

# ANNANDALE ACTION LINE

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"Why isn't Annandale in the Annandale District?" I'm asked that question at least once every day. **REDISTRICTING** throughout the years has pushed our boundaries to the west and south, until most of the Annandale District is made up of Burke, Fairfax and Springfield zip code addresses. That southern and westward trend will likely continue with the redistricting process now underway. The Board of Supervisors is required once a decade to make the populations in our districts equitable. Annandale, with a population of 84,380 residents is one of the smallest districts. Springfield is largest at 158,447. The Board may decide to keep the number of districts at eight, or we may add one or two new districts. To complete this process in time for November elections, boundary decisions must be made by the end of April. It will not be an easy process. Difficult as it may be, this once in a decade process may also be a good time to clear up confusion about the name of our district. Your comments and suggestions regarding the redistricting process and/or a new name for the Annandale District are welcome (see inside).

A number of other difficult issues must be dealt with this Spring... After almost three years of hard work by citizen volunteers, task forces and county staff, the County's new **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN** will go to public hearing before the Board in May. My thanks to Task Force Chairman, Ray Steele, and all members of the Annandale District Task Force for their tireless efforts on this important project.

In March, the Board is scheduled to hear public testimony and adopt a local **CHESAPEAKE BAY PRESERVATION ORDINANCE**. In 1988, the Virginia General Assembly enacted a state law that requires localities to reduce development and agricultural runoff carrying silt, toxins, nitrogen and phosphorus to the Chesapeake Bay through the network of streams and underground springs that flow into it. Fairfax County has completed a proposed ordinance that is being reviewed by the state agency overseeing the Act. The plan tries to more vigorously protect our precious environment, while also considering the rights of homeowners in environmentally sensitive areas to add small additions (i.e. patios or decks) to their homes. Please let me know if you would like to have more information and/or would like to testify about this issue.

Last August, the Board agreed to **BUDGET GUIDELINES** for FY 92 that call for no increase in Real Estate or Personal Property tax rates. I believe that the full board is still committed to these guidelines. Public hearings on the '92 budget are scheduled for April 8th, 9th and 10th. In a troubled economy, and with the real estate market flat, the Board will be faced with difficult funding decisions. I believe however, that after surviving these lean years, the county will emerge for the better - with needs prioritized and services streamlined.

**COMMUTER RAIL** is coming in for the home stretch! Rail cars, locomotives and ticket vending machines should be assembled and delivered this October. This spring and summer rail stations will be under construction. Market surveys are being conducted to help design a service that will best serve you. After so many years of frustrating setbacks, this is really happening!

Beginning with a Friday evening (May 10th) performance by the "Capital Steps", an **ANNANDALE FESTIVAL OF ARTS**, will be held at the Northern Virginia Community College campus from 10 A.M. until 3 P.M. on Saturday, May 11th. After a year and a half of hard work and planning, and thanks to many dedicated, enthusiastic volunteers, (especially Steering Committee Chairman, Ann Kahn) this privately funded community event will be a real treat for the community. I hope to see you there!

Before I close, a few thoughts... As I write, our country is at war. Fairfax County is home to many military families, both active and retired. Many of us, or our friends and neighbors are involved in some way with the many defense related activities of this metropolitan area. So many of us are personally touched by the war. I am proud of our troops and their families and grateful for the sacrifices they are making for our country. My thoughts and prayers are with them.

*Sharon Bulova*



### ROADWORKS UPDATE

After three years of construction, the dust is finally beginning to settle! Rolling and Guinea Roads and the Guinea/Zion intersection have been completed. Several projects are drawing to a close.

#### Braddock Road (State Project)

For all practical purposes, Braddock is finished. In April, the contractor plans to replace faulty asphalt in several sections on the eastbound lanes. This will not add to the cost of the project and should only take a few weeks.

Braddock Road, 123 to Shirley Gate (State Project) is scheduled to be widened to four lanes beginning in the Spring of '92.

Burke Lake Road - from Braddock Rd. to Burke Rd. (State Project)

The Braddock Road to Rolling Road portion is finished except for a few finishing touches. Due to the asphalt plants partial winter shutdown, the projected finish date is now June, 1991. Specific questions can be answered by the State's Project Manager, Roger Smith at 239-1339.

#### Shirley Gate Road (County Project)

Construction is moving along slowly, but steadily. With a vein of natural asbestos found at this site, precautions must be taken that have slowed the pace of this project. Presently, storm sewers are being constructed along with a new alignment at Braddock Rd. The projected finish date is still December, 1991.

#### Zion/Sideburn Intersection (County Project)

This project is almost completed. Signalization of the intersection, sodding, and a final layer of asphalt should be finished by April, 1991.

#### Ox Rd. (Rt. 123) from University to Judicial Dr. (State/Fairfax City Project)

This project will reconstruct Ox Rd. to four lanes from University Dr. at George Mason University to Judicial Dr. Construction is scheduled to begin late summer of '91.

#### Guinea/New Guinea and Roberts Parkway Traffic Circle (State Project)

The State would like to make this experimental circle permanent. However, improvements are necessary for it to function as intended. Flex posts have been installed and the pavement has been remarked. Eventually, completion of Roberts Rd. with a bridge over the railroad tracks will improve overall traffic flow in this area. Design money has been approved for this project.



### THE VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS

The Commuter Rail project (VRE) is making great strides! We hope to have the trains running this October. To date, the manufacture of rail cars, locomotives and ticket vending machines are on schedule. Commuter rail stations and parking lots will be under construction this spring and summer. Each station in Fairfax County will be equipped with bicycle racks and newspaper vending machines. There will be no charge for parking.

As Chairman of the VRE Operations Board, I am extremely excited about this new service which will, in effect, extend Metro all the way to Fredericksburg and Manassas. I was pleased to see many of you at our recent commuter rail meeting in Springfield. Tom Waldron, our new Rail Manager, did an excellent job describing the new service and listening to your suggestions. Informational brochures will soon be available. Please give my office a call to be placed on the mailing list.

## NEED HELP WITH TAXES?

IRS Recorded Tax and Refund Information  
1-800 829-4477

IRS Publications and Forms Orders  
1-800 829-3676

### AARP Tax Help for Seniors

Hot Line 703 836-3888  
Monday-Friday  
9:30 A.M.-2:30 P.M.

### AARP Tax Counseling Centers for the Elderly

George Mason Library  
7001 Little River Turnpike  
Wed., Thurs., Fri.  
10 A.M.-3 P.M.

Jewish Community Center  
8900 Little River Turnpike  
By appointment only (323-0880)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
8800 Braddock Road  
Friday 12 P.M.- 4 P.M.

## YOURS FOR THE ASKING

Please contact my office if you would like to receive any of the following brochures:

- Meet Your School Board
- Vehicle Requirements in Fairfax County
- Calendar of Events
- Housing for People with Disabilities
- Metro & Cue Bus Schedules
- Va. Dept. of Transportation ...Twenty Questions...
- Tax Relief for Seniors
- Annandale Festival of Arts
- 1991 Facts for Voters
- Signs in Fairfax County
- Fastran
- This Month...Library News
- Doing Business in Fairfax
- Naturally Occurring Asbestos
- A Newcomers Guide
- Housing Opportunities for Seniors



# ANNANDALE FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS NVCC Annandale Campus

**Friday, May 10, 1991**

8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

*The Capital Steps* \$25 per ticket

**Saturday, May 11, 1991**

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bands, Jazz, Dance, Puppets, Choruses, Youth Symphony, Magician,  
Art, Story Telling and more! **Free Admission**

3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**Charlie Byrd and Pete Kennedy** \$5 per ticket (\$2 for students)

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## STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

I wanted to bring you up-to-date on a number of storm drainage and stream bank stabilization projects slated for areas in the Annandale District. The projects are designed to prevent flooding and/or to stem erosion of stream banks and resulting tree loss. I have walked most of these projects with the design engineers, County Arborist and affected residents to ensure the most environmentally sensitive design. In some cases, the projects are stalled due to lack of funding. A backlog also exists of additional projects that have been requested or recommended but for which there is no funding.

### Turkey Run

This fully funded project will install channel improvements and replace the culvert at Holborn Ave. It runs from Private Lane to upstream of Wakefield Chapel Rd., ending near Sugarbush Ct. Land acquisition has begun and should be completed by 9/91. Bid opening for the project is scheduled for 12/91 with construction to start in 3/92.

### Backlick Run

There are two Backlick Run projects: The County project goes from Braddock Rd. south to Leesville Blvd. This fully funded project is in final design with land acquisition scheduled to start in 4/91. Bid opening for the project is planned for 3/92 with construction to start in 6/92.

The Park segment: This project goes through the parkland between Easton Dr. and Countrywood Ct. The Park Authority hopes to have funding available to place "rip rap" (rocks) upstream and "gabion" (rocks in wire net) downstream. Hopefully this project will go to bid late this spring, with construction starting in August.

### Leewood project

This project will pipe about 2000 feet of the stream running from east of the Leewood Townhouses, downstream across Larrlyn Dr. & Woodland Dr., ending at Leewood Park. Design is completed with one easement still to be acquired. Design and land acquisition have been funded. Funding for construction was proposed in the November '90 Bond Referendum, which was not approved. Construction, therefore, is on hold.

## HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The Lord of Life Lutheran Church, located at 5114 Twinbrook Road in Fairfax has successfully completed their project "Lord of Life's Habitat for Humanity", which was funded by recycling of aluminum cans. Keep the cans coming to help these good works continue!

August 14th marked the first anniversary of the St. Mary of Sorrows, Aluminum Cans Recycling Center at 5222 Sideburn Road in Fairfax. The Social Action Committee is pleased to announce that a total of \$3,387.50 was raised by recycling almost 6.5 tons of aluminum cans! The proceeds go to homeless people in the area. For more information please call St. Mary's Church 978-4141.

Jim Colleran, coordinator of the Aluminum Cans/Burned Children's Fund reports that, thanks to your help, a total of \$28,000 has been donated to the Children's Hospital to assist families of burned children. Please give Jim a call at 691-2828 to assist with this worthwhile project.

## STREETLIGHTS

At the present time, the budget for streetlights has been depleted and the County is not accepting petitions until more money becomes available. There are \$4 million of approved streetlight projects on the books. The Board has decided to prioritize these so that the most critical (for safety) can move forward first. When current projects are funded, Fairfax County's Department of Public Works will send out new petition packets to those people on their "waiting" list. To put your community on this list call 246-5800.

An exception to this is the installation of streetlights on existing power poles. Under certain circumstances these lights can be installed relatively inexpensively and quickly.

To report a malfunctioning streetlight on a public road, call Virginia Power at 359-3314 from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.





## GYPSY MOTHS



In January, a preliminary Gypsy Moth Spray Program was adopted by the Board. I am very pleased that most of the areas I considered to be a serious problem were included. By the time this newsletter hits the street, we will know for sure if the state will be able to cost share with us on the full 35,000 acres.

Delegate Alan Mayer has introduced a bill in Richmond that may make it possible to expand our county resources to fight the Gypsy Moth by the formation of "service districts". If the bill is successful, it would not become effective until July 1st, too late for the '91 spray season.

In February, all Civic and Homeowner Association presidents were invited to an Annandale District Gypsy Moth informational meeting. This meeting was geared toward neighborhoods that are not included in this year's spray program but who may wish to implement private control measures.

The county's treatment program will begin in late April or early May depending on the weather. It will last about three weeks. If you do not know if your neighborhood is being sprayed, please feel free to contact my office.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### ● THE VICTIM/WITNESS

**ASSISTANCE PROGRAM** of the Fairfax County Police Department seeks **VOLUNTEERS** who wish to assist crime victims recover from their trauma. Volunteers can provide either direct or indirect assistance to innocent victims. Formal training for volunteers includes lectures, panel presentations by representatives of the criminal justice system, role playing, small group discussion and court observation. The Crime Victim Support Group meets every other Wednesday evening in Fairfax. To volunteer, or for more information, please call Ginny Johnson at 246-2141.

● Fairfax County is sponsoring **COMPOSTING SEMINARS** in March and April from 10 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. The closest locations are:

March 23: Pohick Regional Library,  
6450 Sydenstricker Road

April 6: Tysons-Pimmit Regional  
Library, 7584 Leesburg  
Pike, Falls Church.

● There is a local support group for **NEWLY WIDOWED PERSONS**. Many group activities are available. The next two meetings are scheduled on March 17th and April 21st at 3:00 P.M. at the McLean Community Center, 1236 Ingleside Ave., McLean, VA. For more information please call 620-4216.



## LITTLE RIVER GLEN SENIOR RECREATION CENTER

Little River Glen is now a thriving operation with some great programs! If you are a senior citizen, please plan to drop by to enjoy this beautiful new facility. With a little help from the community, it can be even better.

o **The Mended Hearts Circle** group sews heart-shaped pillows for heart patients of all ages at Fairfax Hospital. Light-weight, but sturdy fabric is needed to make the pillows. Donations and volunteers are welcome!

o **The Library Corner** at Little River Glen relies, for the most part, on contributions. Your donation of books, puzzles or bookmarks would be greatly appreciated.

Books or material for the pillows can be dropped off at Little River Glen or my office.

o Volunteers are needed as **Receptionists/Greeters** at the Little River Glen front office. For more information call 503-8703.

## A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME?

Annandale is a relatively new district, situated in the middle (I like to say "heart") of Fairfax County. Carved out of the older Lee and Falls Church Districts in 1968, Annandale came into being after a major land use scandal that resulted in a reorganization of the County government. The new County Executive Form of government provided, among other things, powers to elect a chairman-at-large. Additionally, under the new form of government, state-enabling legislation was obtained and adopted to strengthen conflict of interest laws.

The creation of Annandale brought the number of districts from six to eight. Today the name "Annandale" District is somewhat of a misnomer. While about a fourth of its residents have an Annandale postal address, the balance of the district is comprised of zip codes in Fairfax, Springfield and Burke.

This southern and westward trend will likely continue with the redistricting process now underway. The Board of Supervisors is required once a decade to make the populations in our districts equitable - resulting in a shifting of our borders to meet the rapid growth in the western part of the County.

This may also be a very good time to clear up confusion about our name. **ANY SUGGESTIONS?** Braddock District? Burke/Braddock District? An historical name instead of a geographic one? Please send your suggestions to my office prior to April 30th.



**RIDESOURCES**, a free service provided by the County, can assist you in joining a carpool or vanpool. Brochures and applications are at my office, or you can call Ridesources directly at 246-2323 (24 hours a day).



As you may know, the King's Park Library closed during the month of February for the purpose of inventorying their collection and converting it to the new automated circulation system. By now the library should have reopened and resumed normal operation.

In September 1991, the library is planning to close for renovation and expansion. While the renovation was to begin this spring, plans are being redesigned to incorporate an access road that will improve traffic flow in front of the library and to Burke Lake Road.

While the library is closed, a reference center will open at West Springfield High School, as well as a "mini-library" at Wakefield Park. Periodicals, adult fiction/non-fiction as well as children's books and programs will be available at Wakefield. The renovation is expected to be completed by December 1992. Please feel free to give my office a call for more information.

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