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ANNANDALE ACTION LINE

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My first anniversary as your Annandale District Supervisor has come and gone. It's been a genuine pleasure serving you throughout the year, and I'm particularly gratified by the active participation of so many of you on issues affecting our community.

A lot of positive things are happening in our District. The extensive **road construction** that began on Guinea and Braddock roads will continue throughout the year. Work to widen Rolling, Burke Lake, and Shirley Gate roads will soon be underway. County and State contractors assigned to these projects have done a good job of keeping two lanes of traffic open during peak hours, with an occasional kink or curve that wasn't there before. Construction activity may make things worse before they're better - but the difference should be considerable when everything's done.

Major projects like the Fairfax County Parkway (formerly Springfield Bypass) will also do much to relieve the congestion that plagues us. As you've heard and read, major **funding shortfalls** prevent even the state's minimal six year road plan (including the Parkway) from being completed. If this Board is going to be honest about our commitment to improve transportation, we must ensure that money is there to make it happen.

I appreciate hearing from so many of you regarding your views on the various **local option tax proposals** suggested for raising transportation funds. By the time you receive this newsletter, we should know which of these the state will allow us. None of these taxes can be imposed without a public hearing, so you will have an opportunity to express your opinions before the Board takes action.

I am sensitive to those of you who commented about the need to prioritize and avoid wasteful spending in our County budget. I agree. I am fortunate to have had the expertise of an Annandale Citizens Budget Committee since first taking office. My committee is represented on the new County-wide **Citizens Budget Overview Committee** which is tasked to take a critical look at County spending. Their recommendations will be welcome. But to expect to extract from the existing budget the kind of money (estimated from \$2 to \$10 billion) needed to address a transportation problem of this magnitude over the next 10 to 20 years is not realistic and would have serious impact on the services we expect and enjoy.

On the other side of the scale, community volunteers are participating in an intensive year-long review of our **County Master Landuse Plan**. Anyone with an interest is welcome to join our committee or attend the workshops throughout the year as individuals. The finished product will set the stage for responsible, legally defensible methods for better balancing growth and development with transportation and public services.

This spring should see the blooming of the **Annandale District Community Tree Planting Project** along medians on Braddock Road and Little River Turnpike. Details on how to participate are inside.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at my next **Town Meeting** on March 8th. The meeting will focus on issues affecting residents who live south of Braddock Road. With road construction, Gypsy Moths and transportation funding on the agenda, it should be an interesting meeting. I'm anticipating the opportunity to hear your views and concerns. Another town meeting will be held in the fall targeting issues north of Braddock Road. Thanks so much for your continued interest and participation. See you on the 8th!

Sharon Bulova

COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING PROJECT

Each person who is elected to public office brings their personal values and interests to the job. Many of you have heard me say that "trees are my thing". With development and road improvements usually causing the destruction of trees, I feel a personal responsibility to "put the green back" into our community. Two of my recent initiatives reflect my commitment toward preserving and planting trees in the Annandale District.

The first is the "Bulova Tree Proffer" which requires a developer and the County Arborist to designate mature trees to be saved on the site and requires a hefty replacement fund should they inadvertently be destroyed.

The second initiative is my Community Tree Planting Project. Last Arbor Day, I received unanimous support from the Board of Supervisors for a project to plant trees and bushes in the medians of Braddock Road and Little River Turnpike. The Annandale District Council of Community Associations agreed to sponsor the project, with Liliana Barr volunteering to chair the committee. I like to describe the project as "a gift from the community to the community", because the planning and funding will come from individuals, civic groups, businesses, clubs and organizations within the Annandale community.

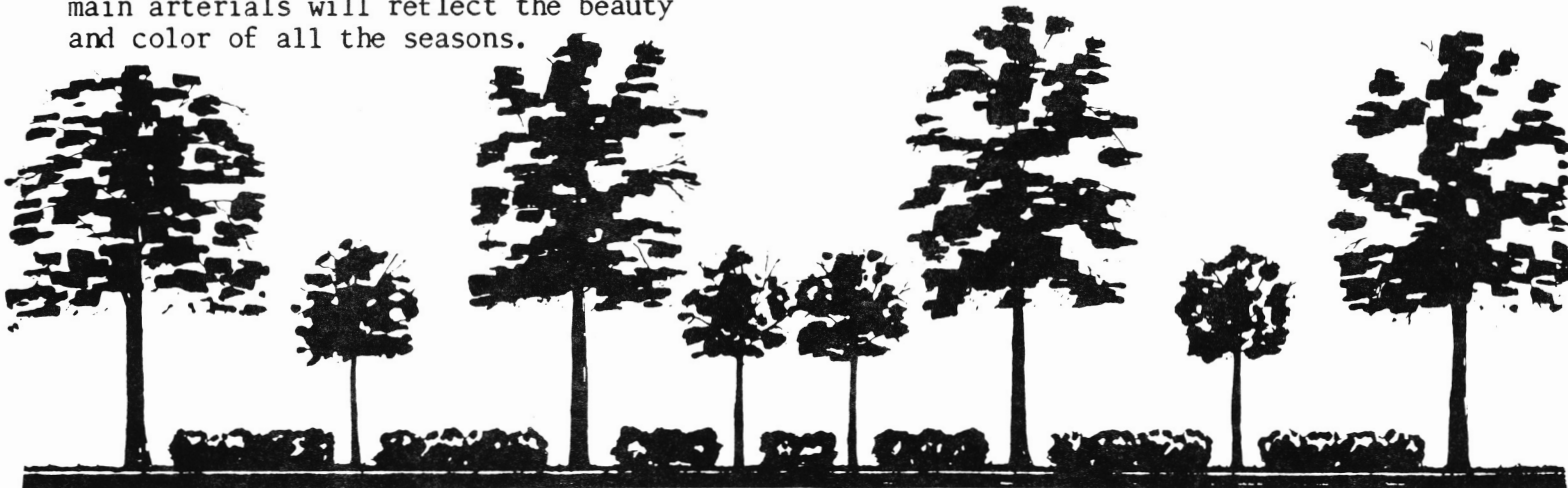
The plantings will consist of groups of trees, bushes and ground cover to include evergreens, flowering ornamentals and shade trees so that our main arterials will reflect the beauty and color of all the seasons.

The planting will conform to strict State guidelines and will include only their recommended trees. Additionally, trees with large trunks and/or broad flat leaves (slippery on the road in the fall) will be excluded to ensure maximum safety.

We're planning to break ground with our first median - on Braddock Road near the beltway - this spring and hope you'll want to participate. Here's how:

- Individuals or organizations may want to sponsor a tree (approx. \$100.00); bush (approx. \$50.00); or a grouping (approx. \$800.00) for a unique birthday gift, anniversary or memorial gift. You will receive a certificate recognizing your contribution and identifying your tree. Additionally, participation will be recognized near the plantings on a small plaque.
- The price of your purchase will include a small surcharge to be put aside for future maintenance and replacement.
- If you're interested in participating in the project, please give my office a call (425-9300 & ask for Jane Grimm) for more details. Send your check to Annandale District Tree Planting Project at my address on the cover.

I'm really excited about this project and think all of us will feel proud about having a more attractive community to pass on to our children and grandchildren.



CONSIDERING A HOME REMODELING JOB?

Recent newspaper articles have called attention to some unscrupulous practices by home improvement contractors. Complaints against firms specializing in home remodeling have increased significantly in the past two years, according to the Better Business Bureau of Metropolitan Washington. Anyone contemplating a remodeling job should remember the Latin phrase, "Caveat emptor"... "Let the buyer beware."

Below are some suggestions for avoiding problem contractors:

- Verify name, address, and telephone of the firm with the Better Business Bureau, Chamber of Commerce and Department of Consumer Affairs, 359-9161.

- Check to see if the contractor has a County business license and a County Department of Environmental Management license.

- Obtain at least three estimates from different contractors.

- Ask for references and personally inspect work done on other residences. Avoid firms that refuse to provide references.

- Get names and references of subcontractors, if any. Make sure their fees are included in the cost estimate you receive, and are being paid by the contractor.

- Be wary of salesmen who use high pressure tactics or offer special prices if you sign a contract right away. You have three business days to cancel an agreement made in your home under the Virginia Home Solicitation Sales Act.

- Beware the ploy that offers a special price for a job that "will be used as a model for advertising purposes".

- Do not use a contractor who insists on cash, money order or payment in advance. Should problems occur, the balance you owe can be used as leverage to ensure satisfactory completion. It is recommended that one-third of the cost be withheld until final inspections have been completed.

- All promises should be put in writing, to include materials to be used, costs, and start and finish dates.

- If a warranty is offered, make sure you understand it. A full, or unconditional warranty offers repair, replacement, or refund. Limited warranties offer only certain rights, which should be specified in detail.

- Read the contract! Don't sign until you fully understand it. Get competent assistance, if necessary.

- Keep a copy of the contract.

LIBRARY FACTS

Did you know that your Fairfax County Library card can be used to check out library materials in Montgomery, Prince Georges, Loudon, Arlington, Prince William, Alexandria City, and the District of Columbia? These jurisdictions have reciprocal agreements for returning books, also.

New this year, Fairfax County libraries now have first run, classic, PBS, and educational series video tapes available for checkout.

Library news and information can be found on cable channel 44.

COMMUTER RAIL

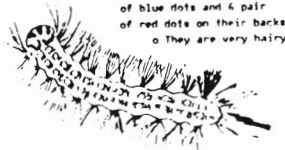
Progress is being made to achieve agreement with Conrail, which is necessary to permit commuter rail into the District. Contracts will then be let to purchase locomotives and rail cars. Depending on the manufacturer's schedule, start of service could be less than two years away. Plans to construct the Shana Place station, near Burke and Rolling roads, will soon be available for public viewing and comment. Neighboring residents and community associations will be notified.



Egg Mass



Caterpillar
(April - June)



GYPSY MOTHS

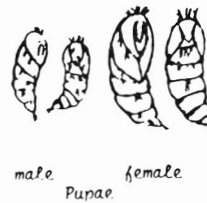
Plans are underway at the Gypsy Moth Office for this year's suppression effort. The program includes aerial spraying of the most highly infested areas, luretaping, the release of gypsy moth parasites (tiny gnat-sized wasps that do not sting) and distribution of burlap strips for monitoring and control. Those who are to be sprayed will be notified by the Gypsy Moth Office in late February or early March.

Individual homeowners are encouraged to protect their own property by burlap banding of trees and careful removal and destruction of egg masses during the winter & early spring. The egg masses look like buff-colored cotton; scrape them into bleach or sudsy water or, if the problem is severe, spray with Bt, (available at the hardware store). A private tree service, with hydraulic spray equipment, may be needed to reach high branches. Chemicals other than Bt and Dimlin are **not** recommended because they harm useful insects.

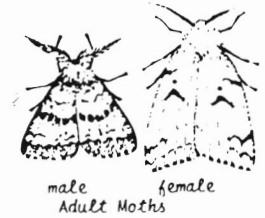
The Gypsy Moth is probably here to stay, like the Japanese Beetle. However, it does not have natural enemies. The County's program is designed to address the most seriously infested areas that would be difficult or impossible for individual homeowners or communities to tackle. Burlap strips and brochures will again be available at my office. For more information you can call the Gypsy Moth Office at 246-5304.

INTERESTED IN YOUR LOCAL PARKS?

Did you know that there is an Annandale Citizens Park Advisory Committee? This group of interested citizens meets with the Annandale District Park Authority Board Appointee, Margaret Andino, in an advisory capacity. If you are interested in park activities and would like to attend one of the meetings, please contact my office.



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male female
Adult Moths

PROPOSED METROBUS CHANGES

Public hearings were recently held on proposed changes to Metro routes 3A, 15, 17, 26GH, and 29, which serve the Annandale District. WMATA will review and give consideration to the testimony and comments received. Any changes would not go into effect until June. For more information, please call my office.

NEWSPAPER RECYCLING

Beginning January 1, 1989, Fairfax County private haulers began providing curbside newspaper collection to their single family, townhouse and duplex customers.

Recycling is not new - it is the oldest method of waste management. It has not been until relatively recent times that man discarded items that could be converted back into something useful. With landfill space becoming scarce throughout the world, it makes sense to conserve our resources with recycling.

Recycling is not just an environmentally sound course of action, it is a necessity. We all read about the barge full of garbage wandering around the coast in search of a place to deposit its load. Recycling, coupled with our new waste-to-energy facility, will extend the life of our landfill.

If for some reason you miss your monthly or bi-monthly newspaper pickup you can drop them off at the recycling center at Wakefield Park (8100 Braddock Rd.) anytime. You can also recycle your glass and aluminum at this location. You are also encouraged to support your local organizations' recycling drives. Let's all work together to help make this a successful program. Remember, each four foot stack of newspapers recycled saves a 40 foot pine tree!



**COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION STRONGLY URGED
in MAJOR REVIEW of COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

As you may know, Fairfax County is undertaking a major review of our Comprehensive Master Plan. I am very pleased to see that intense citizen involvement is being encouraged right from the beginning.

Annandale District will be represented by a committee of interested and involved residents from throughout our District. I have encouraged all Civic & Homeowner Associations to send participants and am excited to see the keen interest expressed by so many of you.

Even though most of Annandale District is built out, our involvement is extremely important. Annandale District sits in the center of Fairfax County, so any changes to our Master Plan will have an impact on us, particularly those aspects involving transportation and density.

The Annandale Plan Review Committee will be reporting back to me periodically and I will keep you abreast of their activities in subsequent newsletters.

If you would like to participate in this extremely important process, please give my office a call at 425-9300.

YOURS FOR THE ASKING

The following informational pamphlets are among many available at my office...

- Fairfax County Calendar of Events
- Recycling Opportunities
- Guide to Preserving the Natural Environment
- Voter Registration
- Doing Business in Fairfax County
- Extension Service Programs
- Using Residential Property
- Wood Stoves & Air Pollution
- Transportation Information Directory
- Financial Checklist for Women
- Gypsy Moth Information
- Radon
- Local Emergency (Hazardous Waste) Info
- 1988 Fairfax County Citizens Handbook

**1989
ANNANDALE DISTRICT
TOWN MEETING**

Wednesday, March 8th

LAKE BRADDOCK SECONDARY SCHOOL
(in the auditorium)

7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
General Update on County Issues

SHARON BULOVA
Annandale District Supervisor

Report from the General Assembly

ALAN MAYER
Delegate, 39th District

7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Concerns of Citizens

- Registered Speakers First
- Questions/Comments from the Floor

On Hand to Answer Your Questions

SUZANNE HARSELL
Annandale Planning Commissioner

LAURA MCDOWALL
Annandale School Board Member

ANDY BAILEY
Resident Engineer, VDOT

JOSEPH SUNDAY
Director, Road Program Management

* * * * INTERMISSION * * * *

8:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Gypsy Moth Treatment Presentation

Please register me as a speaker. My
topic will be _____

Name _____

Address _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Mail to my office or phone 425-9300.

ROAD AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS IN ANNANDALE DISTRICT

Braddock Road: Most of the work done to date has involved relocating utilities. Once this is completed, construction of the road bed will begin on the south side of the existing road. A detour will open soon to divert traffic to and from Twinbrook Rd on the south side of Braddock. As sections of the road are completed, traffic will be directed to the new surface. However, it is not expected that **additional** travel lanes will open for another 18 months. Should you have a specific concern, stop by the on-site trailer at Braddock and Olley. A VDOT representative will be most willing to talk with you.

Burke Lake Road: Widening to four lanes from Braddock to Burke Road is scheduled to begin in the fall. Plans include a 6' asphalt path from the library to Burke Road, as well as a sidewalk on the south side.

Rolling Road: Construction to widen to four lanes is imminent. Plans include a service drive along the Kings Park subdivision. This County project is expected to be completed within a year.

Shirley Gate Road: Final design has been approved for widening to four lanes from Braddock to Lee Hwy. Construction is expected to begin in late summer.

Guinea Road: Actual road work is expected to begin again about March 1st. Weather permitting, the segment from Braddock to Twinbrook will be completely finished by May 1st. The entire project is expected to be completed on schedule (July). VDOT will monitor traffic flow and assess the need for additional signals at that time.

Rt 123 & Zion Drive: A left turn signal from southbound Rt 123 has been approved by VDOT, and should be in place in a few weeks.

Sideburn Road & Zion Drive: Widening of Sideburn Rd alongside Longwood Grove is being done by the developer. Adjacent homeowners and civic associations have been invited to a public meeting this month to view the design plans. This County project will improve sight distance and add turning lanes. Construction is expected to begin in March '90.

Guinea Road & Zion Drive: Plans include a right turn lane from Guinea to Zion, left and right turn lanes from Zion, an extended left turn lane from northbound Guinea, and signalization. The project will greatly improve sight distance and will extend almost to the intersection with New Guinea. Construction should begin mid-May and be completed by the end of the year.

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June, 1989

For many, summertime evokes thoughts of sandy beaches and burgers on the grill. But to the Offices of Transportation and Road Program Management it means prime road construction season. The intensive (and extensive) road and intersection improvements throughout the Annandale District continue. A brief up-date on all projects can be found inside this newsletter. Congestion resulting from the construction has been extremely frustrating. The State's Braddock Road project in particular has been difficult to live with. Our District Engineer, Andy Bailey, was helpful in getting the lights at Twinbrook Rd. and Olley Lane adjusted to work with the new temporary detour. He has also promised to modify the median on Braddock Rd. east of Guinea and to provide better lane markings to improve traffic flow for vehicles traveling straight through the intersection and those turning left onto Guinea. I'm disturbed, however that these modifications are not happening as quickly as I'd like.

As you know, the 1990 County budget has been completed. It is not an easy job balancing the increasing demands of a growing, diverse county with the responsibility to hold taxes to a level that will allow individuals & businesses to thrive. Also affecting budget growth was an inflation rate of 5.5% this year for the Washington Metropolitan area. As Chairman of the Board Budget Committee, I worked hard, by cutting and deferring projects, reducing County spending accross-the-board and requiring more realistic estimates of future revenue, to arrive at a potential 13% cut from our tax rate. With assessments rising an average of 18%, this would have translated into an annual real estate tax increase of \$114.05. Instead, the Board chose to cut our tax rate by 11%, and dedicated the 2% potential cut (\$12.5 million) to transportation projects (specifically, key segments of the Fairfax County Parkway and land acquisition for a Springfield/Franconia Metro Station). The difference between a 13% and 11% cut translates into an additional 64¢ per week for an average home - an amount I think is a wise and affordable investment toward transportation improvements.

A number of exciting Annandale District projects are underway. As I'm sure you've noticed, Arbor Day marked the groundbreaking for the Annandale District Council's **Tree Planting Project**. Permits are being acquired for additional plantings. Plenty of median space is still available and your participation in this project is most welcome! See inside for more information.

A new **Community Cultural Center** will soon be built at Northern Virginia Community College. It will be available for community uses such as civic meetings and events (even wedding receptions I'm told). The Center will include a theater/auditorium, multi-purpose gymnasium, kitchen and seminar rooms and is expected to be open by Fall of '90. I am working with representatives from the college, the Fairfax County Schools, the Council of the Arts and the Annandale business community to plan a Spring '91 celebration, a **Festival of the Arts**, for this new area landmark. It will feature musical productions, drama, dance, fine arts exhibitions and folk/ethnic events. Again, your interest and participation in this project is welcome.

I'll be scheduling another Town Meeting in the Fall and will be looking forward to hearing your ideas. In the meantime, please feel free to give me a call, write or drop by if you have any questions or concerns, or if there is any way I can be of assistance to you.

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TREE PLANTING PROJECT

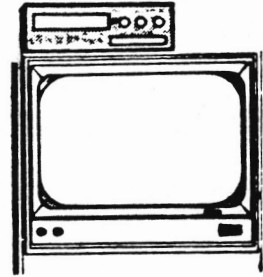
On Arbor Day, Friday April 28, representatives from the Annandale District Council, Audrey Moore, and I initiated the Annandale District Tree Planting project in the median on Braddock Road near the Ravensworth Shopping Center. One of the trees planted was by Chairman Moore in memory of her mother. Liliana Barr, the Project Chairman, her committee, and many of the citizens who have contributed to this beautification effort were present.

Sponsored by the Annandale District Council of Community Associations, the project is funded entirely by the community - individuals, civic and homeowner associations, and local businesses. Each contribution is recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation and a plaque near the tree or bush purchased.

The planting clusters are provided by Campbell and Ferrara Nursery and are planted according to strict Virginia Department of Transportation permit guidelines. They include flowering trees, evergreens, bushes, and ground cover.

I would like to thank everyone who made this first effort possible including: Mr. & Mrs. Peter Middleton, Helen Tate, Kathryn E. Bautz, Stony Brook Garden Club, Dick Bulova, Sandra Decker, Middleridge Women's Club, Ronald Harrell at Ravensworth Mobil Station, Capital Services, Dale Heydlauff, Lakepointe HOA, Joseph Muzyka, Sr., Florence Naeve, Joseph C. Robeson, Richard P. Stewart, Mr. & Mrs. William Wall, Willow Brook Garden Club, Janet Kieffer, Janice Spector, Martin Machowsky, Joan Harrison, Joanne Swick, Jane Grimm, Marjorie Ross, and the Ravensworth Civic Association

I have received several additional contributions since April 28. If you are interested in this Project, please call my office (425-9300) and request the brochure "Greening Braddock Road."



GOVERNMENT IN ACTION

All meetings of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors are aired live on Fairfax County Government's Cable Television Channel 16 on Mondays when the Board meets beginning at 9:30 a.m. A replay of the entire meeting is cablecast each Saturday following the Monday meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m. Watch Channel 8 at 6 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. for Fairfax County news.

THE ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM

The Adopt-A-Highway Program was developed by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), in cooperation with the Virginia Division of Litter Control and Recycling and Keep America Beautiful, Inc., to encourage Virginia's citizens to take an active role in keeping the State's roads free of litter. To adopt a highway, individuals, organizations or businesses agree to keep approximately two miles of selected highway cleared of litter for a period of two years. In exchange, volunteers are given materials to help them with their litter pickups. A sign bearing their name will be posted at the beginning of their adopted section of highway. At the end of the two year period, the volunteers will receive a special certificate of appreciation and may renew their adopted section of highway or select another one.

This program is now being implemented in Fairfax County. Approximately 12 miles of County roadways have been "adopted" by County citizens/civic groups. In Annandale, a section of Braddock Road has been "adopted" by Holy Spirit Church and a section of Lake Braddock Dr. has been "adopted" by the Lake Braddock Association. If you or your organization is interested in this program, please give my office a call at 425-9300.



YOURS FOR THE ASKING

Please call my office if you would like to have any of the following:

- o Radon in Your Home
- o Facts for Voters
- o Financial Checklist for Women
- o Personal Property Taxes
- o Fx. Cnty. Council of the Arts Calendar of Events
- o Info for Low Income Senior & Disabled Residents
- o EQAC Is Not a Duck! (Environment Quality Advisory Council)
- o Annandale Shoppers Guide
- o Community Guide to Annandale
- o Say'n NO
- o A Business in Your Home
- o Make Your Own Compost Pile
- o Little River Glen Retirement
- o Weekly Agenda - Info on Board & Planning Commission

FREE TEETH CLEANING

Northern Virginia Community College has a certificate program in Dental Hygiene. The public is encouraged to avail themselves of no cost teeth cleaning at the Annandale Campus. Treatment is supervised by a professional dentist. Call 323-3101 for more information.

CONSUMER INFORMATION

A gentleman in my District would like to chair a committee to discuss and address consumer problems. Please give my office a call if you would be interested in participating.

The Office of the Special Advisor to the President for Consumer Affairs and the U. S. Office of Consumer Affairs have published a very informative Consumer's Resource Handbook. This publication contains worthwhile advice on "How to Be a Smart Consumer" and a 74 page consumer assistance directory. If interested, please write to the address below for a free copy.

Consumer Information Center
Pueblo, Colorado 81009

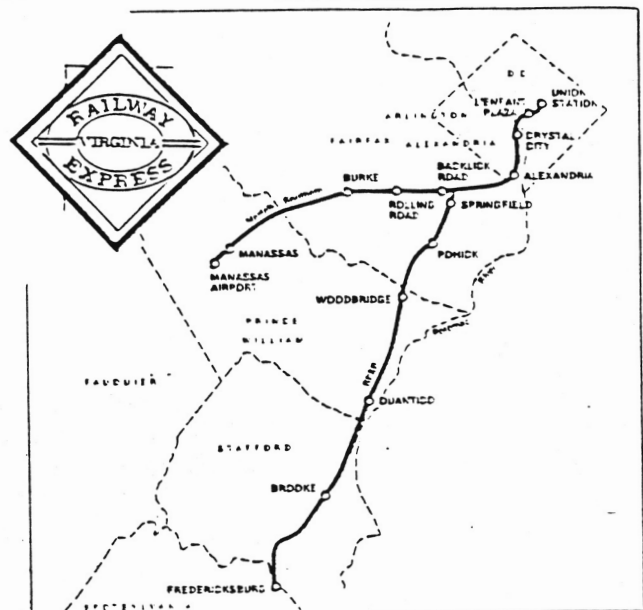


COMMUTER RAIL

Conrail's concern about the enforceability of our Commuter Rail insurance agreement continues to be the last significant obstacle to purchasing rail cars and locomotives for this important project. Without Conrail's signature on our master agreement, our trains cannot cross the bridge into the District of Columbia.

Several bills have been introduced at the Federal level that may resolve those concerns. I am following these actions closely. Additionally, the participating jurisdictions are weighing the implications of purchasing our equipment now based on the possibility for interim termination of service in Alexandria and Crystal City, where riders could transfer to Metro. This assumption could result in service beginning sooner (18 months to 2 years from placement of our order) than if we wait until the Conrail-oriented legislation is enacted. Termination short of Union Station would be considered temporary pending resolution of the Conrail problem.

The train will use the existing Norfolk Southern tracks. Stations (parkings lots & platforms) convenient to Annandale District residents will be at the Roberts Parkway Park & Ride (near the former Bradlees); at Shana Place (Burke Rd. just west of Rolling Road); and at Heckinger's Drive off of Backlick Road.



ROADWORKS UPDATE

Braddock Rd. (State Project) Despite the fact that it seems to be taking forever, construction is on schedule. Much of the work during the initial stages of this project involves extensive utility relocation and grading. Currently, the eastbound lane is under construction. The area from Twinbrook Rd. to Guinea Rd. is to be completed by mid-summer. This has been a problem area, causing severe traffic congestion. Our State District Engineer has promised to alter the median east of Guinea to create more room for straight-through traffic and traffic turning left. The entire project should be completed by July 1990.

A project to widen Braddock Road to four lanes between Route 123 & Shirley Gate Road is under design, with public hearings scheduled for July 89, and construction to begin by spring of '92.

Burke Lake Rd. (State Project) There are two sections of this project to widen Burke Lake to four lanes: from Braddock to Burke Rd. and from Coffers Woods Rd. to Lee Chapel/Burke Centre Parkway. Now in the land acquisition stage, this project will go to bid in July 1989. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in October 1989. This project will take approximately 18 months to complete.

Rolling Rd. (County Project) Construction began this April and should be completed by November 1989. As the result of a meeting with residents, police and VDOT, the speed limit was lowered to 25mph in the construction zone and is being strictly enforced. Additionally, traffic lights have been synchronized and concrete barriers adjusted to lessen traffic congestion. Please be considerate of residents whose driveways exit onto Rolling Rd.

Shirley Gate Rd. (County Project) Design plans to widen Shirley Gate to four lanes are completed and a land acquisition hearing was held on May 22, 1989. There will be a final citizens information meeting in late June, with construction scheduled to begin this August.

This project will connect Shirley Gate to Waples Mill Road.

Guinea Rd. (County Project) Construction is expected to be completed this July. By June (barring more rainy weather), the section from Braddock to Twinbrook should be opened as well as the section from Pierrpont Dr. to Bronte Rd. (including the Burke Rd. intersection).

SPOT INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

Sideburn Rd. & Zion Dr. (County Project) Final design plans should be ready by July 1989. This project will improve sight distance and provide turning lanes for all approaches. Signalization is also planned for this intersection. A second meeting will be scheduled with residents surrounding the intersection to review the final plans and discuss operation of the traffic signal with VDOT. Construction should begin by spring of '90.

Guinea Rd. & Zion Dr. (County Project) Following an informational meeting with affected residents, a land acquisition hearing was held on May 8, 1989. Land acquisition should be completed by July 1989. There will be a right turn lane from Guinea to Zion, left and right turn lanes from Zion, an extended left turn lane from northbound Guinea, and signalization. Sight distance will be greatly improved. Construction is expected to begin late this summer.

Rt. 236 & Olley Ln. As a part of the construction of Little River Glen (a retirement facility), a right turn lane from Guinea to eastbound 236 will be constructed. In addition, I have asked VDOT to provide a right turn lane from 236 to southbound Olley. Dedicated right-of-way has been granted by the Calvary Hill Baptist Church. It is hoped that this project can be added on to an existing project in the City of Fairfax to add an additional lane and intersection improvements to Route 236 in the vicinity of Pickett Road. This project is being constructed in phases and will take about a year to complete.

Guinea Rd. & New Guinea Rd. & Roberts Parkway VDOT is considering experimenting with a traffic circle at this intersection. I will be holding a joint meeting with Annandale and Springfield District residents later this summer to give people an opportunity to discuss this with VDOT.

HOLDING THE LINE IN ANNANDALE Land Use and Development

I believe that when you purchase your home, you are, in effect, buying the Comprehensive Master Plan for your area. It's my policy to adhere to the Plan unless there is overwhelming support from the surrounding community to change it.

Last year I learned that developers were interested in changing the Plan for about 14 acres located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Braddock Rd. and Twinbrook Rd. The land, which is currently zoned for one single family house per acre, is Master Planned for no more than two to three single family houses per acre. The developers' plans ranged from a commercial/office complex, including a full service auto center, to high density residential (R-20) with "piggy back" townhouses and garden apartments.

Last February, I held a town meeting so that residents would have an opportunity to see the proposal and make their feelings known. Over three hundred people attended the meeting and the overwhelming majority made it very clear that the only plan they would support is the existing Master Plan for that area. Subsequent to the meeting, I sent a letter to the Planning Commission stating our position about this proposal. If anyone would like a copy of that letter, please give me a call. I doubt that an application to pursue this proposal will go forward. Please be assured that I will keep everyone informed of any future developments.

It's not often that we can keep a piece of property from being developed at all, but that is the case for a four acre parcel located on Heritage Dr. Not long after taking office, I learned that a developer had submitted a request to rezone this four acre parcel from R-20 to R-30. At R-30, the proposal called for the construction of a 120 unit apartment building that was not in accordance with the Master Plan. As with the previous proposal, I held a citizens' meeting. Following the meeting, the developer withdrew

his request to rezone, but still tried to submit plans for an 80 unit apartment. Many of the citizens who were at that meeting told me that they were sure that

the heavily wooded parcel, with steep slopes and a stream running through it was meant to remain as open space. Their belief was so strong that I asked County staff and the County Attorney's Office to pursue this. Their exhaustive research of records dating back to the 50's revealed that there was no proof that the parcel had ever been withdrawn from the original condominium plan for the Heritage area. Without that proof, this four acre parcel can not be developed and will remain in its natural, undisturbed state.

As you can see, our MASTER PLAN is a very powerful planning tool. As I've mentioned in previous newsletters, we are currently undergoing the first comprehensive review of the Master Plan since it was adopted in 1975. The purpose of the review is to ensure better balance for growth and development with transportation and other infrastructure needed to support it. This review by both County planning staff and citizens is being done very carefully so that any changes in zoning will be fair and legally defensible. I am very pleased that so many Annandale residents are taking part in this very important process.

UPDATE ON METRO

Parking at the Metro Stations has been a problem. Help is on the way! Additional parking will soon be constructed at the Vienna and Huntington Stations. At the Dunn Loring Station, at Gallows Rd. & I-66, 110 additional parking spaces opened in February.

Metro Bus Route Changes

Last winter, several changes were proposed for Metrobus service in the Annandale District. In response to your letters, phone calls and testimony at the Public Hearings in January, much of the service proposed to be cut was restored.

Additionally, new Saturday service (the 17A) will be established on Braddock Road between 9 A.M. and 6 P.M.

Scheduling changes to the following routes will be effected June '89:

3A	16E	17A	17G	17M
29B	29E	29F	29G	29M.

Please feel free to call my office at 425-9300 for specific changes and/or to receive new bus schedules.



GYPSEY MOTHS

The annual invasion of gypsy moths is upon us! The County has just finished its aerial dimilin spraying of 17,678 acres. Over 548 acres has been sprayed with Bt. 500 acres will soon receive lure taping. The County's program also includes the release of tiny (gnat sized) parasitic wasps which attack the gypsy moth caterpillar & egg masses.

From mid April to early July, the moth larvae feed on the leaves of oak trees and other hardwoods including birch, willow, sweet gum and apple trees. The defoliation weakens and eventually kills the trees.

The County's program is designed to address the most severely affected areas of the County. It's important for individual homeowners to protect their own property. Burlap banding is an excellent monitoring and control technique. To spray your own property, the County recommends Bt (sold in hardware stores) but cautions against "contact" chemicals (such as Sevin) which harm useful insects including the parasitic wasps. Burlap strips and brochures on gypsy moths are available at my office.

CATERPILLAR LOOK ALIKES

Many people mistake other caterpillars for the gypsy moth. There are differences.

The Eastern Tent Caterpillar has a web which should be removed from the tree using a long stick with nails in it. Drop the web promptly in soapy water to kill the caterpillars. These caterpillars are blackish, 1 1/2" to 2" long and marked with brilliant colored stripes of red and blue with light colored spots on their bodies. They have a prominent white stripe down the middle of their backs. The tents are formed in the crotches of trees in early April. Preferred trees are cherry, apple, and crab apple. The caterpillar hides inside the tent at night and feeds on the leaves during the day. A recorded message on tent caterpillars is available by dialing 246-5394.

FALL WEBWORMS are pale yellow, brown, or green with two rows of black spots down their backs. They are 1/2" to 1" long when mature. They build large webs at the tips of tree branches and feed inside the webs. These caterpillars emerge in late May and feed on many different trees through August.

If you have questions about these pests or others, or problems with your trees or gardens, you can call 359-6585 (General agriculture information) for advice.

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