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BRADDOCK BYLINE

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I sometimes use the phrase that an issue has “moved onto the front burner.” This year it seems that all the burners are blazing away. As you’ll see inside these pages, we’ve been busy, busy, busy. There is no such thing as apathy in the Braddock District!

Residents of Braddock have been busy working with my office to assist in the design of a **new library in Burke**. The design lets the outdoors in, using lots of glass to highlight trees on the site, and incorporates the path of the sun to brighten the rooms. The library, to be constructed at Burke Centre Parkway and Fred’s Oak Rd., will be one of the projects featured on a Library Bond Referendum this fall.

Neighbors near the **Burke Centre VRE Station** participated in a **Task Force** this fall and winter to ensure that the location and the design for a **structured parking facility** would be aesthetically pleasing, compatible with the residential community, would provide multi-modal accessibility, and be environmentally sensitive. The group also dealt with operational issues, such as safety during and after the construction phase of the parking structure, and made recommendations for maximizing non-motorized access to the Burke Centre VRE Station (i.e., trails, sidewalks).

This year’s Braddock District **Community Dialog Series** engages neighbors, school officials and business leaders in the Heritage area of Annandale to address emerging **gang activity**. The Dialog began in February and will conclude on June 9th. You will have a chance to learn more about the Community Dialog at my **Spring Town Meeting on Wednesday, June 23, at 7:30 PM**, when participants in the series discuss what they learned and present their recommendations. The Town Meeting will be held at the Kings Park Library Community Room. If you are unable to attend, please contact my office to find out what dates the program will appear on Channel 16.

County staff has informed my office that the history feature on our Braddock web page has scored the most “hits” from visitors over the past few years. History buffs will have another reason to visit the site now that an important piece of history has been saved. Working through my office, preservationists and residents of the Oak Hill neighborhood in Annandale were successful in saving the **historic Oak Hill mansion**. Built in 1790, Oak Hill is the last remaining home in Fairfax County built by the Fitzhugh family. A photo of Oak Hill and its history can be found inside this issue of the Byline.

And lastly, lest anyone think we are all work and no play, you’ll enjoy perusing this year’s 10th anniversary schedule for our wonderful **Braddock Nights summer concert series**. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and stretch out with a picnic dinner. Life doesn’t get any better than being entertained by outstanding performers, while the sun drifts down over beautiful Royal Lake in Fairfax and Lake Accotink in Springfield. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Bulova". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Sharon Bulova

ROADWORKS UPDATE

The state budget crisis appears to have been resolved with the passage of a new biennial budget that provides significant increases in funding for many needs with the exception of transportation. Projects already in the pipeline are being funded. However, with no added money, delays in new construction will continue and no new projects can be added. Here in Braddock, the following road projects are going forward:

Burke Lake Rd. - Widen from 2 to 4 lanes from Fairfax County Parkway to Burke Centre Parkway (State Project - 1 mile) Right-of-way acquisition is completed and utilities are being relocated. Last month, VDOT awarded the construction contract and held a "Pardon Our Dust" Meeting to go over the project details with area residents and introduce the contractor and VDOT personnel overseeing the project. The most significant feature of this project is the temporary closure of the road from east of Windward Dr. to just beyond Wilmington Dr. to the east. The road will be closed while schools are in recess this summer. This brief closure will shorten the project length significantly. The entire project is scheduled to be completed by October 2005. For more information and/or a map that outlines the closure and the detour route, please contact my office or James Mottley at VDOT at 703-383-2674.

Rt. 236 (Little River Turnpike) Spot Capacity and Safety Improvements - Pickett Rd. to Lake Blvd. at entrance to NVCC (State project - 2 miles) A citizens' task force has been involved in design of this project. Right-of-way acquisition is underway with bid advertisement scheduled for winter 2005. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2006. While Rt. 236 is *ultimately* planned to be widened to 6 lanes, this project provides for *spot capacity and safety improvements at key intersections* in the corridor.

Safety improvements on Zion Dr. (east of Roberts Rd. to Windsor Hills Dr.) were approved as part of a rezoning proffer package. The developer, Stanley Martin, will dedicate and construct frontage improvements along Zion Drive to include curb, gutter and a trail, construct a third lane on this portion of Zion to allow for protected left turns; and "shave the hump" on Zion Drive by lowering the vertical elevation of the road. In order to minimize disruption and shorten the length of the project, Zion Drive will be closed to through traffic from west of Windsor Hills Dr. to east of Roberts Rd. The road will be

closed during the summer while schools are in recess. The detour will be New Guinea Rd.

Roberts Rd. at Braddock Rd. (County Project)

Construct a right turn lane on to Braddock Road from southbound Roberts Road next to GMU. Project is fully funded and in design. Significant utility relocations will be required. Construction expected to begin in late 2004/early 2005.

YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK FOR YOU

Pond Spice Ln. Sidewalk Extension – Project to install missing link in sidewalk across from Terra Centre School south of Burke Centre Pkwy. Project delayed due to additional VDOT technical requirements.

Roberts Rd. Trail Project – Project to construct 1,700 feet of 6-foot asphalt trail on western side of Roberts next to GMU to connect with sidewalk on Braddock Rd. Project funded for design and land acquisition only. Project is in the design phase while additional funding is sought from the state.

Little River Glen II, Assisted Living and Adult Day Care Facility – Project to build 60-bed assisted living facility and adult day care off Olley Ln. adjacent to the Senior Center was delayed due technical financing issues related to the state tax credit financing. Additional local funding will allow the project to go forward. Construction slated to begin this summer/fall.

At the present time, there is no waiting list for people interested in living in the Little River Glen assisted living facility. However, anyone interested in the new facility should add their name to the waiting list for the Project-Based Housing Choice Voucher Program. You can apply for the program through the Department of Housing and Community Development online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/rha/> or in person at 3700 Pender Drive in Fairfax. For more information contact Sharron Dreyer at 703-914-0551

Burke Centre VRE Station Structured Parking Facility – Project to expand parking capacity is in the design phase. Community task force worked with county engineers to establish design criteria for compatibility, accessibility, safety and ecology friendly features. Task force will reconvene in late summer to review plans before final engineering begins. Construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2006 and be finished by fall 2007.



The dust is just beginning to settle (finally!) over the **County's FY 2005 Budget**, which was adopted unanimously on Monday, April 19th. As I draft this article, the General Assembly appears, at last, to be reaching agreement on their biennium (FY 2005 – FY 2006) budget. We do not know exactly what additional revenue we might receive, but the news is positive. There appears to be no new funding for transportation.

When the County Executive began preparing his recommended budget last fall and winter, our county was stalled in the fourth year of a trend, with residential real estate assessments increasing by double digits, while all other sources of revenue were down or flat. In FY 2005, revenue from all non-residential real estate taxes combined was projected to decrease by \$1 million from the year before. The County was petitioning the General Assembly for taxing authority equal to cities and towns (i.e., an increase in the cigarette tax, the transient occupancy (hotel/motel) tax and a meals tax) that could help us to significantly reduce our reliance on real estate taxes (now making up 60.7% of our budget). On April 19th, after two months of hearing from our constituents by mail, e-mail, phone calls, visits, community gatherings and public hearings, the Board of Supervisors collectively amended (“marked-up”) the Advertised Budget to reflect what we heard.

As we reached the end of the process, we had some good news; the economy (and thus our revenue picture) is beginning to brighten a bit. The bad news was that the General Assembly had not adopted a budget at all, leaving us in a state of considerable uncertainty. The County's Advertised budget assumed \$677.8 million (a status quo level of funding) in state revenue. We now believe there will be more State funding for the schools, public safety and mental health programs.

The **FY 2005 Budget** our Board adopted consisted of the following:

- **\$2.7 billion** in General Fund receipts and expenditures. General (non-school) County spending increases by 2.5% (\$24.5 million) over FY 04.
- A three-cent reduction in the real estate tax rate, from **\$1.16 to \$1.13**
- In accordance with the Board's Guidelines, an **increase in the School Transfer of \$81.5 million, or 6.57%**. The combined transfer for School operations and school debt service is 53% (\$1.3 billion) of the County's Budget. Additionally, the Board directed the establishment of a replacement reserve program to assist the Schools with replacement of school computers and buses.
- **\$12.6 million in reductions from the Advertised Budget**, carefully chosen to protect the “quality of life” services and programs that our constituents value and rely upon.
- **Three fees** (in use in other Northern Virginia jurisdictions) that allow us to **diversify revenue and reduce our reliance on the real estate tax**: An **Athletic Services Application Fee**, \$1.7 million, with the implementation criteria revised to reflect discussions with the athletic organizations; an **EMS Transport Fee**, which would be implemented later in the fiscal year in order to provide sufficient public outreach, education and coordination with appropriate agencies and organizations; a **Transient Occupancy (Hotel/Motel) Tax**, \$5.2 million.
- The **most up-to-date non-real estate revenue projections** to reflect improving economic conditions.
- The establishment of a **new “Scholarship-based” Reserve for job training and opportunities for Mentally Retarded Graduates** of our public schools in the amount of \$500,000. This program, based on need and circumstances, replaces an existing (non-needs based) program and will be established with the involvement of affected families, advocacy groups, the CSB, the Human Services Council, and other appropriate agencies and organizations.

All budget documents can be viewed on our Office of Management and Budget Web site at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb>



OAK HILL: A VICTORY FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

In 1670 William Fitzhugh established one of the largest land grants in the “new world,” 21,996 acres stretching from present day Stafford County to Arlington County. The Fairfax County portion of this land was known as Ravensworth.

In 1783 Ravensworth, the fourth largest plantation in Fairfax County was divided between the five grandsons of William Fitzhugh. Richard Fitzhugh, one of the five grandsons, built Oak Hill in 1790. In the same year, Ossian Hall and another house named Dover were all constructed by the grandsons of William Fitzhugh. Today Oak Hill is the only remaining home built by the Fitzhugh family left in Fairfax County.

Oak Hill was built in the rigid symmetry of the late Georgian style which was inspired by Italian Renaissance architecture. In the 1930s renowned restoration architect Walter M. Macomber restored the house in a Colonial Revival style. Most of Oak Hill stands today as it did after the 1930s restoration. The grounds of Oak Hill are also remarkable. From Braeburn Drive to the front doors of Oak Hill is the original drive to the house. This drive is lined on both sides by boxwoods that date back to the 1790 construction of Oak Hill. It is unusual to find so much of the original landscaping including oak trees and boxwoods still intact over 200 years later.

The house was recently purchased by Seville Homes, who planned to construct new homes on the property. Neighbors, led by Oak Hill Civic Association President Janyce Hedetniemi, rallied to preserve the historic property. The costs associated with purchasing and renovating the property to operate it as a park were close to \$4 million. Instead, we were able to protect this historic landmark when the Park Authority arranged the purchase of a \$750,000 conservation easement for the house and land that

preserves and protects the property in perpetuity. Seville Homes will restore the home at their own expense. The house and yard cannot be altered or removed, and no changes can be made without permission from the Architectural Review Board. The agreement allows for public access to the house and the grounds four times a year. The Oak Hill conservation easement is a unique, cost effective, first for Fairfax County. If successful, historic easements may be a way to preserve more of our history.

OTHER PARK HAPPENINGS

- A new **Skate Park at Wakefield Park** features 21,500 square feet of activities for area teenagers and adults. Two courses accommodate varied skill levels – freestyle and competition.
- The Park Authority has awarded a contract for construction of two **60-ft. diamond fields at Wakefield Park**. Work is scheduled to start in May, and should be completed in time for next year’s softball season. Amenities will include outfield and sideline fencing, backstops, lighting, automated field irrigation, spectator seating, and 105 new parking spaces. The ball fields are being constructed to **girl’s softball** standards and will include skinned infields and sodded outfields.
- Hats off to **the Ossian Hall Park Citizen’s Task Force** for their hard work on the re-planning of Ossian Hall Park in Annandale. The new plan is meant to make the park more inviting to the community. Safety and security issues were at the top of the Task Force’s list. Much of the underbrush will be cleared, providing a more open feeling and improving visibility into the park. The existing baseball diamonds will be moved to a new location to accommodate a plaza area with a playground, picnic area and a small skate park. I’m really excited about this new design and hope that neighbors will take advantage of this little oasis in the middle of bustling Annandale.

The **Annandale Chamber of Commerce** is selling 300 limited edition prints of “Annandale Fall Festival Parade” from an original acrylic by Shenandoah Valley Artist Helen Jean Smith. The print may be viewed at the Chamber Web site, Annandalechamber.com. Prints are \$60 and Artists’ Proofs are \$80. Call the Chamber office at 703-256-7232 for more information or to see a print.

FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY PRESENTS
2004 SUMMER CONCERTS ★ FRIDAYS, 7:30 p.m.

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.

Braddock Nights
 CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY IN CONCERT!

LAKE ACCOTINK PARK

7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield



LIZ MASTERSON AND SEAN BLACKBURN



THE GRANDSONS

ROYAL LAKE PARK

5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax

June 4 The Chromatics

This unique high-energy vocal band entertains audiences with an eclectic mix of tuneful rock and pop covers, musical comedy and original songs about the universe and our high-tech modern world.

June 11 National Concert Band

America's heritage of symphonic band music is celebrated by the talented National Concert Band. You'll hear music from Sousa to Gershwin to Dvorak, all played in a traditional American band style.



NATIONAL CONCERT BAND

June 18 Swing Shift

Bring a picnic dinner and your dancing shoes as the 18-piece Swing Shift dance band ushers in the sunset with music from the big band era and today.

June 25 City of Fairfax Concert Band

In its 34th season, the 90-member City of Fairfax Concert Band, directed by Robert Pouliot, presents great music from the classics to the jazz compositions of Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller and Sammy Nestico.

July 2 The King's Combo

The King's Combo entertains one and all with toe-tapping golden oldies and Dixieland.

July 9 David Bach Consort

Voted Best Instrumental Band by Music Monthly Magazine, the David Bach Consort excites crowds with unique music that is shimmering and refreshing.

July 16 Fairfax Symphony Summer Band

The Fairfax Symphony's Summer Band showcases the talents of our area's young musicians. Their repertoire includes light classical and Broadway selections, waltzes, fugues and marches.

July 23 Washington Toho Koto Society



TOHO KOTO SOCIETY

The repertoire of the Toho Koto Society ranges from 17th century Koto music to contemporary compositions including folk and children's songs. The group's performance also features traditional Japanese instruments, such as the shamisen and shakuhachi.

July 30 Annandale Orchestra

America on Parade — An orchestra program of American's favorites featuring Ericka Ovette singing selections from the songbooks of George Gershwin, Duke Ellington and Richard Rodgers.

August 6 The Grandsons

The Grandsons inject their style of vintage rock and roll with equal parts humor, fun and musicianship, plus a generous dose of saxophone.

August 13 Zydeco Crayz

Zydeco Crayz will have you bouncing to Zydeco dance music from the Bayou Potomac.

August 20 US Navy Band "Sea Chanters"

This 17-voice chorus of the United States Navy Band, the "Sea Chanters," performs a variety of songs ranging from traditional choral music, including the sea chantey, to Broadway musicals.

August 27 Alte Kameraden German Band, an ensemble of City of Fairfax Band

"AUG-toberfest" featuring the Blaskapelle Alte Kameraden Bavarian Band invites you to end your summer in Octoberfest style with authentic fest music and "gemutlichkeit"!



ALTE KAMERADEN GERMAN BAND

June 4 B.G. & the Mojo Hands

B.G. & The Mojo Hands is a dynamic DC-based band that performs in a variety of blues styles from danceable jump blues, Texas boogie, swing and traditional Chicago to down home delta blues. The Mojo Hands distinguish themselves in another way — they really play with feeling! And that's what this type of music is all about.

June 11 Night Music

Night Music, a Washington area favorite, gets in the groove with classic rock and top 40's hits.

June 18 Caribbean American International Steel Orchestra

Caribbean American is a group of talented musicians who blend the sounds of the unique instruments of the Caribbean with a special emphasis on the steel drum. The band brings you the sound of traditional Calypso and Caribbean music like you've never heard it before.

June 25 Deanna Bogart Band

Blending 1930's boogie piano blues with the contemporary blues of New Orleans, Chicago and Memphis, Deanna Bogart is a high-energy, piano-pounding performer. Joining Bogart in the band are three great musicians — Eric Scott on bass, Mike Aubin on drums and Kajuan Kelley on guitar.

July 2 Rita Clarke and the Naturals

Rita Clarke and the Naturals are a tightly rehearsed band of veteran musicians who perform a program of soulful mixed genres from the funky to the confessional, adding a truly essential ingredient — the incalculable effect of their own enveloping, indomitable spirit.

July 9 Flamenco Dancers

An exciting group of dancers and musicians who present an evening of Flamenco that captures the imagination of the audience with a combination of sound and movement.

July 16 Liz Masterson and Sean Blackburn

Liz Masterson and Sean Blackburn perform "Western Serenade," an hour of classic cowboy songs, yodeling and rope tricks. Their beautiful vocals and soulful guitar will have you "back in the saddle again," and you'll love Sean's hilarious trick roping and comedy.

July 23 King Teddy

At the intersection of swing, rockabilly and jump blues, you'll find King Teddy, happily hanging out and humming Beatles tunes. Influenced by artists ranging from Louis Prima to Sam Cooke to Gene Vincent to the aforementioned quartet, the band is single-minded in its musical mission — to swing, baby!

July 30 Oklahoma Twisters

Saddle up the whole family for an evening of Cowboy Swing when the Oklahoma Twisters present their mix of fiery fiddles and galloping guitars.

August 6 King Wilkie

Formed in 2002, King Wilkie has won broad acclaim for its pure brand of hard-driving bluegrass music. The band performs its own mix of traditional bluegrass and well-crafted originals in its trademark hardcore style. In the span of a little over a year, King Wilkie has shared the stage with such artists as Ricky Skaggs, Del McCoury Band, Peter Rowan, Sam Bush, Tim O'Brien, Tony Rice and Nickel Creek.



KING WILKIE

August 13 Duende Camaron

Join Duende Camaron for an evening of great Gypsy rumba. This is one original band that you just can't afford to miss!

August 20 American Song

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

August 27 Fairfax Symphony Dixieland Band

Fairfax Symphony's Dixieland Band, an ensemble drawn from the members of the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra, presents echoes from the Deep South in New Orleans jazz, ragtime and great American music.

Fairfax County Park Authority

Appropriate accommodations may be provided upon request.

Call 703-324-8563 for information.
 TTY 703-324-3988.



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STREET PAVING IN BRADDOCK

The state's Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will be repaving certain streets this year in the following Braddock District neighborhoods: ***Kings Park, Cardinal Forest, North Springfield, Ravensworth Farms, Wakefield Chapel Estates, Long Branch, Burke Centre, Rutherford, George Mason Forest, Country Club View, Canterbury Woods, Chestnut Knolls, Middleridge, Vertain Park, Somerset*** and ***Bradfield***. Because of budget constraints, no curb, gutter or sidewalk replacement projects are planned.

VDOT is also planning to repave a number of secondary streets in Braddock. They are: ***Braddock Road*** (from Shirley Gate Road to Ox Road), ***Shirley Gate Road*** (from Braddock Road to Lee Highway) and ***EB Little River Turnpike*** (from Fairfax City to Alexandria). Both ***EB and WB Little River Turnpike*** will be repaved between the Beltway bridge and John Marr Drive in Annandale. In late April, I hosted a meeting for community association representatives impacted by this year's VDOT repaving schedule. VDOT officials explained the procedures that will be used by VDOT's subcontractors when they are working in their neighborhoods. Call my office (703-425-9300) if you have any questions.



Kudos to Paul Andino, Braddock District representative to the Fairfax County Water Authority (FCWA) Board, for providing the winning argument to the U.S. Supreme Court in the famous *Virginia v. Maryland Potomac River Off-Shore Intake case*.

In 1996, the FCWA sought permission from Maryland to build an intake pipe into the middle of the Potomac to access cleaner water. Maryland refused to grant permission, and the FCWA took the issue to court. Just when the case looked hopeless, Paul, a history buff, immersed himself in old documents in the Virginia Room of the Fairfax Library and in the County Courthouse Law Library. Paul discovered that a 1632 grant from King Charles I, giving control of the Potomac River to Maryland, was followed by a 1785 Compact which allowed Virginia "the privilege

of making and carrying out wharves and other improvements in the river."

The U.S. Supreme Court's Decision, on March 31, 2003, benefited Fairfax County by reducing the cost of chemicals (estimated at \$1 million annually) used to purify water from the Potomac. In addition, counties in Virginia no longer will be subject to Maryland's regulations regarding the construction of infrastructure needed to draw water from the Potomac.

YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Fairfax County Park Authority needs volunteers to lead and plan activities for their **children's programs**. The **Hidden Pond Nature Center** needs volunteers to greet visitors and help answer questions. For more information, contact Erin Chernisky at 703-324-8750.

American Red Cross needs volunteers for a variety of projects and activities, such as helping patients and working the information desk. Contact Francis Houts at 703-805-0043.

Adult learners need help too! **Volunteer Learning Program** needs volunteer tutors to work one-on-one with adults who are working to obtain a GED or improve their skills. Tutors are needed both day and evening at local schools and libraries. Call Lorraine Walker at 703-246-2139 for more information.

Dust off your slide projector and bring your vacation pictures on over to the **Little River Glen Senior Center**. Come share your adventures to interesting locations around the world to those whose traveling days may be in the past. Volunteers are also needed to play the piano, organ or other instrument during the lunch hour. For these and other volunteer opportunities at Little River Glen, contact Ruth Junkin at 703-503-8703.

Volunteer Fairfax has many, many other opportunities for you to make a difference in our community. Volunteer Fairfax works with more than 700-nonprofit and public organizations. For more information on becoming a corporate partner, a non-profit member, or an individual volunteer visit www.volunteerfairfax.org or contact Mary-Litton Thornton at 703-246-3460 or go to mthornton@volunteerfairfax.org.

SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE



It seems the School Board is in a holding pattern on several different fronts. The Superintendent search is moving forward, but we are waiting for the search firm to present us with a list of candidates. We also continue to wait for the state to pass a budget so that we can pass ours. However, things continue to move forward with the school year and our children's education.

As May starts, we begin our testing time. Over the next six weeks, students in grades three, five, eight and eleven will be taking SOL tests, and high school students will be taking end-of-course SOL tests. Some high school students will also be taking IB (International Baccalaureate) and AP (Advanced Placement) tests. No matter what test your child might be taking, there are several steps you can take to ensure the best possible results.

- Know the test dates and mark them on a calendar. Try not to schedule appointments or other activities for those dates.
- Have a positive attitude about your child and the test. Encourage your child to do his or her best. That is all anyone can ask of all of us.
- Encourage your child to stay calm before and during the test, and not to let stress levels get out of hand.
- Before the test, make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a good breakfast.
- And most important of all, be your child's number one achievement cheerleader.

Summer vacation is just around the corner. Look forward, not back!

Tessie Wilson
Braddock District School Board Member

LOTS GOING ON AT GMU

Construction at GMU will continue through the summer as the campus creates parking spaces and additions to accommodate its growing population. Potomac Heights (Housing VI) student housing, currently under construction at the intersection of Braddock Road and Roberts Road, will be ready for the fall 2004 semester, adding 500 beds for a total of 4,000 on-campus residents. The five-level Sandy Creek Parking Deck will open in December with 200

visitor spots and 1,000 permit-required spaces in the interior of Patriot Circle by Student Union II.

In the area of Parking Lot B (inside Patriot Circle, in the southwest area of the campus), ground breaks this summer for Research I, a four-story, 100,000-square-foot structure for faculty offices, research laboratories, a high-tech astronomy laboratory and rooftop observatory. Although in its early design stages, Academic V, a new building to house the College of Visual and Performing Arts is planned to be built on the remains of Parking Lot B.

GMU plans to renovate the Aquatic and Fitness Center, adding more lockers and common areas. The Patriot Center is also slated for renovations. The university will then take a break before working on the north end of campus near the City of Fairfax, in 2006 on Housing VII and Student Union Building III. These projects will be completed by 2009.

Get Creative! Summer Programs at Northern Virginia Community College

Regardless of how old you are, there's a program to challenge your intellect at NVCC this summer. For adults, credit offerings range from Arabic to Information Technology, Philosophy to Drama. In just six weeks, you can earn a full semester's worth of college credit! Sessions start May 17 and June 28. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schedule for the schedule.

For children (8-18 years), the Continuing Education office is offering the popular "College for Kids" program, which allows students to select from a menu of "edutainment" that includes: power learning in core academic subjects, multicultural events, performing arts, TV production, soccer and basketball. Since quality is of utmost importance, the College reached out to experts in every field. Their educational partners include the John F. Kennedy Performing Arts Center, Washington Redskins Alumni, American Music Stage, Patriots Technology Training Center, MTA College Services, Korean Power Academy, Five Star Basketball of Greater Washington, and the DC United Affiliate, the Corner Kick Company. Visit www.nvcc.edu/annandale/continuing/kids.htm, or call 703-323-3102 for more information.



YOURS FOR THE ASKING

(Contact my office for the following brochures)

- **E-MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS NEWS RELEASE:**
You've Got Mail! Contact us to find out what Fairfax County publications & information you can receive electronically.
- **FACTS ON GANGS "WHAT EVERY CITIZEN SHOULD KNOW":** Learn about gangs and what you can do to get involved and educate your children
- **VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS:**
 - **The Transit Link Card:** A Discounted Joint Fare Card for VRE and Metro
 - **Rider's Guide:** Manassas & Fredericksburg Lines
- **FAIRFAX CONNECTOR PRESENTS "CODE RED DAYS":** Free Rides All Day on Code Red Weekdays (METRO Also Provides This Service.)
- **FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA REVOLUTIONARY PAST POCKET GUIDE:**
Attractions, Civil War Sites, Performing Arts, Shopping, Parks, Lodging, Annual Events
- **BRADDOCK NIGHTS BROCHURE**
- **FIGHT THE BITE, SAY NO TO MOSQUITOES:**
Get them before they get you. We will have a "first come, first served" supply of **Mosquito Dunks** (sprinkle in standing water to kill mosquito larvae) and **Deets** (spray on exposed skin areas to repel mosquitoes).
- **TRAFFIC SAFETY WATCH:** Report traffic violations to Fairfax County Police.
- **AIR QUALITY INDEX "A GUIDE TO AIR QUALITY AND YOUR HEALTH":**
Understanding AQI and how to protect yourself from air pollution.

Supervisor Sharon Bulova's Braddock District

SPRING TOWN MEETING

Wednesday, June 23rd, 7:30 P.M.

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

**A COMMUNITY DIALOG
ON
GANG ACTIVITY & REVITALIZATION
IN THE
HERITAGE/ANNANDALE AREA
OF BRADDOCK DISTRICT**

**ABOUT THE DIALOG
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RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Fall, 2004

As my staff and I gather information for this newsletter, rain is pelting the service drive outside our windows. Hurricane Ivan, churning its way north from the Florida panhandle, promises still more stormy weather. By the time this issue of the Byline has reached your home, more will be known about this category four hurricane's eventual path and what damage it will have spawned.

Disasters come in many forms. It could be a natural disaster, such as a hurricane, or it could be the terrorism that sent our nation reeling on September 11, 2001. Whatever the cause, it is important that we are equipped to take care of ourselves and our families and be able to respond at the community level. **Emergency Preparedness** is the subject of a **Special Braddock District Town Meeting scheduled for 7:30 PM, Tuesday, October 19th**. Learn about the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program. *Canterbury Woods* was the first community association in Fairfax County to receive certification for this rigorous training. Several other Braddock District neighborhoods are following suit. The program will feature a workshop on how to make an emergency supply kit and how to prepare a family/neighborhood communications plan. You'll also have a chance to find out more about Fairfax County's Citizen Corps. I hope you'll be able to join me in the Kings Park Library Meeting Room for this important meeting.

Our **regular Fall Braddock District Town Meeting** takes place the next evening, **Wednesday, October 20th at 7:30 PM**. This town meeting kicks off our new **Braddock Miniseries – A Look Back at Braddock**. I suspect many of you may share my fascination for learning about what was here before our neighborhoods transformed this area of the county, once peppered with forests and farms. Throughout this series, we will explore old roads and settlements, evidence of early Native American civilization, Civil War-era dramas, and the evolution of our system of governance. We'll discuss the preservation of historic sites and learn how to conduct research in the *Virginia Room* of the Fairfax Regional Library. I'm really excited about this series and look forward to having you join me for this trip back in time.

And while we're on the subject of a trip back in time, my staff and I are working with Seville Homes, and staff from the Park Authority and Conservation Trust Fund to plan a wonderful event to **celebrate the preservation of the Oak Hill Mansion (circa 1790)** in Annandale. Plan to join us on **Saturday, October 23rd from 10 AM until noon** at Oak Hill, located at the corner of Wakefield Chapel Rd. and Braeburn Dr. The program includes food, period children's games, re-enactors, and interpretive tours of the building and grounds.

There's more! See inside these pages to find out about what is happening in our Braddock community. As always, I look forward to working with you, and for you, during the fall and winter months ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Bulova". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Sharon Bulova

ROADWORKS UPDATE

The state biennial budget approved by the General Assembly this year provided significant increases in funding for many needs, with the exception of transportation. Projects already in the pipeline are funded, but without new money; no new projects can be added. Here is the status of road projects in the Braddock District:

Burke Lake Rd. - Widen from 2 to 4 lanes from Fairfax County Parkway to Burke Centre Parkway (State Project - 1 mile) With right-of-way acquisition completed and utilities moved, VDOT awarded the contract and proceeded with phase one, which involved the temporary closure of the road from east of Windward Dr. to just beyond Wilmington Dr. to the east. This phase was completed on time, and two lanes were open to traffic for the start of the school year. The project is scheduled to be completed by October 2005.

Rt. 236 (Little River Turnpike) Spot Capacity and Safety Improvements - Pickett Rd. to Lake Blvd. at entrance to NVCC (State project - 2 miles) A citizens' task force has been involved in design of this project. Right-of-way acquisition is being delayed pending resolution of proposed modifications to reduce impacts on properties. Bid advertisement is now scheduled for August 2006. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2007. While Rt. 236 is *ultimately* planned to be widened to 6 lanes, this project provides for *spot capacity and safety improvements at key intersections* in the corridor.

Safety improvements on Zion Dr. (east of Roberts Rd. to Windsor Hills Dr.) were approved as part of a rezoning proffer package. The developer, Stanley Martin, has completed frontage improvements along Zion Drive, including curb, gutter and a trail. A third lane on this portion of Zion was added to allow for protected left turns and the vertical elevation of the road was lowered. To minimize disruption and shorten the length of the project, Zion Drive was closed to through traffic during the summer, but opened on time for the start of the school year.

Roberts Rd. at Braddock Rd. (County Project)
Construct a right turn lane on to Braddock Road from southbound Roberts Road next to GMU. Project is fully funded and in design. Significant utility relocations issues are being worked through. Construction expected to begin in 2005.

YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK FOR YOU

Pond Spice La. Sidewalk Extension – Project to install missing link in sidewalk across from Terra Centre School south of Burke Centre Pkwy was completed in time for the start of school.

Roberts Rd. Trail Project – Project to construct 1,700 feet of 6-foot asphalt trail on western side of Roberts next to GMU to connect with sidewalk on Braddock Rd. Project funded for design and land acquisition only. Additional funding is being sought from the state.

Improved access to Metro Bus Stops - Survey and utility scoping work has begun on these projects:
Olley La. Sidewalk Extension - install sidewalk on Olley La from Colbert Ct to Braddock Rd.
Guinea Rd at Falmead Rd - replace drop inlet and do drainage improvements on northbound side of Guinea. Extend trail and build bus shelter on southbound side of Guinea. Install crosswalk.

Little River Glen II, Assisted Living and Adult Day Care Facility – Project to build 60-bed assisted living facility and adult day care off Olley La. adjacent to the Senior Center was delayed due to technical financing issues. Additional local funding **has now been approved**, so construction can begin this fall.

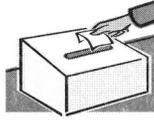
Burke Centre VRE Station Structured Parking Facility – Project to expand parking capacity is in the design phase. Community task force worked with county engineers to establish design criteria for compatibility, accessibility, safety and ecology-friendly features. Task force will review preliminary engineered design plans in late fall, with a communitywide meeting and public hearing to follow in early 2005. After final engineering, construction is anticipated to begin in 2006. Additional surface parking (62 spaces) was completed this summer.

Burke Centre Community Library – Project to build a 17,000 square foot community library at Fred's Oak Rd. and Fairfax County Parkway. Land acquisition is completed, and the project is in the design phase. Construction is to be funded through 2004 Bond Referendum.

Streetlight installation funding has been approved to address backlog of neighborhood streetlight requests dating back to 1998. Communities are being contacted about re-activating their petitions.

Two projects to correct **house flooding problems** will also be funded as part of the recently adopted budget.

ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 2



This year is a Presidential election year, as well as an election year for members of Congress. Additionally, on the ballot will be four Fairfax County Bond Referenda and two Commonwealth of Virginia Constitutional Amendments. Monday, October 4, is the final day of registration for this election. Thursday, October 28, is the deadline for receipt of absentee ballot applications for voting by mail and Saturday, October 30, is the final day for in-person absentee voting.

2004 Fairfax County Human Services Bonds

Asks voters to allow the county to borrow \$32.5 million to construct, renovate and renew several human service, mental health and Juvenile Court Services facilities in the county. The **Mount Vernon and Woodburn Community Mental Health Centers**, which serve 70% of the people who receive emergency and outpatient mental health services in the county, would be renovated and updated to address health and safety concerns, as well as improve physical site accessibility for the disabled. New buildings would be constructed to house the **Girls' Probation House**, and the **Less Secure Shelter II**, a shelter/care facility for youths who are court-ordered to be housed in a nonsecure facility before and after their court hearings.

Fairfax County Public Library Facilities Bonds

Would allow the county to borrow \$52.5 million to construct two new libraries, renovate and expand four existing libraries, and make major repairs at various library facilities. Of particular interest to Braddock District voters is the construction of a new 17,000 sq. ft. **Burke Centre Library**, to be located at the intersection of Freds Oak Rd and the Fairfax County Parkway.

Fairfax County Parks and Park Facilities Bonds

Asks voters to allow the county to borrow \$75 million, which includes \$10 million for the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority's facilities and expansion. In addition to \$724,000 to reimburse Fairfax County for the **Oak Hill preservation easement**, there are a number of projects in the Braddock District that would be funded: irrigation and renovation for six **Wakefield Park** athletic fields; replacement of elevator, boiler and other infrastructure at the Audrey Moore RECenter at Wakefield Park; park playgrounds, starting with **Rutherford Park**; dam repairs at **Lake Accotink Park**; bridge and steps replacement on the **Danbury Forest Dr. trail** entrance to Lake Accotink Park; replacement/repair of bridges on trail south of Lake Accotink leading to Old Keene Mill Rd; \$750,000 toward the \$2 million cost of implementing the new **Ossian Hall Park** Master Plan. The updated Ossian Hall Plan includes two community plazas, a new, irrigated multi-purpose rectangular field, lighted basketball court, picnic shelter and managed woodlands.

Transportation Improvements and Facilities Bonds

Would fund the county's \$165 million share of Metro Transit Capital improvements for new rail cars and buses, additional parking, and other facility and capital equipment improvements. \$50 million is included for the County's Four-year Transportation Plan for major projects: the **Rte 29/Gallows Rd. intersection** improvements, widening **Stringfellow and Centreville Rds.** and the **Burke Centre VRE Station Structured Parking**, as well as spot intersections including **Braddock Rd/Rte 123** and **Old Keene Mill/Hillside Rds.** \$5 million would go toward **countywide pedestrian enhancements.**

Commonwealth of Virginia Proposed Constitutional Amendments

There will be two questions before the voters on whether to amend the state constitution:

1) *Every ten years redistricting occurs following the U.S. Census. Should a vacancy occur in the State House of Delegates or the U.S. House of Representatives in an off election year, should the vacancy be filled based on the existing district or the newly created district, which goes into effect during the next regularly held election?*

2) *If the Governor is unable to serve, should the list of successors be expanded?*

For more information about the Fairfax County Bond Referenda, please call Janyce Hedetniemi, Braddock District Bond Representative, at 703-978-8095.

DID YOU KNOW?



- The County's Office of Public Affairs offers **brochures and information** at the following link to the web: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/>. Click on **Brochure Room** to view or print the brochures. The flyer "Where to go for Answers" is available in several languages.

- Paying for **solid waste disposal** at the I-95 or I-66 Citizen's Disposal Facilities can now be done by credit card. Disposal fees are charged for refuse, brush, yard waste, white goods and tires. Recyclable materials and household hazardous waste are accepted free of charge at both locations.

- Beginning in September, the Fairfax County Public Library, in partnership with the Public Schools, will offer live **online homework assistance** for students in fourth grade through early college using "**tutor.com.**" This free service is available from 2 - 10 P.M. seven days a week, and features live tutors who can help students with math, science, social studies and English. Spanish-speaking tutors will also be available. Tutors are certified teachers, college professors, professional tutors and students from well known universities. Access homework help at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library> .

A CALL FOR HISTORY!!



Old timers may remember when Oak Hill was still a working farmhouse, or when the beltway was just a plan, referred to as "the circumferential road." People could rent horses at Paddy's Horse Farm, where the Ruffner Woods neighborhood now sits and follow horse trails through what is now Kings Park West.

During the next couple of years, my office will be hosting a "Miniseries" called **A Look Back at Braddock**. We are collecting stories, materials and photographs. Can you help? Please contact my office at 703-425-9300 or braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov if you have something to share.

YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- Looking for opportunities to volunteer in our community? **Volunteer Fairfax** provides a **web site listing opportunities** for ongoing and "one shot deal" volunteering. They even have weekend and evening opportunities for busy working adults. You can invest time in the things you care about the most, from animals, the environment or youth at risk. Go to: <http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/DesktopDefault.aspx>

Volunteer Fairfax also manages **Volunteerfest** which, on **October 23**, is celebrating its tenth year of making a difference. Call Renee Atkinson at 703-246-3460 to sign up individually or with your whole family!

- For those who don't mind getting wet for a good cause, **The Fairfax County Park Authority's Adapted Aquatics** program offers an excellent chance to truly be a help. Adapted aquatics volunteers work with adults and children on a one-on-one basis in park authority pools. Training is provided, and free use of the recreation center is a nice perk for those who volunteer a specified number of hours. Call Jean Skinner at 703-324-8565 for all the details and schedules. You will be proud to be a part of this award winning program.

- Want a chance to immerse yourself in Fairfax County's rich history? **Volunteer Teaching Docents** are needed at the **Colvin Run Mill Historic Site** in Great Falls. Lead tours, discussions and answer questions about the site's history for student tours. Training is provided. Typical shifts are 10 AM to noon and preferred commitment is 2-4 shifts per month. Contact Mary Ellen at 703-759-2771 or mary.allen@fairfaxcounty.gov

- Give a helping hand to the **Fairfax Medical Reserve Corps**. The Corps is currently seeking 13,000 people who can assist the county government in the event of a public health emergency. Volunteers are needed: both those with and without medical experience. Please contact Donna Foster at 703-246-2485 or donna.foster@fairfaxcounty.gov For more information, go to www.fairfaxcountycitizencorps.org

Public Safety Corner

As a result of last winter and spring's **Community Dialog on Gang Activity/Activities and Revitalization in the Heritage/Annandale Area of the Braddock District**, numerous county agencies are planning and implementing a variety of services and programs. Chief among these efforts is an ad hoc consortium assembled by Captain Jack Hurlock, commander of the West Springfield Police Station, and Evan Braff with the Department of Community and Recreation Services. Below are descriptions of a few of those programs. See my Web Site for more details on these and other programs and how you can help.

"Get Real About Violence" - This month-long summer program at Annandale Terrace Elementary School taught 24 fifth-graders the refusal and resiliency skills needed to combat negative peer pressure and violence.

Road Dawg Camp - a week-long camp for at-risk youths conducted in August provided an opportunity for police officers to serve as mentors and introduced the boys and girls to the public safety profession. Campers were also taught the skills necessary to prevent involvement in gang activity.

Bowling for Badges - On October 23rd Annandale youths, in conjunction with West Springfield Police personnel and Human Service agencies, will sponsor a bowl-a-thon to raise money for the Road Dawg Camp and other gang prevention activities.

Youth Speak Outs - These sessions will give young people a chance to discuss programs/services they would like to see in their community.

Heritage Mall - West Springfield police officers are working with Redwood Commercial Real Estate Services (Heritage Mall) to reduce crime by recommending changes to such environmental influences as lighting, shrubbery and fencing. On **Saturday, November 6th** the **West Springfield Police Station will come to Heritage Mall** with displays of police equipment and activities for area children and families.

Graffiti Removal Initiative - The police department's Bike Team has arranged for labor crews to remove graffiti from the Beltway footbridge leading to the Audrey Moore Recreation Center. Clean-up efforts will be ongoing.

BE PREPARED! HANDY NUMBERS TO CALL FOR WEATHER RELATED PROBLEMS

- **DRAINAGE PROBLEMS**
Back or side yards: (blocked culverts, etc)
Call County Maintenance at 703-934-2845
Curb or ditch blockages
Call VDOT Maintenance at 703-383-VDOT
- **POWER OUTAGES** 1-888-667-3000
- **SNOW REMOVAL** 703-383-8368

SPECIAL BRADDOCK DISTRICT

TOWN MEETING & WORKSHOP

Tuesday, October 19th
7:30 PM

Kings Park Library Community Room

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Be Prepared to
Take Care of Your Family and
Help Your Neighbors in an Emergency

Learn About:

The CERT Program
(Community Emergency Response Team)

Fairfax County's Citizen Corps

Making an Emergency Kit

Call my office at 703-425-9300 for more
information, directions, and to RSVP

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Call 703-324-3187, TTY 703- 324-2935.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS



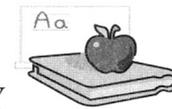
George Mason University has embarked on some exciting construction projects. Much of the construction is planned for the years to come, helping to make GMU one of the most innovative universities in the country. Some of these exciting projects are outlined below;

Research Building I: Will address the university's need for faculty offices and research laboratories. It will include a high-tech astronomy laboratory and a rooftop observatory. Timeline: summer 2003-summer 2005.

Aquatic and Fitness Center Addition: The existing Fitness Center has been overwhelmed with patrons from the day it first opened in 1998. This 26,000 GSF addition will add a large, multilevel fitness and workout area, double the size of the locker room facilities, add offices for intramural and club sports, and increase the equipment storage capacity. Timeline: fall 2003 – summer 2005

Parking Deck II: This facility will be a four-story concrete structure. Approximately 1,000 parking spaces will be provided, along with a retail area and offices for Parking Services. A major feature will be an additional bus stop for the CUE Bus system located at the back of the lower level of Science & Tech II. Eventually, Parking Lot B will go away completely. The new Academic V Building is going to be built on the site of what is left of Parking Lot B. Timeline: spring 2003 – spring 2005

Patriot Center Addition/Improvement: The University's Patriot Center Arena, seating 10,000, has been in continuous use since its opening in 1985. The center is in need of a major interior upgrade and expansion to continue to serve as the primary center for both university events and increasing use as an entertainment arena. The interior renovations will include: facelift and upgrade of all public areas, including the main concourse, rest rooms, concession arena, seating areas, the arena's floor conversion to a multi-purpose ice rink, with a hard surface, event and arena storage, entertainer dressing areas, athletic team locker rooms, and support services. Timeline: spring 2004 – summer 2005



FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL RENOVATIONS

Schools in the Braddock District received one-fourth of the \$377,955,000 allocated by the 2001 Fairfax County School Bond Referendum. Projects at five separate schools in the Braddock District are underway, and some are nearing completion.

Annandale High School, which received \$11.5 million for renovations, is within one year of being completed. Renovations at **Laurel Ridge Elementary School** will be done in the next two years. **Lake Braddock Secondary**, which is having extensive renovations, including a middle school with a 12-room addition, is scheduled for completion three years from now. **Woodson High School** has completed its planning for renovations, which are scheduled for completion during the 2009-2010 school year. **Annandale Terrace Elementary** plans to have its 10-room modular addition completed for the 2006-2007 school year.

We look forward to these renovations and the benefits that children in the Braddock district will receive.

WINTER TOWN MEETING

ELDER ISSUES:



EXPANDING YOUR WORLD

THROUGH EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SENIORS

February 9, 2005, 2 PM

Little River Glen Senior Center

CONVENIENT TRANSPORTATION FOR SENIORS

Seniors on the Go is a program designed for people 65 years of age or older who meet certain income criteria and live in selected zip code areas in Fairfax County. Seniors who qualify for this program may purchase taxicab coupon booklets worth \$30 at a cost of only \$10 per booklet. This program is limited to individuals with an annual income of \$40,000 or less for a family of one and \$50,000 or less for a married couple. For more information, call 703-324-1172 or go to www.co.fairfax.va.us/fcdot/seniors/htm

The County is also offering “**Travel Training**” for seniors. These hands-on sessions focus on teaching seniors how to use local bus and rail systems. Call 703-324-1172 for information.



TALKING TRASH

Federal and state environmental law requires Fairfax County to prepare a long-range strategic plan for dealing with solid waste and recyclables over the next 20 years. This plan must provide an analysis of the anticipated volume and nature of the waste expected to be produced. It must describe a method of dealing with this waste that produces the least negative environmental impact.

County staff developed a solid waste plan that built in efficiencies of service, while providing for anticipated increases in population and the resultant solid waste. **Citizen and industry opposition arose to elements of the plan that called for the County to take over control of trash collection. Under this proposal, the County would enter into contracts with private haulers, rather than our current system where individuals and community associations negotiate with private haulers themselves.**

The **Board of Supervisors established a task force** of trash industry representatives, citizen organizations and other stakeholders **to resolve waste collection issues related to service quality, competition, air emissions from trucks, safety, disaster and emergency response, unified recycling activities and other issues.** A report will be delivered to the Board within 12 months regarding the outcome of the task force’s work.



EZ Bus



When I leaf back through older issues of the Braddock Byline, articles about the Virginia Railway Express make me smile.

Service began in 1992. After a brief honeymoon, on-time performance suffered and ridership fell off as we experienced conflicts with our freight railroad landlords. Newspaper headlines in 1996 shouted “Commuter Railroad headed for Doom!” What a difference today. We are reliable, convenient and (especially with Metrocheck) affordable. Our biggest challenge today is accommodating our unprecedented growth.

In addition to the Burke Centre parking structure mentioned in this issue of the Byline, County staff in the Office of Transportation has begun an innovative **subscription bus service called EZ Bus.** Riders who sign up for the service are picked up at or near their homes and delivered to the station in time for their train. The EZ Bus freed up more than 100 parking spaces at the Burke Centre lot. This pilot program is the first of its kind in the country. For more information, please call my office at 703-425-9300.

FYI: VERIZON UPGRADING ITS LINES

Verizon is a publicly held utility company, regulated by the State Corporation Commission, not the County. Verizon is expanding its infrastructure and installing fiber optics. In order for Verizon to make these upgrades, the company may dig in its easement or work on the utility poles, as Cox has done in the past when making its upgrades.

Right now Verizon is working “next door” in the Mason District. Verizon has not told us which neighborhoods it will be upgrading next. However, once Verizon is ready to work in an area, its crews will put a door hanger on your door a week in advance to let you know what they will be doing and who you can contact with concerns.

YOURS FOR THE ASKING
Contact my office for the following:

- **BROCHURES ON VOTING AND THE NOVEMBER 2, 2004 ELECTION:**
Work at the polls- How to be an election officer.
Fairfax County Voter Registration.
In person absentee voting locations.
Absentee ballot application.
The Virginia Easy Voter Guide.
Voter and election information on the web.
Proposed Constitutional Amendments
- **AN INTRODUCTION TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.**
- **DIG WITH CARE-** Virginia Guide for Safe Excavation or Demolition.
- **ADOPT-A- HIGHWAY PROGRAM-** Pitch in to Keep Virginia Beautiful.
- **CHEAPEAKE BAY PRESERVATION ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS-** Important information for Fairfax County homeowners.
- **PREPARING FOR A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY-** What you need to know in handy pocket format.
- **TRANSIT GUIDES:**
Metrobus Timetables.
VRE Riders Guide.
Discounted Joint Fare Card for VRE & Metro
A Guide to Ridesharing in Fairfax County.

Supervisor Sharon Bulova's Braddock District

FALL TOWN MEETING

Wednesday, October 20th, 7:30 P.M.

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

A LOOK BACK AT BRADDOCK

The Miniseries Begins!

**Overview of History
in the
Braddock District**

Preserving our History

**The Virginia Room
What's there and how do you use it?**

**A New Project
To Gather and Tell our History**

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