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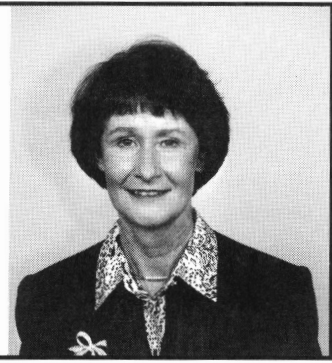
BRADDOCK BYLINE

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Spring, 2002

Reflecting over the past months, I'm tempted to quote from a popular novel, *It was the best of times. It was the worst of times.* But it wasn't really the *worst* of times – just difficult.

The best? In January, Fairfax County was one of just two Counties in the U.S. to receive the highest grade (A-) awarded by *Governing Magazine* for **"best-managed jurisdiction in America."** The team evaluating Fairfax County reported, "The handling of money and capital projects is outstanding, and Fairfax County is a national leader in the advanced use of technology for the benefit of citizens."



The worst? Actually, especially difficult is a better term. In February, the County Executive released his recommended budget, setting off a sometimes heated debate about the **County's FY 2003 spending plan.** The issues:

- In response to September 11th, a national recession, and a slowdown in the County's high tech industries, a reduction in non-real estate revenues.
- A hot real estate market and steeply rising residential assessments.
- A deepening erosion of funding from the State and Federal governments.
- Growth in the School population and negative changes in the State's school funding formula.

The budget discussions reached a crescendo in late April as the Board of Supervisors began the work of "marking up" the County Executive's budget. I think the budget adopted on April 29th strikes a balance that addresses the competing components of this year's budget challenge.

With budget off the front burner, thoughts turn to spring and summer. **Braddock Nights summer night concerts** at both Royal Lake and Lake Accotink Parks will begin in June. **Burke Centre** will hold its **25th Anniversary and Festival Celebration on September 14th and 15th.** Picking up on the summer concert theme of Braddock Nights, festival organizers are also working with officials from the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) to host concerts this summer at the Burke Centre VRE Station, off Roberts Parkway. Concerts will probably take place in July and/or August – in conjunction with the **10th year Anniversary Celebration for the VRE.**

Lastly, my office is busily planning our **Spring 2002 Town Meeting** at our wonderful new **Braddock District Office** adjacent to the Kings Park Library. The topic for the Town Meeting will be **Clean Air.** It has been almost nine years since I hosted a Town Meeting on this subject. The Clean Air Act Amendment had recently been passed. State and local governments were grappling with the challenge of meeting new federal standards to clean the air in our region. What has happened as a result? What still must be done? And how can you help? I hope you'll join us on **Wednesday, June 19th, 7:30 PM** for what should be an interesting and important discussion.

Sincerely,

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

ROADWORKS UPDATE - State Transportation Funding Situation

The budget crisis in Richmond will have a profound effect on transportation construction throughout the state. To balance the state budget, over \$650 million dedicated to the statewide transportation program was diverted to the state general fund. Additionally, money for road construction was shifted to maintenance so that existing road infrastructure won't deteriorate. With lower than expected revenues and higher project costs, VDOT's program is in serious financial trouble. We don't yet know the full impact on projects in Fairfax County, but it's safe to say it will be very severe. VDOT recently announced that Fairfax County's Secondary Road allocation will be reduced by 42% in FY 2003 and over 35% in the next six years. Here in Braddock, many of our priority projects have been completed. They are: Roberts Rd. Flyover, Burke Centre Parkway widening, as well as turn lanes at Wakefield Chapel Rd/Rt. 236 (Little River Turnpike) and at Rolling Rd/Old Keene Mill Rd

Various projects in line for funding will be delayed or removed entirely from the funding queue due to the State funding situation. Among these are:

Rt. 236 (Little River Turnpike) Spot Capacity and Safety Improvements - Pickett Rd. to Lake Blvd. at entrance to NVCC (State project - 2 miles) Prior to funding cuts, this project was expected to start in 2003; this date is now uncertain. While Rt. 236 is planned ultimately to be widened from 4 to 6 lanes, this project will provide spot capacity and safety improvements in the corridor. A citizens' task force has been closely involved in the design of this project. While full funding may not be available, portions of the project may move forward using regional funds from previous years. Look for an update in my fall newsletter.

Burke Lake Rd. - Widen from 2 to 4 Lanes from Fairfax County Parkway to Burke Centre Parkway (State Project - 1 miles) Design is completed and the project is now in land acquisition. It's likely that this project will be delayed due to the VDOT funding crisis. However, once funding does become available again, this project will probably move forward given its stage of development.

Rt. 123 (Ox Rd.) - Widen to 4 and 6 lanes from Burke Lake Rd. to the Occoquan River (State project - 7 miles) Construction of the northern segment (Burke Lake Rd. to Lee Chapel Rd.) began in December and is underway. The second segment from Lee Chapel Road to Davis Dr. is expected to begin construction this summer. Funding for advertisement of the remaining two segments from Davis Dr. into Prince William County, including the bridge over the Occoquan River, is uncertain.

The following three projects will remain on the County's Transportation Plan but will not be in line for funding in the foreseeable future:

- **Shirley Gate Rd., Extended** - Construct 4 Lanes on New Alignment from Braddock Rd. to the Fairfax County Parkway (State Project - 0.9 mile)
- **Guinea Rd.** - Widen from 2 to 4 Lanes from the Colony Park Pool (former traffic circle) to Pommeroy Dr. (State Project - 1.5 miles)
- **Guinea Rd.** - Widen from 2 to 4 Lanes from Braddock Rd. to Braeburn Dr. (State Project - 1.6 miles)

Little Buck Big Bang "SPOT" IMPROVEMENTS

Braddock Rd. at Rt. 123 (Ox Rd.) (County/State Project)

Lengthen the eastbound Braddock Rd. right turn lane to southbound Ox Road. County has committed full funding for this project. *VDOT anticipates beginning construction in early 2003.*

Braddock Rd. at Rt. 123 (Ox Rd.) (County Project)

Extend westbound Braddock Rd. right turn lane to northbound Ox Road. This project funded as part the FY 2003 Budget process. *County expects to begin construction in mid-2002.*

Fairfax County Parkway at Burke Lake Road

(County/State Project) This project will lengthen the southbound Parkway left turn lane onto Burke Lake Road, providing additional storage for left turning vehicles. Project is fully funded by County, but construction will be done by VDOT starting in late 2002.

Roberts Rd. at Burke Centre Parkway. (State Project)

Construct a right turn lane on northbound Roberts Road approaching Burke Centre Parkway. The State is funding and constructing this project. *Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2002.*



A budget is not just about numbers. It tells the story of what's going on in a community, its challenges, priorities and struggles. A review of this year's funding plan tells the story of Fairfax County's involvement in the September 11th terrorist attack on the Pentagon and our response to bio-terrorism. Our local economy has been impacted by a national recession and the slowdown of high tech industries. While the housing market is hot - average residential assessments up 16.3% - other sources of revenue (sales taxes, hotel taxes, interest on County investments, etc.) are *down* from last year. Usually real estate taxes make up about 50% of the revenue we use to provide County services - this year that figure is an ominous 57.4%. Our school system continues to experience growth in student population and strives to maintain world class excellence despite harmful State and Federal funding formulas, a \$42 million loss of revenue this year from the State, and the challenge of assimilating students arriving from other countries.

These difficult components of the FY 2003 budget challenge were the subject of three nights of public hearings and a sometimes heated community discussion via letters, e-mails, phone calls, rallies and town meetings. I believe the budget the Board of Supervisors adopted on April 29th can be summed up in the words of Dr. Seuss,

*Step with care and great tact
And remember that Life's a Great Balancing Act*

To amend the budget to reflect this community discussion, we tightened our belts on the General (non-School) County side of the budget. Over \$28 million in reductions were taken from the County Executive's recommended spending plan. Care was taken to maintain public safety readiness and to continue compassionate, yet cost-effective, human services programs. **The adopted budget increases General (non-School) County spending by just 2.1%, for a total of \$1.16 billion** (less than this year's rate of inflation).

We used \$23.2 million of these savings to reduce the Real Estate Tax Rate by two cents. The last time the real estate tax rate was reduced was twelve years ago. While this is not as much as some folks advocated, others urged us not to reduce the real estate tax rate at all. The two-cent reduction provides some relief to the impact of rising assessments. It does not, however, cut too deeply into services that we value and rely upon. The Board also adopted *Budget Guidelines* that call for a review of the County's fiscal situation this fall. If assessments continue to rise significantly, the Board will direct the County Executive to develop the FY 2004 budget incorporating a further tax rate reduction.

The adopted budget provides the Fairfax County Public Schools with a \$1.28 billion County "Transfer." The entire School budget, including State and Federal funds, totals about \$1.6 billion. **County Funding for School operation is a record 8.67% increase of \$93.6 million.** This is \$17.3 million more than the \$76 million increase provided in Mr. Griffin's budget. **The percentage of the County Budget going to the Schools is 52.5%, the highest percentage in 20 years.** Our actions do not "fully fund" the School's budget request. Education continues to be our *highest* priority, but it is not our *only* priority. It is now the School Board's turn to roll up *their* sleeves to amend their budget. School Budget Adoption is scheduled for May 20th.

Lastly, the FY 2003 adopted budget begins a multi-year program to increase eligibility for tax relief for elderly and disabled citizens who are struggling to remain in this fast-paced County. For more information about this program, contact my office at 703-425-9300 or go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta. The Fairfax County adopted budget is the result of the collective hard work of our ten-member Board. It is a compromise. Without everyone's unique perspectives and contributions to the process, the final product would not nearly reflect the *Balance* I believe the final plan strikes. Most importantly, it reflects the vigorous debate of a community that cares deeply about our County and is willing to speak up about its views.

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

www.co.fairfax.va.us/parks

SATURDAY, JUNE 1 NOON TO 4:00 P.M. AT LAKE ACCOTINK

Bonding of the Bands: Featuring multiple bands from Robinson and Lake Braddock High Schools performing original music to promote fun, safe and drug-free recreational activities and unity between the students of the two schools. Bonding of the Bands is a National Youth Services Day project sponsored by the Robinson and Lake Braddock Coalitions.

LAKE ACCOTINK PARK

7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield

JUNE 7, 2002

HOTS Jazz Orchestra

This 11-piece group plays "hot 'n' sweet" in the style popularized by the dance bands of the 1920s and '30s. Repertoire includes the big hits from the great bands — Morton, Whiteman, Goldkette, Molten, Henderson, Thornhill, Ellington, Dorsey and Miller. HOTS Jazz Orchestra rates "international favorite" status after touring France and New Zealand to popular acclaim.

JUNE 14, 2002

Falls Church Concert Band

An enormously popular community band that plays a wide selection of spirited music including marches, show tunes and seasonal favorites.

JUNE 21, 2002

Brooks Tegler Band

Long-time professional group playing swing era jazz a la Benny Goodman's band and combos, Artie Shaw's Gramercy Five, Gene Krupa, Duke Ellington, John Kirby and Louis Jordan.

JUNE 28, 2002

Fairfax City Concert Band

90-member City of Fairfax Band, under the direction of Robert Pouliot, presents the finest in musical styles ranging from the great classical works to the jazz stylings of Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller and Sammy Nestico.

JULY 5, 2002

Annandale Orchestra

Under the direction of Christopher Johnston, the Annandale Orchestra presents Music for Young People, reflecting traditions from classics through pop especially designed to appeal to the younger set.

JULY 12, 2002

Swing Shift

Families, couples and singles will love dancing to the exciting sounds of this favorite local swing band.

JULY 19, 2002

Fairfax Symphony's Summer Band

Showcasing the talents of the county's very best young musicians.

JULY 26, 2002

Pyrates Royale

This 2002 Whammie nominee is one of the Washington area's best folk and traditional groups. Music with a nautical flavor is the Pyrates' specialty.

AUGUST 2, 2002

National Concert Band

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

AUGUST 9, 2002

Night Music

Vintage rock 'n' roll and top 40 dance music from this fast-paced and popular band.

AUGUST 16, 2002

Oklahoma Twisters

Since 1995, this band has been delighting audiences at concerts and dances with a lively mix of Texas two-steps, swing, waltzes and polkas.

AUGUST 23, 2002

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).

AUGUST 30, 2002

Fairfax City Alte Kameraden German Band

A unit of the City of Fairfax Band and the first American band ever to be selected for membership in the MON, Germany's national band association. Performance includes the music of "dorfkapelle" village bands, in the traditional Bavarian, Bohmische, Eger, and Tirolean styles.

ROYAL LAKE PARK

5344 Gainsborough Drive, Springfield

JUNE 7, 2002

Sin Miedo

Sin Miedo will perform traditional Latin dance tunes — the salsa, cha-cha-cha and bolero — as well as original music from their new CD, La Clave.

JUNE 14, 2002

Mt. Vernon Orchestra

The Mt. Vernon Orchestra plays classical music, from the past and the present.

JUNE 21, 2002

Fairfax City Band-Swing Band

Take the 'A' train back in time to the golden age of the Big Band era.

JUNE 28, 2002

Bill Kirchen & Too Much Fun

All-American music with roots in blues, country, rock 'n' roll, bluegrass and western swing. Kirchen and his group have won numerous awards, including Roots Rock Album, Instrumentalist, Artist and Songwriter of the year.

JULY 5, 2002

American Song

The ensemble draws inspiration from roots rock, vintage country, pop, gospel, R 'n' B, and jazz. Its diverse repertoire includes familiar standards and new, compellingly arranged tunes with unique instrumentation.

JULY 12, 2002

Mystic Warriors

Traditional music from South America with special emphasis on the melodies and rhythms of Peru. The music is played on traditional instruments — samponas and quenás (bamboo flutes), guitars, drums and a small guitar-like instrument called charrangos.

JULY 19, 2002

Ship's Company

A jolly band of merrymakers performing acapella historical maritime music with generous additions of Celtic and tavern songs.

JULY 26, 2002

Just Jazz

The best of American Pops and jazz combine for this band's presentation of an evening of ragtime, Dixieland, swing, bebop and California "cool school".

AUGUST 2, 2002

The Deacons

The Deacons create a unique and varied blend of rock and roll, jump swing, Memphis and Texas blues, and New Orleans-style grooves.

AUGUST 9, 2002

Sin Fronteras

This Mariachi band performs the music and dances of Mexico.

AUGUST 16, 2002

The Grandsons

The Grandsons' musical style of Americana has roots in the sounds of Louisiana, classic country and early rock and roll.

AUGUST 23, 2002

The Alexandria Klezmer

Discover the excitement of klezmer music with these interesting arrangements of traditional and original compositions. Audiences will delight in the Eastern European standards and Yiddish folk songs plus selections from the group's debut CD, Y2 Klezmer.

AUGUST 30, 2002

Fairfax Symphony's String Quartet

Musical adventures based in 18th, 19th, and 20th century classics, with the string instruments adopting different roles in each selection, much like actors playing a variety of characters in drama.

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



Your corporate neighbors at Giant Food Inc. are proud to support the arts through our sponsorship of the Braddock Nights Summer Concerts. We hope you and your family enjoy the concert series!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARKS?

Coming Soon to Wakefield.... A Skate Park, Dude !



A skateboard park, the first for the Fairfax County Park system, will open within a year at Wakefield Park. Funded by the 1998 park bond referendum, the 25,000-square-foot facility replaces the existing shuffleboard and horseshoe courts. The skate park was first proposed by Braddock District high school students and skating enthusiasts who participated in the Wakefield Park Master Plan Update Task Force in 2000. Recently skaters, boarders and in-liners attended two workshops to discuss features to be included. Construction is scheduled to begin this fall. The skate park should be open by next spring.

Dredging Lake Accotink - Funded by the 1998 bond program, the dredging of Lake Accotink could begin as early as this winter, and no later than summer 2003. The hydraulic dredging design is in progress, along with negotiations for off-site disposal via a temporary pipeline along the railway corridor. The project should be completed by late 2003. A study was recently concluded to develop recommendations for a sustainable maintenance plan for ongoing silt removal. This will provide alternatives to major dredging every 12-15 years and save money in the long run. To be put on the mailing list for community meetings on the Accotink project, contact my office or the feedback form on the Park Authority's website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks.

CAMPUS CORNER



As part of its evolution from commuter college to university, **George Mason University** is creating more on-campus housing. A 500-bed residential facility is under construction on campus near Braddock Rd. It will have two and four bedroom apartments for upperclass and graduate students. It should be completed in fall 2003. A 500-space parking lot is being constructed next to it. Plans for a second 500-bed dorm building and a 200-space parking lot are underway. It's to open in fall 2004.

Northern Virginia Community College is creating a "greener" Plaza. The reconstruction project will eliminate all steps and result in a safer and more attractive campus plaza. Upgrades are also underway to improve lighting in the campus parking lots.

SCHOOL UPDATE



It's Not All About the Money!

As we work through the FY 03 Budget, I know there is frustration on the part of a great many people. While there will be some cuts, it's important to remember that amazing things are happening in our classrooms. They happen because of dedicated staff and students who try their best. Here are just a few examples:

The Concert Bands at Frost Middle School and Lake Braddock Secondary School have been named 2002 recipients of the highly coveted "**Sudler Silver Cup**" award by the John Philip Sousa Foundation, awarded to Middle School concert bands demonstrating extremely high standards of international level excellence over a period of several years. Only three schools from the U.S. and Canada were selected for this honor in 2002. The award ceremony and gala concerts will be held at:

- Frost - May 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the Ernst Cultural Center at NVCC
- Lake Braddock - June 10th at 7:30 p.m. at Lake Braddock Secondary School

Several weeks ago, I attended the opening of the **Fairmont Gardens Community Apartment**. The apartment, donated by the management company, will be used by **Annandale Terrace Elementary School** to tutor students where they live. Eventually, it will also host parenting classes, adult ESOL and computer classes. I would like to personally thank those in the community who came together to make this happen. To learn more about this project, please call Mrs. Mary Ann Ryan, principal, at Annandale Terrace Elementary School.

And congratulations to **Mr. George Juliano**, art and ceramics teacher of **Robinson Secondary**, for being named Fairfax County Public Schools' *Teacher of the Year* and winner of *The Washington Post* Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award. A veteran teacher of 34 years, Mr. Juliano is loved and respected by both the students and staff at Robinson. His ability to inspire and motivate his students is one of his great strengths.

Lastly, Sharon and I were at **Annandale High School** in February for the presentation of a check for \$84,000 to the American Red Cross for victims of the tragic events of September 11th. The money was raised through a national campaign of car washes started by the **Welch sisters**, students of Annandale High School.

Tessie Wilson, Braddock School Board Member

MAJOR PROJECTS AND STUDIES

I-95/395/495 Interchange Project - (State Project)

Work continues on schedule on this mega-interchange reconstruction project. The state has committed to a spring 2007 project completion. The Springfield Interchange Information Center is open at Springfield Mall. To see updated ramp closure and other information, visit the project website at www.springfieldinterchange.com.

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

The draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) of the Capital Beltway from the Springfield I-95/I-395/I-495 interchange to the American Legion Bridge has been completed, and public hearings are scheduled:

May 28, 2002

Hilton Springfield
6550 Loisdale Road
Springfield

May 29, 2002

Tysons Westpark Hotel
8401 Westpark Drive
McLean / Tysons Corner

May 30, 2002

Fairview Park Marriott
3111 Fairview Park Drive
Falls Church

Hearings will be held from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM each date. A formal presentation and public question and comment period will begin at 6:00 PM. Funding is not currently available beyond the study phase of this project. For more information go to www.vdot.state.va.us/proj/nova/beltwayx.html.

SPECIAL! FAIRFAX COUNTY LICENSE PLATE!

A new Virginia license plate commemorating Fairfax County's history is in danger of being cancelled if applications for the plate don't increase...and quickly! The new Fairfax County plate being offered by DMV features the county's coat of arms and the motto, "Home of the Bill of Rights." The fee for the special plate is \$25, in addition to the registration fee paid to DMV. During the initial application period, Fairfax County is collecting the applications and fees for DMV. That application period expires on June 30. If 350 pre-paid applications are not received by that time, DMV will discontinue the offering. To see the historic license plate and fill out an application form, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/today/plate.htm. Plates can be reserved by mailing the completed form and a check payable to the "County of Fairfax" to the Office of the County Executive, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 552, Fairfax, VA 22035. For additional information or to receive an application form by mail, please call (703) 324-3270.

YOUR SIDEWALKS AND STREETS

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has announced that it will be repaving some streets in the Ravensworth, Chestnut Hill and Kings Park communities this season. Work will begin in early June on the following streets:

- Pillow Lane from Queensbury Avenue to Ellet Road (Ravensworth)
- Nutting Drive from Drayton Lane to Gosport Lane (Ravensworth)
- St. Jerome Drive from The Midway to the end of the cul-de-sac (Chestnut Hill)
- The Midway from the dead end to the end of the cul-de-sac (Chestnut Hill)
- Yorkshire Street from Kenilworth Road to Southampton Drive (Kings Park)
- Avon Court from Kenilworth Road to the cul-de-sac (Kings Park)
- Parliament Drive from Southampton Drive to the cul-de-sac (Kings Park)

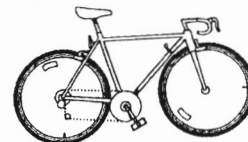
Route 123 (Ox Rd.) will be paved from University Dr. in Fairfax City to just north of Middlegate Dr. Work is expected to begin in early June. "No parking" notices will be posted on the affected streets three business days prior to the beginning of work.

Because of severe state budget constraints, VDOT is planning **NO** curb, gutter or sidewalk replacement projects in the Braddock District this season. Citizens with questions should call Colin Campbell in my office at (703) 425-9300.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Washington Area Bicycle Association (WABA) has a commuter mentor program. They will try to pair you with a mentor who can help find a safe route to work via bike. Their web page is www.waba.org, or call 202-628-2500.

Recently, the County's Non-Motorized Transportation Committee (previously called "Trails Committee") published a terrific Countywide trails map. Visit their website at <http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/NMTC/index.html>. Or give my office a call for more information.



FIND IT ONLINE

CONSUMER CONCERNS

In Fairfax County, our Consumer Protection Division handles consumer matters. Consumer Protection provides a variety of services for County citizens, including mediating consumer and tenant-landlord disputes and investigating complaints to determine whether consumer protection laws have been violated.

The Division also maintains a complaint history site where complaint records are stored and are accessible to citizens who want to check on businesses that operate in Fairfax County. Citizens are encouraged to file complaints online so that an investigation can be initiated. For more information call 703-324-5900 or go to www.co.fairfax.va.us/dtcs/consserv/complaint_history_welcome.htm

ZONING COMPLAINTS

Illegal Business Operating out of a Home?
Excessive Junk/Debris in Yard?
Too Many Families/People in a Home?
Inoperable or Junk Vehicles?

The Department of Planning and Zoning has added a new feature to its web page so that individuals can file zoning complaints on the internet at www.co.fairfax.va.us/dpz/ecomplaints

Seniors on the Go!

Seniors on the Go! is a transportation program that provides moderate-income seniors taxi service in Fairfax County at a reduced cost. Expansion of the program Countywide was approved with the FY 2003 Budget. It is currently serving the following zip codes in the Braddock District: 22003, 22030, 22032, and 22151. Seniors who qualify for this program may purchase taxicab coupon booklets worth \$30 at a cost of only \$10 per booklet. Once registered, a senior may then call one of the approved taxicab companies to schedule a ride. For more information or an application for the program, call 703-222-9764 or use the following internet address:
<http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/comm/trans/seniors.htm>



YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- **Meals on Wheels** needs your help a few hours each month for its Little River Glen Senior Center and Fairfax Oaks Hospital routes to deliver meals to frail or convalescing, homebound older adults. For information or to volunteer, please call 703-324-5406.

- **Reserve Deputy Sheriff Volunteers** are needed to be unpaid deputies, trained to perform a variety of support and admin assignments. Training is provided at the Fairfax Criminal Justice Academy for 72 hours spread over several weeks of evenings and Saturdays. To apply or obtain additional information, please call PFC Kevin Smith at 703-246-3217 or email charles.smith2@co.fairfax.va.us.

- **OAR (Opportunities, Alternatives & Resources)** of Fairfax County is a non-profit agency that provides positive influences on the lives of offenders in the Fairfax County jail, as well as assistance to their families. OAR is currently seeking volunteers to conduct one-to-one mentoring sessions with inmates and teach classes in the jail. Emphasis is on helping an offender make a successful transition into our communities. Please contact the Volunteer Department at 703-246-3033 for more information.

- **The Fairfax Area Agency on Aging** has the following critical volunteer needs:

The Volunteer Home Services Program needs volunteers to be on call to provide a variety of services, including transportation to medical appointments and grocery shopping; yard work; light housekeeping; and other tasks that will help a senior remain independent.

The Friendship Senior Program needs volunteers in the Alexandria area to visit homebound isolated senior clients. Contact is weekly. A one-year commitment is required.

The Nutritional Supplement Program needs volunteers in the Annandale area. Once a month, volunteers pick up and deliver nutritional supplement to a client's home. A 6-month commitment (2-3 hours per month) is required.

For more information about any of the above programs, call the Volunteer Intake Hotline at 703-324-5406.

YOURS FOR THE ASKING
(Contact my office for the following brochures)

- **VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS**
 1. **The Transit Link Card:** A Discounted Joint Fare Card for VRE and Metro
 2. **Train Schedules/VRE Zone and Fares**
- **HOW TO BE AN ELECTION OFFICER:** Work at The Polls on Election Day.
- **FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA:** A Pocket Guide to Fairfax County's Revolutionary Past, Future and Present. Attractions, Civil War Sites, Performing Arts, Shopping, Parks, Lodging, Annual Events.
- **FAIRFAX CONNECTOR PRESENTS "CODE RED DAYS":** Will Offer **Free** Rides All Day on Weekdays Designated as Code Red Days. (METRO Also Provides This Service)
- **BRADDOCK NIGHTS BROCHURE**
- **HOME SECURITY & NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:** A Guide for Protecting Your Home and Property. Where are the Weak Spots in Your House?
- **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST**
Prepared by the Red Cross.
- **YOUR FAMILY DISASTER PLAN**
Federal Emergency Management Agency Brochure
- **FAIRFAX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT AT YOUR SERVICE**
Programs and Services of FCFRD
- **YOUR SUPPORT: WE NEED YOU**
How to Provide Financial Support to Your Local Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department.

Supervisor Bulova's Braddock District

SPRING 2002 TOWN MEETING

Wednesday, June 19th – 7:30 P.M.
Community Room at Kings Park Library
9000 Burke Lake Rd., Burke, VA

Clean Air

*Progress and Perils in the Region
Since the Clean Air Act of 1990*

Will we be reclassified from "Serious" to "Severe"?
Why?
What would that mean to us?
What can we do?

With

Chairman Kate Hanley

CHAIRMAN OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS & METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIR
QUALITY COMMITTEE

Joan Rohlf

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF
GOVERNMENTS

Heidi Adams

CLEAN AIR PARTNERS

Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination in all County programs, services and activities. Special accommodations/alternative information formats will be provided upon request. Call 703-324-3187, TTY 324-2935

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While drafting a new *Braddock Byline*, I like to leaf back through previous newsletters. What were we planning? What were the issues and how were they addressed? A glance back over the last year gives pause. This time last year, my office was busily organizing an Office-Warming and Time Capsule-Installation Ceremony as we moved into our new office. Little did we know, as we put finishing touches to the newsletter, that by the time it appeared in mailboxes, this nation would be reeling from the September 11th terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The effects of 9/11 still ripple throughout our community. The economy remains skittish. Public safety personnel, "first-responders," maintain a heightened state of readiness. Events this fall commemorate those who lost their lives, or participated in rescue efforts, on that horrific day. Our world has changed.

This **Fall's Town Meeting** is about **Public Safety**. In addition to learning more about what public safety professionals are doing to keep us safe, we'll discuss how individuals can work with them at the grassroots level. The President has urged the creation of additional Neighborhood Watch programs, as well as the active participation of Neighborhood Watches in national home defense and anti-terrorism initiatives. As the saying goes, "knowledge is power." Find out more about these initiatives and how we can be empowered to keep our community a safe place to live, work and play. I hope you will join me on **October 9th at 7:30 P.M. at the Kings Park Library.**

While we may be short on hotly contested political races this fall, a number of important questions will be on the ballot that warrant your presence at the polls. Receiving the most attention is a **referendum on whether to raise the sales tax in Northern Virginia by ½ a cent**. During my 15 years in office, a number of attempts have been made (and failed) to secure a dedicated stream of revenue for transportation. Traffic is our County's number one complaint, and a regional transportation plan has been adopted that would bring relief. But a funding stream that would pass muster with the voters has eluded us. Last year the General Assembly passed legislation allowing us to put the question of an increase in the sales tax to the voters. **The Sales Tax Referendum for Transportation** will be regionwide. If passed, it can be leveraged into \$5 billion and will be used to improve capacity on our roads and for mass transportation. ***Money raised in Northern Virginia would be spent in Northern Virginia.***

Some people might prefer a different funding tool, or complain that the Commonwealth should be doing more. In the end, however, an increase in the sales tax is what we've been offered, and I don't see other options coming from Richmond should the referendum fail. We have a precedent for taking transportation matters into our own hands. For several years, Fairfax County put Transportation Bond Referenda on the ballot. The referenda passed overwhelmingly and helped to build the Fairfax County Parkway. Transportation, however, is a *State* responsibility. Without a separate new transportation funding stream, school construction, public safety facilities and parks compete for local dollars. Additionally, local bond projects do not address our *regional* transportation challenges.

See inside for information on other referenda that will be on the ballot. Passage of the **park referendum** will save green space in our growing State and County and help us develop recreational facilities. The **higher education referendum** will bring improvements to George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College. The **public safety referendum** will help us maintain readiness and respond to emergencies. Whatever your opinion or interest, a great deal is at stake this fall. I look forward to seeing you at the polls on **Tuesday, November 5th.**

Sincerely, *Sharon Bulova*

ROADWORKS UPDATE

The ongoing state budget crisis has had a significant effect on transportation construction throughout the state. With lower than expected revenues and higher project costs, the state's capital programs for transportation were reduced substantially. Fairfax County's secondary road state allocations are being reduced by 42% for FY 2003. Three projects in Braddock District were dropped from the Secondary Program: **Shirley Gate Rd. Extended** from Braddock Rd. to the Fairfax County Parkway; **Guinea Rd.** widening from Colony Park Pool (former traffic circle) to Pommeroy Dr.; and **Guinea Rd.** widening from Braddock Rd. to Braeburn Dr. These projects are unfunded for the foreseeable future. However, they remain on the County's Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

State projects going forward with funding:

Rt. 236 (Little River Turnpike) Spot Capacity and Safety Improvements - Pickett Rd. to Lake Blvd. at entrance to NVCC (State project - 2 miles) Prior to state budget cuts, construction was to start in 2003. Funding reductions delay bid advertisement to mid-2004. VDOT is exploring options to construct part of the project using available funds. The County is also seeking additional regional funds to restore full funding for the project. While Rt. 236 is planned to be widened to 6 lanes, the initial phase of the project will only provide spot capacity and safety improvements at key intersections in the corridor. A citizens' task force is closely involved in the project design.

Burke Lake Rd. - Widen from 2 to 4 lanes from Fairfax County Parkway to Burke Centre Parkway (State Project - 1 mile) Design is complete, and the project is now in land acquisition. Due to funding reductions, bid advertisement isn't until Dec. 2003. This project, fully funded in the State's Six-Year Secondary Program, starts in spring 2004.

Rt. 123 (Ox Rd.) - Widen to 4 and 6 lanes from Burke Lake Rd. to the Occoquan River (State project - 7 miles) Funding of this regionally significant project would not have been possible without the Northern Virginia Transportation District bonds and Regional Surface Transportation Program funds secured by Fairfax County and the region. Construction of the northern segment (Burke Lake Rd. to Lee Chapel Rd.) began last December. The second segment from Lee Chapel Rd. to Davis Dr. began construction this August. Funding for the remaining two segments from Davis Dr. into Prince William County, including the bridge over the Occoquan River, has been maintained in the VDOT Six-Year Primary Program. Bid advertisement for the segment from Davis Dr. to north of the bridge over the Occoquan River is on schedule for December 2002. Bid advertisement for the bridge is scheduled for summer 2003, a one-year delay from the pre-budget-cut schedule.



State projects that would be funded should the sales tax referendum be approved:

Guinea Rd. - Widen from 2 to 4 lanes from the Colony Park Pool (former traffic circle) to Pommeroy Dr. (State Project - 1.5 miles)

Braddock Rd. at Rt. 123 (Ox Rd.) - Add dual left turn lanes on westbound Braddock to go southbound on Rt. 123 (State project)

Major State Projects & Studies

I-95/395/495 Interchange Project - (State Project) Work continues on this mega-interchange reconstruction project, with a targeted completion goal of spring 2007. For updated ramp closure and other information on this project, go to www.springfieldinterchange.com.

I-95/I-495 Capital Beltway Widening - (State Study) The draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on widening the Capital Beltway from the Springfield interchange to the American Legion Bridge was completed in early 2002. Public hearings were held in late May 2002. In July, the Board of Supervisors reviewed the project design and advised VDOT that all of the alternatives considered in the EIS are unacceptable because of their significant impacts on surrounding communities. VDOT was asked to reevaluate the alternatives to significantly reduce the impacts. The Board also asked VDOT to develop short and mid-term projects that could realistically be funded in light of current funding shortfalls. No funding is available beyond the study phase of this project. For more information, go to www.vdot.state.va.us/proj/nova/beltwayx.html.

ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 5

This year there are state elections for members of Congress as well as a Special Election to fill the recently vacated 39th State Senate seat. The 39th Senate District includes two Braddock precincts: Cardinal and Keene Mill. In addition, there will be two Fairfax County Referenda, two Commonwealth of Virginia Constitutional Amendments, two Commonwealth of Virginia Bond Referenda and the Northern Virginia ½ cent sales tax for local transportation referendum on the ballot.

2002 Fairfax County Public Safety Bond & Park Bond Referenda

The **Public Safety Bond** question asks voters to allow the county to borrow \$60 million for public safety projects that include replacement of the Public Safety Communications Center/Emergency Operations Center; renovation of the Jennings Judicial Center; and renovation and improvements to priority fire stations, including construction of the Hazardous Materials Response Unit facility. The **Park Bond** question asks voters to allow the county to borrow \$20 million for park projects that include \$15 million for the acquisition of land for new parks and \$5 million for the development of facilities on existing park lands. This bond referendum is especially important to Braddock District residents because it will fund the Wakefield Park Girls Softball Complex. For more information about the Fairfax County Bond Referenda, please call Janyce Hedetniemi, Braddock District Bond Representative, at 703-978-8095.

Commonwealth of Virginia Constitutional Amendments

Post-conviction claims of actual innocence amendment provides that the Supreme Court may hear, as part of its original jurisdiction, claims of actual innocence (through new scientific or DNA evidence) presented by convicted felons in the cases and manner provided by the General Assembly. **Property tax exemptions** amendment would allow localities 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 (not County) to exempt property by classification or by designation by a 3/4 vote in each house.

Commonwealth of Virginia Bond Referenda

The **Educational Facilities Bond** question asks voters to allow the Commonwealth of Virginia to borrow \$900,488,645 for capital projects at state-supported colleges, universities, museums, and other educational facilities (such as community colleges). This bond referendum is especially important to Braddock District residents because it would fund the renovation of the science building and other instructional buildings at **the Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale campus** as well as the construction of an academic research facility, a classroom facility, new parking deck plus the renovation of the Thompson and West buildings at **George Mason University, Fairfax campus**. The **Parks and Recreational Facilities Bond** question asks voters to allow the Commonwealth of Virginia to borrow \$119,040,000 for capital projects throughout Virginia.

Northern Virginia one-half cent Sales Tax Increase for Local Transportation Referendum

This year, the Virginia General Assembly approved two transportation bills that are very important for Northern Virginia: The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority and the referendum to seek approval to increase the sales tax by one-half cent. Together these bills give us the ability to raise money in Northern Virginia to be spent here without Richmond taking a cut or telling us how to spend it. In addition, the **law specifically states that the new revenue can't be used to reduce the state transfer for transportation or school funding**. Under this law, **the referendum assures that at least 40% of the funds will be spent directly on transit with an additional 20% for HOV lanes and transit parking**. Braddock District residents would benefit directly from \$100 million for **new double decker VRE rail cars, widening of Guinea Rd. to four lanes from Pommeroy Dr. to New Guinea Rd., dual left turn lanes on WB Braddock Rd. to SB Rt. 123** as well as funding toward **rail to Tysons, Dulles Corridor transit and the Fairfax County Parkway**. Critics argue that Richmond has plenty of money that just needs better management. However, **with state revenues down by \$5 billion**, we can expect an **additional 15% reduction in the state transfer for schools and human services**. There aren't funds available for transportation without cutting school funding, services for the mentally and physically disabled, courts, Medicaid coverage and the car tax rebate. For more information, contact my office or go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bos/BD/homepage.htm.

The last day to register to vote is October 7, 2001. We have **Absentee Ballot applications**. The deadline for applying by mail to vote absentee is October 31, and the last day to vote absentee in person is November 2. For the latest election information, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb or call 703-222-0776.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Northern Virginia Conservation Trust (NVCT) is a private non-profit organization dedicated to conserving land and natural resources in our region. Through a variety of acquisition methods (conservation easement donations, fee simple land donations, partnerships between the County and the Park Authority, and State matching grants) this public-private partnership has been successful in saving our **greenspace**.

NVCT has permanently preserved 477 acres (about half the size of Rock Creek Park) in Fairfax County to date, and is pursuing active conservation projects in every magisterial district. For more information regarding donating greenspace and the tax benefits of donating land, call NVCT at 703-354-5093.

CAMPUS CORNER



NORTHERN VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE (NVCC) has a **new President. Robert G. Templin, Jr.**, is replacing Dr. Belle S. Wheelan, who left in January to become the secretary of education in Governor Mark Warner's administration. Dr. Templin assumed his new post August 27.

A Year's Worth of Dental Hygiene Care for \$25. NVCC provides a convenient, low-cost service with its **Dental Hygiene Clinic**, operated by carefully supervised students at NVCC's Annandale Campus. An annual fee of \$25 for adults and \$10 for children under 16 covers a year's worth of routine preventive dental hygiene services. To make an appointment, call 703-323-3349 between 9 P.M. and 4 P.M.

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY (GMU) began classes on August 26 with more than 2,200 freshmen and 2,200 transfer students (a 10% increase over last year). All efforts are being made to accommodate this growing pool of students. The Student Apartments, the campus' oldest residential facility, received a \$4 million renovation this summer and construction is under way on Liberty Square, which will provide 496 more beds in fall 2003. Another 504-bed dorm facility will open August 2004.



County Expands Seniors On-The-Go!

The popular Seniors On-The-Go subsidized taxi program is now available to *all* Fairfax County senior citizens. The program has been expanded from the original 16 zip codes included in the pilot test to all zip codes in Fairfax County. To be eligible, applicants must be 65 years of age or older, live in Fairfax County or the City of Fairfax, and have an annual gross income of \$50,000 or less for a family of one or \$60,000 for a married couple of two.

Seniors who qualify may purchase up to 16 booklets of taxi rides within a year of their entry into the program. Each booklet has a value of \$30 and is purchased by a senior citizen for only \$10 per book. Once enrolled in the program, senior citizens make their trip arrangements directly with any of three Fairfax County taxi vendors. There are no restrictions on where seniors may travel.

Applications are on the County Web site at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/comm/trans/seniors.htm or can be requested by calling the Department of Transportation at 703-324-1172 at between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. County staff will be scheduling a number of field sites throughout the County to register senior citizens. Call 703-324-1172 to find out where these registration opportunities are being held.

**LITTLE RIVER GLEN II
ASSISTED LIVING & ADULT DAY CARE
GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY
Tuesday, November 19, 2002, Noon
4001 Barker Court, Fairfax, Virginia**

Please join me for this exciting event as we break ground for this much anticipated addition to Little River Glen. The 60 bed assisted living facility and adult day care center will be located off of Olley Lane adjacent to the Senior Center.

IN THE PIPELINE...



Wakefield Park Skateboard Facility – To be constructed in the area currently occupied by the under-utilized shuffleboard courts, passive game area and horseshoe pits near the entrance to the Audrey C. Moore RECenter. Design work for a Beginner's Course and a Competition Street Course is underway. Construction should begin in spring 2003.

Long Branch Stream Valley Trail – After extensive citizen input, the design for extending this popular trail has been approved. This project, to construct a 1.23-mile trail extension from Candace Ln. to Olley Ln., will be advertised for bid soon. Weather permitting, construction would begin this year.

Dredging at Lake Accotink – Engineered plans to dredge Lake Accotink, approved in the Park Authority's 1998 Bond Program, will be completed soon. This project to remove 225,000 cubic yards of sediment will restore 6 to 8 feet of water depth to the lake and ensure that recreational uses may continue. A public meeting was held in June to discuss sediment management options. A second meeting will be held in early 2003, to provide information on what to expect during construction. The target completion date for dredging is spring 2004. For questions or comments on the Lake Accotink Dredging, please call Erin Lawrence, Project Manager, at (703) 324-5800 or e-mail her at erin.lawrence@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Olley Lane Public Water Main Extended – Fairfax County Water Authority is extending the 12" water main an additional 1,860 feet from Briarpatch Ct. to Little Run Elementary School. This project to replace failing wells will be completed by October.

Mill Creek Dr. Sanitary Sewer Extension – Project to extend sanitary sewer from Woodlark Dr. across Rt. 236 to Mill Creek Dr. This project to build 1,783 feet of 8" sewer main with 11 manholes will replace failing septic systems. Construction begins this fall.

Sideburn Rd. Sidewalk Extension – Project to connect existing 8 foot asphalt trail on Braddock Rd. with existing 4 foot concrete sidewalk on east side of Sideburn. This project to construct 115 feet of 4 foot sidewalk is scheduled for construction this year pending final easement agreement.

Pond Spice Ln. Sidewalk Extension – Project to provide missing link in sidewalk across from Terra Centre School south of Burke Centre Pkwy this year.

Little Buck Big Bang "SPOT" ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Braddock Rd. at Rt. 123 (Ox Rd.) (County Project)
Extend westbound Braddock Rd. right turn lane to northbound Ox Road. This project was funded as part the FY 2003 County Budget process. *Construction was initiated and completed this summer.*

Braddock Rd. at Rt. 123 (Ox Rd.) (County/State Project)
Lengthen the eastbound Braddock Rd. right turn lane to southbound Ox Road. County has committed full funding for this project. *VDOT anticipates beginning construction in early 2003.*

Fairfax County Parkway at Burke Lake Road (County/State Project)
This project will lengthen the southbound Parkway left turn lane onto Burke Lake Road, providing additional storage for left turning vehicles. Project is fully funded by the County, but VDOT will construct it starting *in late 2002.*

Roberts Rd. at Burke Centre Parkway (State Project)
Construct a right turn lane on northbound Roberts Road approaching Burke Centre Parkway. The State is funding and constructing this project. *Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2002.*

ROBERTS PARKWAY BRIDGE RAIN GARDEN

As part of the Roberts Parkway Bridge project, VDOT was required to replace and enlarge wetlands that were disturbed. The wetland mitigation, or rain garden, will be located opposite the Target store, on the other side of the tracks from the VRE station, where the little farmhouse was located. Before the planting can begin, hydrological (water drainage) studies have to be completed to demonstrate to the Army Corps of Engineers that there is sufficient water to the site. Our drought-like conditions have hampered this effort, so planting probably will be delayed until next year. 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. Once the trees and grasses are planted, it will take several years for a successfully established wetland site to develop. *Patience* is the key word according to our environmental experts.

MOSQUITOES & WEST NILE VIRUS

West Nile Virus, a disease carried by mosquitoes, is relatively new and rare in the United States. It may cause no symptoms or a mild illness with symptoms similar to the flu. On rare occasions, it can be a serious health threat for the elderly or people with weakened immune systems.



Fairfax health officials are focusing attention on mosquito monitoring and control. The department is treating County storm sewer catch basins and wet ponds in high-risk areas with Larvicide to suppress the emergence of adult mosquitoes. They have contingency plans for truck-mounted ultra-low volume spraying (ULV) of Adulicide to kill adult flying mosquitoes *should such action become necessary*. As this goes to print, our sister jurisdictions are not currently spraying for mosquitoes.

The Health Department is asking residents to help eliminate mosquito breeding places around their homes. Be on the lookout for even the smallest pools of water (even in gutters!) on your property. It only takes a teaspoon of water and four days to develop a breeding ground. Avoid mosquito bites by:

- wearing long pants and long sleeves when outside;
- using insect repellent on uncovered skin;
- using yellow "bug lights" for outdoor lighting;
- keeping screens are in good repair.

If you find a dead crow on your property, report it to the Health Department by calling 703-246-2300, press "1" and state where the crow was found. Dispose of the crow by double bagging it and placing it in the trash. The Health Department reports that the county and private trash companies, as well as the landfills, are all accepting dead crows for disposal.

COX COMMUNICATIONS REBUILD UPDATE

Cox Communications officials will tell you themselves that they underestimated the job of rebuilding Media General's cable system. Throughout the past year, my office has received close to a thousand calls from constituents frustrated with cable service and/or installation. We responded by contacting officials at Cox, and by working through the County's Telecommunications/Cable Division at 703-324-5902. The date for "substantial" completion that was agreed to in the County's (**non-exclusive!**)

franchise with Cox was May 31st. Obviously, this date has not been met.

As this newsletter goes to print, County staff and Cox officials are attempting to come to agreement on a **new realistic completion date**. They are also trying to resolve construction issues, such as the installation of cable devices (boxes and pedestals) on private property and in the State utility strip located between the curb and sidewalk. In neighborhoods with underground utilities, the State has finally agreed to allow Cox to use its utility strip, when necessary, as long as the equipment is buried. New dates being discussed for completion range from this coming spring to the end of 2003. A final resolution will likely involve liquidated damages, that could conceivably be waived as long as Cox meets the new target date.

This summer, **Cox** completed installation of their new underground equipment in the **Oak Hill** community in Annandale. Oak Hill, bounded by Wakefield Chapel Dr., Queen Elizabeth Blvd. and Braeburn Dr., served as a pilot for the new equipment, which should make Cox's conversion to digital less unsightly and less disruptive to the community.

To date, with aboveground-utility neighborhoods going first, Cox has completed their rebuild in about half of the neighborhoods in Braddock District. My office continues to try to bring this frustrating conversion to completion. Please let us know when you need our help, and we will continue to keep you up-to-date on progress.

VDOT Unveils Customizable Web Site

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has launched a new Web site that allows users to customize their Home Page links. Called "My VDOT," the new site allows citizens to choose content according to geography, highway project or interest area. Travelers can find out what is happening on Virginia's highways and what construction projects to anticipate. Once citizens customize their "My VDOT" page, their personalized areas of interest will be displayed on the Home Page when they log on to: VirginiaDOT.org. The Web site offers the latest traffic, weather and construction updates statewide, as well as maps, news, business forms, online bidding, and details about VDOT's most popular programs and services.

Laura Ashley Piper Scholarship Fund

Laura Ashley Piper was a 1987 Robinson Secondary School graduate and 2nd Lieutenant, USAF. She was killed in action over northern Iraq in 1994. In recognition of Lt. Piper, the School Board established an annual \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded to a student who exemplifies Laura's academic achievement and willingness to accept responsibility. To contribute to the scholarship, checks made out to the **Laura Ashley Piper Scholarship Fund** may be sent to our office at 9002 Burke Lake Rd., Burke, VA 22015.

YOURS FOR THE ASKING (Contact my office for the following brochures)

- ❑ **PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND BOND ISSUES on the November 5, 2002 Ballot**
- ❑ **FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA Suggested Tours:** Start with Revolutionary War sites and finish with serious shopping. **NEW**
- ❑ **THE TRANSIT LINK CARD:** Discounted Joint Fare Card for VRE and Metro
- ❑ **VRE RIDER'S GUIDE/SCHEDULE**
- ❑ **YOUR GUIDE TO METRO** (includes maps)
- ❑ **HOW TO BE AN ELECTION OFFICER:** Work at the Polls on Election Day.
- ❑ **2002 FACTS FOR VOTERS**
- ❑ **ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION**
- ❑ **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST** prepared by the Red Cross.
- ❑ **FAIRFAX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT AT YOUR SERVICE** FCFRD Programs and Services
- ❑ **YOUR SUPPORT: WE NEED YOU** Providing financial support to your local Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department.
- ❑ **TAX FACTS** General information about Fairfax County Taxes
- ❑ **Q & A on SALES TAX REFERENDUM**

YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- **Volunteer Fairfax** invites citizens to join in **"Service to Our Schools"** on Saturday, October 26. This countywide day of service will focus on the critical needs of the schools. Citizens will do hands-on projects at school facilities including cleaning, landscaping, mulching, and tutoring. The following Braddock District schools are participating and need volunteers: **Frost Middle School** and **Keene Mill, Kings Park** and **North Springfield Elementary Schools**.

- **Virginia Corps:** On September 9, Governor Warner announced a **new volunteer initiative** for Virginia. Virginia Corps is the local version of the **Citizens Corps**, the national homeland security and preparedness initiative. It will serve as a central clearinghouse, linking citizens with volunteer opportunities for responding to emergencies and making communities safer. Volunteer Fairfax is the local contact for Virginia Corps. To learn how to become an emergency preparedness volunteer, go to www.volunteerfairfax.org.

For more information about these Volunteer programs, call 703-246-3460 or e-mail VolsRUs@patriot.net.

- **Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court** is looking for volunteers for the following positions:

Language interpreters are needed to assist court staff and clients by translating court documents and interpreting at court hearings. Fluency in both English and another language is required.

Court aides are needed to interview clients following court appearances to obtain follow-up information and documentation.

Administrative Assistant is needed to assist the Court's staff with general office work. For information, contact Gwen Robinson at 703-246-2697 or e-mail at gwen.robinson@fairfaxcounty.gov

- **Joey Pizzano Memorial Fund, Inc. Swimming and Water Safety Program** needs volunteers to help teach children with developmental disabilities self-sufficiency and independence in the water. High school student can earn hours towards their community service requirements. Program begins November 9, 2002 and ends March 29, 2003. To volunteer, please call Serena Scott at 703-324-5214.

Supervisor Bulova's Braddock District

FALL 2002 TOWN MEETING

Wednesday, October 9th – 7:30 P.M.

**Kings Park Library Meeting Room
9000 Burke Lake Road, Fairfax, Virginia**

Homeland Security In Your Neighborhood

*What is the President asking us to do?
How can we respond as a community?
What role can Neighborhood Watches Play?*

These outstanding panelists will discuss these questions:

Thomas N. Faust
Executive Director, National Sheriffs' Assn.

Pat Harris
Executive Director, Virginia Crime Prevention Assn.

Chief Tom Manger
Fairfax County Police Department

Chief Ed Stinnette
Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Deptment

Sheriff Stan Barry
Fairfax County Sheriff's Department

Fairfax County Neighborhood Watch Coordinators

Supervisor Bulova's Braddock District

WINTER 2003 TOWN MEETING

Wednesday, February 5th – 2:00 P.M.

**Little River Glen Senior Center
4001 Barker Court, Fairfax, Virginia**

Maintaining Relationships With Family & Friends

Grace Starbird
Director
Fairfax County
Area Agency on Aging

Richard Spector,
LCSW, LMGT Manager,
Adult Community Services
Fairfax-Falls Church
Community Services Board

TBA
NOVA Mediation Services



Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination in all County programs, services and activities. Special accommodations/alternative information formats will be provided upon request. Call 703-324-3187, TTY 324-2935

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TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL