**BRADDOCK BYLINE** 

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## Spring 2007

The week prior to adoption of our County budget this year felt almost surreal. First, there was the weather. Record rainfall on Sunday closed roads throughout the area. Severe winds toppled trees and rocked my little Jetta the next morning, April 16<sup>th</sup>, as I started meeting with each of my colleagues to discuss modifications to the **FY 2008 Advertised Budget** (see inside). Sully District Supervisor Mike Frey was my first visit. As I neared his office the horrific events at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg were just beginning to unfold. Throughout the week, details of that terrible Monday became known. The week ended with memorial vigils and funerals. Among the dead was a beautiful young lady named **Mary Read**, a graduate of Annandale High School. I didn't know Mary personally, but the warmth radiating from her smiling photographs makes her loss feel personal. **On behalf of our Braddock District community, I extend my deepest sympathy to the Read family, and others who lost loved ones to this tragedy.** To contribute to a memorial scholarship fund established for Mary, a check can be made out to "Virginia Tech Foundation Inc." (indicate Mary's name on the memo line). Send to: Gift Accounting, University Development (0336), Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061.

As I write this column, plans are being finalized for the Queen of England's visit to Virginia to mark the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Jamestown. As part of this focus on history, our *A Look Back at Braddock* (ALBB) Task Force has been way out front. We have recently printed more copies of *Braddock's True Gold*, a fabulous 168-page collection of oral histories, stories, maps and photographs, which tells the story of our central part of Fairfax County, as it changed from a farm community into our present day neighborhoods. The book sells for \$30 and can be purchased at my office, the Government Center in Maps and Publications, and at the Fairfax City Museum on Main Street.

Mark your calendars for our next two history events! Bring your friends and family to historic **Oak Hill** in Annandale for an afternoon of fun and history, <u>Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup></u>. Plans include storytelling, a 42<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Infantry Civil War Encampment, period children's games, a tour of the mansion, and food. Contact my office this fall for more details! On <u>Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM</u>, John Browne and his ALBB History Map Committee will give us a sneak peak of the new Interactive History Web Site they are developing in collaboration with George Mason University. Our thanks to Dr. Jack Censer, Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences; for making this exciting connection for us.

Our **Spring Town Meeting**, at the Kings Park Library Meeting Room, <u>Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM</u> will be about **Keeping our Neighborhoods Safe**, Attractive and Vital. I hope you can join us to examine concerns and conditions that can threaten the stability and quality of life in our neighborhoods. Learn about how the County is addressing these issues and how you can help. Hear about a **Pilot Program** in one of our Braddock District neighborhoods that's intended to build empowerment within the community and collaboration with the County.

With Spring finally here, and color returning to the landscape, my office staff and I are looking forward to seeing you at our **Braddock Nights Concerts in the Parks** this summer. **Something new** this year will be an extended program at our newest location, **Ossian Hall Park** in Annandale. We'll start sooner, end later and have dancing, food and possibly crafts, in addition to music from all around the world. At **Lake Accotink Park**, the fun won't end in August. Stay tuned for outdoor foreign movies during pleasant autumn evenings. See details for Braddock Nights concerts inside this edition of the Byline, and give my office a call this fall for more information about Movie Nights at Lake Accotink.

Because of a Board of Supervisors' policy to refrain from sending newsletters at County expense during our campaign season, this will be my last newsletter until next year. Please check our Braddock District Web Site for up-to-date information on meetings and activities that might be of interest to you. I hope to see you this summer and fall!

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### **ROADWORKS UPDATE**

Rt. 236 (Little River Turnpike) Spot Capacity and Safety Improvements. Pickett Rd. to Lake Blvd. at entrance to NVCC (VDOT project -2.23 miles). Rightof-way acquisition is completed, and utility relocation is almost completed. Construction contract has been awarded, and construction has begun. While Rt. 236 is ultimately planned to be widened to six lanes, this spot improvement project consists of selected right/left turning lanes, signalization, new drainage system, sidewalks and other improvements at various intersections (Pickett Rd., Guinea Rd., Old Hickory Rd., Vanda La., Iva La., Prosperity Ave., Woodburn Rd., Wakefield Chapel Rd. and Lake Dr). Some storm sewer and utility relocation work in the roadway will be done during the night. Access to side streets and entrances will be maintained at all times. This project has a completion date of October 31, 2008. Questions regarding construction can be directed to Giles Njumbe at Giles.Njumbe @vdot.virginia.gov

**Roberts Road Project** (County Project). Construct a right turn lane on to Braddock Rd. from southbound Roberts Rd. next to GMU. Project design completed. Utility relocation issues and land rights have been resolved. Work will begin in fall 2007, and construction is scheduled to be completed by winter 2008.

Capital Beltway. In 2005, the Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board approved the 12-lane High Occupancy Toll (HOT) concept for adding capacity to 14 miles of the Capital Beltway between Springfield and the American Legion Bridge. Agreement was reached between VDOT, Fluor Enterprises, Inc. and Transurban (USA) Inc. to construct HOT lanes on the Capital Beltway (I-495). The federal Record of Decision (ROD) on the project's Environmental Impact Statement was approved in June 2006. Financial and design analyses are underway. Depending on the outcome of the financial analysis and financial backing, construction could begin late 2008. Public information meetings are proposed for fall 2007. Information will follow about a future Braddock District meeting. Motorists who pay to ride in the new HOT lanes help pay for the project and free up space in the regular lanes. HOV-3 vehicles and buses will be able to use the HOT lanes without paying the toll.

**Bus Stops/Bus Shelters** (County). County staff has done a countywide survey of existing bus stops and bus shelters. This was followed by an extensive review and evaluation of existing and proposed bus stops and shelters. Rehabilitation of existing and construction of new bus stops and shelters is being planned countywide.

### YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK FOR YOU

**Improved Access to Metro Bus Stops.** <u>Guinea Rd.</u> <u>Sidewalk</u>. Extend sidewalk south on Falmead Rd. to Guinea Rd. and add missing trail segment on Guinea Rd. Redesign necessary due to easement acquisition issues. Project finished in fall 2007. <u>Olley La. Sidewalk</u>. Install on west side of Olley La. from Braddock Rd. to Colbert Ct. Final design in VDOT permits. Project scheduled for completion in fall 2007.

**Burke Centre VRE Station Parking Facility**. Construction is underway. Installation of pre-cast concrete forms should finish this September, with project complete in June 2008. Project includes a bus loop and sidewalks.

**Burke Centre VRE Station Parking Facility Trails.** Project to construct two pedestrian trails south of the station to connect with Burke Centre neighborhood. The trails total 1500 ft. with two 70-ft. bridges. Construction scheduled to begin this fall and finish in spring 2008.

**Burke Centre Community Library**. Project to build a 17,000-square-foot community library at Freds Oak Rd. and Fairfax County Pkwy. To provide some temporary parking for VRE commuters during construction of the garage, this project was phased. Parking lot and site infrastructure were completed last summer. Library building construction is underway, with move-in date scheduled for July 2008.

**Royal Lake Rehabilitation**. In August 2006, a plan and concept design for armoring the auxiliary spillway were completed. Federal funding is secured and construction should begin in March 2008. A community meeting to discuss project design, project schedule, temporary and permanent trail relocation, and tree removal and restoration is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **June 26**, 2007, 7:30 PM in the Bonnie Brae ES Cafeteria, 5420 Sideburn Rd.

**Woodglen Lake Rehabilitation**. The planning phase for improvements to the dam is underway. A community meeting was held last December, and a meeting on-site with neighbors was held this March. A task force was formed to review design alternatives. Additional meetings will be announced.

Lake Barton Rehabilitation. The planning phase for improvements to the dam is underway. A community meeting was held last December, and a meeting on-site with neighbors was held this March. A task force was formed to review design alternatives. Additional meetings will be announced.

For more information about Dam projects, go to http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/lake\_rehabs.htm

# Fiscal Year 2008 Budget



The FY2008 Budget Process was the quietest in my 20 years in office, *despite the largest drop in residential real estate values since the early 90's*. Revenue from real estate taxes makes up almost 60% of the funding we use to provide services, including our largest expenditure, the County's Transfer to the Schools. In comparison, the 'Doomsday'' budgets of FY93 and FY97 sparked five days of public hearings that spilled over into all day marathon Saturday sessions. During these years employee salaries were frozen twice, the County workforce experienced a Reduction in Force and a job freeze that lasted several years. A number of County offices and programs were eliminated, including the County's 'Mini''libraries, Satellite Tax Administration Offices and seve ral dozen bus routes. When adopting our budget in FY97, the Board adopted a number of structural changes and budget guidelines that brought us back into fiscal equilibrium. *These measures have served us well and have positioned us to better prepare for and deal with this current revenue downturn*.

Fiscal Year 08 is a dramatic contrast to those Doomsday scenarios. In just three nights of public hearings, most speakers expressed appreciation for a funding plan that addresses our community's highest priorities and holds the tax rate at 89 cents, the lowest in recent history. Here are the basics of FY08:

**89 Cent Tax Rate** (One Cent = \$22.7 million)

**\$3.3 billion General Fund (County and School) Disbursements** –An increase of 1.34% over FY07 (Maintains Board priorities, with targeted investments in education, public safety, transportation and environment)

**\$1.2 billion Direct County (non-School) Disbursements** –Decrease of .02% from FY07 \$1.58 billion (Decrease managed with staffing reductions, positions held vacant)

School Operating Transfer –Increase of 4% over FY07 (School Operating and Debt Service Transfer = 52.3% of County General Fund Spending)

For context and details of the 'mark-up" package, go to: <u>http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/Budget2008.htm</u>

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**YOUR VOTE COUNTS**! Election Day is <u>November 6<sup>th</sup></u>! The last day for voter registration is <u>October</u> <u>8<sup>th</sup></u>. Eligible voters must be 18, a current U.S. citizen and live within the County. Voters are strongly encouraged to show valid identification at the polls (e.g. Voter Information Card; Virginia driver's license).

Voters who will be away on November 6<sup>th</sup>, or are unable to go to the polls because of illness or disability, may vote by **absentee ballot**. To apply for an absentee ballot, you must complete an absentee ballot application, available at county government centers and libraries or online at <u>www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/absentee.htm</u>. The application must be either mailed to the Fairfax County General Registrar's Office, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323, Fairfax, VA 22035, or faxed to the registrar's office at 703-324-3725.

ON THE BALLOT this year are candidates for the Board of Supervisors, School Board, Virginia General Assembly, Constitutional Officers, as well as two Fairfax County bond issues. For more information on the candidates or issues, visit the Electoral Board's website at: <u>http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/homepage.htm</u>

**\$110 million Fairfax County Transportation Bond**: to finance projects to improve roadways, intersections, bus stops, and pedestrian and bike access. Highlights for Braddock:

- **Zion Drive -** \$1 million to improve the dangerous curve North to Westbound towards Route 123.
- Roberts Rd. southbound from Shenandoah La. to Braddock Rd. \$425,000 for connecting trail.
- VRE East trail \$1 million (partial funding) for trail from the Burke Centre VRE station towards Burke Village Center II Shopping Center (trail to run through parkland).

**\$365 million Fairfax County School Bond**: for construction and maintenance of buildings. Highlights for Braddock:

- Canterbury Woods Elementary School \$1 million for the planning phase.
- Braddock Elementary School \$2 million for modular trailers



## Lake Accotink Dredging

After a winter hiatus, the dredging has resumed at Lake Accotink. The equipment runs weekdays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The

project is scheduled to be completed by fall, but possible additional work might extend the date to summer 2008.

#### **Audrey Moore RECenter**

The Audrey Moore RECenter at Wakefield Park <u>will be</u> <u>closed from August 13 through October 31</u> for maintenance improvements. Work will be done on the building's roof and HVAC system concurrently with the regular biennial shutdown for pool maintenance. In addition, two parking lots will be renovated. Customers will be given lots of warning, and passholders will be directed to the Lee and Providence RECenters. Passes will be extended for those not wanting to use the alternative sites.

#### **Fairfax Villa Park**

The master planning process for Fairfax Villa Park continues, with a <u>May 29 pubic hearing at 7 p.m. at Oak</u> <u>View Elementary School on Sideburn Road</u>. The purpose of the hearing is to present the draft master plan revision for the park to the public. The Park Authority gathered comments and suggestions from the public at an information meeting in February. Additional comments will be accepted at the public hearing or can be sent to Andy Galusha, Project Manager, Planning and Development Division, Fairfax County Park Authority, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 406, Fairfax, VA 22035, or <u>parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>.

### **Kings Park Park**

The Kings Park community is delighted that the Park Authority has added a new parcel to this County Park. Demolition is already under way on the poolhouse and should be completed by late June, weather permitting. In addition, the Park Authority has begun the Master Plan Amendment process for the park and has tentatively scheduled a public information meeting for spring 2008. If all goes according to schedule, the Park Authority Board should approve the amended master plan in September 2008.

### Lakeside Park Playground

New playground equipment has been installed at Lakeside Park near Royal Lake. The equipment, divided into sections for toddlers and older children, includes slides, swings, simulated rock wall, and several climbing and 'monkey bar" courses.

### **Grand Opening of Renovated Ossian Hall Park**

## Thursday, June 7, 2007 Park Tours –6:00 p.m. Ossian Hall Park Ribbon-Cutting –6:30 p.m .

Come walk the new trails and see the new entrance features and signs. Then visit the park again on Saturday, June 2 for the scheduled "Cleanup the Park Day".

### A LOOK BACK AT BRADDOCK

Last June marked the exciting debut of the new book, *Braddock's True Gold –20 <sup>th</sup> Century Life in the Heart of Fairfax County.* The second part of the title is a pretty straightforward description of the subject matter. To understand what is meant by the first part, this story will give you a hint.

As the legend goes, in 1775, English General Edward Braddock led British colonial troops in an expedition against the French at Fort Duquesne (now Pittsburgh). He left Alexandria and marched down Braddock Road with his troops. Pretty soon he was mired in mud and could not proceed with all of his heavy artillery and supplies, along with gold that he'd brought to purchase provisions along the way. To lighten the load, two cannons were filled with gold coins and buried along the road. General Braddock intended to recover the cannons, but was mortally wounded at the Battle of Fort Duquesne and any knowledge of where the cannons were buried was lost.

Throughout the years, children have disappeared into the woods for hours, digging for the buried treasure in trails or rights-of-way they suspect might be old alignments of the colonial road.

The real treasure (or *true* gold) are the memories and the stories that enrich our lives. *Braddock's True Gold*, a 168-page collection of oral histories, maps and photographs, can be purchased for \$30. You can find it at my office, the Fairfax County Government Center in Maps and Publications, and the City of Fairfax Museum on Main Street. Proceeds go toward reprinting.

Next up for our *A Look Braddock at Braddock Task Force* is a fun Saturday and history event at historic Oak Hill in Annandale on <u>October 6<sup>th</sup></u>, and an interactive Braddock History Web Site (sneak peek) the evening of <u>Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup></u> at the Kings Park Library Meeting Hall.



### PERFORMANCES ARE FREE

These parks are not lighted. For a safe exit after dark, please bring a flashlight.

#### OSSIAN HALL PARK THURSDAYS, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. 7900 Heritage Drive, Annandale, VA 22003

June 7	Vietnamese Cultural Heritage Night (Vietnamese Music & Dance)	July 19	Salvadoran Cultural Heritage Night (Salvadoran Music & Dance)	
June 14	Irish Cultural Heritage Night (Irish Music & Dance)	July 26	Peruvian Cultural Heritage Night (Peruvian Music &	
June 21	Korean Cultural Heritage		Dance)	
	Night (Korean Music & Dance)	August 2	Indian Cultural Heritage Night (Indian Music & Dance)	
June 28	Bolivian Cultural Heritage Night (Bolivian Music &	August 9	Russian Cultural Heritage Night (Russian Music & Dance)	
	Dance)	August 16	Piedmont Blues Heritage Night (Piedmont Blues Music)	HAWAIIAN CULTURAL
July 5	Mexican Cultural Heritage Night (Mexican Music & Dance)			HERITAGE NIGHT
		August 23	Hawaiian Cultural Heritage Night (Hawaiian Music & Dance)	
July 12	German Cultural Heritage Night (German Music & Dance)	August 30	Old Time Fiddlers and Bluegrass Night (Bluegrass Music)	

#### LAKE ACCOTINK PARK FRIDAYS, 7:30 P.M. 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield, VA 22152

June 1	Ruthie and the Wranglers (Roots/Rock)	July 20
June 8	The United States Army Blues Jazz Ensemble (Jazz)	July 27
June 15	Rhodes Tavern Troubadours (Roots)	August 3
June 22	City of Fairfax "Concert Band" (Big Band)	August 10 August 17
June 29	Washington Balalaika Orchestra (Russian)	August 24
July 6	National Concert Band (Big Band)	August 14
July 13	The United States Navy Band "Commodores" (Jazz)	August 31

The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra "Summer Band" (Classic) NVCC Annandale Symphony Orchestra (Summer Pops) The All New Genetically Altered Jug Band (Jug Band) Maxwell Street Blues (Blues) Kings Park Concert Band (Big Band) Garry Henson's Take Note (Big Band/Swing) City of Fairfax "Alte Kameraden German" Band (Bavarian)



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# ROYAL LAKE PARK FRIDAYS, 7:30 P.M. 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax, VA 22032

June 1	Honky Tonk Confidential	July 20	Lucky Day (Pop
	(Roots/Rock)	July 27	Atzilut (Middle
June 8	Mystic Warriors (Andean)	August 3	King Teddy (Sw
June 15	David Leonhardt (Jazz)	August 10	Pietasters (Ska)
June 22	Nothin' Fancy (Bluegrass)	August 17	The Fairfax Syn
June 29	Paul & Storm		"Dixieland Ban
	(Social Commentary)	August 24	Mariachi Estrel
July 6	Bobby Parker Blues (Blues)	August 31	Night Music (Vi
July 13	Brothers + 1 (Motown)		

Lucky Day (Pop/Rock) Atzilut (Middle Eastern) King Teddy (Swing) Pietasters (Ska) The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra "Dixieland Band" (Dixieland) Mariachi Estrellas (Mariachi) Night Music (Vintage Rock)



Concerts are cancelled if it's raining. If there is a threat of bad weather, call 703.324.SHOW (7469) after 6:00 p.m. for cancellation updates. For information call 703.425.9300, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

> Braddock Nights is made possible through the efforts of The Braddock District Supervisor, Friends of Braddock Nights, and the generous support of:



# YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

• The Fairfax County Police Department is looking for volunteers interested in becoming *Auxiliary Police Officers (APO)*. APOs are trained to perform a variety of operational support and administrative duties, including patrol, traffic control, prisoner security, communications, desk assignments, fingerprinting, crime prevention and special events. The police department provides uniforms, equipment and insurance. APOs must perform an average of 24 hours of service a month to maintain their status. For information, contact Lt. David Cox at (703) 280-0576.

• Volunteers are needed for day and evening hours to work one-to-one with adult learners in public libraries or adult learning centers. Additional opportunities are available to work with adolescents in alternative school settings. *The Volunteer Learning Program* trains tutors and provides materials with follow-up support. This is a joint project of Fairfax County Public Schools, the Juvenile Court and the County Public Library. For information, call (703) 246-2139 or e-mail <u>vlp@fcps.edu</u>.

• *CrisisLink* is a community-based nonprofit dedicated to crisis prevention, intervention and response. The organization has nearly 150 volunteers who help those facing life crises and contemplating suicide. Volunteers provide information, education and links to community resources to empower people to help themselves. For information call (703) 527-6603 or go to: www.crisislink.org

• Do you like working with children and want to make a difference in a child's life? *Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)* is seeking extraordinary volunteers, who will make a commitment to stand up for a child's best interests during court proceedings. If you're interested, call 703-273-3526 or visit <u>www.casafairfax.org</u>.

• Opportunities, Alternatives & Resources (OAR) of Fairfax County is a non-profit organization that helps offenders and ex-offenders break the cycle of crime and rebuild lives to become productive members of the community. At the Fairfax County

Adult Detention Center, volunteer instructors teach classes, have one-to-one mentoring sessions with inmates and assist families



affected by a loved one's incarceration. For information, call the Volunteer Department at 703-246-3033 or visit <u>www.oarfarifax.org</u>.

• Fairfax Area Christian Emergency and Transitional Services (FACETS) If you're interested in volunteering on a regular basis, consider FACETS' programs in Homeless Intervention Services or Family Enrichment Services. Volunteer opportunities include mentoring, translators, childcare, and on-call drivers to take clients to appointments. They also need ESL instructors, computer lab volunteers, and help with programs such as reading, music, sewing, outdoor sports and games. Go to www.FacetsCares.org or call 703-352-5090.

# **DID YOU KNOW?**



My **Braddock Website** is brimming with a lot of new and up-to-date information. Be sure to check it out! A new feature is the calendar and community bulletin board. Find out

about meetings and events in the Braddock District. Watch Board of Supervisors meetings on line! Check out my monthly column! See it all at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock.

## Verizon

Verizon has begun installing the necessary infrastructure in the Braddock District and plans on being able to offer cable service in late 2007/early 2008. Stay tuned!

## **Animal Issues**

It is against the law to allow your dog to run loose. Dogs must be restrained on a dependable leash and controlled by a responsible person. In addition, the owner or custodian of any dog is responsible for the removal of its waste. The county's Animal Services Division has published a pamphlet called, *Your Pets and the Law*, which includes sections on Disposal of Dead Animals, Vicious and Dangerous Animals, and Wild Animal Problems. For a copy of the pamphlet or if you have any questions, call or write the Fairfax County Animal Services Division, 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030, (703) 830-1100, TTY (703) 691-3255.

# Northern Virginia Mediation Service

NVMS is a wonderful resource providing conflict resolution services for residents of Northern Virginia. NVMS offers support dealing with disputes such as Divorce, Custody, Child Support, Separation, School/Community, Consumer and Contracts, among many others. For more information, contact NVMS at http://www.nvms.us or by calling 703-993-3656.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY CORNER**

Fairfax County residents who are victims or witnesses of certain misdemeanor crimes can file police reports by telephone or online. The Citizen Reporting System (CRS) operates seven days a week and includes evening hours. Citizens can use CRS to report such crimes as: destruction of property, loitering, parking violations, suspicious vehicles or people, traffic violations and vehicle tampering. A CRS report is used for informational and insurance purposes only and is filed when the suspect information is so general that it provides no real investigative leads. To file a CRS report, you can visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police or call the nonemergency number at 703-691-2131. Tell the call taker that you would like to use CRS to report a crime. A CRS officer will call you back to take the report.

# **YOUR STREETS & SIDEWALKS**

Streets in Fairfax County are owned and maintained by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), a state agency. Maintenance funding for road repaving and repairs comes primarily from gasoline tax revenue which is paid to the Commonwealth. **VDOT plans to repave the following roads this spring and summer**, but cautions that the schedule could change depending on state funding of the road maintenance budget.

- Braddock Road from Ox Rd. to Roberts Rd. (both East and Westbound)
- Braddock Rd. from Guinea Rd. to Rolling Rd. (Eastbound)
- Holborn Ave. from Toll House Rd. to Duncan Dr (including Planters Court)
- Woodlark Dr. from Little River Turnpike to Mockingbird La.
- Mockingbird from Woodlark to Duncan Drive
- Carrleigh Pkwy from Forrester Blvd. to end.
- Hoy Pl. from Barr Pl.
- Old Hickory Rd. from Little River Turnpike to Elizabeth La.
- Denton Ct., Mineola Ct., Commack Ct., Greenlawn Ct., Lorcom Ct., and Lamont Ct.
- Merryvale Ct., Bridgeton Ct., Lavell Ct.
- Harwood Pl. from Greeley Blvd. to cul-de-sac.
- Danbury Forest Dr.

**VDOT is also planning to do maintenance on sidewalks, curbs and gutters** within the Braddock District. For VDOT's complete list go to: <u>www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock</u> or call my office.

## THROUGH TRUCK TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS ON GUINEA RD. & WAKEFIELD CHAPEL RD.

Good news! Our request for through truck traffic restrictions on both Guinea and Wakefield Chapel Roads has been approved. The Board of Supervisors held a public hearing in February 2006 as a result of my July 2005 memo to our Fairfax County Department of Transportation requesting the State's Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to reevaluate these roadways for through truck restrictions.

Over the years, many individuals and community associations have asked for these restrictions. I'm pleased to report that the signs have recently been installed. Many thanks to those of you who had a part in making this request a reality.

## WOODSON HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATION

The renovation at Woodson is moving ahead quite well. I toured the building just after spring break, and I am amazed at how much has already been



accomplished, although there is much more to do.

One of the completed items is the new 'Kiss and Ride." The new arrangement will hopefully alleviate some of the traffic backs up on 236 in the morning and afternoons. This new traffic pattern is effective immediately. Before, as you turned off of 236, parents made on immediate left onto the Woodson campus to drop students off at the front of the building. Buses also used that area to drop off students. Now, parents should continue down Whitacre, just past Trapp Road. The Kiss and Ride is on the left. Bus traffic will continue to use the front of the building, so the Kiss and Ride will be free of buses and safer for students.

A paved walkway has been added adjacent to the parking lots from the athletic field entrance to the school so that Students can avoid walking through the parking lot. To view a map of the area, go to: <u>http://www.fcps.edu/woodsonhs/renova</u> tion/ParkingChanges.pdf

Once construction on the front part of the building is completed, new traffic patterns will be instituted there, including a dedicated bus line from Woodson to Frost. As always, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about this or any other matter.

## **Tessie Wilson**

School Board Member, Braddock District 571-423-1088, Tessie.Wilson@fcps.edu

# YOURS FOR THE ASKING

Contact my office for the following:

- FIGHT THE BITE –Say no to mosquitoes
- GYPSY MOTHS AND OTHER FOREST PESTS –A citizen's introduction to controlling these pests
- TRANSIT GUIDES Metrobus Timetables VRE Riders Guide A Guide to Ridesharing in Fairfax County
- AT YOUR SERVICE: A GUIDE TO UNIVERSITY RESOURCES FOR THE COMMUNITY –A handbook of services beyond education available at George Mason University
- NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS AND COUNTY SERVICES – A guide to reporting possible code violations in your community, in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean and Farsi
- TRAFFIC SAFETY WATCH Report an aggressive driver or unbuckled child
- FACTS FOR VOTERS 2007 –General information for Fairfax area voters
- 2007 FAIRFAX COUNTY FARMERS MARKETS SCHEDULE
- WEEKLY AGENDA –Subscribe to the electronic Weekly Agenda newsletter and receive information about Fairfax County government meetings and agendas –go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa

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# SPRING TOWN MEETING

# **KEEPING OUR NEIGHBORHOODS** SAFE, ATTRACTIVE & VITAL

Kings Park Library Community Room 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke, Virginia

# Wednesday, June 20th, 7:30 PM

# Community Concerns and Issues Zoning Violations Crime/Safety Upkeep of Property Parking Overcrowding Tear-downs and McMansions Shoddy and/or Unsafe Construction Projects Cultural & Language Conflicts

Enforcement

## **Empowering Communities**

# **Proposed Community Pilot Program**

Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination in all County programs, service and activities. Special accommodations/alternative information formats will be provided upon request. Call 703-324-3187, TTY 711.

## TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL