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# BRADDOCK BYLINE

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Spring, 2001

This year's budget was a particularly difficult one. Dubbed appropriately *The Perfect Storm*, the Board of Supervisors juggled competing expectations during a year of rising assessments, concern about the economy and a State budget left in suspended animation. On April 30th, we adopted a new funding plan that increases support to education, holds the real estate tax rate steady at \$1.23 per \$100 of assessed value, and continues our commitment to the public safety, human services and environmental programs that maintain the quality of life we value. See inside for details of the **FY2002 Budget Process**. Specifics regarding the Board's "mark-up" of the budget can be found at: <http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/dmb/markup.htm>, or by contacting my office and asking for the printed material.

The Board of Supervisors has appointed a **Citizen's Task Force** to work with us on the process of **Redistricting**. Every ten years, after completion of the Census, we are required to even-out the population in each of our districts. Since the last reapportionment in 1991, Sully District has grown from a population of 93,505 to become the largest district, with a population of 146,196. Our Braddock District is the smallest with a population of 90,705 (a reduction of 62 people since 1991). By the end of June, unless a 10<sup>th</sup> District is added, Braddock will grow by between 12,000 to 17,000 people. Hopefully, we will add and not lose precincts.

With the heavy stuff behind us, my office is planning a **Spring Town Meeting** designed to help you to *Take Time to Smell the Roses*. Fairfax County is a community of hard workers. In addition to long hours at the office, we volunteer in our community and assist with our children's activities. Even retirees find their plates pretty full. All the more reason to take some time to savor the things we work so hard for – the arts, entertainment, enrichment... I hope you'll join me at **7:30 P.M. on June 27<sup>th</sup> at Little Run Elementary School** to learn about fun programs available for you and your family in the Parks, Recreation Department, Libraries and Schools. The program will be aired live on cable channel 16. Contact my office for dates the program will be rebroadcast during the summer.

And speaking of fun stuff – yes! Our Braddock District office will again be transformed into a Box Office this summer as **Braddock Nights** returns for its 7<sup>th</sup> season! Our season will again open with *"Bonding of the Bands"*, a special teen program at Lake Accotink Park (see page 5 for the summer 2001 Program Guide). I hope you'll make Braddock Nights your summertime tradition. It's a chance to relax with friends, family and neighbors in a "Wolf Trap-esque" atmosphere minus the price. Bring a picnic blanket and dinner and enjoy our hometown talent as the sun sets over beautiful Accotink and Royal Lakes. Check for "Cancellation due to weather" message posted at [www.co.fairfax.va.us/gov/bos/BD/homepage.htm](http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/gov/bos/BD/homepage.htm) and in my answering machine message at (703) 425-9300.

Lastly, please take a few moments to admire new rows of *Trees* blossoming in the medians of Braddock, Rolling and Roberts Roads. Thanks to the efforts of Project Coordinator John Fee, our **Braddock District Tree Planting Project** has been branching out. Funded through community contributions, and maintained by Braddock District volunteers, this project is a *Gift from the Community to the Community* and began with the planting of our first medians in 1989 next to Ravensworth and Kings Park shopping centers. *Thank you* to everyone who has participated in and contributed to this wonderful program! For more information, please give my office a call!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Bulova".

## ROADWORKS UPDATE

### **Roberts Rd. Flyover** - Construct overpass over the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks (State Project)

Along with the overpass, the project includes 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 are being corrected with a single access point controlled by a traffic signal. North of the tracks, there will be dual right turn lanes onto NE bound New Guinea Road with a traffic signal at Roberts and New Guinea Roads. To avoid prolonged disruption to the Colony Park community, VDOT is widening **New Guinea Road adjacent to Colony Park** as part of this project. **Construction should be completed in mid-July.**

Two lanes of the bridge opened last fall, and a temporary signal was installed at the VRE entrance. When the project is complete, the traffic signal located at the old traffic circle will be eliminated and Old Guinea Road will dead-end north of the tracks. The "wobble" on the southbound lane of the bridge will be gone. *VDOT has determined that a traffic signal at Guinea and Colony View Dr. is warranted. Once right-of-way issues are resolved, the signal will be installed.* **Please join me on Saturday, September 22, 2:00 P.M. for the bridge dedication.**

**Guinea Rd.** - From the Colony Park Pool (former traffic circle) to Pommeroy Dr. (State Project - 1.5 miles) Widen from two to four lanes. Funding available for design, land acquisition, and partial construction in State's Six-Year Plan. Preliminary design to start in 2002.

**Guinea Rd.** - Braddock Rd. to Braeburn Dr. (State Project - 1.6 miles) Widen from two to four lanes. Design funding included in State's Six-Year Plan. Preliminary design to be initiated in late 2005.

**Burke Centre Parkway** - From Marshall Pond Rd. to Burke Lake Rd. (County/State Project - 0.87 mile) This project to widen from two to four lanes is under construction.

**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 future six

lanes). Land acquisition is ongoing. Construction of the northern segment (Burke Lake Rd. to Lee Chapel Rd.) is being expedited and construction should begin by the end of this year. The remaining segments are scheduled to begin approximately a year later.

**Braddock Rd. at Rt. 123 (Ox Rd.)** (County Project) Extend existing WB Braddock Road right turn lane to NB Ox Road. Design is near completion. Construction to begin in late 2001/ early 2002.

**Shirley Gate Rd., Extended** - From Braddock Rd. to the Fairfax County Parkway (State Project - 0.9 mile) This project will extend Shirley Gate Road from Braddock Road to the Fairfax County Parkway. Project is in the State's Six-Year Plan. Funding for preliminary design is available in FY '05.

**I-95/395/495 Interchange Project** - (State Project) Eight-year construction project to fix the "mixing bowl" began in 1998. A congestion management project to facilitate traffic flow on Backlick is under construction at the Backlick/Edsall intersection. This project will extend the left turn lane on SB Backlick to EB Edsall. *Turn lanes help unclog thru lanes on Backlick and are not meant to encourage traffic onto neighborhood streets.* The congestion management plan encourages car-pooling and transit. For more information go to [www.springfieldinterchange.com](http://www.springfieldinterchange.com) or call my office for VDOT's latest brochure.

**I-95/I-495 Capital Beltway Widening** - (State Study) Major study of the Capital Beltway in Virginia from the Woodrow Wilson Bridge to the American Legion Bridge was completed in 1997. In fall 2001, the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be completed and public hearings will be held. Go to [www.vdot.state.va.us/proj/nova/beltwayx.html](http://www.vdot.state.va.us/proj/nova/beltwayx.html) for more information.

**Rt. 236 (Little River Turnpike)** - Pickett Rd. to Lake Blvd. at entrance to NVCC (State project - 2 miles) Widen from four to six lanes. Public Information meeting was held Nov 15<sup>th</sup>. A Citizens' Task Force has been involved with planning/scoping. The next Task Force meeting is scheduled on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 P.M. at our Chapel Square Office. Construction could begin as early as summer 2003.

## BUDGET FY2002 - *A Perfect Storm*

Every budget has its own personality. In FY93, with Tom Davis as Chairman, the County was reeling from a severe recession and plummeting property values. The Board of Supervisors dealt with what many dubbed *The Doomsday Budget*. The tax rate was raised 5 cents that year, and the pupil-teacher ratio was increased. For two years in a row during the early 90's salaries for both General County and School employees were frozen. In FY97, under the Chairmanship of Kate Hanley, we adjusted to a pattern of stagnant revenues by pouring through "*Lines of Business*" - eliminating 477 positions and eliminating or reducing \$55 million in programs and services. We also raised the real estate tax rate 7 cents. Despite both of these tax *rate* increases, and because property values had declined and then remained flat, the average real estate tax *bill* remained virtually steady throughout the decade.

This February, as the County Executive presented his recommended FY02 Spending Plan, he jokingly referred to it as "*A Perfect Storm*." I don't think he realized then just how appropriate a title he had bestowed on this budget. During the weeks following Mr. Griffin's presentation, a number of things transpired that complicated the adoption of his budget - "as is". For the first time in history the General Assembly adjourned without amending their biennium budget - leaving it in deficit. The governor is addressing this condition by making cuts in several areas of the State budget. Increased State funding for the Schools and State funding for public safety programs does not appear to be forthcoming. Despite 11.2 % increases in average assessments (the market value of homes), local revenues *other* than real estate have declined or grown very modestly and are less than what we had previously projected, resulting in very little additional revenue at the FY2001 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Review. During three nights of public hearings we received testimony to:

- ✓ Fully fund (and more) the School Board's Transfer request (a gap of \$23 million existed between the School Board's request and the County Executive's budget);
- ✓ Accelerate the renewal of Woodson High School and increase the School's overall ability to sell bonds for the construction of new schools and school renewals;
- ✓ Maintain and/or expand a number of human services programs;
- ✓ Bring compensation for all of our public safety personnel up to the market scale (average pay) within the region;
- ✓ Reduce the real estate tax rate.

To address what we heard to be priorities, the \$2.3 billion budget adopted on April 30<sup>th</sup> maintained our existing tax rate of \$1.23 per \$100 of assessed value and shifted almost \$16 million from the County Executive's General County budget to the Schools. Cuts came from the libraries, the health department, the courts, trails & sidewalks, our streetlight program and storm drainage projects. With this additional funding, **51.29% of our local revenues go to the Schools.** **This increase, with the addition of \$1.4 million from 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Review will result in a total increase to Schools operating and debt service of \$103.1 million (or 9.55%) over FY 01.** While this amount is about \$6 million less than the School Board's request, I am hopeful that the Schools will be able to close that gap by reallocating funding - just as the Board of Supervisors did - within their \$1.4 billion budget. The School's budget includes an unallocated "rainy day fund" totaling \$8 million. Two County funds generated some discussion during the budget process and I would like to explain their purpose.

- **The Revenue Stabilization Fund**, if we continue to maintain discipline with systematic installments, will eventually total 3% of the County's General Fund, and exists to protect both the General County and the School System from the kind of actions we were forced to take during the 90's when we struggled with the recession and its aftermath. It can only be tapped if revenues again decline, as they did during the 90's.
- **The County's Managed Reserve**, which is kept at 2% of the General Fund, allows the County to maintain our AAA Bond Rating, resulting in considerable savings when the County sells bonds for County and School construction. The Managed Reserve can be tapped in an Act of God sort of catastrophe and protects both the General County and the Schools.

Lastly, the Board of Supervisors adopted **Budget Guidelines that call for a year long Board/staff review of General County and School System programs and services.** The purpose of this review is to determine cost effectiveness, to evaluate for duplication, to examine for possible elimination, modification or substitution. As part of this exercise, the County Executive and the School Superintendent will continue to explore County/School consolidation efforts to ensure economies of scale, improved service and potential cost savings.

## SCHOOL SUMMER UPDATE

It doesn't seem possible, but the school year is almost over. It won't be long before we will hear the sounds of children splashing in the pool, playing baseball, and as the summer progresses – saying – “I'M BORED – THERE'S NOTHING TO DO!” Wrong! There are many enrichment opportunities available through the public schools (even for children who don't attend Fairfax County Public Schools). Here's a sampling of what kids can learn and enjoy this summer.



### For children entering grades 4 through 6

- Create your own home page (Fairview)
- Children's theater (Fairview)
- Kids Sew (Lake Braddock)
- Junior Chefs (Lake Braddock)

### For students in grades K-6 for the 2000-2001 school year - VOYAGER PROGRAM

This program uses resources from the Smithsonian Institute. As junior paleontologists, students go on an imaginary journey to the age of dinosaurs. They will learn all about dinosaurs, but also improve their skills in reading, writing, math and problem solving. (Fairview; transportation offered from North Springfield)

### For students in grades 7 and 8

- Introduction to CAD (Woodson)
- Video production (Lake Braddock)
- Vegetarian Cooking (Lake Braddock)
- International Kitchen for Kids (Lake Braddock)
- Finishing and Modeling (Woodson)
- Fresh Face (Fairfax High School)

### For grades 6 – 8 - TECH ADVENTURE CAMP

Focusing on technology and careers, students rotate through three units – Artistic Expression, Technology Transfer and Life Matrix. (Chantilly and Edison High Schools)

And this is only a partial listing! In addition to the “fun” stuff, courses are offered in a wide variety of academic and remediation areas. Drivers' education is also available over the summer. For more information, call 703-227-8460 for a copy of *Encore 2001*. The brochure is also available at your child's school. May this summer be safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Tessie Wilson, Braddock School Board Member

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARKS?

**Wakefield Park** – Last year, the Wakefield Master Plan was revised to eliminate the unbuilt and no longer needed facilities and to add some new ones. A skateboard park will be built next to the RECenter in place of the shuffleboard and horseshoe courts, with construction in 2002. Two new diamond fields are in design. This summer, look for new parking lot lights to improve safety and the renovation of several tennis courts. Inside the RECenter itself, the fitness room was recently expanded and two beautiful murals create a brand new atmosphere in the pool.

**Lake Accotink Park** – Construction in the marina area is completed and a new tent-like tensile structure will protect and enhance our historic carousel. The new Lucky Duck mini-golf course around the outside of the carousel opens this season. A floating dock, lower-level restroom and renovated concession area complete Accotink's new look.

**Long Branch Stream Valley Trail** – Extension of this popular stonedust trail from Candace Lane to Olley Lane is in design, with construction next year.

**New playground equipment** was installed at **Ossian Hall** and **Surrey Square Parks** this spring. A new playground will be built at **Canterbury Woods Park** in the grassy area behind the multi-purpose courts. New picnic tables and benches have been installed at **Lakeside** and **Royal Lake Parks**.

**Parks Advisory Committee** – This group meets several times a year to talk about what's coming up and what's needed in our parks. Membership is open to anyone interested in parks, whether representing a group or association, or attending as an individual. If you're interested, you may contact Winnie Shapiro, Braddock District Park Authority member, by calling my office at 703-425-9300.

### FREE MULCH

The County operates a brush grinding operation, which manufactures double-shredded wood mulch. The mulch is FREE, clean and of good quality. For a limited time, staff will load pickup trucks or trailers at the I-66 Transfer Station and the I-95 Landfill. If you don't have access to a pickup truck the county has a list of private haulers. Hauling fees are negotiated between the parties. For more information, call 703-324-5995 or go to <http://www.cofairfax.va.us> and type in free mulch.

# Braddock Nights

Performances are FREE and begin at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Concerts are cancelled in case of rain; call 703-425-9300 for cancellation information.

[www.co.fairfax.va.us/parks](http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/parks)

**SATURDAY, MAY 26 4:30 TO 6:30 P.M. AT LAKE ACCOTINK**

**BONDING OF THE BANDS** - Featuring numerous bands from Robinson and Lake Braddock High Schools performing original music and promote fun, safe, and drug free youth recreation activities and unity between the students of these high schools.

**▼ LAKE ACCOTINK ▼**

**JUNE**

**June 1**

**NATIONAL CONCERT BAND**  
America's heritage of symphonic band music is celebrated by this talented 70-member concert band.

**\* June 8**

**LA SALLE DANCE ORCHESTRA**  
This 12-piece aggregation plays arrangements of the hot dance music of the late 1920s and early '30s.

**June 15**

**IRISH BREAKFAST BAND**  
Music and dance in the Irish tradition featuring fiddles and flutes, piano and hammered dulcimer, cello, guitar, vocals, mandolins, banjo, bouzouki, bass, bones and bodhran (Irish drum).

**\* June 22**

**S' WONDERFUL**  
This band, which takes its name from a popular George Gershwin song, plays swing and big-band numbers from the 1930s and '40s.

**June 29**

**KINGS PARK CONCERT BAND**  
Light classics, traditional american music, international folk music and marches by a concert band with over 50 years of tradition.

**JULY**

**\* July 6**

**SKEIKS OF DIXIE**  
With vocalist Suzan Woodruff, this group presents classic dixieland tunes from the 1920's.

**July 13**

**FAIRFAX CITY CONCERT BAND**  
Celebrating its 30th season, the 90-member City of Fairfax Band, under the direction of Robert Pouliot, presents some of the finest musical styles varying from the great classical works to the jazz stylings of Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller and Sammy Nestico.

**\* July 20**

**FEDERAL FOCUS JAZZ BAND**  
This youth band sponsored by the Potomac River Jazz Club has won national acclaim for its

playing in the style of New Orleans and Chicago jazz greats.

**July 27**

**SWING SHIFT**  
Come to dance with this high energy 18-piece dance band presenting a variety of popular Big Band, jazz, and swing tunes from the golden age of music.

**AUGUST**

**\* August 3**

**SULTANS OF SWING**  
Get into the swing of things with this group that showcases the music of Lousi Prima.

**August 10**

**ANNANDALE ORCHESTRA**  
Music for Young People reflects many traditions from classics through pop, especially designed to appeal to young children.

**\* August 17**

**VILLAGE JAZZ BAND**  
This band from Gaithersburg boasts a two-cornet front line and plays in a style reminiscent of the San Francisco jazz of Lu Watters and Turk Murphy.

**August 24**

**SHIR DELITE**  
Take the finest klezmer musicians, add a knockout female vocalist, electronics, sax and brass, and you get SHIR (Hebrew for song) DELITE, a true pop klezmer band.

**\* August 31**

**HOTS JAZZ ORCHESTRA**  
This orchestra plays a vast collection of tunes from ragtime, hot dance, and swing eras. It has toured in France twice in recent years to popular acclaim.



**Bill Kirchen**

**▼ ROYAL LAKE ▼**

**JUNE**

**\* June 1**

**BIG BERTHA'S RHYTHM KINGS**  
Trombone and clarinet make up the front line of this five-piece Baltimore band that plays a wide variety of jazz and blues numbers with skill and enthusiasm

**June 8**

**BILL KIRCHEN & TOO MUCH FUN**  
All American music with country drawing on its origins in blues and bluegrass and enlivened with the Western Swing sounds from Texas and California honkeytonks.

**\* June 15**

**GREG HARRISON JAZZ BAND**  
An entertaining mix of Swing and Chicago style dixieland jazz.

**June 22**

**AMERICAN SONG**  
The ensemble draws inspiration from roots rock, vintage country, pop, gospel, R&B, and jazz. Its diverse repertoire includes familiar standards and new, compellingly arranged tunes with unique instrumentations.

**\* June 29**

**BROOKS TEGLE'S HOT JAZZ**  
This group plays small-band swing in the style of John Kirby and Louis Jordan.

**JULY**

**July 6**

**LITTLE BIT OF BLUES**  
These veteran blues men have brought their special style of folk and down home blues to festivals from Mississippi to Massachusetts.

**\* July 13**

**SUNSHINE JUG BAND**  
This truly "fun" band with unusual instrumentation plays in the style of the jug and washboard bands of the early years of the 20th century

**July 20**

**FAIRFAX SYMPHONY SUMMER BAND**  
Showcasing the talents of the county's very best young musicians.

**\* July 27**

**DIXIE POWER TRIO**  
This entertaining trio plays a varied

mixture of the music of New Orleans—traditional jazz, Cajun, Zydeco, even rock and roll.

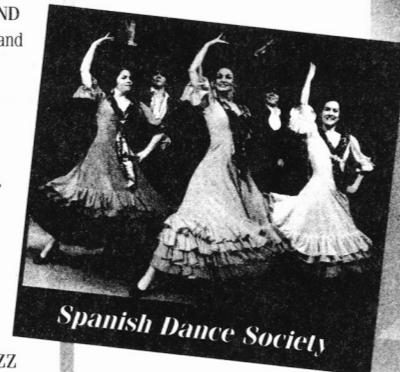
**AUGUST**

**August 3**

**SPANISH DANCE SOCIETY**  
Discover the romance and charm of Spain conveyed through music and dance.

**\* August 10**

**HOT TUB OF FRANCE**  
String musicians who play the style of jazz made famous by jango Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli at the Hot Club of France in Paris in the 1930s



**Spanish Dance Society**

**August 17**

**FAIRFAX SYMPHONY WOODWIND QUINTET**  
Explore your reactions to the "colors" of music in a variety of moods.

**\* August 24**

**BEALL STREET JAZZ BAND**  
A seven-piece band presenting the solid dixieland music of the kind heard in Chicago and New York in the 1920s and '30s.

**August 31**

**MOONLIGHTERS**  
Since 1990, the Moonlighters have been one of the best loved groups in the Washington metro area, specializing in the west coast 'jumb blues' and Chicago style of 1950s.

**\*JAZZ SERIES**

This 14-concert series, running from June 1 thru August 24 (altering from Royal Lake to Lake Accotink) is co-produced by The Potomac River Jazz Club. To Join PRJC call (703) 698-PRJC or [www.prjc.org](http://www.prjc.org)

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*“How many people are allowed to share a house?”*

*“Can my neighbor run a business out of his home?”*

*“Is it legal to park my commercial vehicle in front of my house or in my driveway?”*

My office is always glad to talk with you about these commonly asked questions. Additionally, information on zoning issues is now available on the County web page at [www.co.fairfax.va.us](http://www.co.fairfax.va.us). To access the **Zoning Ordinance** click on “Government”, then “Agencies and Departments”, then “Department of Planning and Zoning” and then “Zoning Ordinance.” For phone numbers and additional information click on “Zoning Administration Division.” For information or to file a complaint, call the Zoning Enforcement Branch at 703-324-1300, weekdays from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Or file complaints may be filed by e-mail at [zoningcomplaints@co.fairfax.va.us](mailto:zoningcomplaints@co.fairfax.va.us).

Soon our Zoning Administration Division will be able to take zoning complaints on line through the County web page.

### YOUR SIDEWALKS & STREETS

The following communities have been approved by the State Department of Transportation (VDOT) for new sidewalks, curbs and gutters: **Chestnut Hills, Burke Estates, Signal Hill, Rutherford, Southport, Kings Park, and Fox Lair**. Work will begin this spring and continue until early winter. Please let VDOT know of sprinkler systems, electric fences, and other devices buried next to your sidewalk so they will know to use caution. VDOT also plans to repave the following streets: **Woodland Village, North Springfield, Oak Hill, and Dunleigh**.

### Need a Ride?

Fairfax County offers citizens a ride-matching service called **RideSources**. A regional database matches commuters (by origin, destination and work schedules) wishing to form carpools and vanpools. This free service is especially helpful for commuters wishing to use the HOV lanes. Commuters also may use one of the 40 Park & Ride lots in the County where parking is free and commuters can pick up carpool or vanpool members. To join the RideSources database or for more information about HOV lanes, Park & Ride locations or the Guaranteed Ride Home Program call 703-324-1111.

### DID YOU KNOW? The Cox Cable Franchise is not exclusive!

Recently, the Board adopted a **new communications ordinance** specifically developed to promote competition. One interested contender is **Starpower**. Although a recent dip in the capital lending market has slowed activity in the cable industry, Fairfax stands ready to make competition available. **In the meantime... Cox is replacing their old dual-cable system** with a new single system that may be attached directly to a “cable-ready” TV or VCR. A converter box will only be required for pay services (e.g. HBO or Pay-for-View) or digital tier services. **Projected completion date for the rebuild is June 2002**. My office has heard from subscribers who’ve had difficulty reaching Cox’s **Customer Service Center**. Since July the County has fined Cox several times for failing to meet its customer service obligations. Cox has made some changes and hopefully you’ve noticed an improvement. Please contact my office or the County Dept. of Telecommunications (703) 324-8484 with questions or complains.

### SENIORS ON THE GO!



### FASTRAN DIAL-A-RIDE

The Fastran Dial-a-Ride Program provides para-transit door-to-door bus rides between 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. to citizens who meet the program criteria. Braddock District residents in the 22151 zip code can be part of a new pilot program that expands the hours of this service from 8:00 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. for citizens over 65 who live and travel within the pilot program boundaries. Unlike the regular Dial-a-Ride program there are no trip purpose restrictions on this service. For more info call 703-222-9764.

### TAXICAB PILOT PROGRAM

This new program offers discounted taxicab rides to seniors over 65 who reside in the pilot area (Braddock District zipcodes 22003, 22030, 22031, 22032 and 22151). Qualifying seniors may purchase coupon books for \$30.00 worth of cab rides for \$10.00 (or a total of up to \$480 worth of coupons per year). The County subsidizes the remainder of the cost. This program uses all taxicab companies licensed in Fairfax County and has no restrictions on the day, time or destination. For more information on this program or to register call 703-324-1172.

## YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## R.S.V.P.

- **Make a Living. Make a Difference.** Interested in being a **Child Care Provider**? The Fairfax County Department of Family Services needs your help to respond to child care shortages in the County.

For more information about applying for a permit to care for up to five children in your home, call Gail Bjorklund at (703) 449-9555



- **The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Motorola and The Wireless Foundation** need your old cellular phones as part of the Donate-A-Phone program. Your help is instrumental in the fight against domestic violence. For more information visit [www.donateaphone.com](http://www.donateaphone.com)

- **The Fairfax Area Agency on Aging** needs volunteers to help with the following programs. If interested call the Volunteer Intake Program Hotline at 703-324-5406:

- ✓ **The Volunteer Home Services for Seniors Program** needs volunteers to be on call to provide a variety of services including: transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping, yard work, light housekeeping, and other tasks that will help a senior remain independent.
- ✓ **Volunteer Guardian/Conservators** are needed for older clients who have been determined by the court to be incapable of handling financial/personal matters. Training and support are provided.

- **The Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program** needs applicants for volunteer Ombudsman who are empathetic, diplomatic, good communicators, and who enjoy meeting people. An ombudsman empowers residents of long-term care facilities to speak up on their own behalf, and helps them with problems within the facility that they cannot resolve alone. Call Nancy Cavicke at (703) 324-5435 for more information.
- **The Fairfax Mentoring Partnership Program** is looking for individuals who would like to become a mentor. This is an opportunity to play a significant role in a child's life. For more information, call Tania Hindert at (703) 246-3895

**The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)** matches persons 55+ who want to volunteer with non-profits. Schools, libraries, police departments, courts, symphonies and museums all benefit from the expertise and dedication of RSVP members. Fairfax County's RSVP includes three special programs: **Elementary School Tutoring**; **The Grandfathers Group**, a mentoring program that matches senior African American men with fatherless boys 6-10 years old; and **The Northern Virginia Senior Environment Corps**, a group that provides volunteer assistance to address environmental challenges.

There is no charge to join and benefits include:

personalized volunteer placement, quarterly newsletter, supplemental liability insurance while volunteering, monthly trips and an annual recognition luncheon. To volunteer or for more information, please either call 703-549-1607 or e-mail [rsvpcamp@aol.com](mailto:rsvpcamp@aol.com)



### Braddock District Tree Planting Project

In March, the Braddock District Tree Planting Project expanded into two new medians. Ornamental grasses and 15 hardy Amur maples have been planted in the formerly bleak and barren **Braddock Rd.** median between North Hill Dr. and Shadow Valley Dr. Nearly half of the families in North Hill enthusiastically responded to a Beautification Committee formed within the community, spearheaded by North Hill Garden Club leaders. The community more than matched funds contributed to the project by the Braddock District Tree Planting Project. Committee members are reaching out to nearby Brecon Ridge to continue the planting scheme.

In the median of **Rolling Rd.** between Grigsby Rd. and Forrester Blvd. near West Springfield High School, seven Yochino cherry trees have been planted. These are the first in an ambitious scheme to adorn Rolling Rd. from Braddock to Keene Mill Rd. In the fall look for the addition of purple plum, chanteleer pear, honey locust and Kwanzan cherry. For information about volunteering or to contribute contact **Volunteer Coordinator Extraordinaire John Fee**, 703-278-8200 or [jtfee@aol.com](mailto:jtfee@aol.com)

**YOURS FOR THE ASKING**

(Contact my office for the following brochures)

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Fall, 2001

Braddock District has grown. On June 11<sup>th</sup> the Board of Supervisors adopted a **Reapportionment Plan** that equalized the populations in each of the County's nine districts. This process follows the ten-year census and is required by federal law. Before re-districting, Braddock District was the smallest, with a population of 90,705. Sully District was the largest at 146,196. To assist in the process, the Board appointed a Citizen Task Force to provide options for us to consider. Aably representing Braddock District in this effort was Annandale resident *Tom Stanners*. At the conclusion of the process, Braddock grew by 15,008 people – former residents of Springfield District in precincts: Burke Centre, Cardinal, Keene Mill, and Terra Centre. I would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome these newest Braddock constituents. My staff and I look forward to serving you. I would also like to thank *Tom Stanners* for his excellent work on the Citizen's Committee and Country Club View resident *John Shivik* for representing Braddock on the Census Committee.

During the first week in October our Braddock District office will move from our current Annandale location to a new wing of the Kings Park Library on Burke Lake Road. We are very excited about our new location. It will be a much more central, easy-to-find local government seat. Our current "roommates" at the Chapel Square Center School Administrative Center, are eagerly awaiting the much needed space our move will provide. They have been good neighbors and we will miss them. I hope you'll join my staff and me on **October 24<sup>th</sup>, from 11 A.M. until 1 P.M.** for an **Office-Warming and Time Capsule-Installation Ceremony**. Refreshments will be served! Attendees will be invited to add their names to a "**Signature Plaque**" listing participants in the festivities. The plaque will be placed on the cornerstone of the new wing. Items to be installed in the time capsule (to be opened in 50 years) include: photos of area neighborhoods and people, items from our local schools, community newsletters, coins, stamps and more. Special thanks to *Dan Cragg*, *Bernice Colvard*, *Bernadine Kreider* and *Joanne Swick* for their work on the Time Capsule project.

This fall and winter, the Board of Supervisors will be conducting a systematic review of County activities. The process is called **ICAPS (Inventory, of County Activities, Programs and Services.)** It is similar to the process the Board undertook during our "Doomsday" budget of FY1997 (calendar year '96), as we struggled to recover from the recession earlier in the decade. That process (called "LOB's" – *Lines of Business*) resulted in a paring down of County programs and services. During these uncertain economic times, and outside of the immediate budget adoption timeframe, ICAPS will provide a deliberate, dispassionate opportunity for board members to examine County services for cost-effectiveness, efficiency, consolidation, or possible elimination. ICAP Workshops will begin in mid-September and conclude in time for the County Executive to release his recommended budget in late February 2002. For information about the County budget, contact my office at 703-425-9300 and ask for a copy of the *Citizen's Guide To The Budget*. The *Citizen's Guide* and more detailed budget information can be found at the library, and on the County's web site at: <http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/government/budget.htm>

See inside for more information about the many activities planned for this fall and winter, including a **Town Meeting for Braddock Seniors on February 6<sup>th</sup>**. I look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,  


## ROADWORKS UPDATE

**Roberts Rd. Flyover** - Construct overpass over the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks (State Project) Along with the overpass, the project includes 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 are being corrected with a single access point controlled by a traffic signal. North of the tracks, there will be dual right turn lanes onto NE bound New Guinea Road with a traffic signal at Roberts and New Guinea Roads. VDOT is widening New Guinea Road adjacent to Colony Park as a part of this project.

Two lanes of the bridge opened last fall with a temporary signal at the VRE entrance. When the project is complete, the traffic signal located at the old traffic circle will be eliminated and Old Guinea Road will dead-end north of the tracks. Burke Commons Dr. will again be open to Roberts Parkway.

**Bridge construction will be completed by late September**, not July, as originally expected. Delays were caused by problem soils on the slope next to the VRE station and a change in the project to include a traffic signal at Guinea Rd. and Colony View Dr. Once right of way issues are resolved, the signal will be installed. **Completion of the widening of Guinea Rd. from the pool to Roberts Rd. has been delayed to late October.**

**I hope you will join me on Saturday, October 20, 2:00 P.M. for the bridge dedication.** At this ceremony, a plaque will be unveiled listing the names of individuals in the community who participated in the unique design of the bridge.

As part of the project, VDOT is building a **rain garden** for wetlands mitigation. The rain garden is located opposite the Target store and on the other side of the tracks from the VRE station (where the little farmhouse was located). Approximately 400 small trees and marsh grasses will be planted on the site including Marsh Hibiscus, Tear Thumbs, Sycamores, Ironwoods, American Elms, Tag Elders, Green Ash, Black Gums and Pin Oaks.

**Guinea Rd.** – From the Colony Park Pool (former traffic circle) to Pommeroy Dr. (State Project - 1.5 miles) Widen from two to four lanes. Funding available for design, land acquisition, and partial

construction in State's Six-Year Plan. Preliminary design to start in 2002 with a citizen information meeting anticipated in the spring/summer of 2002. Construction advertisement is scheduled for 2005.

**Guinea Rd. - Braddock Rd. to Braeburn Dr. (State Project - 1.6 miles)** Widen from two to four lanes. Design funding included in State's Six-Year Plan. As a result of funding and other priorities, this project is ***not anticipated to become active until 2006***, with a tentative construction year of 2010.

**Burke Centre Parkway** - From Marshall Pond Rd. to Burke Lake Rd. (County/State Project - 0.87 mile) This project to widen from two to four lanes is under construction and is expected to be completed this fall.

**Burke Lake Rd.** – From Fairfax County Parkway to Burke Centre Parkway (State Project – 1 miles) Widen from two lanes to four lanes. Land acquisition will begin in fall 2001. Bid advertisement in fall 2003. Construction to begin in spring 2004. VDOT expects the project to take approximately eighteen months to complete.

**Wakefield Chapel Rd. at Rt. 236 (Little River Turnpike)** (County Project) Construct a right turn lane on northbound Wakefield Chapel Road approaching eastbound Rt. 236. Also, create a second left turn lane from northbound Wakefield Chapel Rd. for traffic turning onto westbound Rt. 236. This project will be under construction this fall.

**Shirley Gate Rd., Extended** - From Braddock Rd. to the Fairfax County Parkway (State Project - 0.9 mile) This project will extend Shirley Gate Road from Braddock Road to the Fairfax County Parkway. Project is in the State's Six-Year Plan but is ***inactive*** as a result of funding and other priorities in the program. The project is not anticipated to become active until 2004. Construction advertisement is tentatively scheduled for 2008.

**Rt. 236 (Little River Turnpike)** - Pickett Rd. to Lake Blvd. at entrance to NVCC (State project - 2 miles) Widen from four to six lanes. Public Information meeting was held Nov 15<sup>th</sup>. A Citizens' Task Force has been involved with planning. The next Task Force meeting will be on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 7 P.M. Construction could begin in 2003.

## MAJOR PROJECTS & STUDIES

### I-95/I-495 Capital Beltway Widening - (State Study)

Major study of the Capital Beltway in Virginia from the Woodrow Wilson Bridge to the American Legion Bridge was completed in 1997. This fall, the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be completed and public hearings held. For information go to [www.vdot.state.va.us/proj/nova/beltwayx.html](http://www.vdot.state.va.us/proj/nova/beltwayx.html)

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 future six lanes). Land acquisition is near completion and utility relocations are ongoing. Construction of the northern segment (Burke Lake Rd. to Lee Chapel Rd.) is anticipated to begin in late 2001/early 2002

### "SPOT" IMPROVEMENTS

Braddock Rd. at Rt. 123 (Ox Rd.) (County/State Project) Lengthen the existing EB Braddock Road right turn lane to SB Ox Road. Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2001/early 2002.

Braddock Rd. at Rt. 123 (Ox Rd.) (County Project) Extend existing WB Braddock Road right turn lane to NB Ox Road. Construction is estimated to begin in late 2001/ early 2002.

Fairfax County Parkway at Roberts Road (County Project) Extend the SB left turn lane on the Fairfax County Parkway to NB Roberts Road. The project is under construction and will be completed in September.

Rolling Rd. at Old Keene Mill Rd. (State Project) A second left turn lane from SB Rolling Road to EB Old Keene Mill Road will be constructed to improve intersection operations. Construction is underway.

### FREE Bus Fares

Try transit instead of driving through the Springfield Mixing Bowl!

The following bus routes will be *free* through June 2002:

Metrobus 18 R/S (serving Burke Centre and Rolling Valley Park and Ride). FAIRFAX CONNECTOR 110 (serving Rolling Valley Park and Ride, Forrester Blvd., Carrleigh Pkwy. and Greeley Blvd Wednesday from 6-9:30 A. M. at the Franconia- Springfield Metrorail Station.

## IN THE PIPELINE....

### • Capital Construction Projects:

**Burke Centre Library** to be located at the northeast corner of Freds Oak/Fairfax County Parkway. The County has a signed contract and anticipates going to settlement in early fall. Funding is identified for land acquisition. Construction would be funded through a 2004 Library Bond Referendum.

**Little River Glen II, Phase One** is a planned 60 bed assisted living facility for seniors and an adult day care facility located on Olley Lane in Fairfax. The County, in partnership with INOVA/Sunrise, qualified for state tax credits this summer. A key piece of financing is now in place. Over the next few months, the financial package should be completed and forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Construction could commence next year.

### • Commercial Construction Projects:

**Kohl's Department Store** - To be located at the old Hechinger's site on Burke Centre Parkway. The site plan is under review by County staff and the Burke Centre Conservancy Architectural Committee has approved the architectural façade. Construction should commence in March 2002. Opening day is planned for October 11, 2002.

**Kings Park Shopping Center** - Development is scheduled to begin next year. In January 2002, the Cricket Box will close for a few weeks to relocate within the shopping center. Hunan West Restaurant will follow sometime after that. By April 2002, the three freestanding pads should be demolished and construction should begin on the new McDonalds building. McDonalds hopes to have their new facility open by August 2002. The remaining renovations will occur sometime afterwards.

**Heritage Center** - Construction of a new ten-story office building with underground parking is underway. The old service station located at the corner of the Route 236/ Heritage/Americana Drive intersection will be removed and a plaza will replace it. Benches, acorn lighting and brick paving will enhance the office building and serve as an attractive gateway to the Annandale Central Business District Revitalization area.

## SCAMS, FLIM FLAMS & WORTHY CAUSES



Recently I received a call from a solicitor collecting money for "our Reserve Police Officers." He described what a worthy cause his organization was. I suggested he put something in the mail to me. When it arrived, I called our Fairfax County

Police Chief to find out if he was familiar with the organization and if Fairfax County police benefited from their fundraising. I learned that, while the organization *may* be legitimate, they work out of the southwestern part of the United States. We don't *have* Reserve Police and our officers don't receive money from these folks. I received a similar call from an organization that claimed to provide "counseling for disabled police officers." They turned out to have an office in Richmond, and do not provide services to Fairfax County police officers.

Chief Manger went on to explain that there are many organizations that identify themselves as advocates for police officers. Many do good work but also may not provide any direct benefit to Fairfax County police officers. *If you receive a request for contributions, find out about the organization before you contribute.* Legitimate organizations do not mind answering questions and will be able to provide verification of how the money is used.

The organizations in Fairfax County that most directly serve our officers are **HEROES Inc.** 666 Eleventh Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20001; **Fairfax County Police Association**, 5625 Revercomb Ct., Fairfax, VA 22030; **Fairfax County Black Law Enforcement Officers Association**, P.O. Box 188, Fairfax, VA 22030; and the **Fairfax Coalition of Police Local 5000**, 4012 Williamsburg Ct. Fairfax, VA 22032. The Police Department also supports the Special Olympics and undertakes several fund-raising efforts each year on their behalf.

### DON'T BE AN EASY TARGET!

County residents, especially the elderly, should beware of unscrupulous scam artists who will try to separate you from your money. One method of theft is **itinerant contractors** who travel door to door selling home improvements. Important tips for selecting a contractor include:

- Check to be sure that the contractor you hire has the required state or local contractor's license. Contact the County Department of

Environmental Management, Licensing Section, 703-324-1540 and the VA. Depart. of Professional and Occupational Regulation, Licensing Section 804-367-8511.

- Check the contractor's complaint record with Consumer Protection Division, 703-222-8435.
- Obtain references from several past customers.
- Insist on a written fixed price contract with the name and address of the contractor, license number, terms of payments, start and completion dates and warranty limitations.
- Check the need for a building permit. The *contractor* must obtain the permit in *his* name so the contractor, not the homeowner, is liable for any building code violations.
- Carefully read and be sure you agree with all contract terms before signing.
- Get written estimates from several firms. Specify the work you want done and the materials to be used.

### TO AVOID CONSUMER FRAUD

1. **BEWARE** of any program that seems to offer something for nothing. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
2. **BEWARE** of free prizes that require a credit card number or your social security number for verification. **NEVER GIVE YOUR CREDIT CARD NUMBER OR YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OUT OVER THE PHONE** unless YOU initiate the call.
3. Do not give out any information about yourself. Ask the questions. Do not answer any of the telemarketer's inquiries.
4. Do not buy by phone from unfamiliar companies.
5. Always take time when making a decision. Give yourself at least 24 hours to think it over.
6. Do not get taken in by high-pressure sales tactics that urge you to act immediately.
7. Ask for information in writing.
8. Do not fill out mail order solicitations.
9. Talk to a trusted friend, relative or financial advisor before committing your money.
10. Never respond to any offer that you do not thoroughly understand.
11. If door-to-door salespeople approach your home, do not let them inside. If you let them inside and they will not leave, then call the police or leave. Do not be afraid to say no.
12. If you suspect that you or someone you know has been the victim of a consumer scam, immediately contact Fairfax County Police at 703 691-2131.

## ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>



This year there are state elections for Governor, Lt. Governor and Attorney General as well as all members of the Virginia House of Delegates. In addition there will be two Commonwealth of Virginia Constitutional Amendments and a Fairfax County School Bond Referendum on the ballot.

- **Post-conviction claims of actual innocence** amendment provides that the Supreme Court may hear, as part of its original jurisdiction, claims of actual innocence presented by convicted felons in the cases and manner provided by the General Assembly.
- **Property tax exemptions** amendment allows *local governing bodies* to grant tax exemptions for property used for charitable and certain other purposes by local ordinance subject to restrictions and conditions prescribed by the General Assembly. The present Constitution allows the *General Assembly* to exempt property by classification or by designation by a 3/4 vote in each house.

### 2001 Fairfax County School Bond Referendum

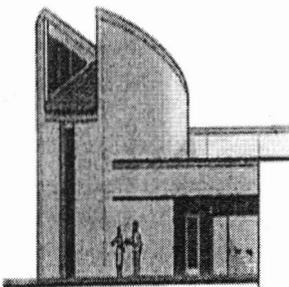
This \$377,955,000 Bond Referendum is especially important to residents of the Braddock District because one-fourth of the funding is allocated to schools in our district.

- **Annandale High School** would receive \$11.5 million to complete necessary renovations.
- **Lake Braddock High & Secondary School** would have \$72.5 million for renovations including a middle school renovation with a 12-room addition.
- **Woodson High School** would have \$1 million for planning of renovations.
- **Annandale Terrace Elementary School** would receive \$1.225 million for several modular rooms.
- **Laurel Ridge Elementary School** would have \$10.8 million for renovations.

For more information about the School Bond Referendum, please call Ellen Oppenheim, Braddock District School Bond Representative, at 703-764-2730.

The last day to register to vote is October 8, 2001. We have **Absentee Ballot applications**. The deadline for applying by mail to vote absentee is November 1 and the last day to vote absentee in person is November 3. For the latest election information, go to [www.co.fairfax.va.us/eb](http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/eb) or call 703-222-0776.

## New Braddock District Meeting Hall



Rising at a jaunty angle over the new Braddock District Office is the roof of a new Community Meeting Hall. Slanted to shed rain and snow, it is a unique and interesting feature. The rounded configuration of the hall is designed to encourage group participation. The room has a capacity for 83 people, but seats approximately 60 comfortably. Chairs, several generous tables and a podium will outfit the room. It is fully accessible, as are the rest room facilities. This new community meeting room is available at no cost to community groups. You can book the room by calling Ronni McCrohan at 703-425-9300. County engineers warn us not to count your chickens before they've hatched so we're waiting until after we've moved in to begin booking the room. **Please note our new Braddock District address as of the first week in October: Braddock District Supervisor Office, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015-1683.** Our phone number, 703-425-9300, will not change.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARKS?

**Lake Accotink Park** – If you haven't visited Lake Accotink Park this year, you have just enough time to see its new look while the weather's still warm. The marina area renovation is finished, and what a difference! Check out the canopy over our historic carousel and the new mini-golf course surrounding it. Planning is underway for the upcoming major dredging of the lake. Public meetings will be held this fall to discuss impacts and options. The first is on Tuesday, September 25, 7:30 PM at Ravensworth Elementary School.

**Wakefield Park** -- Renovation is complete at two courts in the tennis complex. Two more will be finished soon. Inside the recreation center, renovation has begun on the pool and locker rooms. The locker rooms will be reconfigured for privacy, flow and aesthetics, with new tile and fixtures throughout. A new feature will be a set of steps into the deep end of the pool, providing improved access for those who have difficulty using traditional pool ladders. Design work is in progress on the eagerly awaited **skateboard park** next to the recreation center, with construction expected in 2002.



Wakefield was Fairfax County's first RECenter; watch for news about next spring's **25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration**, featuring its renaming as the **Audrey C. Moore RECenter at Wakefield Park.**

**Long Branch Stream Valley Trail** – The extension of this popular stonedust trail from its current terminus at Candace Lane along the stream valley to end at Olley Lane is in design, with construction expected in 2002. A study has been undertaken to evaluate alternatives for the crossing at Woodland Way, with results expected soon.

In response to a request by area residents and civic associations a **new playground** will be built next spring at **Canterbury Woods Park** on Wakefield Chapel Road, in the grassy area behind the multi-purpose court.

**Athletic fields** – The irrigation project for the diamond fields at Ossian Hall Park should be completed this fall. Design of the planned two new diamond fields at Wakefield Park is expected to begin this winter.

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- WASHINGTON GAS ENERGY INSIGHTS**

## YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- **School Crossing Guards** are needed to assist children in the morning and afternoon. This is an opportunity to be part of the community and earn a little extra money. For information call Nancy Seigel at 703-644-7377.
- **Election Officers** are needed to staff the additional polling places created as the result of 14 new precincts added through redistricting. The Fairfax County Electoral Board needs to fill 2,500 positions before the November election. Call 703 324-4735 for more information.
- **INOVA Fairfax Hospital** wants you. Stay healthy and active by volunteering 3 or 4 hours, one day a week at Fairfax Hospital. Volunteers are needed for assistance with patients, family & surgical waiting rooms, children's services, reception areas, gift and consignment shop services. Contact Volunteer Services at 703-698-3447 or go to [www.inova.org](http://www.inova.org).
- **Fairfax Cares** is a group of citizens, businesses, government and religious representatives that have come together in a year-long effort to promote awareness of the results of the *Communities That Care Youth Survey* and expand the "assets" available to at-risk youth in Fairfax County. They need people willing to sponsor an event either in their home or at gatherings such as scout meetings, team meetings or church social functions. At the events teens and families are encouraged to exchange views on the CTC Youth Survey and discuss issues associated with our hectic daily lives. Materials (a video, pamphlets and speakers) can be made available. To host an event, please call Joanne Swick at 703 425-9300.
- **CrossLink International, Ltd.** is a local non-profit organization that provides free humanitarian aid in the form of *medical resources* to people in need through mission hospitals, free clinics and aid organizations throughout the world. To donate or volunteer call 703-534-5465.



## VolunteerFest® 2001 A program of Volunteer Fairfax

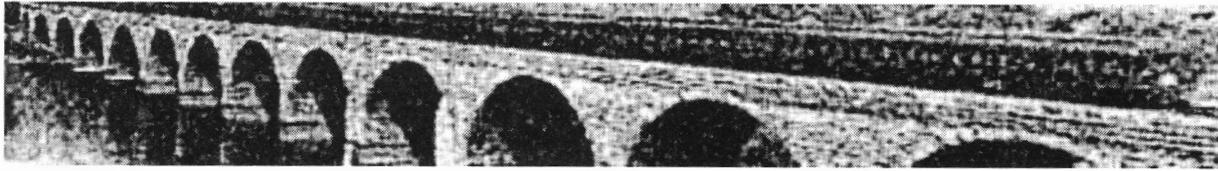
- Who:** Volunteer Fairfax promotes volunteerism through a network of over 650 nonprofit agencies by mobilizing people and resources to better our community.
- What:** VolunteerFest® Day is a community-wide day of service. In partnership with the **Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development**, VolunteerFest® 2001 will focus on the need for affordable housing. Hands-on projects at senior and public housing facilities may include painting, home maintenance and repair and landscaping. Volunteers are encouraged to coordinate neighborhood clean-ups and activities.

Businesses, families and individuals, civic organizations, faith communities, scout troops, school groups- **everyone** is invited to participate. Be a team captain for your office, group or family!

**Special announcement:** There will be a Community Housing Fair at the Fairfax County Government Center on VolunteerFest® Day. Builders, lenders, nonprofit organizations and those associated with housing in our community will be on hand to answer questions and provide information to first-time homebuyers and renters.

- When:** **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2001**  
From 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
- Where:** Projects are located throughout Fairfax County. Volunteers check-in at project sites
- How:** Mark your calendar for October 27<sup>th</sup>.  
To receive a registration form:  
Visit the Volunteer Fairfax web site ([www.volunteerfairfax.org](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org))  
Call the center at 703-246-3460  
Email Sara Braaf at [sbraaf@patriot.net](mailto:sbraaf@patriot.net)

# *Upcoming Events!*



## **New Braddock Office Open House**

*October 24<sup>th</sup>, 11 A.M. – 1 P.M.  
9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke*

## **Roberts Overpass Dedication**

*October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 P.M.  
Roberts Road Overpass, Burke*

## **Winter Town Meeting for Braddock Elders**

*February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 P.M.  
Little River Glen, Olley Lane, Fairfax  
“Memory & Mental Acuity”*

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