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BRADDOCK BYLINE

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May, 1992

With the Fall 1991 election well behind us, your Supervisor is happy to have her nose back to the grindstone and appreciates the opportunity to serve you for another four years. I especially want to welcome my new constituents in the Fairview precinct (the western half of Burke Centre). As during my first term, I plan to publish this newsletter twice a year to keep you up-to-date on what is happening in your community, and to encourage your participation in matters that are of concern to you. Good two way communication is crucial to good representation. Please feel free to contact my office any time I can provide you with information, assist you with problems or to let me know how you feel about issues.

Our County BUDGET has been on the front burner during the past several months. I want to thank those of you who attended the Braddock District town meeting in March to receive a briefing on our fiscal situation and to let Chairman Davis and me know of your priorities. I also want to thank those of you who wrote or called (I received over 1,000 letters and phone calls). Knowing your thoughts during this very difficult process was extremely important and appreciated.

As you probably know by now, on April 27th the Board adopted a real estate tax rate of \$1.16 - an increase of 5¢. With residential assessments (the market value of your home) falling this year, the average tax bill will remain approximately the same as last year. I felt that this was especially important during a recession, when many people are unemployed or under-employed. Faced with less revenue than last year, the Board spent hours quizzing department heads on their structure and mission. The final budget eliminated some non-critical services, all "perks", and all pay increases for County employees. Because education is half of our \$1.4 billion dollar budget, it was necessary to ask the School Board to share in the painful process of finding additional cuts to their spending plan. The Board also dedicated revenue from the cigarette tax, which is awaiting approval by the governor, to the schools. After much effort and a public process that included almost 800 speakers, we have a BALANCED BUDGET and we have retained our AAA financial rating.

It is especially important that we start work now to position ourselves more favorably for the years ahead. I have volunteered to head up a Board subcommittee to work on County government REORGANIZATION. I believe that this will be a very positive exercise - an opportunity to carefully examine and prune County programs, streamline operations and develop more cost effective and efficient ways to deliver services.

On the near horizon are a number of important issues. On May 27th, I will be holding a TOWN MEETING oriented toward school issues. One of the most important topics to be addressed will be selection of the BRADDOCK DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE. See inside for details on this process and the candidates who will be available to speak about their qualifications and answer your questions.

At long last, COMMUTER TRAIN SERVICE will be starting in June! After eight years of dogged persistance and hard work, trains will be stopping at the three stations (Burke, Rolling and Backlick) that will serve our district. Prior to the June 22nd start of service, the Virginia Railway Express will host "station days" to acquaint future riders with our trains and station facilities. Bring the kids - we'll have balloons and free train rides! See inside for more details. I look forward to seeing you at these events!

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ROADWORKS UPDATE

Braddock Road - From Ox Road to Shirley Gate Road (State Project) Because of the need to address underground utilities, the Braddock Road widening project is being redesigned. Preliminary plans call for the road to be built as a four lane road but with adequate right-of-way to accomodate future expansion to six lanes. My office has been working with affected residents and the State Highway Department to address concerns. Tentatively, land acquisition is expected to begin in Fall, 1992 with construction commencing in Spring, 1994. Completion is projected for Spring of 1996.

Shirley Gate Road (County Project) Despite delays due to asbestos problems, the Shirley Gate Rd. project is finally completed. Now that the final surface has been applied, we have a much smoother and safer connection to Route 29 from Braddock Road.

Shirley Gate Road Extended/Waples Mill Road (County Project)

Motorists will soon be able to reach Rt. 50 from Shirley Gate Rd. This project to connect Rt. 29 and Rt. 50 via Waples Mill will be completed this October.

Ox Road (Route 123) From University Dr. to Judicial Dr. (City of Fairfax/State Project)

Our profound thanks to the City of Fairfax for their project to widen Rt. 123 to the Judicial Dr. bypass. Our improved City/County relationship is proving to be a plus for both our jurisdictions. Traffic should flow much more efficiently once this stretch is widened to four lanes with a median. During the construction phase, one lane of traffic in either direction will be kept open to traffic. This project will take approximately one year to complete.

WHEN A NEIGHBORHOOD STREET BECOMES A FREEWAY...

Due to the efforts of Del. Alan Mayer, a policy was established in 1988 by the State (Virginia Department of Transportation) to recognize problems associated with heavy volumes of traffic using inadequate neighborhood streets for commuting.

Kings Park was the first community in the State to petition VDOT to establish a policy for their neighborhood. By now, many of you may have become acquainted with the "humps" and "nubs" that have addressed the dangerous driving patterns that had formerly plagued Kings Park. With the evaluation period completed and some fine tuning accomplished, these measures are now permanent.

Other Braddock District neighborhoods have petitioned the Commonwealth for relief from their traffic problems. Country Club View has met the State's criteria for assistance under the policy and solutions are being explored. Canterbury Woods has finished petitioning its community and studies are being conducted to determine the extent of their problem.

As with Kings Park, the public will be alerted to potential actions, and a public hearing will be held before a decision is made to test proposed solutions. The long term solution to "cut-through" traffic, of course, is to improve our main arterials and to make more mass transportation alternatives (like commuter train service) available. Please be assured of my continued efforts in this regard.





RIDESOURCES, a free service provided by the county, can assist you in joining a carpool or vanpool. Brochures and applications are at my office, or you can call Ridesources directly at 246-1111 (24 hours a day).

Braddock District Town Meeting

Meet your School Board Candidates

Wednesday, May 27

Little Run Elementary Cafeteria 4511 Olley Lane Fairfax, VA

7:30 - 9:30 P.M.

School Board Candidates will speak about their qualifications and answer questions about their positions on school matters. You will have an additional opportunity to express your views to the Board of Supervisors at our formal public hearing on <u>June 8th</u> at 7:30 P.M. in the Board Room of the new Governmental Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax (near Fair Oaks Mall). You may call 324-3151 to be placed on the speakers list. Action by the Board is scheduled for June 22nd. I look forward to your participation in this important process. Please contact my office if you would like more information.

King's Park Library Update

In June, our current Braddock District School Board Member's term will expire. Last fall, I promised to make this appointment a public process and to hold a town meeting to give you an opportunity to meet and ask questions of candidates for this important position. My current appointee, Laura McDowall, has expressed her desire to be considered for another two year term.

In early April, I initiated this process by alerting all community representatives and PTA presidents in the Braddock District. Additionally. articles appeared in the Washington Post and the Connection. A fifteen person Selection Committee, representing each school pyramid, community associations, both teacher associations, and the business community, will assist with this task. In addition to Laura McDowall, the following persons have asked to be considered for this post: Dr. Alok K. Berry of Lakepointe, George D. Billinson of Croftwood, Kathleen Carew Smith of Canterbury Woods and James McConville of Oak Hill.

On <u>Wednesday, May 27th</u>, I will be holding a Town Meeting oriented to school issues. At this meeting, School Board candidates will be asked to speak for five minutes and answer your questions about their qualifications and reasons for seeking to serve you on the School Board. Renovation has begun. When finished, the Kings Park Library will have a new heating and air conditioning system, improved insulation and added energy efficiency. Also, there will be a new 5,360 square foot addition to alleviate overcrowding, new bathrooms will accomodate handicapped patrons, the parking lot will be enlarged and traffic ciculation improved. This project is being funded through the bond referendum that passed in 1989.

While we're waiting for work to be completed, the temporary Lending Library at Wakefield Park has been a great success. Play tennis, have a swim, drop off recyclables and pick up a good book. Talk about one stop shopping! Call 978-5600 for the library's current hours and more information. A satellite Reference Library at West Springfield High School was available for students during the school year.

Construction is expected to be completed by early summer '93. Please be assured that I will do everthing possible to insure the opening of our new Kings Park Library as soon as construction is finished.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteerism is integral to the caring community we enjoy in Fairfax County. If you've been toying with the idea of becoming more involved, here are just a few opportunities where you can make a difference...

VICTIM ASSISTANCE NETWORK (VAN) Volunteers receive training to work a 24-hour hotline, or provide counseling and advocacy service for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. To volunteer call 360-7273.

OFFENDER AID AND RESTORATION (OAR) Helps jail inmates and their families break the cycle of crime. Volunteers work with inmates in the Adult Detention Center by teaching courses, being a mentor for inmates or families, helping out as an office Administrative Aide or providing emotional support and practical information to anxious family members. Call Nina Flowers, 273-7552, to help.

FAIRFAX AFFORDABLE HOUSING (FxAH) Volunteers are needed to: Help out in the office; serve on committees: Tenant Affairs, Fundraising, Finance, Membership, Projects, Education and Personnel; Help with property repairs, (e.g. plumbing or carpentry). If interested, call John Walker at 971-0206.

Y.M.C.A.'s PROJECT LIFE Helps young women cope with problems resulting from teen pregnancy, including health, education, employment and life management. Call Patricia Deninger at 323-1222 to volunteer.

FOSTER PARENTS

Loving foster parents are in great need by Fairfax County's Department of Human Development. Call 324-7639

GMU ADOPT AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

Consider "adopting" a foreign student. Hosting an international student not only gives you the opportunity to share the American culture, but allows you to get to know a new person and their culture. For more information about this program, call Darcelle Weart, GMU International Student Program Coordinator, at 993-2970. Contact my office for the following brochures:

- OPERATION MATCH (A home sharing service for the area)
- FAIRFAX COUNTY...Just a touch Away (Directory for County Services)
- YOU'RE INVITED... (A guide to frequent party problems and suggested solutions)
- TREES (Tree protection laws, tree care, pruning & more)
- FAIRFAX COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS
- IN PERFORMANCE (A schedule of free military concerts)
- FACTS FOR VOTERS (A directory of national, state & county officials and services)
- CAN WE SHARE OUR SPACE? (Laws about animals)
- GEORGE WASHINGTON SLEEPS HERE (Pocket guide for touring)
- TAKE WHAT'S LEFT (Recycling Tips)
- SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION
- ROSIE'S PATROL provides speakers and information on child safety. Plan to stop by the Rosie's Patrol Information Booth at the Fairfax Fair this year at George Mason University June 12, 13 & 14.

ALSO, coming soon... "WELCOME TO BRADDOCK DISTRICT" Information about schools, parks, clubs, organizations and more. Please give my office a call to be put on the mailing list.



FAIRFAX COUNTY'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Fairfax County's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) plans for capital improvements countywide for a five year period. In January of this year, the Board of Supervisors spent much time discussing revisions to this program. Because of our current economic downturn, advancing all of the projects within the next five years would jeopardize our fiscal position. Also, the Board feels that completion of the Fairfax Parkway is a top transportation priority and wanted to provide for the option for sections of this project to go to referendum and construction this year or next.

A number of projects are in the CIP for the Braddock District. The Board voted to go forward with some of the projects and to defer others. Following is a list of Braddock projects and their status:

• <u>Lake Accotink Park</u> - New maintenance facility, renewal of the marina wall, restroom and concession stand are retained for '93/'94 construction. Playground and parking lot improvements are deferred.

• <u>Howery Fields</u> - Parking lot expansion and renovation of the fields and lighting are deferred.

• <u>Fairfax Villa Park</u> - purchase of three additional parcels to expand the park will proceed. Once all parcels have been assembled, my office will initiate master planning for this new park. • <u>Lake Braddock School Soccer Field</u> <u>Site</u> - \$12, 000 has been received as a private memorial gift and the county prioritized additional funding to develop the site.

• <u>Turkey Run Storm Drainage Project</u> – Install channel improvements from Private Lane to upstream of Wakefield Chapel Road and replace the culvert at Holborn Ave. This project is fully funded. Work is projected to begin in August.

• <u>Backlick Run Storm Drainage</u> - There are two Backlick Run projects: The <u>county project</u> which goes from Braddock Road south to Leesville Blvd. is being deferred.

The <u>park segment</u> which goes through parkland between Easton Dr. and Countrywood Court will proceed. Tentatively, work will begin in September.

• Leewood Storm Drainage - This project to pipe about 2000 feet of stream running from east of the Leewood Townhouses, downstream across Larrlyn Dr. and Woodland Dr., ending at Leewood Park is fully designed with all but one easement acquired. Construction has been on hold since November '90 when the voters did not approve the bond referendum that would have funded this and other projects.

• <u>Wakefield Forest Elementary School</u> <u>Renewal</u> - Contract should be awarded July 1992.

 <u>Little Run Elementary School Renewal</u> and Expanded Media Center (library) -Contract should be awarded Oct. 1992.
Laurel Ridge Elementary School,

<u>10,000 sq. ft. Addition for a Special</u> <u>Education Center</u> - Contract to be awarded Dec. 1992.



THE VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS

At long last, we have a firm date for the start of Commuter Rail service!! On <u>June 22, 1992</u> the Virginia Railway Express will begin service on the Manassas Line, serving our Burke, Fairfax Springfield and Annandale neighborhoods. The Fredericksburg line, which parallels congested Route 95, will begin a month later on <u>July 20, 1992</u>.

To acquaint potential riders and neighbors with this brand new mass transportation facility, we will be hosting "Station Days" prior to the start of service. Rolling Road and Burke Centre Station Days are being planned by Springfield Supervisor McConnell and are scheduled for <u>June 6th</u>. The Backlick Station celebration will be held on <u>June 20th</u> and is a joint effort by Supervisors Tina Trapnell, Joe Alexander and myself. Besides being a lot of fun, these events will help acquaint you with our new rail cars, station ammenities and equipment. Be sure to bring the kids to enjoy the free trains rides and balloons. VRE "Ambassadors" will be on hand to answer questions, demonstrate the fare equipment and provide you with informational material. Our official inaugural ceremony and train trip is scheduled for <u>June 12th</u> at the Broad Run (Manassas Airport) Station. Train schedules will be finalized within the next month. For more information, or to be kept up to date on fares, schedules and other information, call VRE's office in Springfield, 642-3808.



TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS BLOSSOM ON BRADDOCK ROAD

I hope you have had the opportunity to drive on Braddock Road this Spring and enjoy the newly planted trees in bloom. Since summer of 1989, over one hundred trees - Pear, Plum, Locust, Maple, Willow Oak and Cherries - have been planted between the Beltway and Route 123.

Most of the trees were planted by Area Landscaping, Inc. under the direction of the Braddock District Tree Planting Project, ably chaired by Adele Breaux. This non-profit tree planting project is funded by tax-deductible contributions from citizens, organizations and businesses within the Braddock District and is staffed by volunteers. During the past year, Braddock District Tree Planting Project's funding was helped immensely by generous matching grants from GreenVirginia 2000, a private organization, and America The Beautiful, a federal fund.

In order to continue the plantings on other roads in the Braddock District (particularly Guinea, Rolling, Burke Lake and sections of Rt. 236), further contributions are needed. Any amount is welcome. Each gift may have a special meaning by naming a person or event to be commemorated. Please write your checks to Braddock District Tree Planting Project and send them to my office. You will receive a certificate describing your gift. Be sure to list the person or event you would like to honor. If you have any questions about this project or would like to volunteer, please give my office a call.

GYPSY MOTHS ... A REPORT FROM THE FRONT We seem to be winning the war - at least for now. The caterpillars have moved south and west this year. Because of low egg mass counts throughout the Braddock District, most of our neighborhoods (except North Springfield) don't meet the County's criteria and won't need to be sprayed this spring.

As part of our budget deliberations, the County established itself as a "Special Service District for Gypsy Moth Suppression". This means that an annual levy can be placed on real estate property earmarked specifically for the treatment of this pest. An attractive feature of this funding mechanism is that the funds are not mixed in with the general fund, and can be reduced (or eliminated) during years of low infestation. This year, the Board adopted a fee of \$0.0028 per \$100 of assessed property value, approximately \$5.20 per year for the average household. This amount is based on the projected \$1.7 million cost for the FY93 suppression program to treat 35,000 acres.

You may ask, "why should I pay if my property is not being sprayed?" The County's program treats large areas of infestation including many acres of public parkland. Tree mortality and caterpillar nuisance are minimized, along with the chance of the infestation spreading to your property.

The County's program also has an educational and self-help element for homeowners whose property is not severely infested, but would still like information about private treatment. For more information, or for burlap to wrap your trees, please contact my office.

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October, 1992

Through the 70's and 80's our county evolved from a bedroom community into a first class urban county. With our growth came many positive changes: jobs, excellent schools, attractive commercial and residential communities, cultural and recreational opportunities. Traffic headed the list as the biggest negative. As we entered the 90's, different changes and challenges confronted us: a severe economic downturn, unemployment, increased crime and social problems. Addressing these problems and continuing to provide the quality county services we value set the stage for changes (hopefully improvements) to our county organizational structure. The Board of Supervisors is exploring PRIVATIZATION and opportunities for REORGANIZATION. Some efforts are already underway. These challenges will be the subject of my Fall TOWN MEETING. I consider your views, suggestions and perceptions integral to this important process. I hope you will join me and our new County Executive, Bill Leidinger, on October 28th at Little Run Elementary School.

Since my last newsletter, COMMUTER RAIL began service on both the Manassas and Fredericksburg lines. Early ridership exceeds our expectations and our customers are very effusive in their praise of the new system. The Virginia Railway Express Operations Board is beginning to explore midday service. Excellent new RIDER'S GUIDES are available with information about how to use the system (fares, schedules, maps, connections to Metro, etc). Please give my office a call if you would like to have one.

About 70 people attended my Town Meeting on April 27th to meet candidates for the BRADDOCK DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD SEAT. Aside from being an opportunity to meet those persons wishing to represent us on the School Board, the meeting provided a healthy forum for discussing educational issues. It was so well received that I plan to add "School Issue" Town Meetings to my plans during the next four years. As you know by now, LAURA McDOWALL has been appointed to serve you for another two years. I was assisted in making this decision by a broad-based 14 person selection committee. My thanks to everyone who took the time to participate in this intensive effort. I especially thank Laura McDowall, Jim McConville, Kathleen Carew Smith, Dr. Alok K. Berry and George Billinson for coming forward and offering their time and talents to Braddock District citizens. I have included space in this newsletter for an update from Laura on school matters.

Our November 3rd TRANSPORTATION BOND REFERENDUM is an especially important one. The two projects it will fund directly affect our District. Please see inside for more details and plan to VOTE on November 3rd!

Sincerely,

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ROADWORKS UPDATE

Braddock Road - From Ox Road to Shirley Gate Road (State Project - 2.5 miles) Plans call for the road to be built as a four lane road but with adequate right-of-way to accommodate future expansion to six lanes. Appraisals are underway and land acquisition will be completed by late 1993. Advertising for bids will be in April 1994, with construction starting in Spring/Summer 1994. Construction will take 18 to 24 months.

...IN THE MEANTIME, a number of SAFETY MEASURES have been installed along this dangerous stretch of road. In addition, I am working with Fairfax County staff and the City of Fairfax to try to restrict through truck traffic until the widening project is completed. Any restrictions will have to be approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

<u>Braddock Road - From Shirley Gate Road to</u> <u>the Parkway - (State Project - 0.5 mile)</u> With progress on the Fairfax County Parkway, the State has added this segment to the previous project. It will also be four lanes with right-of-way for six lanes. Scheduling is the same as the first segment.

<u>Braddock Road - From the Parkway to Union</u> <u>Mill Road (State Project - 2 miles)</u> While not in our District, this project will help complete an important east/west corridor. This four lane segment is not on the State's Six Year Plan and there isn't funding for land acquisition or construction. However, the State is proceeding with design. <u>Shirley Gate Road Extended/Waples Mill</u> <u>Road (County Project)</u> Motorists will soon be able to reach Rt. 50 from Shirley Gate Rd. This project to connect Rt. 29 and Rt. 50 will be completed by November.

Ox Road (Route 123) - From University Drive to Judicial Drive (City of Fairfax/ State Project) Thanks to good weather, this project to widen Rt. 123 to four lanes will be completed by early December.

STATE TAX CREDITS AVAILABLE TO OWNERS OF RENTAL PROPERTIES

A unique housing program administered by the Virginia Housing Development Authority has recently been expanded to allow owners who rent single family houses, condominiums and townhouses to receive state tax credits when they reduce rents for seniors and persons with disabilities. Prior to July 1, only apartment communities were eligible to participate.

Under this program, owners of rental property receive a 50% Virginia state tax credit if they offer rent reductions of at least 15% to new or current residents who are over age 62 or have a disability. The tax credit is half of the yearly amount by which the rental units are reduced. For example, if an owner reduces the monthly rent by \$200, that creates a reduction of \$2,400 each year and would entitle that owner to \$1,200 in tax credits.

For further information, contact Brenda Goodman at Virginia Housing Development Authority, 601 South Belvedere St., Richmond, VA 23220, (804) 782-1986.



THE VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS

On June 22nd the Virginia Railway Express, accompanied by much fan-fare and positive publicity, made its debut. Riders of the new system are effusive in their praise. Many of you joined me at "Station Days" in June for an opportunity to explore our new stations and ride the train. With several months of successful peak hour service under our belts, the VRE Operations Board is now considering midday service. Please give my office a call if you'd like to have one of our new RIDER'S GUIDES. For questions and comments, the Virginia Railway Express can be reached at 497-7777.

BPW SCHOLARSHIP

The Cardinal (Burke) Business & Professional Women's Club has "adopted" the Girl's Probation Home in Fairfax. Every year they extend an opportunity for a young girl to rise above her troubled past by providing a scholarship. Would you be interested in contributing to this worthwhile cause? Checks can be mailed to my office and made out to "Cardinal BPW Scholarship".

COUNTY PROJECTS ON THE HORIZON

• The <u>Danbury Forest Pedestrian</u> <u>Bridge</u> is now being used by commuters, joggers and walkers on the Accotink Trail. Spend some time with nature and visit the beautiful 80' single span steel girder and truss bridge.

• The <u>Turkey Run Storm Drainage</u> <u>Project</u> will install channel improvements from Private Ln. to upstream of Wakefield Chapel Rd. and replace the culvert at Holborn Ave. This project is fully funded. Construction will start in December and continue over the winter if the weather is not too severe.

 <u>Lake Accotink Park</u> – A new maintenance facility, renewal of the marina wall, restroom and concession stand are still on schedule for '93/'94.

• Lake Braddock School Soccer Field -With a \$12,000 memorial gift to start the project, design has begun on the fields. Construction should begin in mid-93.

• <u>Kings Park Library</u> - Renovation is on schedule. When finished, the library will have a new heating and air conditioning system and improved insulation. A new 5,360 square foot addition will alleviate overcrowding. The parking lot will be enlarged and traffic circulation improved. Kings Park Library should be open for business by next summer.



FROM LAURA MCDOWALL... A WORD ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS

The 1992/1993 school year opened September 8th with about 2,000 new students. Despite two years of budget reductions, Fairfax County teachers, principals and support staff are determined to deliver a strong

instructional program. Students are taking a more rigorous curriculum and average test scores remain high.

In dealing with a significantly reduced budget, the School Board has protected the instructional program. Though 90% of the FCPS budget goes to people, equipment and materials working directly with students (school based), the School Board only cut those items 3% over two years. Support (i.e. area, central and maintenance staff) was cut 18% These decisions will affect children.

With County revenues still shrinking, budget guidelines for the 93/94 school year will require additional reductions. Your input will be valuable to me in making these decisions. Public discussion of the 93/94 budget will begin early this year, in October. If your PTA or Civic Association would like a program on the budget and other school issues, please contact me.

School bond referendum projects are on schedule. Students and teachers are enjoying refurbished facilities at Annandale Terrace, Frost, North Springfield, and Ravensworth. Renewals are underway this year at Fairfax Villa, Little Run and Wakefield Forest.

The Fairfax County Public School system continues to deliver great value and is one of the tremendous assets we have in this community. If I can help you with school issues, please contact me at 978-6991.



Please don't hesitate to contact my office for the following brochures:

- HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS A guide to publications on the history of Fairfax County
- FAIRFAX COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS
- VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS (Rider's Guide)
- THE METRO (BUS & RAIL) SYSTEM (Also, CUE BUS & GMU "LINK") SCHEDULES
- YOUR PETS AND THE LAW
- TENANT HANDBOOK (Rights & responsibilities for landlords & tenants)
- DOING BUSINESS IN FAIRFAX COUNTY
- TAX FACTS Basic Information about Fairfax County Taxes
- YOU'RE INVITED A Guide to Frequent Party Problems and Suggested Solutions.
- TAKE WHAT'S LEFT Recycling Tips.
- FAIRFAX COUNTY Just A Touch Away (Directory for County Services)
- WELCOME TO BRADDOCK DISTRICT Information about history, Who-to-call-for-what, schools, parks, recreation. (Should be back from the printer by the time you get this issue.)

HAZARDOUS WASTE HOTLINE

Dial 324-5068 for information about our Household Hazardous Waste Program - hours, locations, "do's & don'ts" and emergency numbers.



YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

There are many ways to make our world a better place. THE VOLUNTARY ACTION CENTER is a private non-profit corporation that promotes volunteerism. Last year they referred over 6,000 individuals to the more than 250 community organizations registered with the Center. VAC is very good at matching volunteer interests and skills with the current needs of organizations. Call 246-3460 to register.

ROSIE'S PATROL

A community-based, non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to preventing crimes in which children are victims. Volunteers help with running Safety Fairs and the videotaping identification program. Call my office to volunteer, 425-9300.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

This non-profit organization is always looking for volunteers to help build and renovate homes for persons in need. They could also use administrative assistance. Call 276-3520 to help.

THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Would you be interested in spending time with an isolated homebound senior citizen? Volunteers are needed to make <u>daytime</u> visits. The Area Agency on Aging can be reached at 324-5411.

THE FAIRFAX COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER The Shelter needs volunteers to help with their adoption and lost and found program and with public education. Call Carol Taylor at 830-0806 to volunteer. Also, dogs and cats are available for adoption from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., Monday through Saturday. For information, call 830-1100.

OFFENDER AID AND RESTORATION OAR helps jail inmates and their families break the cycle of crime. Volunteers work with inmates and families, or help out in the office. Call Nina Flowers, 273-7552.





FALL 1992 TRANSPORTATION BOND REFERENDUM

Fairfax County will have a \$130 million transportation bond referendum on the November 3rd ballot. This referendum is IMPORTANT and includes projects that directly benefit Braddock District.

• \$50 million is for the County's partial contribution to Metro for construction of the <u>Springfield/</u> <u>Franconia Metro Station</u> and link to our future <u>Commuter Rail (VRE) Station</u>. If this bond referendum fails, the County is STILL OBLIGATED TO PROVIDE THE \$50 MILLION FROM SOMEWHERE IN OUR BUDGET.

• \$80 million will complete two portions of the FAIRFAX COUNTY PARKWAY:

 From <u>I-66 to Braddock</u> <u>Road</u>, and
<u>Pohick Road from Rt.123 to</u> Hooes Road.

The link between these two segments (<u>from</u> <u>Braddock Rd. to Rt. 123</u>) is a State project scheduled for bid this fall. Failure of this bond referendum could cause the State to defer its project.

STATE BOND REFERENDA

The State will have three bond referenda questions on the November 3, 1992 ballot:

- HIGHER EDUCATION \$422,406,000
- MENTAL HEALTH \$45,173,000
- PARKS & RECREATION \$95,365,000

Please give my office a call for more detailed descriptions of these projects.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

There will also be a question on the ballot to amend the Constitution of Virginia to create a State REVENUE STABILIZATION FUND. This "Rainy Day" fund would accumulate money in years when revenues grow at above-average rates that could be appropriated in years when revenues fall short of forecasts.

TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

The Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission has written a report with their recommendations for prioritizing transportation improvements identified in our Comprehensive Master Plan <u>that are not already funded</u>. A Public Meeting on the report is tentatively scheduled for sometime in November. In Braddock District, the following projects have been identified as Priority One:

• Ox Rd. (Rt. 123) from Burke Centre Pkwy to Braddock Rd. - widen 2 miles to six lanes.

• Little River Turnpike from Prosperity Ave. to I-495 - widen 1.5 miles to six lanes

• Braddock Rd. from Guinea Rd. to Burke Lake Rd. - widen approx. 1 mile to six lanes.

• Guinea Rd. from Pommeroy Dr. to Sideburn Rd. - widen 1.7 miles to four lanes.

• Guinea Rd. Extended from Sideburn Rd. to Rt. 123 - construct four lane road.

 Guinea Rd. from south of Braeburn Rd. to Braddock Rd. - widen approx. 1 mile to four lanes.

• Braddock Rd. HOV from Burke Lake Rd. to I-495 - Construct HOV Facilities.

I'M CONCERNED that <u>Commuter Rail</u> <u>expansion</u> (i.e. a station west of Rt. 123 and enlargement of the Burke Centre parking lot) is only a Priority Two in the report. Priority Two "requires further study and may not be necessary".

I'M ALSO CONCERNED that two important north/south connectors in the Master Plan are not even mentioned:

• Shirley Gate Rd. - extend Shirley Gate from Braddock Rd. to the Fairfax County Parkway, and

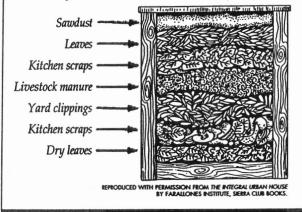
Roberts Rd. - construct Roberts
Rd. from Collingham Rd. to Colony Park
Dr. with a flyover over the railroad
tracks to connect with Roberts Pkwy.

For more information about the public meeting, please give my office a call. It's important for the T.A.C. to know your priorities.

HOW TO COMPOST

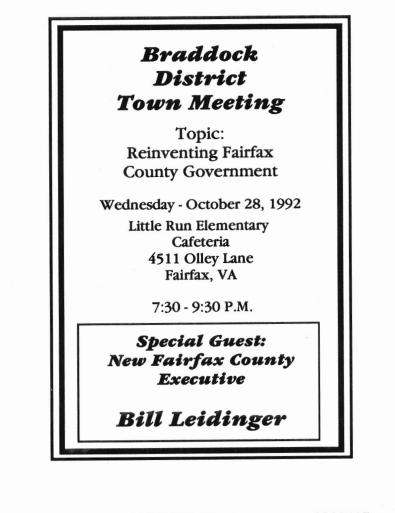
There are almost as many ways to compost as there are possible ingredients. From leaves (green or dry) to kitchen scraps to lawn clippings to sawdust, virtually everything organic in the urban forest ecosystem can be composted.

How do you do it? The simplest way is to make a pile in your backyard of leaves, kitchen scraps (no meat or fatty foods), lawn clippings, and tree and shrub trimmings, then moisten with water if the materials are dry. You should turn the pile every seven days; within five weeks, depending on the mixture, you should have rich, fresh compost for everything from flower beds to trees—old and new. You don't need a lot of space, but keep your compost pile ventilated to avoid any smell. Don't use your compost before it's done. You'll know when your organic stew is ready because it looks like the rich brown forest floor.



FIRST AID FOR SHRUBS AND TREES DAMAGED BY GYPSY MOTHS

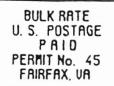
The best time to fertilize is in the fall when deciduous shrubs and trees drop their leaves. In October and November, the soil is still relatively warm and fertilizer will be easily absorbed. Fertilizer uptake will occur until the soil temperature drops below 40 degrees.



BRADDOCK DISTRICT TREE PLANTING PROJECT

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