



The BRADDOCK BEACON

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SUPERVISOR COOK ANNOUNCES TECHNOLOGY-FOCUSED TOWN HALL MEETING

Join Supervisor Cook on June 1 for a town hall meeting on how to take advantage of technology to connect with your community.

Communities now communicate via email listservs and other Web-based tools, not to mention Facebook and Twitter. New technologies have helped make Fairfax County more transparent and accessible than ever before: Board meetings and important documents are posted online; supervisors update constituents via email, Twitter and Facebook; and residents can find a wealth of important information online, without ever having to walk out the door or pick up a phone.

The event will start at 9:00 a.m. with remarks from Supervisor Cook. A panel of Braddock residents will then speak about how they use the Internet to keep their communities more civically engaged and informed. An information session on how to easily navigate the County's website will follow the panel.

Finally, a number of breakout sessions will

be offered with more information on how to use technology to improve and enhance your relationship with your local government. Sessions will include: "Using Technology to Assist Resident's Needs"; "Emergency Management Technology"; and "How to Use Tablets, Smartphones and Apps." Each breakout session will be held twice, so you'll be able to attend more than one session if you'd like.

The event will wrap up with a final presentation on what we can expect in the future. Rick Smyre, founder of the Center for Communities of the Future, will help us peer a few years down the road to see where rapidly advancing computer technology will take us. See more about him at www.communitiesofthefuture.org.

The town hall will be held June 1 in the beautiful Finance Park at the Frost Middle School, 4101 Pickett Road, Fairfax. Look for more information in the next edition of the Beacon.



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 with your latest information.

COURT BATTLE DEFINES LEGAL LIMITS OF HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION

A recent court battle that ended up costing a homeowners association nearly \$100,000 has HOAs all across Virginia scrambling to ensure their rules won't cost them down the road.

The case in question started when Sam and Maria Farran, who lived in the Olde Belhove Towne Owners Association, posted an Obama for President sign in their front lawn. The sign was too large, according to the Association's rules, and the Farrans were asked to take it down. After refusing to remove the sign, the HOA passed new rules allowing the association to levy fines to enforce restrictions. The Farrans sued the association and were eventually awarded nearly \$100,000 in legal fees.

The dust is just now beginning to settle in the

case, but not before more than \$400,000 was spent in legal fees. Most importantly, a Judge ruled that an HOA may impose fines, but only if its originating documents expressly allow it to levy fines, or eventually adopt rules and regulations which impose fines.

Lawyers are advising HOAs to take a conservative approach and to amend any documents or bylaws that might be in violation of the ruling. This can be extremely hard work, because many HOAs require two-thirds or even 75 percent of homeowners to agree to ratify changes to certain documents. However, the alternative is to allow potentially illegal rules to stay on the books, opening the HOA's up to future legal action by unhappy members.

EMAIL SUBSCRIPTION TO THE BRADDOCK BEACON

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BRADDOCK DISTRICT NOW ON FACEBOOK & TWITTER

Be sure to stay up to date on the Braddock District. See: <http://www.facebook.com/supervisorcook> and on <http://www.twitter.com/supervisor-cook>

SERIOUS DISEASE IS THREATENING FAIRFAX COUNTY IMPATIENS

A serious disease of Impatiens, Impatiens Downy Mildew, has been confirmed in Fairfax County.

This disease had been identified in greenhouse production in the U.S. since 2004, but is now a widespread landscape problem in many regions. Greenhouse growers and suppliers have significantly cut back on production of Impatiens and it is likely your local garden center will not carry Impatiens this season. Research is still occurring on how long the disease can survive. Some research is suggesting up to five years, while others say two to three years. Plants in brighter areas fared better than plants in deep shade.

Adria Bordas, the Fairfax County Cooperative Extension Agent has spoken to many professionals across the Green Industry and to home gardeners in Northern Virginia. Most are concerned about plants that may have wintered indoors and what to do in 2013 and 2014. All common garden Impatiens and many hybrids are susceptible to this disease. Early symptoms are very subtle; the upper leaf surface may remain green, exhibit stippling or turn only slightly yellow. Leaf edges may also curl downward and plants may become stunted. Under conditions of cool temperatures and high humidity, leaf undersides may show a dense, white growth composed of spores. Late symptoms include stunting, defoliation, and flower drop, often with only bare stems remaining. The disease tends to be worse in:

- Locations where leaves stay wet for extended periods of time.
- Very dense beds with no air circulation.
- Beds receiving overhead sprinkler irrigation, because the foliage does not dry quickly.

Adria suggests that for the 2013 and 2014 season, because there is a strong likelihood of disease, gardeners should consider planting other species. Bear in mind that spores of Impatiens Downy Mildew Fungus can survive overwinter in plant debris and on weed hosts. Some alternative include:

Torenia (Wishbone Flower): Attracts hummingbirds and comes in a range of colors. Coleus: A classic in the garden, shade loving foliage plant.

Sun Patiens: More vigorous than traditional New Guinea



Impa-

tiens and can bloom in sun and shade.

New Guinea Impatiens: Performs best in morning sun and shaded from afternoon sun.

Begonias: Wax, Solenia, and Dragon Wing Begonias are heat tolerant and do well in partial or full shade.

Browallia: Perfect for the landscape or a mixed containers. Gorgeous blue to lavender to white flowers.

To Prevent and Limit Diseases in your bedding plants:

- Avoid mass planting. Mono-cultures incur risk of a single species problem; diversity is good.
- Water at the base of plants if possible, rather than sprinkle all the foliage;
- Water early in the day if possible, so the garden can dry out before nightfall.
- Thin out crowded plantings; lack of air circulation favors some diseases.
- Do not compost diseased plants, but discard in garbage bags or bury them in a deep hole.

Your local Garden Center may have lists of other alternatives.

A list of some useful online resources, which include more detailed disease control information, is provided on my web page. For specific questions, contact Adria Bordas at Adria.Bordas@fairfaxcounty.gov or call (703) 324-5369.

HELP KEEP FAIRFAX COUNTY CLEAN DURING SPRINGFEST 2013!

Springfest 2013!

April 27, 10:00 to 4:00 p.m.

At Workhouse Arts Center

Pony Rides • Petting Zoo • Reptiles Alive • The Kickoff of Farmers' Market Season • Recycling Pirates: Good Life Theater Puppet Show Games • Music • Arbor Day Celebration • Billy B Singing Songs about the Environment • Rock Climbing Wall • Crafts Environmental Workshops • Gigantic Inflatable Obstacle Course • Art Demonstrations and MORE!

At Occoquan Regional Park

Kayak and Bike Rentals • Family Fishing • Nature Scavenger Hunt and MORE!

Clean Fairfax, in partnership with Fairfax County, the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, the Fairfax County Park Foundation, the Fairfax County Park Authority, Fort Belvoir, Fairfax Water and the Workhouse Arts Center present SpringFest 2013, a celebration of Earth Day, Arbor Day, and a Cleaner, Greener Fairfax at The Workhouse Arts Center 9601 Ox Road, Lorton, Virginia. For more information: <http://www.springfestfairfax.org/>

SUPERVISOR COOK IN THE COMMUNITY

On March 1st, Supervisor Cook participated in a breakfast put on by Leadership Fairfax. The event featured a discussion panel by members of the Board of Supervisors and honored Walter Alcorn for his dedicated service to the Fairfax County Planning Commission.

On March 4th, Supervisor Cook took part in the 100,000 Fairfax Homes Campaign Debrief. This event was held at the Jubilee Christian Center and was a follow to efforts the County is making to assist the homeless population here in Fairfax.

On March 7th, Supervisor Cook held an online Reddit interview with George Mason University students. The premise was that people could submit questions which he would immediately answer. We plan on having more of these interactive chats, so keep tuned in.

On March 9th, Supervisor Cook attended an Installation Dinner for members of the Burke Volunteer Fire Department. The event was held at the station on Old Burke Lake Road.

On March 11th, Supervisor Cook attended the Valor Awards Luncheon, which was held at the McLean Hilton. The event is put on by the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce and honors heroes from the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department who have gone above and beyond the call of duty.



On March 13th, Supervisor Cook took part in the monthly Braddock District Council meeting which was held at the Kings Park Library. This meeting focused on the Fairfax County FY 2014 budget.

On March 16th, Supervisor Cook spoke to a large gathering of Boy Scouts at the Old Dominion District Boy Scout Jamboree, which was held at Lee High School. At the event, Scouts were able to listen to Supervisor Cook explain his role in local government as well as ask questions



to assist them in obtaining their Citizenship Badges. Later that evening he attended the annual Kings Park Potluck at Lake Braddock Secondary School. The Braddock office was also present with a staff member there to hand out newsletters and other materials.

On March 17th, Supervisor Cook attended and spoke at the American Turkish Friendship Association NOWRUZ Celebration which was held at the Ernst Center on the NVCC Campus.

On March 18th, Supervisor Cook hosted his first Town Hall Meeting on the FY 2014 Budget. It was held at Little Run Elementary School and he was pleased to have Braddock School Board representative Megan McLaughlin in attendance. Fairfax County CFO Susan Datta led the presentation.

On March 19th, after a Board of Supervisors Meeting, Supervisor Cook stopped by Burke United Methodist Church to speak to a group of Boy Scouts who are all working towards their Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge.

Free Ride!

The newly built 495 Express Lanes will be free to all traffic April 6 and 7. Drivers do not need an EZ-Pass and riders with EZ-Passes will not be charged. Don't miss your chance to take a free ride on the Express Lanes!

LAKE FAIRFAX WILL BE STOCKED APRIL 12



Although fishable year-round, spring is the premier time for fishing at Lake Fairfax in Reston. Thousands of pounds of safe-to-eat rainbow trout are stocked in the lake with the last stocking to take place at mid-day on April 12. A Virginia fishing license is required along with either a one-day or a seasonal trout fishing pass available at the site. There are one-pole and six-fish limits. The lake is very accessible for shoreline fishermen. For information call 703-471-5415. ALL stocked trout will be of legal size and as in the past, YOU may be the lucky angler to catch one of the few 16" – 19" trout that have been stocked. Season trout passes for 2013 will be available for purchase at the Main Office and will be valid for the entire calendar year. Adult season passes are \$60 and daily passes are \$15, with lower prices for children. For more information call 703-471-5415 or go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/troutfishing10.htm>

HAVE YOUR HOME CERTIFIED AS WILDLIFE HABITAT

If you love gardening and connecting with people in your community, the National Wildlife Federation can help you certify your home or community as a wildlife habitat. By providing food, water, cover and a place for wildlife to raise their young, you not only help wildlife, but restore balance in our commercial and residential areas. Whether you have an apartment balcony or a large yard, you can help.

A Community Wildlife Habitat is a community that provides habitat for wildlife throughout the community--in individual backyards, on school grounds and in public areas such as parks, community gardens, places of worship and businesses. To get started, go to <http://www.nwf.org/How-to-Help/Garden-for-Wildlife/Certify-Your-Wildlife-Garden.aspx>

CAMPUS DRIVE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

By mid-April 2013, the detour on Route 123/Ox Road will be in effect between University Drive and Mason Pond Drive. While four lanes of traffic will be open, expect delays along this corridor as the bridges are built on Route 123 over Campus Drive below.

Roanoke River Road/Braddock Road Renovation Update

It is expected that starting in early April

2013 work hours on Braddock Road will mostly shift to 10:30 p.m.-5 a.m. nightly. As the project nears completion, paving on Braddock Road as well as the installation of a new traffic signal at Roanoke River Road and Braddock Road remain. There still may be some limited lane closures between 9am-3pm as needed.

For construction News, visit <http://building.gmu.edu/>

AGING IN PLACE

Spring is finally here, at least we hope. There are many fun and informative things going on around town for families and seniors

The Braddock Council – Aging in Place - Public Presentation on Wednesday, April 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Kings Park Library Meeting Room will provide information on Fairfax County's Adult Health Day Care Program and Inova's PACE, the Program for All-Inclusive Care for Elderly. Open to All. Please bring a friend.

Free Seminar for Family Caregivers

Below are the seminars being held for caregivers during Spring 2013. For more information, please visit www.fairfaxcount.gov/DFS/OlderAdultServices

Thursday, April 4, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Caregiving 101 at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston.

Thursday, April 11, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Diagnosis: Dementia...Now What? at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria.

Wednesday, April 17, 12:00 to 1 p.m.

Legal Tools for Caregivers Webinar via your computer or telephone. Upon registration, you will receive an email with access instructions.

Tuesday, April 23, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Financial Issues for Caregivers at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly.

Thursday, April 25, 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Medicare 101 at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria.

Workhouse Arts Center

9601 Ox Road, Lorton

- Cabaret Series – Enjoy a spirited evening of music and laughter
- Make 'em Laugh – April 6, 7:30 p.m.
- Second Saturday Art Walk – Every second Saturday of the month the Workhouse showcases the work of more than 100 visual artists.
- Asian Art & Culture Day – Saturday, April 6, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

NIGHTTIME ROAD WORK ON BRADDOCK RD.

Last fall we were fortunate to have had Braddock Road repaved between Rolling Road and Roberts Road. Due to the work being completed so close to the cold weather season, the last few bits of corrective work had to wait until the Spring to be done. Supervisor Cook has approved a Noise Variance for nighttime work between the hours of 9:00 p.m. through 5:00 a.m. Sunday night through Friday morning. This work is not permitted prior to 9:00 a.m. on Sundays or Federal Holidays. This Noise Variance is approved for the dates beginning on April 1 and shall expire at 5 a.m. on May 9, and will include milling and resurfacing patches of Braddock Road from Roberts Road to Rolling Road. During the same time period, milling, resurfacing and marking of Braddock Road from Ravensworth Road to Queensbury Avenue will also occur.

Additionally, a Noise Variance has been

approved for the following work at the intersection of Braddock Road and Roanoke River Road:

- Construction activity
- Demolition of roadway and median
- Installation of SWM structure and pipe
- Milling and resurfacing and parking
- Installation of Fairfax water line

The variance restrictions are the same as for the aforementioned work.

If you have any questions, we have copies of the documents here at the Supervisor's office. You can also call the office at 703-425-9300 or email us at braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov. We appreciate your patience with the last bits of this work as we strive to make Braddock Road an easier travel option.

BNN FEATURES FIRE CHIEF MASTIN

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 on to share pertinent and informative items with the viewers.

This month's show features Chief Ronald Mastin from the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. Chief Mastin has served the County for almost 40 years, a tenure that reflects highly on his skills, acumen and dedication to the people of Fairfax County. This month, Chief Mastin retires after his highly decorated career, and moves on to new endeavors and adventures. He leaves behind a legacy and a Department that has grown into one of the most highly respected in the country.

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. You can find past BNN shows at www.youtube.com/supervisorcook.

SUPERVISOR COOK IN THE NEWS

Supervisor Cook's budget simulation tool made news locally and nationally. It was covered in the Washington Post, ABC News, AOL's Daily Finance and more. Here's a sampling of what was said.

The Washington Post

Are you smarter than a Fairfax supervisor? John Cook invites residents to figure out county budget

"County budgets are massive, complicated messes. Fairfax County's budget used to come in giant phone book-like volumes, and now it's online in a thousand different chewable chunks, but still hard to get your brain around.

But Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) and his staff have come up with an easy to understand interactive version of the county budget where you become Ed Long, the Fairfax County executive It's a good primer on how county officials have to manage."



Va. Residents Invited to Balance County Budget Themselves

"Conservatives are fond of saying that if families can sit down at the kitchen table and balance a budget each year, why can't Congress? Starting Tuesday, one Virginia official is putting that problem back in Mom and Dad's hands... The simulation asks readers to look through the budget as was proposed earlier this year, plug in the changes they would make to funding for nine different areas and compare the outcome of their plan to the county executive's."



Virginia County Tells Residents: Balance Our Budget Yourself

"This year, Supervisor Cook's office came up with another option for gathering information. On Wednesday, they released "Design Your County Budget," a PDF-based budgeting tool that allows individual taxpayers to decide where they want to put their money, and how much they want to spend... But for all its simplicity, "Design Your County Budget" is a great demonstration of the competing, vital interests that go into funding a bustling, energetic municipality -- as well as the high costs associated with those interests."

PARK AUTHORITY SUBMITS MASTER PLAN FOR MONTICELLO PARK

In February, the Fairfax County Park Authority submitted a 2232 Application (2232-B12-9) on the approved Master Plan proposal for Monticello Park at 5315 Guinea Rd. The approved Master Plan establishes a variety of community amenities, including an off-leash dog area, a small skate park, a multi-use activity area, a playground and a trail loop for the 6.2 acre site.

This application will come before the Planning Commission for a public hearing on April 3, 2013 at 8:15 p.m. Richard Lambert (Richard.Lambert@fairfaxcounty.gov) is the staff coordinator for the Department of Planning and Zoning. A 2232 Application determines whether a public facility meets specific criteria for "location, character and extent." The staff report, which recommends approval, can be found here. A description of the 2232 process can be found here.

In March, the Braddock District Land Use and Environmental Management Committee received a presentation from the Park Authority regarding this application. After a substantive discussion, the committee recommended approval of the application, after making the following recommendations:

- Remove invasive species currently in the buffer area.
- Install additional native plantings that would fill in where invasives are removed, and potentially provide an additional natural buffer to Guinea Road to protect children using the play area.
- Pursue a partnership with the DPWES Stormwater Division to seek opportunities to enhance stormwater treatments coming from the master plan changes
- Provide a robust trail access treatment.
- Allow parking lot expansion only if triggered by more extensive use of the park facilities than currently anticipated.

Fairfax County Police Department invites you to **Come Walk With Us!**

2013 National Crime Victims' Rights Week

Date: Sunday, April 21, 2013

Schedule:

4:30-5:30 p.m. Check-In and Resource Fair

5:30-6:00 p.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

6:00-7:00 p.m. Walk

Candlelight Vigil immediately following the walk

Location: Fairfax Corner

4100 Monument Corner Drive, Fairfax, Va. 22030

Register at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/survey/crimevictimsrights.htm

(registration not required to participate)

Please join the Fairfax County Police Department as they honor and remember crime victims and survivors during 2013 National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Participants will have time to enjoy great live music and browse the vendor tables prior to the walk. Concluding the walk will be Lorraine Reed Who-berry.

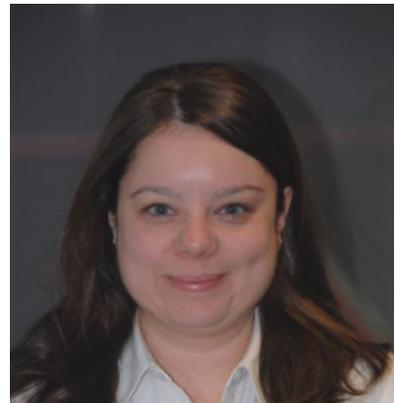
The event is free, and is sponsored by the Fairfax County Police Department, the Fairfax County Police Department Victim Services Section and the Fairfax County Law Enforcement Foundation.

NEW FACES IN SUPERVISOR COOK'S OFFICE



Charlie Szold is the Communications Director for the Braddock District Supervisor's office. He grew up in Connecticut, before moving to D.C. to attend American University. After graduation, Charlie worked at USA TODAY as a tech producer and reporter. He is responsible for assembling the Braddock Beacon, drafting Cook Advisories

and helping manage Supervisor Cook's social media presence. You can reach Charlie at Charles.Szold@FairfaxCounty.gov.



Rhiannon Duck is the new Human Services Legislative Aide for the Braddock District. She graduated from George Mason University and her background consists primarily in working with nonprofit organizations. If you have a question or need some assistance navigating some of the human, senior or family services and agencies in the county, feel free

to give her a call at the office. She is always happy to help! You can also reach her at Rhiannon.Duck@FairfaxCounty.gov.

BRADDOCK DISTRICT LAND USE UPDATES

Monopole application. AT&T and Milestone Communications filed a 2232 Application with the County to construct a free standing 130-foot wireless telecommunications facility at Lake Braddock Secondary School, 9200 Burke Lake Road. For photo simulations of what the pole would look like from multiple vantage points in the community, go to the applicant's website: <http://www.lakebraddockwirelesspole.com>. This website also has information

Shirley Gate Road to permit the construction of two single family homes. Approximately 52 percent of the parcel will remain open space protected by a conservation easement.

Penn Property Community Information Meeting Scheduled. Planning Staff have recently completed a preliminary review of the application which is now ready for community review. To discuss its application in more detail,

Supervisor Cook will hold a community meeting at Laurel Ridge Elementary School on Wednesday, May 1, in the cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. This application (RZ-2013-BR-003) seeks to rezone a 4.26 acre parcel off Banting Drive that is currently developed with three single family homes.

A private drive serves the property and provides access directly to Braddock Road.

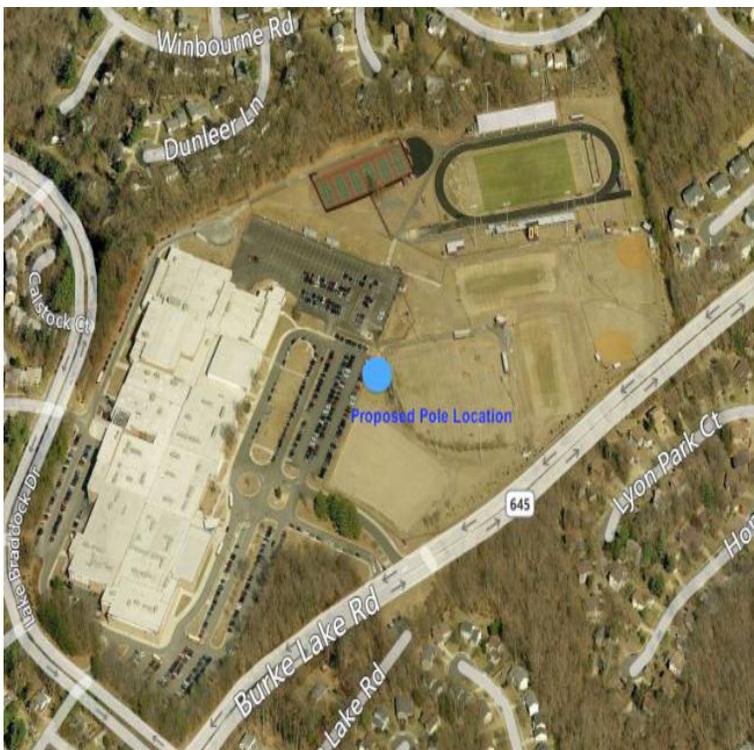
The Comprehensive Plan recommends development at 2-3 homes per acre, and the proposal is for 10 homes and three open space parcels at a density of 2.35 homes per acre, with 27 percent open space. The Braddock District Land Use Committee has also formed a working subgroup to examine this application in more detail.

Ox Road Estates. (RZ/FDP 2012-BR-020). Since the Community Information Meeting on February 20, the applicant has been working on a new

layout for the parcel to reflect concerns raised by staff and the community about stormwater, tree preservation, maintenance of open space and access to the property via an existing service drive. No other information is currently available.

Braddock District Land Use and Environmental Management Committee. In March, the Committee received a presentation from the Fairfax County Park Authority on the Master Plan proposal for Monticello Park at 5315 Guinea Rd. This Master Plan is now subject to a 2232 Application Review, which was scheduled before the Planning Commission on April 3, which is scheduled for 2232-B12-9 Fairfax County Park Authority. Here is a link to the staff report: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/2232/staffreports/2232-b12-9_monticello_park.pdf. The Committee recommended approval of the 2232 application, providing multiple comments to strengthen the site plan. The Committee also heard a presentation on the county's draft stormwater ordinance. The next meeting of the Committee is April 16 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

University Mall is ready for construction! Residents will notice the placement of erosion controls in the next few weeks in preparation for installing the stormwater system at the rear of the Mall. Work will begin on the new south entrance on Ox Road. Excavated dirt from the stormwater project will be used to fill the pad sites along Braddock Road for the Cardinal Bank and the new Wendy's Restaurant. Wendy's is currently completing the building review process. Building F, which will house Children's Medical Associates and Teddy Bear Day Care, will be the first new building constructed. It will be followed by work on Building D, which runs from Kinko's to Fat Tuesdays.



on a proposed community information meeting currently scheduled for May 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kings Park Library meeting room. For more information, contact Chris Hernandez: cris@milestonecorp.com. To learn more about the 2232 application process go to: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/2232/> No public hearings before the Planning Commission have been scheduled.

Tariq Khan Rezoning Approved. On April 9, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the rezoning of a 1.9 acre parcel of land on