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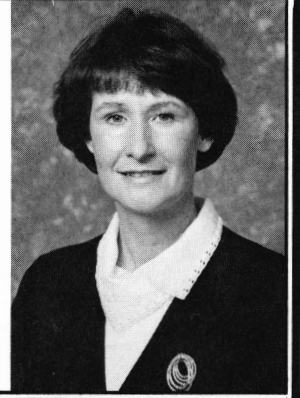
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# ***BRADDOCK BYLINE***

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May, 1994

The **BUDGET** that the Board of Supervisors adopted last month for Fiscal Year '95 reflects a modest recovery in our local economy. While the Personal Property and Real Estate tax bills remain stable for the average homeowner, we were able to add 60 new uniformed police officers to the street, improve our firefighters' salary scale, increase teachers' salaries, increase the number of hours for clinic room aides in our schools and catch up on a number of smaller items. To keep costs down and improve efficiency, the Board continues to pursue a number of reorganizational efforts, including a major redesign of Human Services, improvements in our offices of Assessments and Finance and modernization of our computer systems. The Board has struggled with certain privatization efforts and has learned some valuable lessons about the right and wrong way to go about that sort of thing.

I hope you'll be able to join me at my next **TOWN MEETING** on May 25th, 7:30 P.M., at Little Run Elementary School on Olley Lane. This town meeting will focus on **EDUCATIONAL ISSUES** and will be televised live on cable channel 16 with call-in capability for questions or comments. Our plans feature a roundtable discussion with audience participation. Special guests include: Braddock District School Board Representative, Laura McDowall; School Superintendent, Dr. Robert Spillane; Area II Superintendent, Paula Johnson; West Springfield Police Station Commander, Dave Lubas; School Safety Engineer, Gordon Lawrence; and Lake Braddock PTA Pyramid Coordinator, Emily Snyder. If you are unable to attend or watch that evening, you can catch the "re-runs" later. Please give my office a call for the dates and times.

For those of you who are enjoying our beautiful trees and bushes on Braddock Rd., I have good news! Starting this summer look for **WILDFLOWERS** on a number of medians. As you may know, the Braddock District Tree Planting Project is funded through contributions from individuals and groups to commemorate or honor special individuals and events. *Every tree, bush and flower tells a story.* Thanks to contributions from the Ravensworth Green Thumb Gardeners and the Rutherford Civic Association and Garden Club, a wildflowers program will be launched this spring. Look also for more trees and bushes on other main roads in the Braddock District as our project expands. For more information about this project, please ask for "super volunteer" Adele Breaux by contacting my office.

As you can see by perusing this newsletter, there's lots happening this spring and summer. A series of **"MINI" TOWN MEETINGS** are scheduled to give you an opportunity to learn about a number of proposed revisions to our **COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN**. It is my personal philosophy that "when you buy your home you buy the Plan" for the undeveloped land near you. If that Plan is to be changed, it should only be done with the support of the surrounding community. For that reason, your participation in this important process is critical. I look forward to working with you during the months ahead. As always, please let me know whenever you have questions, concerns or need my assistance in any way.

Sincerely,

*Sharon Bulova*

## ROADWORKS UPDATE

**Braddock Rd.- From Ox Rd. to Shirley Gate Rd. (State Project - 2.5 miles)** Construction has begun on this project, which will widen Braddock to four lanes with adequate right-of-way to accommodate future expansion to six lanes. The project is scheduled for completion by December '94.

**Braddock Rd. - From Shirley Gate Rd. to the Parkway (State Project - 0.5 mile)** With work underway on the Fairfax County Parkway, the State 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 for the first segment.

**Braddock Rd. - From the Parkway to Union Mill Rd. (State Project - 2.0 miles)** While not in our District, this project will help complete an important east/west corridor. This four lane segment is now on the State's Six Year Plan. Design is essentially done and there is partial funding for acquisition of right-of-way, which will begin within a few months.

**Shirley Gate Rd. Extended - From Braddock Rd. to the Fairfax County Parkway** Extending Shirley Gate Rd. is a feature shown on our Comprehensive Master Plan. This new road connection was proposed by our Braddock District Task Force. It is the number one priority of both our County staff and the County's Transportation Advisory Commission. Funding is being sought. I'm convinced that this connection *will relieve the traffic situation on Rt. 123 and enable us to reduce the number of planned lanes (6) recommended for Rt. 123* between Burke Centre Parkway and Braddock Rd.

**Fairfax County Parkway - From I-66 to Braddock Rd. County Project - 2.3 miles)** The contract has been awarded and road work will be completed by November '94. However, the State will not have the bridge over Rt. 29 completed until June '95 so the road will not be open to traffic until that time.

**Fairfax County Parkway - From Braddock Rd. to Ox Rd., Rt. 123 (State Project - 3.9 miles)** Construction of this segment is underway and scheduled for completion in June '95.

**Fairfax County Parkway - From Rt. 123 to the Pohick/Hooes Intersection (County Project - 4.5 miles)** The contract has been awarded for this four lane divided road. This segment is expected to be completed in March '96. Most of the Parkway is not

in the Braddock District except for the one mile segment between Rt. 123 and Roberts Parkway.

**Realignment of Rt. 123 From Burke Centre Parkway to Old Stone Fence Rd. (State Project - 1.25 miles)** The State is constructing a new interchange at the intersection of Rt. 123 and the Parkway. As a part of the project, *Rt. 123 is being shifted to the west*. This section of Rt. 123 will be a four lane divided road which will pass over the Fairfax County Parkway at this intersection. Construction should be completed in June '95. The existing Rt. 123 from Burke Centre Parkway will dead end as a cul de sac just beyond the Storage America site.

**Burke Centre Parkway Extended - From Rt. 123 west to the Fairfax County Parkway (State Project - 0.75 mile)** The State recently awarded the contract for this project. Completion is scheduled for June '95.

**Roberts Rd. Railroad Flyover - From Roberts Parkway south of Burke Commons Rd. to the intersection of New Guinea Rd. (State Project)** The State is allocating over \$500,000 in Federal transportation safety funds for preliminary engineering to construct a grade separated railroad crossing on Roberts Parkway next to the Burke Centre VRE Station. Engineering will begin this summer. Future funding for right-of-way and construction will be allocated in the next few years. State funding for the design, right-of-way and construction for the completion of Roberts Rd. from Collingham Dr. to New Guinea will follow as the initial project moves forward.

**Braddock Rd./Beltway Interchange Improvement - (State Project)** The State is extending the beltway deceleration lane to Heming Ave. This spot improvement will help to eliminate the back-up on the ramp and improve safety and the traffic flow. Work should be completed by the end of July.

**Rt. 236/Beltway Interchange Improvement - (State Project)** Construction has begun to provide the following spot improvements: extension of the deceleration lane from Hummer Rd. to I-495 north, addition of a lane on the I-495 northbound ramp and extension of the acceleration lane on I-495 from Rt. 236. All work is being done within the existing right-of-way. This project is scheduled to be completed by December '94.

## 1994 MASTER PLAN REVIEW

A few years ago Fairfax County undertook a major revision of our Master Plan which was approved by the Board of Supervisors in July '91. To provide for periodic adjustments to the Plan, the Board has adopted a Plan Review process beginning this year. Citizens had the opportunity to recommend plan changes for any parcel of land in Fairfax earlier this year. These nominations are now under review by County planning staff and district task forces. In early June all homeowners will receive a tabloid in the mail listing all the proposed amendments.

Here in Braddock, we have a task force of 20 volunteers who responded to my call to all civic and homeowner associations. In addition to considering Plan Amendments submitted by property owners, our task force has made their own recommendations. Before the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors hold public hearings this Fall, I want you to have an opportunity to learn about these proposals, ask questions and express your feelings about them. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to give my office a call at 425-9300. The schedule for Braddock "mini town meetings" and public hearings are as follows:

### Area I Meeting

May 24, 1994 7:30 P.M.

#### North Springfield Elementary School

You are in Area I if you live north of Braddock Rd., east of Olley Ln. or south of Braddock Rd east of Rolling Rd.

### Area III Meeting

June 14, 1994 7:30 P.M.

#### Oak View Elementary School

You are in Area III if you live south of Braddock Rd. west of Rolling Rd.

### Area II Meeting

June 7, 1994 7:30 P.M.

#### Little Run Elementary School

You are in Area II if you live north of Braddock Rd. west of Olley Ln.

### Planning Commission Public Hearings

September 14 -24

### Board of Supervisors Public Hearings

Week of October 31

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### BURKE CENTRE MINI-LIBRARY REOPENING SOON!!

As you may recall, the Burke Centre Mini-Library, located in a free standing building behind Burke Centre Shopping Center, was closed last summer because of a fire. The Library *will be opening in May of '94* at a new location, 5721 Burke Centre Parkway, between Safeway and Peoples Drug Store. Current popular books and reading material will be available. Hours will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 11 A. M. to 7 P.M., Saturday 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. The library will be closed Wednesday and Sunday. I hope you will be able to join me for a *ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, June 4 at 11:00 A.M.* Special activities are planned for the day.



### BRADDOCK DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

On June 27th I will appoint someone to the Fairfax County School Board to represent our Braddock District. This appointment will be unique in that he or she will serve for only a partial term prior to *election* of School Board Members in fall of '95.

During the past few months I have conferred with persons throughout our district who are active in the educational community regarding this appointment. I hope to make a decision regarding my intended nominee in time for my *Spring Town Meeting*, scheduled for the evening of *May 25th at Little Run Elementary School*. This town meeting will focus on educational issues and will include a roundtable discussion with audience participation. The meeting will be televised live on Channel 16 and provide for call-in questions. Formal public hearings regarding this appointment will be held before the Board of Supervisors on June 6th.



## ABOUT THE "POOPER SCOOPER" LAW

On March 7th, the Board of Supervisors unanimously passed revisions to our Animal and Fowl Ordinance that include new language about disposing of animal waste. Under the new law, dog owners are required to clean up after their pets if they answer the call of nature on property other than their own. This means both private and public property. A tool, appropriately called a "pooper scooper", sells for between \$10 and \$20 in area hardware and pet supply stores. Some dog owners find it convenient to carry a plastic bag with them on their walks to pick up after their dog.



I asked the County Attorney for a definition of the term "public areas" as it applies to the new ordinance. Public areas refer to any property commonly open to the public, e.g., school grounds, parks and State road right-of-way, including grass between a curb and sidewalk. It does *not* include common areas owned by homeowner associations. If an association wants to prohibit its members from allowing dogs to deposit waste on common areas, the association must include these restrictions in their governing documents.

It's unfortunate that the actions of a few unthinking people have made this new law necessary and I hope that people will work this out neighbor-to-neighbor rather than invoking the new law. If it is necessary to use the law, individuals who witness owners not cleaning up after their dogs may go to a magistrate and swear out a warrant for the County to prosecute. The Animal Warden can help obtain the dog owner's name, but only a witness of the violation can swear out the warrant.

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## YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK FOR YOU

The following construction projects are underway in the Braddock District:

**Backlick Run Storm Drainage Project** to stabilize stream banks is under construction. This project extends from Braddock Rd. to Leesville Blvd. and is expected to be completed by Fall '94.

**Chestnut Hills Sanitary Sewer Extension Project** and the **Fairfax Hills Sanitary Sewer Extension Project** have been combined into one project. Funding has been approved to cost-share with affected property owners for the extension of sanitary sewer where failing septic systems pose a problem. Design has been completed and land acquisition begins in May '94. Construction should start in May of '95 and take a year to complete.

### **Lake Braddock School Soccer Field**

This project will upgrade the existing field. There will be a trail, steps, vehicular ramp and a small, landscaped memorial park. The field should be ready for play in the Fall of '95.

### **Robinson Secondary School Renewal**

This renewal will include a new air conditioning/heating system and new roof for 491,000 existing sq. feet. There will be a new media center, science room and an expansion of the lecture hall. The project should be finished December 31, '96.

### **New Playgrounds**

The Board of Supervisors approved a major playground replacement project. Here in Braddock we are fortunate to have four sites for new equipment on the list: *Kings Glen Elementary School, Canterbury Woods Elementary School, Oak View Elementary School, and the Chapel Square Center.*



# WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS?

## GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY'S WESTERN CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT

GMU is completing construction of five athletic fields located west of Groves Lane on the north side of Braddock Road. These include: a tournament field for women's intercollegiate **lacrosse** and **field hockey**, a women's intercollegiate **softball** field and three **multi-purpose** fields for intramural sports such as softball.

## NORTHERN VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION

NVCC is to begin construction on its Annandale campus late this summer. The "**McDiarmid Building**", like the "**Ernst**" Cultural Center next to it, will be set into the hill and will appear to be one story. Construction traffic will be prohibited from using the Wakefield Chapel Road entrance.

The new McDiarmid Building will house the **Arts and Humanities** programs of the college. In addition to music presentations, sculpture studios, and art history programs, this building will also contain general classroom facilities, faculty office space, and a library reading room to provide a common study space for students. On the first floor, there will be an office of travel and tourism, in addition to a modern commercial kitchen donated by Washington Gas and Virginia Power.



In June, the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) will celebrate its second birthday. Our long awaited Lorton Station on the Fredericksburg line is targeted for a late October opening. The Springfield/Franconia station will follow the next summer. Almost all feedback from riders is extremely positive. Recently, a **VRE Riders' Organization** was formed to officially communicate with the Operations Board. I was so pleased to see among the members former "Friends of the Virginia Railway Express", folks who worked so hard with me to make commuter rail a reality.

The scheduling of expanded and mid-day trips is being delayed while the VRE negotiates with the freight railroads for more track time. In the meantime, a number of **innovations** are being explored to give VRE riders more flexibility. VRE customers may use the Arlington Trolley, DASH routes AT2/6, AT5 & AT8, Fairfax Connector route 110 or Metrobus routes 28A, 28B, 29K & 29N **at no cost** from VRE's Alexandria or Crystal City Stations, simply by showing a valid VRE ticket during peak hours.

A pilot project on the Fredericksburg line, the "**Education Express**", begins this month. VRE, in conjunction with George Washington University, is offering five short courses on the last train. Once we work out the "bugs" during this initial trial, I hope to bring this opportunity to our Manassas line riders.

Lastly, "**Adopt-a-Station**" plans are being developed by VRE to encourage community groups to "adopt" a particular station and do light maintenance or simple landscaping. In return, VRE will have a sign installed at the station indicating the name of the group. To learn more about the VRE, please give my office a call!



As you may know, Little River Glen provides affordable housing for our area senior citizens. Located at the intersection of Rt. 236 and Olley Ln., it has 120 one or two bedroom apartments, as well as a *Senior Center* that is open to the public.

Recognizing the need for additional services for our seniors, the County's Housing Department purchased the adjacent 13+ acres a few years ago and has received some Federal grant money to proceed with the design of an addition. Currently, the proposed expansion would add a 60 bed home for adults needing assisted care, 120 bed nursing home and an adult day health care center. Additional apartment units are also being considered.

To assist with the planning of this addition, I have assembled a committee that includes residents from Little River Glen and the surrounding neighborhood. Once the committee has made its initial recommendations, I will hold a meeting to present the proposal and receive your comments. Public hearings before the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors will then be **scheduled**.

## WORK'N ON THE RAILROAD

## YOURS FOR THE ASKING

Please contact my office for the following brochures:

- **WELCOME TO THE BRADDOCK DISTRICT**
- **VOTING INFORMATION**
- **RECYCLING AND LAWN CARE**
  - Back Yard Composting Guide
  - Mulching and Landscape Guide
  - Grasscycling Guide
- **VA. COOPERATIVE EDUCATION LAWN TIPS**
  - Lawn Care Calendar
  - Ecological Turf Tips
  - Thatch Control
- **FAIRFAX COUNTY-- JUST A TOUCH AWAY**  
(Guide to County Services)
- **THE PLAIN ENGLISH GUIDE TO THE CLEAN AIR ACT**
- **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**
  - The **VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS RIDERS' GUIDE**
  - **METRO BUS ROUTES:** 15, 16, 17, 18, 26, 29
  - **CONNECTOR BUS ROUTES:** 204, 306, 401,404
  - **CITY OF FAIRFAX CUE**
  - **METRORAIL: SATURDAY EXPRESS**
  - **A METRO GUIDE TO THE NATION'S CAPITAL**
  - **WMATA -- A GUIDE TO PARATRANSIT, "The Americans With Disabilities Act and You"**
- **TAX FACTS --** About County Taxes
- **BUSINESS TAX RESPONSIBILITIES**
- **VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS IN FAIRFAX COUNTY --** What You Need To Know About Owning and Operating a Vehicle in Fairfax Co.
- **TAKE WHAT'S LEFT --** Recycling Tips
- **FAIRFAX COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**
- **AN INTRODUCTION TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS -** A guide to the Government Center and County Agencies
- **PEASE DON'T FEED OUR STREAMS**



## RECYCLING OF YARD DEBRIS

As part of an innovative "*Trash Trade*" agreement, your yard debris will now be taken to a Prince William County composting facility, in exchange for their waste which can be used as fuel in our County incinerator. Beginning this Spring, Fairfax County is requiring solid waste collectors to provide for the separate collection of grass clippings, brush and leaves. By now, you should have heard from your hauler as to when and how these items will be collected. The County is not deriving any additional revenue from your trash hauler due to this change. The new "tipping fee" for recycled lawn debris is \$27 per ton. Previously haulers used the landfill for all refuse, including yard debris, for a cost of \$46 per ton. While your hauler may have additional costs for manpower and trucks to pick up yard debris separately, he is saving money on the lower tipping fee. In areas of the County where residents pay for County trash service, this change has not caused trash bills to increase.

Many area residents have been recycling yard debris in their own yards by mulching and back yard composting. The County has a volunteer program called YIMBY (Yes, In My Back Yard!) to help you manage debris in your own yard and reduce the amount placed out for collection. To join the program or for more information, call the Recycling Hotline at 324-5052. Also, see "Yours For The Asking" in this newsletter for some excellent pamphlets about backyard recycling.

County residents may opt to self-haul yard debris to one of the County's two yard debris recycling centers. Brush and leaves are accepted free of charge at the I-95 Landfill and the I-66 facility and are mulched on site. Bagged grass clippings are also accepted at these facilities for a \$2 charge for every 1-5 bags. You can reap the rewards of recycling, with free wood or leaf mulch available at the centers. For a recorded message regarding the availability of mulch call 324-5995.

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**Ride Sources**, a free service provided by the county, can assist you in joining a carpool or vanpool. Brochures and applications are available at my office. Or you can call Rideshares directly at 703-324-1111 (24 hours a day).

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## NVCC-ANNANDALE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale campus, in collaboration with the Reunion Music Society, Inc., has formed the NVCC Annandale Symphony Orchestra. Housed at the Ernst Community Cultural Center, the symphony had its inaugural performance last month under the direction of Braddock District resident, Claiborne T. Richardson and James S. Fay. This effort will fulfill Dr. Richardson's dream of having a quality orchestra on campus and in the Annandale community. Participation by all age groups is encouraged and **musicians are still needed**, particularly string players. Please contact Dr. Richardson at 978-6241 for more information.

### EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A MUSEUM VOLUNTEER?

The Fairfax County Park Authority's Division of Historic Preservation is looking for Museum Volunteers for historic sites and museums. Why volunteer?

- **To Learn.** Fairfax County is an area rich in history. As a volunteer, you will have ample opportunity to expand your knowledge through training, classes, and workshops on a wide variety of subjects.

- **To Help Your Community.** Volunteering provides you with the chance to spend some of your time in an activity that is both fulfilling to you and a valuable service to Fairfax County.

- **To Acquire New Skills.** Challenge your creativity in such activities as open hearth cooking, story-telling, and 19th century gardening. Volunteers are also active in research, writing, curator services, special programs, interpreting, and teaching in the museum education programs.

- **To Expand Your Social Horizons.** Volunteering gives you the chance to meet other people who share your interests, not only at the historic sites, but at social activities and special events throughout the year.

For more information, call the volunteer coordinator, Division of Historic Preservation, 759-4360.

## THOSE LAZY, HAZY DAYS OF SUMMER

How nice to experience our icy winter dissolve into the warm sunshine and sweet fragrance of spring. With summer right around the corner, be sure to take some time out to "smell the roses".

- **Enjoy fishing, boating and picnicking at Lake Accotink and Burke Lake Park.**

- **Celebrate Historic Sully Plantation's Bicentennial.**

Guided House Tours from 11 A.M. - 4 P.M. on Wednesdays-Mondays.

On Saturdays, from 1 - 4 P.M., 18th century games, and the "gentle arts", e.g. music, needlework, social etiquette.

On Sundays, visit the kitchen/laundry to learn about chores done by the laundress or cook. .

- **Hike the beautiful Bull Run Occoquan Trail.** Call the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority for a map and directions, 352-5900.

- **Enjoy more hiking throughout the Washington Metropolitan region!** For maps, write to the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, 118 Park St., S.E., Vienna, 22180

- **And more...** We have so many cultural and recreational opportunities here in Fairfax County. Call my office for information about programs offered by the Recreation Department, the Park Authority, and the Council of the Arts and *enjoy your summer!*



## FAIRFAX CORNER IN MOSCOW

Our County has a sister city relationship with Moscow. During the past year, I've arranged for host families and scheduled internship itineraries for Russian police officers, business persons, a Superintendent of schools and the Vice Rector of the Moscow State Law Academy. Please let me know if you'd be interested in being a **HOST FAMILY**. A host family is responsible for food, lodging, and daily transportation to and from the intern's work place. Your compensation is a truly fascinating experience and the opportunity to really make a difference.

## DID YOU KNOW...

NARFE (The National Association of Retired Federal Employees), has opened a Service Center at the *Senior Center at Wakefield Park*. This is a place where retirees can go to receive free help with problems related to their retired status such as health care, life insurance changes and claims, and direct deposits. The Wakefield Service Center will be open every Tuesday from noon to 3:00 P.M.

The Fairfax County Department of **CONSUMER AFFAIRS** is looking out for you. The County played a large role in recent State Corporation Commission hearings regarding Virginia Power's rate increases. Thanks to the County's testimony Northern Virginia customers saved *over \$8.1 million!*

**BURKE LAKE PARK** will be offering *pontoon boat* rides this year. This 24 passenger battery-powered pontoon boat will be used to educate visitors on the vegetation and wildlife of the lake and park. The boat will operate every half hour from 10 A.M. until 6 P.M. every day from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The charge is \$1.50 per person.

The anxiously awaited **PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT** has been installed at *Accotink Park* and at *Wakefield Park*. Take the kiddies and check it out!

## Mark Your Calendars

### SPRING TOWN MEETING

#### "What's Happening in Our Schools"

May 25, 1994 7:30 P.M.

Little Run Elementary School

4511 Olley Lane

Live on Channel 16

### BURKE CENTRE

#### MINI-LIBRARY OPENING

Saturday, June 4; 11 A.M.

5721 Burke Centre Parkway

### FAIRFAX FAIR

Friday, June 10; 6 P.M. - Midnight

Saturday, June 11; 10 A.M. - 6 P.M.

Sunday, June 12; 10 A.M. - 6 P.M.

Fairfax County Government Center\*

### ECOLODAY

October 15, 1994 10 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Fairfax County Government Center\*

*\*Call my office for map or directions.*

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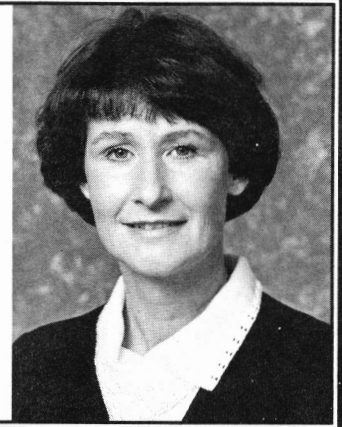
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A recurring theme I hear when speaking with many of my neighbors in our Braddock District is that we sometimes lack a **SENSE OF COMMUNITY**. With a population of 854,000 residents, Fairfax County is the 11th largest jurisdiction in the country, exceeding the states of Alaska, Delaware, North and South Dakota, Vermont and Wyoming and the cities of San Francisco, Baltimore, Denver, Seattle, Miami, Houston, Portland, San Diego and the District of Columbia. If you compare Tysons Corner with other central business districts across the nation, it would be ranked 15th, ahead of Detroit, Orange County, Baltimore, Boston, Houston, Dallas, Phoenix, Austin, Seattle and Atlanta. The population in the Braddock District alone tops 90,000. While we take pride in our "bigness" and in our relative economic strength, many of us also long for the **small town atmosphere** that's sometimes missing.

A number of efforts are underway to help recapture that sense of community, of being part of a neighborhood where people care about and take responsibility for our community's well-being. For example, the County's **HUMAN SERVICES REDESIGN** (see reorganizational efforts, inside) includes efforts to strengthen neighborhood ties throughout our large County, reaching out to informal as well as formal leaders, to recreate that small town ethic of caring and community responsibility. Our **ADOPT-A-CAUSE** program, which seeks to promote partnerships between non-profit human services providers and the business community, is another example of our *working together as a community, to meet our critical needs instead of relying solely on government as a service provider.*

At the local level, PTA leaders, teachers, school administrators, church and youth organizations in the Robinson Secondary School "pyramid" (Robinson and the elementary schools that feed into it) have been meeting during the spring and summer to discuss some of the problems facing our children. The **ROBINSON COMMUNITY COALITION**, concerned about youth violence, and substance abuse, is enlisting the students' help to find ways to address these issues. They recognize that to meet these challenges, the larger community, not just the schools, needs to be a part of the answer. Not to be overlooked are the outstanding efforts of our **CIVIC AND HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION LEADERS** who donate their time and talents to bring us neighborhood picnics, parades and social events in addition to their many other responsibilities. They create a feeling of belonging to a community that cares.

I try to provide a sense of community with this newsletter as well. You will find inside information about projects, programs and issues that affect you here in Braddock. You will also find information on volunteerism and ways you can make a difference. I hope you will be able to attend, or view on channel 16, my **FALL TOWN MEETING**. The subject will be **PUBLIC SAFETY**, and an excellent panel of speakers will join me for a discussion and to answer questions and comments from the audience. I look forward to seeing you on **OCTOBER 18th** for what should be a very interesting and informative evening! As always, please let me know whenever you have questions, concerns or need my assistance in any way.

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**Fairfax County Parkway** - From I-66 to Braddock Rd. County Project - 2.3 miles) Work should be completed by November '94. However, the State will not have the bridge over Rt. 29 completed until June '95 so the road will not be open to traffic until then.

**Fairfax County Parkway** - From Braddock Rd. to Ox Rd., Rt. 123 (State Project - 3.9 miles) Construction is underway and scheduled for completion in June '95.

**Fairfax County Parkway** - From Rt. 123 to the Pohick/Hooes Intersection (County Project - 4.5 miles) The contract has been awarded for this four lane divided road. This segment is expected to be completed in March '96.

**Realignment of Rt. 123** From Burke Centre Parkway to Old Stone Fence Rd. (State Project - 1.25 miles) This new interchange at Rt. 123 and the Parkway causes Rt. 123 to be shifted to the west. This section of Rt. 123 will be a four lane divided road which will pass over the Fairfax County Parkway. Both northbound and southbound lanes have been constructed but it won't connect to the Parkway interchange until June '95. The existing Rt. 123 from Burke Centre Parkway will dead end as a cul de sac just beyond the Storage America site.

**Burke Centre Parkway Extended** - From Rt. 123 west to the Fairfax County Parkway (State Project - 0.75 mile) This project is 65% completed but won't connect to the Fairfax Parkway until June '95.

**Roberts Rd. Railroad Flyover** - From Roberts Parkway south of Burke Commons Rd. to the intersection of New Guinea Rd. (State Project) The State is allocating over \$500,000 in Federal transportation safety funds for preliminary engineering to construct a grade separated railroad crossing on Roberts Parkway next to the Burke Centre VRE Station. Design has been initiated and the digitized survey is nearing completion. A schedule for this project will be established later this fall. Future funding for right-of-way and construction will be allocated in the next few years. State funding for the design, right-of-way and construction for the completion of Roberts Rd. from Collingham Dr. to New Guinea will follow as the initial project moves forward. Once a preliminary plan has been prepared, I will be contacting affected communities about a series of workshops to discuss the plans and how best to address their concerns.

**Braddock Rd./Beltway Interchange Improvement** - (State Project) The State finished extending the beltway decel lane on the inner loop near Heming Ave. This improvement will help eliminate the back-up on the ramp and improve safety and the traffic flow. Currently work is underway to extend the merge lane into the turn lane on the outer loop of the beltway to westbound Braddock Rd. This work should be completed by the end of November.

**Rt. 236/Beltway Interchange Improvement** - (State Project) Extension of the access lane from Hummer Rd. to I-495 north will be completed by Dec. '94. The bridge and deck area on the ramp from westbound Rt. 236 to southbound I-495 is being repaired. While the travel lane is narrowed during the day, flaggers will be on site. Trucks and buses must detour the area. Work will be completed mid-Oct.

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The following construction projects are underway in the Braddock District:

**Backlick Run Storm Drainage Project** to stabilize stream banks from Braddock Rd. to Leesville Blvd. is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

**Chestnut Hills Sanitary Sewer Extension Project** and the **Fairfax Hills Sanitary Sewer Extension Project** Funding has been approved to cost-share with affected property owners for the extension of sanitary sewer where failing septic systems pose a problem. Land acquisition began in August '94. Construction should start in December of '95 and be completed by summer of '96.

**Burke Centre Commuter Rail Station**

This station is currently served by eight VRE commuter rail trains. VRE plans to provide two additional peak period round trips and *a new midday trip during FY95*. Currently, about 90% of the parking spaces are used, and a portion of the lot is used as a park & ride facility. The current parking capacity of 393 spaces will be increased by 150-200 spaces in late 1995.

**Lake Braddock School Soccer Field**

This project upgrades the existing field with a trail, steps, vehicular ramp and a small, landscaped memorial park. Work is in progress and should be finished by mid-October and ready for play in the Fall of '95. The Lynch Memorial Soccer Field dedication will be at the site on Sunday, October 30, 1994 at 12:30 P.M. Call my office for details.

**Howery Field Park** was renovated this summer. Playing fields have been reworked, there are new bleachers, team benches, chain link fencing and backstops. This fall look for additional upgrades: landscaping, more fencing and parking. Football players will have new goal posts and the baseball fields will be in great shape for the '95 season.

**Robinson Secondary School Renewal**

Renewal is progressing on schedule. Phase 1 of the 3 phase project should be completed by the end of December '94. This includes: renovation of the cafeteria, some administration offices and one

academic area plus the opening of two new academic additions. The entire project should be finished December, '96 and will include: a new air conditioning and heating system and new roof, a new media center, science room and an expansion of the lecture hall.

**New Playgrounds**

The Board of Supervisors approved a major playground replacement project. *Kings Glen Elementary School's playground was completed in time for the September opening of school. Canterbury Woods Elementary School, Oak View Elementary School, and the Chapel Square Center playgrounds are all in the planning stages.*

**A Word From *EMILY SNYDER*  
Braddock District's School Board Member**

As your newly appointed representative to the Fairfax County School Board, I am looking forward to continuing the long standing tradition of working together to meet the educational needs of all residents in Braddock District.



As the School Board faces the myriad of education and budget challenges that lie ahead, I encourage you to write or call me with your views so that together we can set the course for educational policy in the 21st century. All of our meetings are open to the public. Regularly scheduled School Board meetings can be viewed live on Cable Channel 21. To receive a calendar of scheduled meetings, agendas, and meeting summaries, call me at 246-4788 or call the School Board office directly at 246-3646 and ask to be placed on our mailing list.

**CELLULAR SAMARITANS**

The State Police have recently established a toll free cellular telephone line for *interstate highway* drivers to report hazards. Motorists on I-66 and I-95 and the Beltway should call # 77 to report accidents, disabled vehicles, road hazards and intoxicated drivers directly to the Virginia State Police. Callers should give the precise location and a description of the incident, including the vehicle license plate number.



## 1994 MASTER PLAN REVIEW



A few years ago Fairfax County undertook a major revision of our Master Plan which was approved by the Board of Supervisors in July '91. To provide for periodic adjustments to the Plan, the Board has adopted a Plan Review process beginning this year. Citizens had the opportunity to recommend plan changes for any parcel of land in Fairfax. These nominations were reviewed by County planning staff and district task forces. In May and June, I held mini-town meetings to give residents an opportunity to learn about the proposals, ask questions and express their feelings. In response to their comments, some plans were withdrawn or modified. On September 13, the Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider the amendments. Public hearings before the Board of Supervisors will be held later this fall. For more information about this, please contact my office at 425-9300.

I'd like to express my appreciation for the hard work and long hours put in by the outstanding volunteers of the Braddock Task Force, with special thanks to Planning Commissioner, **Suzanne Harsel**, and Task Force Chairman, **Sean Coleman**. We are very fortunate to have had their leadership throughout this very important process.

### BRADDOCK DISTRICT 1994 AREA PLAN REVIEW TASK FORCE

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#### IN SEARCH OF...

Little Buck, Big Bang *Spot Traffic Improvements!* The Board of Supervisors is seeking your suggestions for where you believe a small "tweak" to an intersection or roadway will facilitate the flow of traffic. The County's Transportation Advisory Commission, chaired by our Braddock District Don Emerson, and County staff will evaluate proposals using such criteria as:

- whether the improvement eliminates the need for or defers a more expensive project;
- whether the improvement enhances access to transit or encourages its use;
- the relationship between the cost of the project and its effectiveness in relieving congestion;
- whether the improvement corrects unsafe conditions.

The Braddock District Council of Community Associations has agreed to review and prioritize your recommendations. Our list of the top six Quick Fixes will become part of a County-wide list to be funded during the next year.

*Please mail your suggestions to my office at: 4414 Holborn Ave., Annandale, VA 22003 no later than October 21st.*



## THE BRADDOCK DISTRICT COUNCIL, SERVING YOU...

Residents of the Braddock District are fortunate to have a strong Council of Community Associations working to represent your "grass roots" interests. Chaired by Truro resident, Art Wells, the District Council meets in my Chapel Square Center conference room (4414 Holborn Ave., Annandale) on the second Wednesday of every month. Fifty-two associations are members. Programs center on issues affecting neighborhoods and include a *briefing on the County's Budget* by our County Executive and Director of the Office of Management and Budget. Anyone is welcome to attend this informative meeting, which has become an annual *March program*. Another annual affair is the *June picnic*, where Braddock residents are treated to hamburgers and hot dogs and honor the *Braddock District Citizen of the Year*. The District Council publishes a very informative **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER** that is mailed to all civic and homeowner association presidents. The newsletter is an excellent vehicle for keeping the community abreast of local issues and I sometimes rely on it for feedback on the community's position on different subjects. The District Council is interested in broadening the distribution of the newsletter to anyone who is interested in being kept informed. *Please contact my office if you would like to be added to the mailing list.*

### THEY'RE BAA-AACK!!



County officials are predicting an increase in *gypsy moth* counts this year. Residents should be looking for egg masses now and reporting counts to the Gypsy Moth Office. The gypsy moth hides its tan egg masses under lawn furniture, in cracks and crevices, under decks, eaves and window ledges. The egg masses are about the size of a quarter and can contain up to 1,000 eggs.

To destroy egg masses, scrape them into a cup of water and detergent and let stand overnight. My office can mail you additional information and egg mass survey forms. These surveys are due to the Gypsy Moth Office by **October 15th** so the County can plan spraying efforts for spring. The Gypsy Moth office will be happy to answer any questions you have and to take your egg mass survey counts by phone at 324-5304.

## MAKING GOVERNMENT WORK FOR YOU

A number of *reorganizational changes* are either underway or being considered to improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of County services. As I mentioned in my cover letter, a major redesign is underway to make our **Human Services** agencies more "user-friendly" and more cost-effective. A "one-stop shopping" process is being implemented that will streamline access for someone needing help, and will prevent expensive and cumbersome duplication. Human Services Redesign also seeks to foster and strengthen community and business partnerships to meet the needs of our less fortunate neighbors.

Some other reorganizations underway include the establishment of a new **Department of Information Technology** which reassigns existing staff in the scattered areas that have been responsible for communications and computer technology and brings them together to better serve your needs. Existing staff is also being reassigned and reassembled into a new **Department of Revitalization** which will see to the growing needs of our aging commercial and residential communities. Areas being studied for consolidation and/or enhanced coordination are the offices of **Finance** and **Assessments**. These are just a few of the improvements the Board has made or is exploring. I believe that, as we enter the next century, these changes will better position us to provide the services you value in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.



### LEND-A-PAW "PET PALS"

Lend-A-Paw Relief Organization (LAP) is a non-profit organization that sponsors rescue and adoption programs, emergency relief, pet therapy programs, and spay/neuter plans. They also promote humane and responsible pet ownership. As a part of their education program, volunteers visit interested groups to teach pet care and behavior modification techniques. LAP volunteers make regular visits with rabbits, cats and dogs to facilities such as convalescent homes, hospitals, adult day care centers, and pediatric wards. If you would be interested in becoming a volunteer with LAP or know of a group that would benefit from their services, please call their office in Falls Church at 536-8809.



## YOUR STREET AND SIDEWALK

**In Virginia, most streets and sidewalks are owned and maintained by the State (not the County).** My office works very closely with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to ensure that the interests and needs in our Braddock District are addressed. Sidewalk, curb and gutter replacement is scheduled by VDOT using a prioritized County-wide list to rate neighborhoods most in need of repairs. Replacement is done every 20 to 30 years. This year and next, a number of Braddock communities are receiving new sidewalks, or are benefiting from spot repairs to address tripping hazards or to replace temporary asphalt patches. To find out where your neighborhood is on the list, please ask for Anthony in my office (425-9300). Additionally, *VDOT is now installing the new federally mandated American with Disability Act (ADA) curb ramps in our neighborhoods.*

The following is a list of frequent questions my office and VDOT receive during construction:

- 1. Who does the work?** VDOT, using private contractors. Funding comes from your gasoline taxes.
- 2. Why is VDOT doing this when they could be building roads with the money?** The State has a policy to reserve a portion of transportation funding every year for maintenance of existing infrastructure.
- 3. Why was a certain stretch of sidewalk replaced while another was not? What are the criteria for replacing sidewalks?** Each section of sidewalk is a judgement call by VDOT. Sometimes a sidewalk appears to be in good condition, but is eroded underneath, causing cracking, swelling and/or collapsing of sidewalks further down the road. The erosion problem is corrected by removing whole sections of sidewalk and placing gravel and piping underneath new concrete.
- 4. What about my trees in the utility strip between the sidewalk and street?** Sometimes the roots of older trees rise to the surface under the sidewalk, causing it to swell and/or crack. Eventually, this will destroy the sidewalk. Depending on the tree and the root system, VDOT may have to remove it in order to replace a damaged sidewalk. The State has a list of preferred trees to be planted next to sidewalks and roads. Their roots are deep and their height and canopy will not interfere with utility wires or walkways. If trees in your neighborhood must be removed during the sidewalk replacement process, my office would be glad to work with you and VDOT to

obtain the permits for a neighborhood tree planting effort. While we're on the subject of trees next to the sidewalk, VDOT must be able to negotiate its equipment next to your property in order to do the work. **You may want to trim back branches that may interfere with their access.** If you don't do it, VDOT contractors may have to do it themselves.

### **5. Does VDOT put down sod or grass seed?**

This depends on the weather. VDOT requires the grass to be replaced before the contractor has completed the project, not necessarily immediately after concrete is poured in front of your house.

### **6. The color of the new concrete is so bright!**

VDOT sprays the newly poured concrete with a substance that promotes fast drying and curing. It makes the concrete very bright for a few months, but eventually wears off.



## Snow Removal



VDOT is responsible for clearing snow and ice on roads in Fairfax County. VDOT's *goal* is to clear the roads within 24 hours after the snow stops falling. Interstates and major primary roads are cleared first. Secondary roads with high volume also receive early attention. After the snow crew has cleared the highly traveled roads and emergency routes they begin working on less-traveled routes. Some helpful hints in the event of snow:

- Shovel your driveway apron *after* a VDOT plow has come through. If you must shovel before a plow has come, always shovel to the right, facing the street. That means less snow will be pushed back into your driveway when the plow does arrive.
- When snow is forecast, don't park on your street or at the end of cul-de-sacs. If possible, park in your driveway to give plows room to work. If you must park on the street, park as close to the curb as possible.
- If you're out on the highway, keep a safe distance (2 car lengths for every 10 mph you're traveling) between you and the snow plow to protect your car from the chemicals and abrasives being spread.
- If you're in front of a plow, don't brake suddenly. The heavy plow can't stop as quickly as you can.

For information about road conditions anywhere in Virginia, call the toll free Highway Helpline (1-800-367-ROAD). For more information on snow removal, call VDOT at 359-1271 or 359-1220.

## YOURS FOR THE ASKING

Please contact my office for the following brochures:

- **WELCOME TO THE BRADDOCK DISTRICT**
- **AN INTRODUCTION TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** - A Guide to the Government Center and County Agencies
- **CITY OF FAIRFAX MUSEUM**
- **FAIRFAX COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**
- **FAIRFAX COUNTY-- JUST A TOUCH AWAY**  
Guide to County Services
- **GETTING YOUR DAY IN COURT**
- **MENS CRUSADE AGAINST BREAST CANCER**
- **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**
  - **VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS RIDERS GUIDE**
  - **METRO BUS ROUTES:** 15, 16, 17, 18, 26, 29
  - **FAIRFAX CONNECTOR**
  - **CONNECTOR BUS ROUTES:** 204, 306, 401, 404
  - **CITY OF FAIRFAX CUE**
  - **METRORAIL:** SATURDAY EXPRESS
  - **A METRO GUIDE TO THE NATION'S CAPITAL**
  - **WMATA -- A GUIDE TO PARATRANSIT, "The Americans With Disabilities Act & You"**
- **1994 QUICK GUIDE** - Listing of Public and Private Agencies offering a wide variety of services.
- **SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION** - Information and Training Support Services for Staff, Students, Parents.
- **TAKE WHAT'S LEFT --** Recycling Tips
- **TAX FACTS --** About County Taxes
- **VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS IN FAIRFAX COUNTY**
- **VICTIM ASSISTANCE NETWORK**  
Preventing Sexual Abuse of Children  
Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence
- **VOTING INFORMATION**
- **WOMENS CENTER** - Autumn 1994 Services and Calendar of Events

## NEW DROP-OFF CENTER IN BURKE!

A new drop-off center has just opened at 6000 Burke Commons Road, directly behind the Burke Kmart. This site complements the curbside effort by serving as a collection point for materials not offered through residential pickup. The materials accepted at the Burke drop-off center are junk mail (mixed paper) and non-waxy cardboard. Later in the fall the center will accept # 1 and # 2 plastic bottles and jugs.

Please properly prepare the materials for recycling. The "preparation step" has a significant impact on the ability to remanufacture the material for future use. The following are tips for preparing recyclables for the Burke site:

- **Junk Mail** Collect and deliver in a paper bag that will be recycled too. No plastic bags, please.
- **Cardboard** Flatten boxes to save space. Remove plastic liners and food residue. No waxy cardboard or material that contains polystyrene or wood, please.
- **Plastic** Milk jugs, soda and detergent bottles are common #1 or #2 items. Remove and discard lids, wash bottles thoroughly. Labels do not have to be removed. Only bottles and jugs accepted.

### Disposal Fee Changes! Reduction for Seniors!

Rates for large and bulk loads at the I-66 Transfer Station and the I-95 Landfill changed on July 1st. Loads of loose material or loads of over 10 bags will be charged a rate of \$48 per ton. The base fee of \$2 for one to five 32 gallon bags and \$4 for six to ten 32 gallon bags remains the same. Senior citizen (60 or older) rate for one or two bags is reduced to \$1. This reduced payment responds to requests from senior citizens because of their tendency to *bring bags which weigh less*. The new fee structure will have a minimal or positive impact (savings) on the majority of the facility users now that the fees are based on weight.

### BACK YARD COMPOSTING YIMBY (Yes, In My Back Yard)

**Free seminars** on composting will be held on Saturdays from 10:30 A.M. to 12:00 P. M. at the following locations:

- October 22** Tysons-Pimmit Library
- October 29** Pohick Regional Library
- November 12** Reston Regional Library

For Information and Registration call 324-5370

**THE FAIRFAX COUNTY FOSTER CARE ASSOCIATION** was formed in June of '93 and is made up of foster care families and social workers of Fairfax County. Their main objectives are:

- To be an informational network and support group for those involved in foster care.
- To educate the public regarding foster care.
- To establish standards for foster care training.
- To interface between families, foster care agencies and the government on foster care issues.

There are over 584 children in foster care in Fairfax County. Foster parents bring children into their homes hoping to help stabilize their lives in a period of turbulence and provide them much needed love, support and guidance. If you would like more information regarding this association please call Emma Marshall at 324-7483. For information about becoming a foster parent, call the Fairfax County Department of Human Development at 324-7639.

### **PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX CHANGES**

In response to the many citizens who have told the County that Fairfax's personal property tax/vehicle decal program was too complicated and inconvenient there have been some big changes in the billing and payment schedule. You probably know by now that beginning this year you will get one combined bill for personal property taxes and vehicle decal fees. When the County receives the payment, they will mail back the '95 decals. Please display the new decals as soon as received. As a result of these changes most Northern Virginia jurisdictions will now have the same due date for personal property tax and decal payments and can combine public relations efforts to promote timely payment.

**SHARON BULOVA**  
BRADDOCK DISTRICT SUPERVISOR  
4414 HOLBORN AVENUE  
ANNANDALE, VIRGINIA 22003

**TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL**

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

### **FALL TOWN MEETING**

#### **"Public Safety"**

Tuesday, October 18, 1994

7:30 P.M.

Little Run Elementary School

4511 Olley Lane

Live on Channel 16

#### **Panelists**

Judge Jane Delbridge

**Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court**

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**Fairfax County Sheriff's Office**

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### **ECOLODAY**

#### **"Environmental Festival"**

Saturday, October 15, 1994

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