with the Cloisters subdivision to the north. A Planning Commission hearing is scheduled for November 1.

### INOVA/PACE.

A proposal to amend the current proffers for RZ 87-A-011 for the existing Little River Glen Senior Center and independent living facility to serve an additional ten adults in space renovated by INOVA under a lease with the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority will come before the Planning Commission for a Public Hearing on September 13 and be heard by the Board of Supervisors on September 25. PACE (a Program for All Inclusive Care of the Elderly) serves seniors who qualify for Medicare and Medicaid, offering services from doctors, nurses and dietitians, physical and occupational therapists. The amendment will allow an additional ten seniors to be served; raising the total from 50 to 60.

### UNIVERSITY MALL SIGN PLAN.

As part of its proposed redevelopment, the University Mall has filed an application with the County to complete a Comprehensive Sign Plan covering its entire property. This plan (SEA 87-A-086-03) would cover all free standing signs, other owner related signs and new tenant signage. This project was accepted for processing in May and is scheduled to come before the Planning Commission

on October 4. The proposal is available at the Braddock District office for review.

### ELEVEN OAKS SCHOOL SITE.

Supervisor Cook will provide an update on this proposal from Madison Homes to construct 49 residences on a seven acre site that straddles both the City and the County. Approximately 13 single family homes will be located on the parcel of land east of George Mason Boulevard. Thirty-six homes, a mixture of single family and townhomes, would be located on the west side for an overall density of approximately 6.5 homes to the acre. The update will be part of the University Community Forum at the Fairfax City Council Chambers on October 3 at 7:30 p.m. The developer will also present its proposal to the Braddock District Land Use Committee in September.

### NEXT MEETING OF THE BRADDOCK LAND USE COMMITTEE SCHEDULED

The Braddock District Land Use Committee will have its regular monthly meeting on September 18, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in Braddock Hall. Meetings are open to all interested residents. The group has worked on its policies and procedures which will be placed on the Supervisor's website after the committee takes a final vote on them this month.

### CHILD CARE ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

Staff is currently working on language that would enable the Board of Supervisors to consider amending the Zoning Ordinance to allow up to 12 children to be cared for in a single family home as approved by the Commonwealth of Virginia. Right now the maximum number of children allowed in Fairfax County is ten. Your thoughts on this issue would be helpful and welcomed. Please contact Rosemary Ryan in the Braddock District Office at 703-425-9300 or at [Rosemary.Ryan@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Rosemary.Ryan@fairfaxcounty.gov).

## WAKEFIELD CHAPEL BIKE LANE BEING MISUSED

Bicycle riding has become popular in Fairfax County. In the summer of 2010, in order to help slow some of the traffic along Wakefield Chapel Road, as well as to accommodate the growing number of cyclists, bicycle lanes were created on portions of Wakefield Chapel Road between the parking lane and travel lane. The parking lane, which is to the right of the bicycle lane, is not designated to be another travel lane or passing lane. That being said, we have heard stories of cars being passed on the right by using the bike lane as a passing lane. this is a traffic

infraction and very dangerous. Please, remember as you drive down Wakefield Chapel Road that there is a lane for traffic, a lane for bicycles and a lane for parking. And please, watch out for other travelers on the road, whether you are in a motor vehicle or on a bicycle. We really would like to see all of you get to your final destination in one piece. If you would like additional information on laws regarding bicycling and safety tips please visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/bike/bikesafety.htm>.



## THREE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THE NOVEMBER 6 ELECTIONS

Many people have not voted since the last presidential election in 2008. There have been some changes that may affect where you vote and the ID that you need to bring to the poll. Here are three tips to make sure your vote counts on Tuesday, November 6.

1. Every registered voter in Virginia is receiving a new voter registration card in the coming weeks. Make sure you check it as soon as you get it to confirm that your current residence address is listed, and note the location of your polling place. Many polling locations have moved since 2008. If you have moved since you last voted, you most likely will have a new polling place, and may no longer be eligible to vote if you have not updated your address. If you have any questions, contact the Office of Elections before October 15. Call 703-222-0776 (TTY 711).

2. You will need to present ID in order to vote. Please note that you do not need a photo ID. Acceptable forms of ID include the following:

- Virginia voter information/registration card
- Valid Virginia driver's license
- Military ID
- Any federal, Virginia, or local government-issued ID
- Employer issued photo ID card
- Concealed handgun permit



- Valid student ID issued by any institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth of Virginia
- Current utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck indicating the name and address of the voter -- unless you are a first time voter, or
- Social Security Card (this does not satisfy federal law for first time voters)

If you are a first time voter in a federal election, there are certain federal ID requirements.

3. The polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. You may want to avoid the morning and afternoon rush hours when many people are stopping to vote before or after work. You may also want to become familiar with the ballot before you go to the poll. You can find a sample ballot at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections).

In addition, absentee by mail and in person voting begins at the Fairfax County Government Center on September 21 at 12000 Government Center Parkway in Suite 323. You may vote from Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Thursdays: 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. For additional details please go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm>

## DMV 2 GO COMING BACK TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER

DMV 2 Go is a fleet of five mobile customer service centers bringing DMV services to Virginians at convenient locations. The fleet, which schedules regular visits at university and college campuses, assisted living facilities, retirement communities and military bases, will be parked in front of the Government Center on September 26 and 27 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. to serve County residents.

The van is a handicapped-accessible full service office-on-wheels which is equipped to process all DMV transactions including:

- Apply for or renew your ID card - available for adults and children.
- Apply for or renew your driver's license - take road and knowledge tests; get your picture taken, reinstate driving privileges.
- Apply for a Veteran ID card.
- Get a copy of your driving record.
- Obtain vehicle titles, license plates, decals, transcripts.
- Order disabled parking placards or plates.
- Get fishing and hunting licenses.
- Update your address on your DMV records. You can also update your voter registration address and organ donor status.
- Request a Personal Identification Number (PIN) to set up a myDMV account - receive DMV notices via email or phone; conduct secure transactions on the DMV website.

For more information [http://www.dmv.state.va.us/webdoc/citizen/dmv\\_2go.asp](http://www.dmv.state.va.us/webdoc/citizen/dmv_2go.asp) A calendar is available for future visits to Fairfax.



## LOOKING TO START A SMALL BUSINESS IN FAIRFAX COUNTY? THESE RESOURCES MAY HELP

Fairfax County is a thriving employment center for the state of Virginia. We are fortunate to have many small businesses in the County that offer great services to our residents as well as help grow the County's economy. If you are interested in starting a small business there are many County resources that are available to assist you:



### Getting Started

Four Phases of Business- [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpsm/osb/four\\_phases.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpsm/osb/four_phases.htm)

Small, Minority and Woman-Owned Firms- <http://www.fairfaxcountyeda.org/small-minority-and-woman-owned-firms>

Demographic and Economic Information- <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/about/data/>

### Tax and License Information

Business Taxes and Licenses- [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/business\\_newinfo.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/business_newinfo.htm)

Regulatory Licenses- <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/consumer/licensing.htm>

Frequently Asked Questions- [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/business\\_faq.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/business_faq.htm)

Forms- [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/forms.htm#Business\\_Tax\\_Forms](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/forms.htm#Business_Tax_Forms)

### Resources

Fairfax County Economic Development Authority- <http://www.fairfaxcountyeda.org/business-start-resources>

Fairfax County Department of Purchasing and Supply Management- <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpsm/osb/>

Fairfax County Library- <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/business/business.htm>

SCORE Business Counselors- <http://www.fairfaxcountyeda.org/score-counseling>

Community Business Partnership- <http://www.cbponline.org>

Virginia Small Business Development Center- <http://www.virginiabdc.org>

General Information from Fairfax County- <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/business>

Steps to Establish a Small Business in Virginia- <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/smsteps.pdf>

Virginia Small Business Financing Authority- <http://dba.virginia.gov/vsbf.shtml>

### 2012 Workshops and Seminars

Entrepreneurship 101: Starting a Business in Fairfax County- <http://www.fairfaxcountyeda.org/starting-business-seminar>

Selling to Fairfax County- <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpsm/osb/workshop.htm>

## THIS OCTOBER AT GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY: GIRLS TAKE CHARGE LEADERSHIP DAY

Girls Take Charge is a hands-on leadership and life skills program for high school and middle school girls. The conference is highly interactive and fun, providing an opportunity for girls to express their thoughts and experiences. This year, Girls Take Charge will be held at George Mason University's Fairfax Campus in Student Union II on Saturday, October 13 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Program check in will begin at 9:40 a.m. and a pizza lunch will be provided to participants.

Girls Take Charge inspires and empowers high school and middle school girls to become self-confident leaders in their schools, on the field and in their organizations and communities. Girls benefit from hands-on sessions and coaching from experienced women leaders and university women student leaders on topics including Positive Risk Taking, Goal Setting, Collaboration, Communication and Decision Making.

Girls Take Charge acts as a counterbalance, producing confident young women who are energized about the future and have the tools to make a difference in their schools and communities. The program is for any girl who wants to learn more about herself, her goals, dreams and spend a fun day on a college campus!

Past participants include school leaders in clubs, activities, student government, captains of sports teams, as well as students who may wish to lead an endeavor but has not yet had the opportunity. Girls who attend the program are excited and motivated about helping others and reaching their personal goals.

Over 4,000 girls have gone through the program since it began in 2007. Registration costs \$60 and scholarships are available. For additional information or to register please go to <http://girlstakecharge.org/article.php?it=58> or contact Beth Mooney at [bethmooney@learningtolead.org](mailto:bethmooney@learningtolead.org) or at 484-880-1458.



## INTRODUCING WAKEFIELD RUN, THE NEW NAME FOR A TRIBUTARY OF ACCOTINK CREEK

Local residents were invited to suggest a name for an unnamed tributary of Accotink Creek that will undergo a stream restoration this fall. The name selected for the stream is "Wakefield Run."

The small stream starts on the grounds of Braddock Elementary School and flows through a culvert under the Beltway, over a fair weather crossing and under the Cross County Trail in Wakefield Park before joining Accotink Creek.

The Friends of Accotink Creek selected "Wakefield Run" from 27 names submitted to the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District. The proposed names reflected the area's history, geography, natural resources and the submitter's imagination.

Don Waye suggested the name "Wakefield Run" because it "captures and builds on the place-name identity already established for this area." He said it would encourage people who enjoy Wakefield Park's tennis courts, skateboard park and swimming pool to "also care about the park's natural amenities."

Wakefield Run's bed and banks are eroding, sending sediment to Accotink Creek. The segment inside the park will be graded, stabilized and planted. Also, a 100 foot culvert outfall with riprap will be replaced with a shorter, more effective outfall and the fair-weather crossing will be rebuilt.

Partnering for this stream restoration project are the Fairfax County Park Authority, the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District, the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services and Dominion Virginia Power. The Friends of Accotink Creek are partnering to help promote awareness and stewardship, which includes selecting a name for the tributary. The Braddock District Supervisor's Office is helping with getting the word out. Other community groups will likely join the partnership.



## APPLY TO FAIRFAX COUNTY'S AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICER PROGRAM

Have you ever wanted to be more involved in law enforcement and public safety? Are you looking for meaningful, challenging work and having a role in keeping Fairfax County safe? If so, consider applying to the Fairfax County Police Department's Auxiliary Police Officer (APO) program.

An all-volunteer civilian force comprised of 108 men and women, APO's play a vital role in supplementing the sworn personnel in essential public safety operations. They perform a myriad of duties such as staffing sobriety checkpoints, protecting the integrity of crime scenes, and may be deployed to natural or man-made disasters at any time.

APO's come from a variety of backgrounds that enhances the FCPD with their unique sets of knowledge, skills and abilities. Currently, there are doctors, lawyers, accountants, engineers and reserve and retired military officers in the rich mix of APOs. A blend of retirees and employed, the APOs are individuals who like to learn and have time to commit. Once they pass a rigorous background check, they are required

to undergo trainings at the Criminal Justice Academy in Chantilly two evenings a week and a few Saturdays a month during a 16-week academy slated to begin in January 2013.

Other vital information applicants must be aware of include;

Applicant must be:

- At Least 21 years old
- American Citizen
- Be in good health
- Pass Background Investigation
- Polygraph examination
- Good finances
- Good driving record
- Evaluation of previous drug usage
- Good citizen and character
- No Conflict of Interest

Applicants must not be employed in positions representing a potential conflict of interest.

- Police officers
- Security guards
- Military police officers
- Civilians in law enforcement positions

- Firemen

The Fairfax County Police Department is now accepting applications. To learn more about the APO program or request an application, call 703-280-0576 or email [AuxiliaryPolice@FairfaxCounty.gov](mailto:AuxiliaryPolice@FairfaxCounty.gov).

