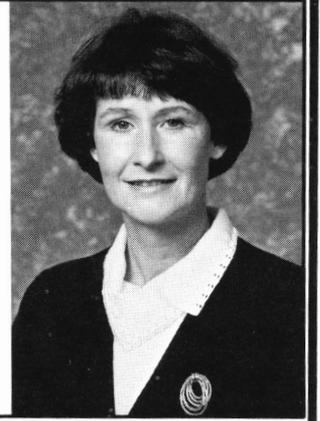


BRADDOCK BYLINE

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May, 1995

A number of things are coming together this summer and fall that should please those of us who live, work and/or play in the Braddock District:

- Soon we will be able to access a new cross-county roadway, the **Fairfax County Parkway!** In addition to being a convenience for *us*, this new road should draw some of the traffic away from our clogged Braddock District arterials resulting in less congested "inside the beltway" traffic patterns. See inside for more information about soon-to-be-completed **road projects**, increased service (including mid-day trains!) at the three **Virginia Railway Express (VRE) Stations** serving our District, and a tri-County **traffic light synchronization** project.
- Don't miss my **June 6th TOWN MEETING**, featuring the County's **Human Services Redesign**. This effort is perhaps *the* most comprehensive reorganizational effort of its kind in the nation. With so much talk about welfare reform on the Federal and State level, you'll want to see how Fairfax County is attempting to make our system more compassionate and "user-friendly", yet more cost effective. Implementation has already begun in the southern part of our County. A key element in the redesign is the strengthening of existing community resources and networks. I hope you'll come and lend your ideas, suggestions and constructive criticism so that we will have the benefit of your thoughts and participation as redesign comes to Braddock.
- I hope you've enjoyed the beautiful **TREES** and **FLOWERS** this spring on Braddock Rd., Burke Lake Rd., Guinea Rd. (near Commonwealth Blvd.) and the striking daffodil bed on Rt. 236 just east of the City of Fairfax line. The show will continue through the summer and fall, with pretty blue Bachelor Buttons, a sprinkling of pink and red Corn Poppies, a June/July crop of bright yellow Coreopsis and finally a return of the hot pink Cosmos we enjoyed so much last fall. This project, managed by **Adele Breaux** and maintained by her team of neighborhood volunteers, is funded through *contributions from the community*. Volunteers are always welcome! This fall, look for a display in the **Kings Park Library** which will tell the story of each tree, bush and flower that graces our main roads.
- An idea to strengthen our Braddock District *sense of community* through summer night **concerts in the parks** is falling rather nicely into place, thanks to Project Coordinator **Clai Richardson** and generous contributions from **The Washington Post** and **Southeast Recycling**. The concert series, **BRADDOCK NIGHTS**, is a relaxing, wholesome opportunity to spend time with family and friends on Friday evenings. See inside for more information.

As you may know, this is an election year. To avoid the appearance of taking advantage of my incumbency, I will *not* be publishing my usual fall newsletter. I hope you will participate in the democratic process this fall by attending the various meet-the-candidate forums your neighborhoods and the Braddock District Council of Community Associations will be organizing. As always, please let me know whenever you have questions, concerns or need my assistance in any way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Bulova". The ink is dark and the signature is written in a fluid, personal style.

ROADWORKS UPDATE

Braddock Rd. - From Ox Rd. to Shirley Gate Rd. (State Project - 2.5 miles) Construction widens Braddock to four lanes with adequate right-of-way for future expansion to six lanes. This section will be completed by August '95.

Braddock Rd. - From Shirley Gate Rd. to the Parkway (State Project - 0.5 mile) This will also be four lanes with right-of-way for six. To be completed by August '95.

Fairfax County Parkway - From I-66 to Braddock Rd. County Project - 2.3 miles) Work is completed. Once the State finishes the bridge over Rt. 29 (approx. July '95) the road will open to traffic.

Fairfax County Parkway - From Braddock Rd. to Ox Rd., Rt. 123 (State Project - 3.9 miles) Construction is underway and scheduled for completion this summer.

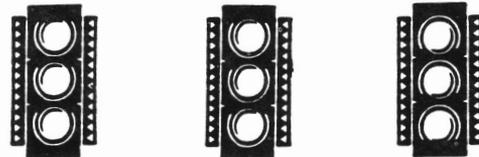
Fairfax County Parkway - From Rt. 123 to the Pohick/Hoes Intersection (County Project - 4.5 miles) Construction is underway. This segment is expected to be completed in March '96.

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 won't connect to the Parkway interchange until October to allow for installation of sound walls along the eastern side of the Parkway from Clara Barton to Rt. 123.

Burke Centre Parkway Extended - From Rt. 123 west to the Fairfax County Parkway (State Project - 0.75 mile) This project is completed and soon will be open to local traffic only. In July '95, the Fairfax Parkway will be opened from Burke Centre Parkway to I-66.

Burke Centre Parkway - From Marshall Pond Rd. to Burke Lake Rd. (County Project - 0.87 miles) This stretch of road was identified by Braddock District's Spot Improvement Task Force as a priority. Funding was recently identified for design and land acquisition to begin widening from two lanes to four.

Roberts Rd. Extension and Railroad Flyover - From Roberts Parkway south of Burke Commons Rd. to the intersection of New Guinea Rd., then to Collingham Dr. (State Project) The State has allocated 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. The digitized survey is completed and the State is advertising for a consultant to design the project. The preliminary design will begin once the consultant is on board (approx. July). Also, the State has selected a consultant and is negotiating a contract to engineer the preliminary design for the completion of Roberts Rd. from Collingham Dr. to New Guinea. Public hearings to consider both sections of the project will probably be in spring/summer of '96. I will be contacting affected communities about a series of workshops to discuss the plans once they are available.



TRAFFIC LIGHT SYNCHRONIZATION

A State and Federally funded project will connect all traffic signals in Fairfax, Prince William and Loudoun Counties to a central computer by a state-of-the-art synchronization system. This project will regulate traffic signals from a central location during peak periods or during an emergency. Other features of the project include: ability to monitor intersections and store data by time of day, week or events; ability to respond to changing traffic patterns and react to irregular traffic situations; and future integration with video surveillance and variable message signage.

Currently, intersections with traffic signals are not connected. Traffic flow is coordinated by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) by adjusting individual controllers. VDOT will soon begin replacing controller boxes and sensors in the Braddock District to connect them to the central computer. Work will be done during non-peak hours, with installations by July on Braddock Road and along Rt. 236 by August. This project, involving over 750 traffic signals in the tri-county area, is scheduled for completion during summer of 1996.

BRADDOCK NIGHTS

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*. While residents of Fairfax County take pride in our "bigness" (population over 860,000) and our economic strength, many of us also long for the small town atmosphere that's sometimes missing. **BRADDOCK NIGHTS** is a project with a mission to help provide that small town sense of community through a series of musical productions to be held during the summer, beginning June 9th, 1995, in several Fairfax County parks *located within the Braddock District*.

During our first year, concerts are planned to be held at: *Wakefield Chapel Park*, at the corner of Holborn Ave. and Toll House Rd. in Annandale; *Lake Accotink Park*, (South from Braddock Rd. onto Queensberry Ave., then right on Heming Ave. to the park entrance) in Springfield; and *Lake Royal Park* at 5344 Gainsborough Dr. in Kings Park West, Fairfax. Productions will be held on Friday nights, starting at 7 P.M. during June, July and August, beginning on June 9th. At Lake Accotink, productions will be scheduled for *every* Friday evening. Productions will *alternate* on Friday nights between Wakefield Chapel and Lake Royal parks.

Musical productions will vary from Jazz, Big Band, Blue Grass and Rock to Classical and will serve as a wholesome activity for all age groups. The atmosphere of these Friday nights in the parks will, to a much smaller degree, resemble Wolf Trap, with attendees encouraged to bring picnic dinners, blankets and lawn chairs to celebrate the end of the work week while being treated to music and enjoying our beautiful park facilities. Programs will be available by May 22nd.

BRADDOCK NIGHTS is being organized by a Steering Committee chaired by Clai Richardson (who recently organized an orchestra at the Northern Virginia Community College). *Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, hospitality and logistics during performances.* If you have an interest in music, theater, or just being part of this delightful project please give my office a call at 425-9300!

**VIRGINIA
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NEW! IMPROVED!

Our new contract with the Norfolk Southern Railroad allows for expanded service on the **Virginia Railway Express** Manassas Line. Starting in mid May, look for an additional rush hour train, and some *mid-day and counterflow service* at our Burke Centre, Rolling Road and Backlick Road Stations.

With Burke Centre the busiest station in Fairfax County we are rapidly running out of parking spaces. Plans are underway to *expand the parking lot* by 150 spaces. Construction is expected to begin in August and be completed in December.

VRE service continues to expand. A Lorton station began service in January of this year and in December a *new VRE station will open near Springfield Mall*. By summer of '97, the *Springfield/Franconia Metro Station* will open at that location. The Metro Station will feature a parking garage with 3800 spaces. Please contact my office if you would like to have a copy of the new VRE Rider's Guide.



**YOUR TAX DOLLARS
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The following construction projects are underway in the Braddock District:

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 is almost completed. Construction should start in December of '95 and be completed by summer of '96.

Holly Park Sanitary Sewer Extension Project Funding has been approved in the FY 96 budget to cost-share with affected property owners for the extension of sanitary sewer where failing septic systems pose a problem. Engineering should be completed by April '96. Land acquisition would then begin with a projected completion date of November '96. Construction should start in December '96 and be completed by summer of '97.

Woods of Ilda Sanitary Sewer Extension Project Funding has been approved in the FY 96 budget to cost-share with affected property owners for the extension of sanitary sewer where failing septic systems pose a problem. Engineering should be completed by April '96. Land acquisition would then begin with a projected completion date of November '96. Construction should start in December '96 and be completed by summer of '97.

Howery Field Park renovations and upgrades were completed last fall. They include landscaping, additional fencing and parking. These were in addition to the bleachers, benches, fencing and back stops that were installed last summer. New field lighting will be installed this summer.

Robinson Secondary School Renewal Renewal is progressing on schedule. The cafeteria is renovated and two academic additions are completed. The new Media Center will open in the fall of '95. The new turn lane on Sideburn will be in use at that time. The project will be completed by fall of '97 and will include: new A/C and heating system, new roof, new science room and expansion of the lecture hall.

New Playgrounds were installed at the following locations: **Kings Glen** and the **Chapel Square Media Center**. **Oak View Elementary School's** playground should be in before fall of '95. The playground at **Canterbury Woods Elementary School** is still in the planning phase.

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

Our school facilities serve as the "gathering place" for many Braddock District residents. Community-wide recreational events and meetings are regularly held in school buildings. Field space to accommodate youth and adult sport activities is at a premium. Auditoriums and cafeterias are home to many church attendees every Sunday morning.



Throughout Braddock District, your support for past School Bond Referenda is evident. All projects approved for financing as part of both the 1990 and 1993 bond packages are on schedule or have been completed. Your willingness to provide tax dollars to adequately maintain school facilities is important to our overall quality of life, for it reflects that strong sense of community that truly makes Braddock District a unique and wonderful place to live.

As this newsletter goes to print, your School Board is working hard to develop a final budget for the 1995-1996 school year. I extend my sincere thanks to all of you who took time to share your thoughts and priorities as to how best work within established fiscal parameters to meet the needs of our increasingly diverse student population. I feel confident that the decisions the School Board makes at its May 25th budget adoption meeting will ensure that each child enrolled in Fairfax County schools receives the best possible education available tax dollars can provide.

As this school year ends, I wish each of you a happy and safe summer recess. If I can assist you in any way over the summer or during the fall, do not hesitate to call me at 246-4788.



BRADDOCK DISTRICT TREE PROJECT

With Redspire Pears bursting into bloom, our main roads were more beautiful than ever this spring! Each tree, bush and flower tells a story. They are planted in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone who has distinguished him or herself, or as a thank you to someone special. The Braddock Tree Project has recently been able to add *over one hundred twenty trees* on Braddock and Burke Lake Roads, thanks to State and private matching grants.

Because of the recent grants, the cost per tree is now only \$100. There is a nice selection of tree types and locations available for "adoption". Consider having a tree planted as a unique and lasting birthday, wedding or graduation gift! Any size contribution is accepted for bulbs, wildflowers or other plantings under the trees. We hope to expand the program to medians of other recently widened roads such as Rolling and Guinea. This fall, a *display in Kings Park Library will tell the Braddock Tree Project "story"*. Please give my office a call if you would like to become a part of this special beautification project.

VOLUNTEER FOR NORTHERN VIRGINIA HOTLINE

Northern Virginia Hotline is a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week, confidential listening, crisis intervention and referral service, serving the metropolitan Washington area. Trained listeners provide nonjudgemental listening to callers who may be faced with stressful situations, such as sudden unemployment, loss of housing, illness, domestic violence, loss of a loved one, and suicide. Hotline gives immediate referral assistance such as homeless shelters, financial assistance, health care, or rape crisis centers. NVHL responds to approximately 15,000 calls per year and volunteers come from a broad cross section of the community: professional people, retirees, homemakers, students, and many others. Training classes are held in the Fall, Winter and Spring. Please call Catherine Morse, Volunteer Coordinator, at 703 527-6016 for more information.

GYPSY MOTHS

The Gypsy Moth population is on the increase again in Fairfax County. This year's aerial treatment area will cover 45,000 acres as opposed to 11,000 last year. The increase in population and treatment area are consistent with the cyclical nature of the gypsy moth.

Areas identified as having infestations of 250+ egg masses per acre are included in the spray program. The gypsy moth feeds on the leaves of hardwood trees and heavy infestations can defoliate and kill the tree. Several areas were identified for spraying in the Braddock District this year and the spray program should be completed by the time you receive this newsletter.

The Gypsy Moth Office offers year round assistance to individuals and communities wishing to take a more active role in fighting the gypsy moth. The County has purchased burlap for banding trees and it is currently available for free pick up in my office. For more information regarding the program, call the Gypsy Moth Office at 324-5304.

SAVING THE TREES

Trees are my thing! When a question arose earlier this year about the need for additional State legislation to preserve trees, I was pleased to serve as Co-Chairman of a Task Force to consider this issue. The Task Force, comprised of environmentalists, Tree Commission members, builders, landscape architects and utility company representatives, explored existing deterrents to saving trees and considered how best to preserve trees and vegetation during the development process and other major land disturbing activities.

I consider recommendations from the Task Force to be very innovative, useful and more "do-able" than legislation, which is likely to be defeated at the State level. Recommendations include: encourage "clustering" of residential development in order to create more treed open space; require developers to plan for utility location during *preliminary planning*, instead of later, thus encouraging *co-location* of utilities; work with the State to reduce unnecessary clearing of right-of-way during road construction. If you have any questions or would like a copy of the Task Force report, please contact my office.

SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY

Looking for things to do with the kids this summer? There's lots to entertain them at **Kings Park Library**. Programs for different age groups from pre-school to young adults will run from June through August.

The summer program for children kicks off with a **juggler** on June 22nd at 3 P.M. and ends with a performance for pre-schoolers by **Kay Dee Puppets** on August 11th at 3 P.M. A summer reading program will encourage children to keep reading all through the summer. This year's theme is "MYSTERIES" and is sponsored by the American Library Association and the McDonalds Corporation. Children will keep a log of the books they read. After reaching a certain goal, they receive a certificate and a prize.

For young adults, a reading program will offer \$4 gift certificates at Crown Books. A **video workshop** entitled "**Cool Clips**" begins on May 22nd at 7 P.M. and ends with an "Academy Awards" Ceremony on August 8th. Be sure to pick up a complete Calendar of Events for all the other planned activities along with a suggested reading list for all ages.

Have you been to the Kings Park Library lately? There is a new addition, the "**OUR TOWN**" **Community Window**, a beautiful, 4' x 4', stained glass window now hanging in the entrance of the library. The window was made by local artist Jeanie McKee Dunivin and was donated by the Friends of Kings Park Library. Expect to see an additional "Children's Window" this fall by the same artist.

Kings Park Library continues to be the most active Community library in Fairfax County, owing much of it's success to its very active **volunteer program**. In April, the Library hosted a Volunteer Luncheon to recognize over 80 adult and youth volunteers for their dedication, support, and hard work.

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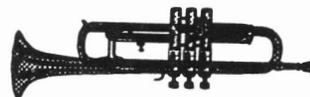
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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WAKEFIELD RECREATION CENTER?

In addition to the Olympic size pool, gymnasium, racquetball and squash courts, Wakefield Rec Center now has a **new Cardio-Vascular Fitness Room!** Step machines, Recumbent Lifecycles and treadmills, and new Nautilus circuits have been added so that over 20 pieces of exercise equipment are available for your use. Hours at the Rec Center are Monday through Friday, 6 A.M. to 10 P.M.; Saturday, 7:30 A.M. to 9 P.M., and Sunday, 8:30 A.M. to 10 P.M. Special resident, summer and family rates are available. Call 321-7081 for details. Ask for Tawny Hammond, Operation Manager, for **complimentary passes** to try out the new equipment.

Wakefield will be offering **summer camp** again this summer. Choices include: Sports Camp, Fun Camp, Excursion Camp, Drama Camp, Arts & Crafts Camp, and Cooking Camp, with day-care also provided on site. Call Kirt Chase at 321-7081 for more details.

LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE BANDS!



One aspect of the quality of life in Fairfax County is the excellence of our music education programs. We are recognized throughout the country as *one of the three top areas in the nation* in terms of the quality of music our high school bands play. During the 3rd Annual Bands of America National Concert Festival in Chicago this spring, sixteen of the finest high school symphonic bands in the country played in concert. These bands were competitively auditioned in order to play. *Four* were from Fairfax County high schools - Fairfax, Lake Braddock, McLean and Woodson. No other state was represented by more than one band! Last December, the Robinson High School symphonic band was one of only four high school bands selected (again by audition) to play at the prestigious 48th Annual Mid-West International Band and Orchestra Clinic.

YOURS FOR THE ASKING

Please contact my office for the following brochures:

- **BRADDOCK NIGHTS** - Concerts in the Parks (Lake Accotink, Royal Lake, Wakefield Chapel Park)
- **AN INTRODUCTION TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** - A Guide to the Government Center and County Agencies
- **BRIEF HISTORY OF FAIRFAX COUNTY**
- **FAIRFAX COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**
- **FAIRFAX COUNTY-- JUST A TOUCH AWAY** Guide to County Services
- **HOMEGROWN MARKETS** - Farmers Market
- **MENS CRUSADE AGAINST BREAST CANCER**
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- **VICTIM ASSISTANCE NETWORK**
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Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence
- **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN FAIRFAX COUNTY**
- **VOTING INFORMATION**
- **WOMENS CENTER** - Summer 1995 Services and Calendar of Events

SUPPORTING THE FOLKS WHO KEEP US SAFE

The Fairfax County *Public Safety Canteen* is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization which provides hot and cold refreshments and light snacks to area police officers, fire fighters, and other emergency service workers in the field during prolonged emergency incidents. There is never a charge for these services. Contributions to this worthwhile project can be mailed to: Public Safety Canteen, 2610 Reston Parkway, Herndon, VA 22071.

IN SEARCH OF

A few good men and women who are interested in serving as *Auxiliary Police Officers*. Auxiliary Officers perform a number of duties, both operational and administrative. As sworn law enforcement officers, applicants must meet a variety of strict selection standards. Once an applicant is accepted, he or she must attend the Auxiliary Police Academy two nights a week for six months (270+ hours). Once commissioned, all Auxiliary Officers must complete at least 24 hours a month/288 hours a year of service.

Applicants must be between 21 and 75, be residents of Fairfax County and be of good moral character. For more information, contact Master Police Officer John Burdette at 280-0576.

DID YOU KNOW?

Braddock District is home to the largest percentage of Korean American citizens in Fairfax County. This summer, from June 30 through July 2, the **8th KOREAN AMERICAN SPORTS FESTIVAL** will be held at Woodson High School. 2,500 participants, representing 20 states, will compete in this prestigious festival. Events include: Archery, Baseball, Golf, Judo, Soccer, Table Tennis, Swimming, Tae Kwon Do, Sumo Wrestling and more. I am honored that this once in a life time event is taking place in the Braddock District. For more information, call The Korean American Amateur Sports Association in Annandale at 256-3838.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SPRING TOWN MEETING

Human Services, A Better Way! Fairfax County's Human Service's Redesign

Tuesday, June 6, 1995

7:30 P.M.

Chapel Square Center
4414 Holborn Ave.
Annandale, VA 22003

Large Meeting Room

Guests

Verdia Haywood

Deputy County Executive for Human Services

Suzanne Manzo, Director

Department of Family Services

Captain David Lubas

Commander, West Springfield Police Station

Emily Snyder

Braddock District School Board Member

FAIRFAX COUNTY GOVERNMENT, WORKING FOR YOU

We who work and raise our families in Fairfax County sometimes find that we're stretched pretty thin. Despite our busy schedules, here are some ways to stay abreast of local issues:

The **Braddock District Council of Community Associations** is an umbrella organization for neighborhood representatives to come together, the 2nd Wednesday of each month, to discuss issues of mutual concern. A first time attendee once likened the experience to a New England Town Meeting. *You don't have to be a community association president to attend meetings or to receive the monthly newsletter.* Call my office to be put on the mailing list.

The **Fairfax County Board of Supervisors** meets on Mondays, starting at 9:30 A.M., at the Government Center. Call my office for *An Introduction to The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors* for more information about our local government structure, responsibilities and how to participate. Ask also about receiving a free copy of the *Weekly Agenda*, which publishes information about meeting contents. To watch the Board in action, tune in to Cable *Channel 16*. A replay of the morning session is aired on Tuesdays beginning at 8 P.M. The entire Board Meeting is repeated on Saturdays, starting at 10 A.M. **Planning Commission** meetings are carried live on Channel 16 most Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Our **School System** is managed by an appointed School Board. This Fall, for the first time, voters will have an opportunity to *elect* their School Board representative. **School Board** meetings can be viewed live on *Cable Channel 21*, on Thursdays beginning at 7:00 P.M. Lastly, *Cable Channel 8* covers news at the most local level around the clock.

TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL

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