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- The turn of the century. When I was a little girl, I couldn't imagine living that long. After all, I would be in my 50's! Needless to say, that doesn't seem so old now and sure enough, a brand new century is about to begin. Complementing springtime's promise of growth and renewal, my next **TOWN MEETING** will be an occasion to pause from our busy day-to-day activities and contemplate what lies ahead. When trying to imagine our future, I recall old 1950's film footage of enormous cars with spaceship-like fins folks thought we'd drive during the next decades. Instead, we've embraced fuel-efficient compacts. What do the demographers, economists, religious leaders, and high tech gurus predict our future will be? What do we want it to be? How can we help shape a positive future for ourselves, neighbors and families? With the Board's consideration of renewing Media General's franchise agreement, it's timely to contemplate the role of technology in our future. Your ideas, suggestions and imagination will ensure a lively and exciting gathering. I hope you can join me on **Wednesday, June 10th** for the first of several Town Meetings entitled **BRADDOCK 2000 A Miniseries**. If you are not able to join us at **Little Run Elementary School**, you can watch the program live on Channel 16. Call my office for information about rebroadcasts.
- The 1998 Fiscal Year BUDGET was adopted on April 28th with strong bipartisan support. Thanks to actions taken last year, when the County was projecting a \$150 million deficit, this budget has been described by journalists as "boring". The Board resolved last year's spending gap by, in addition to a 7 cent tax rate increase, eliminating or reducing \$55 million in services and terminating 477 positions. For the first time, the Board closed a number of facilities, programs and offices we felt were affordable during the 80's, but no longer so in the more austere 90's. While Fairfax County's population has grown by more than 94,000 since 1990 (the equivalent of five Fairfax Cities), we have 559 fewer county employees serving the public. In addition to strict Budget Guidelines, this year's process was also aided by a newly created Competitive Community Funding process which brings discipline to the task of funding our non-profit human services partners. The Board continues to pursue reorganizational opportunities to reduce the cost of government. My personal philosophy is that, while we may discontinue some services, we must continue to provide quality and satisfaction in the services we value most and continue to provide.
- Thanks to sponsors The Washington Post and Giant Food (and contributors Virginia Power, Washington Gas and Media General Cable), **BRADDOCK NIGHTS** returns to the Braddock District this summer! Once again, Friday evening concerts will take place at **Lake Accotink** in Springfield and **Royal Lake** in Fairfax. Performances begin at 7:30 P.M. and provide wholesome, varied entertainment for all ages and tastes. Bring a picnic dinner and lawn chairs and enjoy our beautiful parks and home-grown talent as the sun sets over these pretty County lakes. If you're interested in helping out, Project Chairman Clai Richardson is always looking for volunteers to help set up, break down, distribute surveys or introduce performers.

As always, please let me know if you have questions, comments or need my assistance in any way. I look forward to seeing you on June 10th!

Sincerely,

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SEE INSIDE! SUMMER '97 CONCERT SCHEDULE FOR BRADDOCK NIGHTS

ROADWORKS UPDATE

Roberts Rd. Extension - Complete a two lane segment of Roberts Rd. from Collingham Dr. to north of Colony View Dr. (State Project - 0.4 mile) Last December, following VDOT's preliminary design hearing, I walked the length of this project with State and County transportation staff to meet with residents who would be most directly affected by the extension. VDOT has held the design width of the road to minimum standards. I'm working with State officials to try to get fencing and trees for residents who back up to the project. Except for some fine tuning, design is essentially complete. Construction is expected to begin in spring '98 and should take about 6 to 9 months to complete.

Roberts Rd. Flyover - Construct grade separated intersection with Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks (State Project) VDOT has scheduled a public hearing on the preliminary design for this project on June 12th from 4 - 8 P.M. at the Bonnie Brae Elementary School. In order to address issues specific to residents of Colony Park and Whitfield Green, I have arranged to host a separate briefing for them on June 18th at 7:30 P.M. at Bonnie Brae. Construction of the Roberts Rd. Flyover is planned to begin in 1999.

Guinea Rd. - Roberts Rd. to Pommeroy Dr. (State Project - 1.5 miles) Widen from two to four lanes. Funded for very preliminary design. New Guinea Rd. along the front of Colony Park will be widened in conjunction with the Roberts Rd. Flyover project and will be discussed at the June 18th briefing.

Burke Centre Parkway - From Marshall Pond Rd. to Burke Lake Rd. (County/State Project - 0.87 mile) Widen from two to four lanes. In final design. Land acquisition to follow. Construction goes to bid in July 2000.

Rt. 123 (Ox Rd.) - From Burke Lake Rd. to the Occoquan River (State project - 7 miles) Widen Ox Rd. to four lanes (with right-of-way for a future six lanes). Public hearing on design in early '98.

Shirley Gate Rd., Extended - From Braddock Rd. to the Fairfax County Parkway (State Project - 0.9 mile) This project will connect Shirley Gate Rd. to the Fairfax County Parkway. Conceptual and alignment studies are under way. This project is funded for design in the State's Six Year Plan in 2002.

<u>I-95/I-395/I-495 (Mixing Bowl Project)</u> - This multiphase \$270 million project to reconstruct this major interchange is in final design. The entire project will take about ten years to complete. VDOT public hearings are scheduled for June 19 & 20. For more information call 324-1100.

<u>Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project</u> - Study completed to replace this 35 year old Federal bridge. Fairfax County is supporting a twelve lane side by side draw bridge to include HOV. Financing for this major construction project and whether it will be partially supported with a toll is yet to be decided.

Route 236 Corridor Improvements - Improve traffic flow on Rt. 236 between Hummer/ Heritage and Pickett Rd. in the City of Fairfax with some additional turn and through lanes. Project should be on State's Six Year Plan by this summer. Federal funding will be sought for design and construction which is estimated at \$6 million.

<u>Braddock District Spot Intersection Improvements</u>
(County Projects) - Three "quick fix" traffic improvements recommended by the Braddock District Council of Community Associations and Braddock residents have been approved:

Extend right turn lane on northbound Guinea Rd. at Rt. 236 - Project in design. Spring '97 construction

<u>Close median break on westbound Braddock Rd. to</u> <u>prevent left turns into Ravensworth Shopping Center</u> -Design completed. Fall '97 completion.

Construct right turn lane on northbound Rt. 123 at Middlegate Dr. In design.

MALFUNCTIONING STREETLIGHTS

To report a malfunctioning streetlight call Virginia Power at 934-9660, 7 A.M. - 7 P.M., Monday through Friday, and 9 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., Saturday.

YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK FOR YOU



George Mason Regional Library in Annandale is undergoing a \$5.7 million renovation. A temporary facility is operating seven days a week, Mon - Thurs 10 A.M. - 6 P.M.; Sat 10 A.M. - 5 P.M.; and 12 noon - 6 P.M. on Sun. It houses 42% of George Mason's circulation as well as an on-line data base. Grand opening of the renovated building in spring '99.

The Fairfax County Park Authority continues to improve Lake Accotink Park with construction of a pedestrian bridge and trail over the Norfolk Southern train tracks. This long awaited improvement will make the park more accessible and safer.

Pleasant Valley Golfer's Club is an 18-hole daily fee public golf course being developed jointly by the Fairfax County Park Authority and a private developer. The golf course will be constructed under terms that allow the developer to construct and operate the course on parkland in return for a percentage of the revenues. After 25 years, the Park Authority assumes full ownership. The club will be located at 16200 Lee Road, Chantilly. Opening is scheduled for spring '98.

Chestnut Hills/Fairfax Hills Sanitary Sewer
Project: Construction is 55% completed and should
be finished later this summer. Holly Park Sanitary
Sewer Project: Engineering and land acquisition are
completed. If 50% of residents pay the availability
fee, construction could begin this fall and be
completed in early '98. These projects are cost shared
with affected property owners for extension of sewer
service where failing septic systems pose a problem.

CABLE FRANCHISE RENEWAL

Fairfax County's 15 year franchise with Media General Cable (MGC) expires in September. Federal law requires localities to negotiate first with their current cable provider before deciding to renew or terminate that relationship. The reasons for *not* renewing a franchise agreement are limited by legislation. Fairfax County's Department of Consumer Affairs is collecting comments on MGC's past performance, rates and services. They will also be conducting focus group sessions with neighborhood organizations to identify needs and interests. This fall, public hearings will be held at the Government Center. Call 324-3151 if you wish to speak.

1997 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW

In Fairfax County, development of both land and transportation is guided by the Comprehensive Plan. First adopted in 1975 and amended over the years, the Plan, while not law, is a major guiding factor when a landowner requests a change to his zoning. If challenged in court, decisions about land use are weighed in context with the Comprehensive Plan.

The Board of Supervisors has designated 1997 as a Review Year for the Plan. During this time, anyone can submit a nomination to modify the Plan. As in previous years, I have assembled a Citizen's Plan Review Task Force. This task force consists of 26 community volunteers who responded to articles in my Braddock Byline and letters to community association representatives. The group has been meeting since January, learning about Fairfax County land use regulations and reviewing areas of the Plan that affect Braddock. As a result of their review, they have made a number of their own recommendations. They are also evaluating nominations submitted by the public.

Public hearings regarding Comprehensive Plan changes will be held by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors later this fall. Prior to that, I will be hosting two **town meetings** so that interested neighbors can learn about the nominations and express support or opposition to the changes:

To make sure you are on the mailing list for information about the town meetings or to get information about the Comprehensive Plan process, please write or call my office at 425-9300.

Area III* Meeting
Tuesday, July 8, 1997; 7:30 P.M.
Oak View Elementary School Cafeteria
5004 Sideburn Road

Areas I & II* Meeting
Tuesday, July 15, 1997; 7:30 P.M.
Little Run Elementary School Cafeteria
4511 Olley Lane

* Area I is north of Braddock, east of Olley or south of Braddock, east of Rolling. Area II is north of Braddock Rd., west of Olley La. Area III is south of Braddock Rd., west of Rolling Rd.

COMING SOON! NEW STREETS & SIDEWALKS



In Fairfax County, the State's Department of Transportation (VDOT) owns and maintains sidewalks and streets. My office works closely with VDOT to ensure that the interests and needs of our Braddock Community are addressed. This year, VDOT contractors will be

replacing sidewalk, curb and gutter in the following communities: Chapel Square, Chapel Square West, Oak Hill, Chapel Hill, Fairfax Villa, Burke Centre, Kings Park West, Maywood Terrace, Briarwood and Waverlee Woods.

In April, I arranged for VDOT officials to brief community association representatives on the work to be performed. Work will begin in May, and continue into early winter. A few days prior to working in an area, VDOT personnel will place cardboard hangers on area front doors indicating the inspector to contact in case of problems. Before actual construction "Miss Utility" will mark for buried utility lines and VDOT personnel will spray paint sidewalks to be replaced. Sidewalks with "temporary" asphalt patches will be replaced.

Sidewalks will be removed using a backhoe. Homeowners should alert VDOT to the presence of sprinkler systems buried in the grassy utility strip (property located between your sidewalk and the curb). This would *not* show up when Miss Utility marks the area and because it is on VDOT's property would not be repaired or replaced if damaged. If possible, they will try to avoid it. Answers to other frequently asked questions:

Why is a certain stretch of sidewalk replaced while another is 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 sidewalk segments further down the road. The erosion problem is corrected by removing whole sections of sidewalk and placing gravel and piping underneath new concrete.

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 and eventually destroying the sidewalk. VDOT will discuss the removal of problem trees individually with homeowners prior to taking any action. VDOT must be able to negotiate its equipment next to your property in order to work. Please trim back branches that may interfere with their access.

Does VDOT put down sod or grass seed? VDOT requires that grass or sod (depending on the season and weather) be planted before the contractor has completed the project. This is not necessarily *immediately* after concrete is poured. If you want to replace the area with your own grass seed, please let the contractor know about your plans.

Can I privately arrange with the contractor to have a new driveway poured while work is already being done in the area? Yes, as long as the work does not interfere with the overall schedule for the contract.

Now that our sidewalks are being replaced, when can we expect our streets to be resurfaced? The condition of neighborhood streets is evaluated by VDOT and given priority order for resurfacing, similar to sidewalk work. VDOT plans to repave some streets in the following areas this year: Somerset/Old Creek, Hickory Farms, Middleridge, Kings Park West and some adjacent areas, Fairfax Villa, part of University Drive, Roberts Rd. from Braddock to Fairfax City, Rt. 123, and Guinea Rd. from Commonwealth Blvd. to Zion Dr.

VRE and METRO News

Virginia Railway Express and Metro have a new joint Transit Link Card known as "VRE-TLC". This "all-inone" fare card enables riders to take unlimited rides on VRE and Metro for one discounted price. The cards are good for a month and may be purchased at any of the Arlington Transit Stores or by mail. For more information, call 413-4287.

Franconia-Springfield Metrorail Station opens Sunday, June 29. The station is located at Frontier Drive and the Franconia-Springfield Parkway, just south of Springfield Mall. Commuter rail service on the VRE is already in operation at the station. Opening ceremonies begin at 2 P. M. Metro will offer free rides to Alexandria and back on opening day.



▼ LAKE ACCOTINK

JUNE

- 6 Ann Bauer: Ride the carousel, cross the bridge, and watch the seasons change all in songs! You are invited to join Ann for an open rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. to be followed by sign-along concert starting at 7:30 p.m.
- **13 Diana & The Moondogs:** This popular five-piece band presents a mix of rhythm blues, roots rock and oldies.
- **20 Fairfax City Band-Swing Band:** Take the "A" train back in time to the golden age of big bands.
- **27 Lox & Vodka:** Clap, dance the hora, and sing along to *Fiddler on the Roof* with this lively, popular Klezmer band.

JULY

- **11 Fairfax Symphony-German Band:** Foot tapping polkas, waltzes, and traditional Rathskellar music.
- 18 Fairfax Jubli-Airs: America's heritage of symphonic band music is celebrated by this talented 70-member concert band.
- **25 Burke Tuba Ensemble:** You will be amazed and delighted by the depth and richness of sound from this young and enthusiastic ensemble.

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- Diane Beattie: An exciting new jazz vocalist who is the first place winner of 1996's NVCC Annandale's jazz/pop music competition.
- 8 Village Jazz Band: Lively traditional jazz including New Orleans and West Coast favorites.
- **15 Mill Run Dulcimer Band:** Voices combine with Appalachian dulcimers, authoharp, guitar, bass, banjo and fiddle for a sound that's both traditional and today.
- **22 Irish Breakfast Band:** Travel back to the Ould Sod with these minstrels of Erin who have performed at the Kennedy Center, sheep shearings and many places in between.
- 29 Night Music: Classic rock and top 40's music from a fast-paced, energetic, well-known band.

▼ ROYAL LAKE

- **6 Fairfax City Concert Band:** Begin the summer's entertainment with this wonderful 90-piece concert band, considered by many critics to be among the finest in the nation.
- **13 "Alte Kameraden" German Band:** Part of the City of Fairfax Band. This authentic "Blaskapelle" keeps alive the musical heritage and fest spirit of Bavarian village bands.
- **20 Charles Bubeck Jazz Quartet:** This popular jazz band promises delights and surprises in an engaging performance.
- **27 Dixieland Band Fairfax Symphony:** Echoes from Deep South with New Orleans jazz, ragtime and great American music.
- **National Concert Band:** America's heritage of symphonic band music is celebrated by this talented 70-member concert band.
- 18 Fairfax Symphony Summer Band: Showcasing the talents of the county's best young musicians.
- 25 Annandale Orchestra: "Peter and the Wolf" and the music of Disney highlight this interactive performance for children. Adults are encouraged to join in the fun and be young again. Chris Johnston conducting!
- 1 Kings' Park Concert Band: Light classics, traditional American music, international folk music and marches by a concert band with 30 years of performance experience.
- **8 Tom Cunningham Band:** Lively traditional jazz including New Orleans and West Coast favorites.
- 15 Mariachi de Los Estrelles: You will get the best of Mexican music from this dynamic and festive strolling group.
- 22 Outback Jack: A zany performance filled with classic animal ditties and tales of the bush.
- 29 Herb Smith: Local favorite Herb Smith leads a group of vibrant and energized Jazz musicians for a memorable concert.

IRECTIONS >

LAKE ACCOTINK PARK — 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield 22152. Beltway Exit 5 (Braddock Rd.) east 1/2 mile to right at Heming Ave. to the park's rear entrance. Or from Route 95 south, take Old Keene Mill Rd. (Rt. 644) west to right on Backlick Rd. to Highland Ave. to main marina entrance.

ROYAL LAKE PARK — 5344 Gainsborough Dr., Fairfax 22032. Beltway Exit 5 (Braddock Rd.) west to left on Twinbrook Rd. to right on Commonwealth to left on Gainsborough to park entrance on left.

Braddock Nights is made possible through the efforts of Braddock District Supervisor, Sharon Bulova, a steering committee chaired by Clai Richardson; and the generous support of The Washington Post, Giant Foods, Virginia Power, Washington Gas and Media General Cable.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS?



Summer camps at **George Mason University (GMU)**offer many opportunities for children to play, improve skills and explore new interests.

- *Camp Mason*: A day camp for ages 6-12 is designed to promote physical and intellectual development. Kids enjoy sports, games, field trips, computers and the arts. Call 993-2073.
- Camp Hemlock Outdoor Adventure Camp: Offers day camping for ages 6-8 and residential camping for ages 10-13. Call 993-3754.
- The Child Development Center Summer Camp Program: A variety of activities (drama, water play, arts and crafts, etc.) are offered for ages 2 & 1/2 to 8. Call 993-3750.
- *Sports Camps:* A variety of sports are organized by age groups and skill levels. Call 993-8783.
- Academic Assistance Programs are offered for young students having learning problems. Call 993-8783.
- Enrichment Programs are offered in the arts and sciences for students of all ages; and a Mason Summer Study Program for high school students. Call 993-8783.

Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) Annandale campus is offering a myriad of new and unusual classes for summer school starting June 16 and June 30. To register call 323-3000. Beginning with the fall semester, the Annandale Campus will offer a *Weekend College Degree Program*. Those interested may call 323-3000.

SOMETHING NEW AT ROBINSON!

Robinson Secondary School will be the first Fairfax County High School to participate in the *International Baccalaureate (IB) Program*, in the 1998-99 school year. An internationally recognized program of studies, the IB will be available to highly motivated 11th and 12th graders. This program provides academic rigor, structure and experiences to challenge students. Students may choose the full IB diploma or an IB certificate in a particular subject. For a brochure describing the program or to talk with the IB Coordinator at Robinson, call 426-2100.

ACTIVITIES FOR TEENS



Braddock District's Teen Center "The Zone" is open for teens in the 7th through 12th grades. It operates, free of charge, at the Wakefield Recreation Center, 8100 Braddock Road. Activities are developed by The Zone's teen council and include a variety of recreational activities and community service projects. The Zone, which features a nightclub equipped with strobe lights, a disco ball and great music, provides positive activities and a place for teens to just hang out with friends. Hours are: Fri, 6 to 11 P.M. and Sat, 7 to 12 P.M. During the summer, hours will be Tues - Thurs, 6 to 10 P.M., Fri, 6 to 11 P.M., and Sat, 7 P.M. to midnight. For more information, call 324-5714.

The Pinn Community Center, 10225 Zion Drive, offers a variety of free programs for teenagers Mon through Fri, 6 to 8 P.M. Teens can participate in traditional recreational activities, field trips and a variety of enrichment opportunities such as resume writing workshops, art projects and college chat sessions. The Pinn Center is open to Fairfax County teenagers, grades 7th through 12th. For more information, call 324-5651.

"Frost Nights" The Northern Virginia Jewish Community Center (JCC), 8900 Little River Turnpike, in cooperation with the Woodson Community Coalition, is sponsoring a Teen Center for Frost Middle School students. Three or four times a year, the JCC invites Frost students to play basketball or hockey, dance to a DJ or watch movies. Food and drinks are provided and tickets are sold only at the school. The next activity is planned for the end of September. For more information, call Beth Greenberg at 323-0880.

Young Life is a non-denominational Christian outreach program for teens. Students from Lake Braddock and Robinson Secondary Schools meet every Wednesday from 8 - 9 P.M. at the Oaks Community Center in Burke Centre. Young Life is sponsored by parents and concerned adults who operate programs for both high and middle school students. For more information contact John Berlin, Area Director for Young Life in Central Fairfax, at 385-2753.

YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



- It's not too early to start planning for the third annual Fairfax County **VOLUNTEERFEST.** This program which is part of national, "Make a Difference Day" is sponsored by **the Volunteer Center of Fairfax County** and is scheduled for *Saturday*, *October 25*, 1997. Join the many corporate teams, youth groups, civic organizations, families and individuals who are coming together to make a difference. Call 246-3460 to find out how you can participate!
- The Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court needs volunteers to assist the office staff in the Central Fairfax probation office. Duties include answering telephones, typing social histories and reports, preparing files, filing, photocopying, and preparing and mailing correspondence. Dictaphone experience is a plus. Volunteers are needed from 1 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. For information and an application, call Carol Coile at 246-4908.
- The Annandale Adult Day Health Care Center needs helping hands for the following: Volunteer Activity Assistants, Clerical Assistants, Musicians/Entertainers, Greeters, Friendly Visitors, and Meal Service Assistants. Call Rosie Popeck at 750-3316 to volunteer.
- The Fairfax County Electoral Board needs election officials. If you are a Fairfax County resident and registered voter, you may apply to serve as a paid election official. Call the Electoral Board at 324-4736 to receive an application.

YOURS FOR THE ASKING

Please contact my office for the following brochures:

- CHILD SAFETY BROCHURES Always buckle children in the back seat
- FAIRFAX SYMPHONY Season Brochure
- 1997 FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZENS' HANDBOOK
- FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER'S PROGRAM An opportunity for home ownership
- GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY A Guide to University Services for the Community
- ENVIRONMENT
 25 Ways to Help Virginia's Environment
 Guide to Preserving the Natural Environment
- PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

 VRE, Rider's Guide

 METRO, Bus & Rail Routes & Fares

 METRORAIL, Saturday Express

 FAIRFAX CONNECTOR Routes

 CITY OF FAIRFAX CUE BUS Routes
- TAX FACTS About County Taxes
- **ELDERLINK** Care giving solutions for the elderly and their families
- VIRGINIA POWER When the power goes out
- WELCOME TO ELDERHOSTEL
 Brief introduction to Elderhostel Programs
- THIS MONTH, FAIRFAX COUNTY LIBRARIES
 Schedule of activities
- DISCOVER YOUR REGIONAL PARKS

RABIES UPDATE



Rabies presents a real danger to public health in Fairfax County. Cases of rabies have been on the increase State wide. The most commonly affected animals are raccoons, with foxes and ground hogs a distant second. Citizens should stay away from all wild animals and keep pets from coming into contact with animals in the wild. If you observe any animal exhibiting unusual behavior or showing signs of illness, contact Animal Control at 830-3310. If bitten by a wild or stray animal,

wash the wound immediately and thoroughly, apply antiseptic, seek medical attention and report the incident to Animal Control. State law and County ordinance require that dogs and cats, four months of age and older, be inoculated. The County holds rabies clinics every other month at the Government Center. Clinics are scheduled for July 13, September 14 and November 9 from Noon to 2 P. M. Cost for the vaccinations is \$4 for one year and \$6 for three years. For more information, call the Animal Shelter at 839-1100.

SPRING TOWN MEETING

BRADDOCK 2000 - A Miniseries
Installment One
TECHNOLOGY, TODAY & TOMORROW

With Guests:

Mark Gibb
Northern Virginia
Planning District Commission

April Young
Potomac Knowledgeways

Ron Mallard
Department of Consumer Affairs

Tuesday, June 10, 1997
7:30 P.M.
Little Run Elementary School
4511 Olley Lane, Fairfax

BE A WELL INFORMED CITIZEN!

Information about your County government is available in many forms from many sources. You can *see* your government in action on Fairfax County Cable Channel 16. Board of Supervisors meetings are broadcast live on Board Mondays. Repeats of the morning session are aired Tuesdays at 8 P.M. Repeats of the entire Board meeting are aired beginning at 10 A.M. on the following Saturday.

You can *read* about proposed agendas for the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals in the *Weekly Agenda* published by the Office of Public Affairs. For a *free* subscription call 324-3185. Other publications about Fairfax County government are available from my office including: *An Introduction to the Board of Supervisors*, the *1997 Fairfax County Citizens Handbook* and the *Fairfax County Newcomer's Guide*. The Braddock District Council, an umbrella organization representing community associations in the Braddock District, meets in my office monthly. To receive the *Braddock District Council's monthly newsletter*, please contact my office.

You can access your County government electronically through the Internet and E-mail. Fairfax County's web site at www.co.fairfax.va.us includes the A-Z Fairfax County Citizens Handbook. The Braddock District Homepage can be accessed at www.co.fairfax.va.us./gov/bd.htm. My E-mail address is Braddock@co.fairfax.va.us

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- Recently a newspaper reporter called me to confirm a rumor that our **NEW COUNTY EXECUTIVE BOB**O'NEILL (on the job for five weeks) "was going to reorganize something". I replied, "Well, I certainly hope so! That's one of the reasons we hired him." Bob says his major challenge this year will be learning about Fairfax County. So far, his meetings with groups and organizations throughout the County have won him high marks. Bob describes our County work force as "incredibly talented". He intends to "get people thinking in new ways", to meet the demands for "high quality service with competitive tax rates". His enthusiasm is infectious and I'm looking forward to working with him. Bob's first "Baptism by Fire" will most likely be his handling of our Fiscal Year 1999 Budget early next year. A briefing on the County Executive's Recommended Budget will be presented at the Braddock District Council of Community Association's March meeting (7:30 P.M., March 12th). This annual event, held here in my Chapel Square office, is open to the public. I hope you'll have a chance to attend, meet our new County Executive, and comment on his proposed spending plan.
- On <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>October 28th</u> I'll be hosting the second installment of our <u>Miniseries BRADDOCK 2000</u>. While our Spring program focused on new and emerging technology, this Town Meeting will be an opportunity to contemplate <u>THE CHANGING FACES OF FAIRFAX</u>. Statisticians tell us that, as we progress through the next century, our community will consist of a much more diverse mixture of races and ethnic backgrounds. Already we see increased diversity in our schools. What does this mean for us? If you look at historical trends, immigrants have arrived in our country in waves, sometimes facing some conflicts, but then providing enrichment to our great society. How have changing demographics been handled through the years? Are there things we can (and should) do now to prepare for an increasingly diverse population to help shape a positive future for ourselves, neighbors and families? Your ideas, suggestions and perspectives will ensure a thought provoking forum. If you are not able to join us, <u>7:30 P.M. at Little Run Elementary School in Fairfax</u>, you can watch the program live on Channel 16. Call my office for information about rebroadcasts.
- Lastly, I'd like to thank members of our **BRADDOCK DISTRICT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TASK FORCE** for their excellent work this year. Land use and transportation planning can seem confusing and complicated. There are, however, opportunities for citizens to become involved, learn about the process and make a difference for their families and neighbors. As the County reviewed and considered changes to our Plan this year, I was assisted by 26 volunteers living throughout the Braddock District who responded to my requests to community association representatives and articles in my Braddock Byline seeking volunteers. The process, which began with an educational element in January, comes to a close as public hearings are held before the Board of Supervisors late this fall. To participate in future Comprehensive Plan Reviews, please contact my office. It's a lot of work, but a real hands on chance to make a difference!

As always, please let me know if you have any questions, comments or need my assistance in any way. I look forward to seeing you on October 28th!

Sincefely, Haun Jellesen

ROADWORKS UPDATE

Roberts Rd. Extension - Complete a two lane segment of Roberts Rd. from Collingham Dr. to north of Colony View Dr. (State Project - 0.4 mile) The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has designed the width of the road to minimum standards in order to reduce the amount of land disturbed to construct this project. Thanks to the fine efforts of the Braddock District Plan Review Task Force, VDOT further reduced the impact of the project south of Zion Drive. The redesign more closely follows the existing topography, thereby reducing the scope of the project both vertically and horizontally. I'm continuing efforts with State officials to include some fencing and trees for residents who back up to the project. Except for some fine tuning, design is complete. Bid advertisement is scheduled for early '98 with construction to begin in spring/summer '98. This project should be completed by the end of the year.

Roberts Rd. Flyover - Construct overpass over the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks (State Project) In addition to the overpass, there will be significant safety improvements at both approaches to the bridge. South of the tracks, the conflicting turning movements on Roberts Parkway at Premier Court, the Burke VRE Station and the Burke Commons Community Center will be addressed by means of a single access point at the community center controlled by a traffic signal. North of the tracks, there will be dual right turn lanes on north/east bound Guinea Road with a traffic signal at Roberts Road and Guinea Road. In order to avoid future disruption to Colony Park, VDOT will widen Guinea Road along Colony Park as a part of this project. When the flyover is completed, the new traffic signal, located where the traffic circle used to be, will be eliminated and Old Guinea Road will dead end north of the tracks.

Following VDOT's public hearing in June, I held a special briefing for the residents of Colony Park and Whitfield Green. An outgrowth of that meeting was the formation of a "Bridge Design" Task Force, comprised of over 20 neighborhood volunteers. We've been meeting with officials from VDOT, their consultant and the County's Office of Transportation to provide guidance on materials and design which will ensure that the bridge is an attractive community landmark. Construction of the Roberts Rd. Flyover is planned to begin in 1999.

Guinea Rd. - Roberts Rd. to Pommeroy Dr. (State Project - 1.5 miles) Widen from two to four lanes. Funded for preliminary design in 2000.

Burke Centre Parkway - From Marshall Pond Rd. to Burke Lake Rd. (County/State Project - 0.87 mile) Widen from two to four lanes. Final design completed. Land acquisition to follow. Construction goes to bid in July 2000.

Rt. 123 (Ox Rd.) - From Burke Lake Rd. to the Occoquan River (State project - 7 miles) Widen Ox Rd. to four lanes (with right-of-way for a future six lanes). Public hearing on design in summer '98.

Shirley Gate Rd., Extended - From Braddock Rd. to the Fairfax County Parkway (State Project - 0.9 mile) This project will connect Shirley Gate Rd. to the Fairfax County Parkway. Conceptual and alignment studies are under way. It's funded for preliminary design in the State's Six Year Plan in 2000.

Route 236 Corridor Improvements - Improve traffic flow on Rt. 236 between Hummer/ Heritage and Pickett Rd. with some additional turn and through lanes. Following meetings with affected communities last year, the project was added to State's Six Year Plan this summer. Federal funding will be sought for design and construction which is estimated at \$6 million. Funded for preliminary design.

<u>Braddock District Spot Intersection Improvements</u>
(County Projects) - Three "quick fix" traffic improvements recommended by the Braddock District Council of Community Associations and Braddock residents have been approved:

Extend right turn lane on northbound Guinea Rd. at Rt. 236 - Fall '97 construction

Close median break on westbound Braddock Rd. to prevent left turns into Ravensworth Shopping Center - Will eliminate dangerous turning movements which cause high accident rate and congestion. Design completed. In final review by VDOT.

Construct right turn lane on northbound Rt. 123 at Middlegate Dr. In design. Proposed rezoning of Keys property includes a proffered contribution toward the cost of construction.



It's been a rough year for the Virginia Railway Express (VRE). Ridership on the Fredericksburg line was affected by the opening of new HOV lanes on I-95. Then, service was disrupted by a freight train derailment just north of Crystal City in July. CSXT repairs interfered with VRE train schedules (we are tenants on their tracks). Blood pressures rose along with the summer temperatures, until VRE service was finally fully restored on August 18th. Since then, on-time performance has been 95%.

With the arrival of autumn, cooler heads will be sitting down to sort out "What went wrong?" and "How do we make sure it doesn't keep happening?" On October 8th, our Northern Virginia Delegation of the General Assembly and VRE management will meet with CSXT officials to discuss the poor response they provided during July and August with our goal being to maintain the *current* high level of on-time performance. The VRE is an important piece of the transportation network mosaic for the area. It's important that we take the long view and ensure it's viability. To that end, a number of recent events will make VRE ridership even more convenient and dependable:

- On July 1st, VRE joined with Federal and State officials and private sector partners to launch the SmarTraveler Information System the first phase of a new state-of-the-art traveler information service for the region. The system will give commuters easy access to on-demand, real-time route-specific information regarding traffic and transit conditions. VRE passengers will be able to receive a personal alert when their specific train is delayed.
- The Franconia-Springfield Metrorail Station opened in early July. VRE and the Fairfax Connector are marketing combined rail and bus travel for commuters with jobs at Ft. Belvoir and the Springfield business community. VRE passengers also have the added flexibility of using Metrorail in cases where they may need to get home in the middle of the day or if they miss their VRE train and need an alternative way home. The new parking deck contains 3,800 spaces of secured covered parking.

"HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU" - FINALLY!

For the first time in many years, some funding for trail projects was approved in the FY 1998 budget. With over 100 projects Countywide competing for only \$1 million in funding, certain criteria were established: safety, anticipated ease of implementation and need. Each district was allotted \$100,000 with an additional \$100,000 for a Countywide project. Here in the Braddock District, three projects were selected:

- Woodland Way, Annandale from the Woodland Meadows Community at Woodland Way and Braddock Road to Fleming Drive. Total cost of this 400 foot project is \$59,000. This segment will complete the sidewalk along Woodland Way, providing an important link for walkers to Canterbury Woods Elementary School.
- Guinea Road, Fairfax west side of Guinea Rd. from Braddock Road north to Rutherford Park. \$10,000 is provided for preliminary engineering for this long awaited safety project. Total cost of this 3,400 foot project is estimated at over \$1 million.
- Bonnie Brae Elementary School, Burke/Fairfax from Whitfield Court to Calumet Grove Drive. \$30,000 for design and land acquisition for this school walking path which would serve children in Whitfield Green. Total cost of this 450 foot project is estimated to be \$180,000.

COMING SOON! BUS SHELTERS

Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds will be used to purchase nine bus shelters throughout the County.

One will be located on Braddock Road at Wakefield Chapel Road this winter. An additional bus shelter on Route 236 (westbound) at Northern Virginia Community College

may be installed when additional grant funds become available this winter

CABLE FRANCHISE RENEWAL

In September, the Board of Supervisors approved a six month extension of Media General Cable's (MGC) franchise in order to allow them adequate time to respond to the County's franchise solicitation document (RFRP). Under this new timeframe, public hearings will likely be held in January 1998 and a decision rendered by the Board of Supervisors in February. The County's RFRP requests MGC to provide a state-of-the-art television network, capable of delivering interactive services, ala carte programming, high-speed access to the Internet and more. The County's request also asks MGC to provide continued support for public, education, and government access users. MGC's response to the RFRP is due to the County in late October, after which we will begin a comprehensive analysis of the proposal to determine if it meets the present and future needs of the community.

The County's Cable Administrator and staff are conducting focus group sessions in each District. One Braddock District briefing was held in June and another will be the subject of an upcoming Braddock District Council of Community Associations' Meeting. If you have questions or comments, please contact the Department of Consumer Affairs, Cable Regulatory Division at 324-5902.

TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM

On June 23, 1997 the Board of Supervisors approved a major revitalization program. As authorized by State law, the Board provided a tax abatement incentive for property owners to improve and maintain existing housing and commercial buildings in the County.

Under the program, offered countywide, qualified owners will receive real estate tax credits for the rehabilitation, renovation or replacement of older buildings. Owners who meet all program requirements will not have to pay taxes on the <u>increased</u> value of their property for ten years. To qualify, a residential structure must be a least 25 years old, and the improvements must increase the assessed value of the structure by at least 25 percent. For more information about qualifying and applications, contact the Fairfax County Department of Tax Administration at 222-8234.

AUDIT HOTLINE AVAILABLE

The Board of Supervisors has established an audit hotline to allow citizens to suggest ways to increase County government efficiency and improve services. Anyone may report instances of alleged waste, fraud or mismanagement in County Government. The hotline, available 24 hours-a-day, can be reached by calling 876-0525. All calls are kept strictly confidential and will be reported to the Financial and Programs Auditor to the Board of Supervisors for assessment and investigation.

RABIES

Because of several recent incidents of rabies detected in animals in Fairfax County, all citizens are advised to take



precautions to recognize rabid behavior and protect themselves. Although most of the cases did not involve human exposure, rabies *does* present a real danger to public health in Fairfax County.

If you observe any animal exhibiting unusual behavior or showing signs of illness do not hesitate to contact the Department of Animal Control at 830-3310. Make sure that you let the call taker know if an emergency exists. Animal Control has recently taken actions to improve response time of animal wardens to these types of situations.

Fairfax County is now operating a rabies infoline at 324-BITE (324-2483). Citizens may call this number at any time for recorded weekly updates on the latest total of confirmed cases of rabies in the County. Wildlife most commonly infected with rabies are raccoons, but foxes, groundhogs, skunks and bats are also carriers.

The law requires that dogs and cats be inoculated for rabies. The vaccine must be administered every one or three years, depending on the vaccine and age of the animal. Information about rabies clinics is available by calling the Shelter at 839-1100.

ELECTION DAY - NOVEMBER 4TH

On November 4th we will be voting for our Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and State Delegates. Voters will also have the opportunity to vote for a \$232,850,000 School Bond Referendum which will provide funds for public school construction. These bonds will pay for new schools, school additions, renewals, and renovations. Braddock District schools in line for improvements under this Bond Referendum:

- Braddock Elementary School \$1.9 million for six classroom additions
- Kings Glen Elementary School \$6.4 million for renewal
- Annandale High School \$4.2 million for progressive renovation



1997 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW

In Fairfax County, development of both land and transportation is guided by the Comprehensive Plan. First adopted in 1975 and amended over the years, the Plan is a major guiding factor when a landowner requests a change to his zoning. If challenged in court, decisions about land use are weighed in context with the Comprehensive Plan.

The Board of Supervisors designated 1997 as a Review Year for the Plan. During this time, anyone could submit a nomination to modify the Plan. As in previous years, I assembled a **Citizen's Plan Review Task Force** consisting of 26 community volunteers who responded to articles in my *Braddock Byline* and letters to community association representatives. The group learned about County land use regulations and reviewed areas of the Plan that affect Braddock. As a result of their review, the Task Force made a number of their own recommendations and evaluated nominations submitted by the public.

In July and September I hosted three town meetings for potentially affected neighbors to learn about the nominations and express support or opposition. Formal public hearings were held by the Planning Commission in September. The Board of Supervisors hearings will be later this fall. Please contact my office for information about the nominations or to volunteer to serve on future Comprehensive Plan Reviews.

WHAT IS A STORMWATER UTILITY FEE AND WHY DO WE NEED IT?

As Fairfax County has developed we've been faced with the effects of increased stormwater runoff - eroding stream banks and silt in our lakes. In recent years, we have developed more sophisticated control measures and now require developers to pay their fair share for improvements. The needs, however, are far greater than our ability to correct them. For example, there is currently a backlog of over 600 unfunded projects. They run the gamut from Federal mandates for clean water to private homes with house and yard flooding.

In order to deal with this statewide problem, the General Assembly passed enabling legislation in 1991 that allows localities to establish a Countywide system for surveying the amount of impervious surfaces on residential and commercial/industrial properties and for assessing a fee to allow us to address the damage to our environment. Since 1992, a Countywide task force of citizens and business leaders has been studying this issue. Language for a new ordinance has been drafted and public hearings are planned for late this year or early next year.

A County workshop will be held on October 24 at 10 A.M. in the Conference Center (Rm 9 & 10), Fairfax County Government Center. For more information, please contact my office.



YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



- It's not too late to take part in the third annual Fairfax County **VOLUNTEERFEST.** This program which is part of national, "Make a Difference Day" is sponsored by **the Volunteer Center of Fairfax County** and is scheduled for *Saturday*, *October 25*, 1997. Join the many corporate teams, youth groups, civic organizations, families and individuals who are coming together to make a difference. Call 246-3460 to find out how you can participate!
- The Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court needs volunteers at the courthouse in Fairfax City to assist court staff in a variety of administrative tasks, including the following: light data entry, typing, word processing, filing, record keeping, photocopying and faxing. Volunteers are needed between 8 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

The Juvenile Court also needs volunteer Spanish interpreters to help court staff and clients in civil cases. Duties will include providing information concerning court procedures, terminology and location of services, and facilitating communication among court clients, staff and others. Fluency in both English and Spanish is required.

For more information and an application, contact Carol Coile at (703) 246-4908.

- The **Fairfax County Electoral Board** needs election officials. If you are a Fairfax County resident and registered voter, you may apply to serve as a paid election official. Call the Electoral Board at 324-4735.
- The Fairfax Area Christian Emergency and Transitional Services, Inc. (FACETS) needs <u>Youth Mentors</u> willing to commit for nine months to tutor or visit with a 4th to 8th grader for one hour a week. Training will be provided for caring adults. For this and other volunteer opportunities, call 352-5090.

THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING! THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING!

Interested in Russia and the Russian people? Two programs in the Fairfax/Annandale area enable you to personally touch someone's life and promote warm friendships between the people of our two countries.

- CHILDREN OF CHERNOBYL is a program started at Annandale United Methodist Church in 1993. Volunteers bring children from Belarus (contaminated by the violent explosion of the Chernobyl Atomic Power Plant in 1986) to America for a six week summer respite. The children are between 8 and 11 years old. By removing them from the deadly contamination, their immune systems begin to function normally and their bodies become better able to fight off the effects of the radiation. The children benefit from our good water, healthy food, fresh air, sunshine, exercise and warm friendships. They also receive dental and medical checkups and treatments. If you'd like to serve as a Host Family, or provide pro bono medical services, call Annandale United Methodist Church, at (703) 256-8330.
- FAIRFAX CORNER IN RUSSIA is a partnership between the County of Fairfax, Northern Virginia Community College, the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce and the Russian Federation Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Individuals from all parts of Russia visit Fairfax County twice a year to learn about our free market economy and to explore business opportunities in the area. We need Host Families! If you're interested in providing friendship, lodging and some transportation to an adult Russian during his/her one or two week stay, please contact my office, 425-9300. Some Russian language ability is nice but not critical.

We're also looking for help with transportation during the day. If you have a van and a good driving record and could donate some time during a one or two week period of time (usually in the spring and fall), we need you! While there's no pay, you do get to tag along on some fascinating tours and meet some really interesting people! A delegation will be arriving on October 25th for a one week stay. Call me at 425-9300 if you can help.

FAITH COMMUNITIES IN ACTION

Several years ago, we began an effort in the Braddock District called "Faith in Action". It is an opportunity for religious leaders of all denominations to get together quarterly with County officials to network, share information and learn more about what is going on in the County. This allows all of us to leverage and make improved use of our resources. With the advent of Welfare Reform on the State and Federal levels and Federal legislation affecting benefits to immigrants, a Countywide "Faith Communities in Action" sprang from our Braddock District forum. It serves as an umbrella organization to facilitate communication between interfaith groups throughout Fairfax County.

As we enter the next century we are seeking better, more humane and compassionate ways of helping the less fortunate among us. An important element to our new approach will be *partnerships* among local and state government, charitable non-profits, fraternal organizations (Optimist Clubs, Rotaries...) and the religious community. Religious and community-based organizations can provide the critical people-to-people ingredient and support network that government is just not equipped to provide. To be put on the mailing list for Braddock District Faith in Action, please give my office a call and ask for Anthony.



SNOW TIPS



- * Beware of "black ice" (roads that look wet but are actually glazed with ice). Ramps and bridges freeze first.
- * For medical emergencies where roads have not been plowed, call 911. For routine plowing, call 383-8368.
- * If you shovel your driveway apron before the plow comes through, always shovel to the right, facing the street.
- * If possible park in your driveway, not in a cul de sac or street.
- * Homeowners and businesses are responsible for clearing sidewalks.

YOURS FOR THE ASKING

Please contact my office for the following brochures:

- A GUIDE TO BOARDS, AUTHORITIES, & COMMISSIONS Citizen participation in Fairfax County
- 1997 FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZENS' HANDBOOK
- GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY A Guide to University Services for the Community
- TOURISM AND ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE Northern VA., Suburban Maryland, and Washington, D.C.
- VOTING INFORMATION

Absentee Voting Application FACTS: Bond Referendum: Fairfax County Public Schools

- ELDERLINK Care giving solutions for the elderly and their families
- WEDDINGS & RECEPTIONS IN YOUR REGIONAL PARKS
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 Brief introduction to Elderhostel Programs
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Pimmitt Hills Elementary School

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7:30 P.M.
Little Run Elementary School
4511 Olley Lane, Fairfax



Braddock Nights is a project with a mission to provide a small town sense of community through a series of outdoor musical productions during June, July and August. Throughout our just concluded third season, delighted audiences enjoyed a variety of live music while watching the sun quietly set over Lake Accotink in Springfield and Royal Lake in Fairfax (Kings Park West). A whole lot like Wolf Trap, only free!

During the next few months we will begin lining up talent for next year's program. If you're interested in volunteering next summer, we'll need help with:

- Setting up and breaking down the Showmobile
- Putting up and taking down directional signs
- Introducing the performers
- Handing out and collecting surveys

Contact my office if you'd like to be a part of the exciting Braddock Nights Behind the Scenes Crew!

Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination in all County programs, services and activities. Special accommodations/alternative information formats will be provided upon request. Call 324-3187, TTY 324-2935.

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