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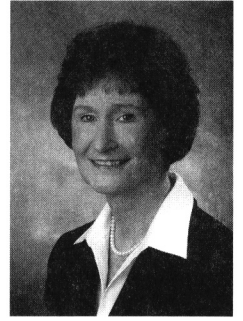
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Spring, 2005

This is turning out to be The Year of the Old and the New. The “old” is our exciting Braddock District history project – ***A Look Back at Braddock***. About 20 Braddock history buffs are working with my office on a very exciting and ambitious project to:

- Gather written anecdotes, photographs and historic materials regarding Braddock’s past,
- Record and transcribe oral histories from our older residents,
- Organize and edit written materials into both paper and electronic compilations of old stories and recollections,
- Create a Layered Map, tracing Braddock’s boundaries, landmarks and features from early history to present, and
- Conduct a Student History Paper Competition (deadline for entries is May 20th).

Please visit our web page at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/BD/homepage.htm, or give my office a call at 703-425-9300, for more information about these projects.

Our next two **Braddock District Town Meetings** will focus on Braddock’s rich history. I hope you can join me on **Wednesday, May 25th, 7:30 PM** to learn about ***What Was Here Before***. Speakers will describe Braddock’s earliest history, colonial settlements, and the role our part of the County played during times of war and conflict. Please also mark your calendars for our **October 19th Town Meeting**, when you’ll get to see the fruits of our Task Force’s labor. See inside for more information about our May town meeting, as well as ***A Call for History***, which we hope will become a regular Braddock Byline feature!

The “new” – several County facilities are, or will soon be, under construction during the months ahead. Ground has been broken already for **Little River Glen II**, a 60-bed assisted living facility and adult day care center. This long awaited addition to the existing Little River Glen independent housing community is located on Olley Lane near Rt. 236. Completion is scheduled for spring 2006. By this time next year, work will be underway to build our new **Burke Centre Library** at Fred’s Oak Rd. and the Fairfax County Parkway, as well as a new **Parking Garage at the Burke Centre VRE Station**. Both of these projects are scheduled to be completed in spring 2008. Members of the Braddock community have helped to shape the design of all of these facilities

Lastly, the window of opportunity has opened on the process to update and revise **Fairfax County’s Comprehensive Plan for both Transportation and Land Use**. The Plan serves as a guide for how the county is developed. It is a very strong tool, on which requests for transportation funding and proposed land use changes are judged. Earlier this spring, my office invited civic and homeowner association leaders in our Braddock District to designate representatives to serve on “**APR**” (**Area Plans Review**) **Transportation Task Forces** that will, during the next 18 months, participate in this critical process. Please contact my office for more information. You can also follow the Task Forces’ progress on our Braddock web page.

I look forward to seeing you at our **Town Meeting on May 25th**, and throughout the summer as we enjoy our wonderful **Braddock Nights** summer concerts (please see page 5 for the schedule).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Sharon Bulova". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Sharon Bulova

ROADWORKS UPDATE

Burke Lake Rd. - Widen from 2 to 4 lanes from Fairfax County Parkway to Burke Centre Parkway (State Project - 1 mile). Phase one was completed on time, and two lanes were open to traffic for the start of the 2004 school year. The project is scheduled for completion in 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). Right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation are underway. Bid advertisement is 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.

Rolling Road (Route 638) (VDOT Project - 1.4 miles) Widen to 4 lanes from Old Keene Mill Road to Hunter Village Drive (Springfield District). Lack of funding put the project on hold. Funds are now allocated for re-design, anticipated to begin in April 2005.

Route 123, Ox Road @ Braddock Road (VDOT Project). Extend northbound right turn lane on Ox Road. Design is underway.

Braddock Road @ GMU. Funded in part by the Fairfax County 4-Year Transportation Plan. Extend westbound right turn lane from existing terminus on Braddock Road to GMU entrance at Roanoke Lane; Add sidewalk from Roanoke to Ox Road. Currently in design with bid advertisement in summer 2005.

Braddock Road @ Ravensworth Road (VDOT Project). Construct an acceleration lane on westbound Braddock Road between Ravensworth Road and the I-495 ramp. Design is being coordinated with the Ravensworth Sidewalk project. Bid advertisement in late 2005.

Ravensworth Road – Fairfax County Project. Add sidewalk on west side of Ravensworth Road from Kalorama Drive to Braddock Road. In final design.

Roberts Road Project. Construct a right turn lane on to Braddock Road from southbound Roberts Road next to GMU. Project design completed. Construction delayed as significant utility relocation issues are being worked through.

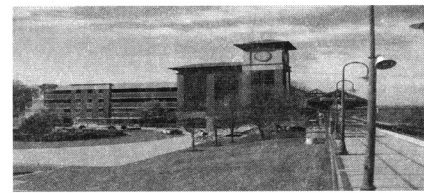
YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK FOR YOU

- **Improved access to Metro Bus Stops - Olley La. Sidewalk Extension** - install sidewalk on Olley La from Colbert Ct. to Braddock Rd. Design is in progress. Construction anticipated in early 2006.

Guinea Rd at Falmead Rd - replace drop inlet and improve drainage on NB side of Guinea; extend trail and build bus shelter on SB side of Guinea; install crosswalk. Land acquisition is required. Construction anticipated in the first half of 2007.

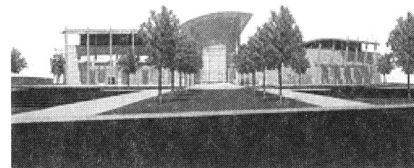
- **Little River Glen II, Assisted Living and Adult Day Care Facility –**
Project to build 60-bed assisted living facility and adult day care off Olley La. adjacent to the Senior Center is fully funded. Construction is underway and the facility should be ready to open in **spring 2006**.

- **Burke Centre VRE Station Parking Facility**



A Task Force of citizens and County staff participated in the design of this facility. The garage will be attractive and compatible with the surrounding community. A Planning Commission public hearing will be held on the evening of June 29. Construction begins in August 2006. Completion expected in spring 2008.

- **Burke Centre Community Library –**



Project to build a 17,000 square foot community library at Fred's Oak Rd. and Fairfax County Parkway. Passage of the 2004 Library Bond Referendum provided funding for design and construction. In order to provide some temporary parking for VRE commuters during construction of the garage, this project will be phased.

Phase One - Build parking lot and site infrastructure, to start in January 2006 and be completed in July 2006.
Phase Two - The library building construction starts in fall 2006 and will be completed in spring 2008.



Every budget has its own personality. Five years ago, when the Board of Supervisors “marked-up” the County Executive’s Advertised spending plan, it was referred to as *The Perfect Storm*. Although average real estate values had increased by double digits above the prior year, *other* county revenues had declined or were flat. Like a needle stuck on an old LP record, this trend continued for the next four years, causing the County to become more and more dependent on the real estate tax to keep up with basic County services. Since FY 2001, the portion of our General Fund Receipts coming from the real estate tax has grown from 51.3% to 60.6% in the Advertised Budget. The budget the Board adopted this year reduces this percentage to 59.47%.

The Fiscal Year 2006 Budget is a *sea change* from what we have experienced during the past five years. While real estate assessments have continued to rise significantly, other County revenues have finally begun a modest rebound. Also making this year’s budget process more positive is the significant improvement in the Board of Supervisors’ relationship with the School Board. I thank School Superintendent Jack Dale, and members of the School Board, for recognizing our fiscal challenges and working cooperatively with us this year as we’ve attempted to provide tax relief to homeowners while still maintaining the excellent schools and County services our constituents value and rely upon. The **School Transfer** this year is \$1.56 billion, an increase of 8.24% (\$112.72 million) over last year. **Instead of “going to the mat” for their request for a 9.2% increase, the Schools accepted the County’s guideline.**

The following is a brief summary of the Budget the Board adopted formerly on April 25th.

- **General Fund Disbursements (General County and Schools) of \$3.0 billion**, an increase of **5.7%** over the fiscal year 2005 budget estimate. **General Fund Direct Expenditures (non-School spending)** totals \$1.1 billion, an increase of \$31.5 million or **3%** over FY 2005.
- **Reduction of the real estate tax rate by 13 cents**, from \$1.13 to \$1.00, the lowest rate in recent history. Without this tax rate reduction, the average annual residential tax bill would have increased by \$942.79 instead of \$364.59 (or \$30.38 per month). Additionally, Budget Guidelines direct the County Executive to prepare a budget that will allow the Board to reduce the real estate tax rate further in FY 2007 if assessments continue to increase significantly, to maximize homeowner real estate tax relief.
- A **new Budget Guideline** directs the County Executive to develop a budget for FY 2007 that *limits spending increases* to what is needed to accommodate growth and cost factors, and clearly identifies funding requirements driven by state and/or federal mandates and major County initiatives. Increases in the Transfer to the Schools are to be contained within the same parameters.
- Thanks to General Assembly actions last year, this budget allows us to **diversify County revenue** and begin to reduce our over-reliance on the real estate tax. New revenue from increases in cigarette and recordation taxes (\$35.8 million) is directed toward reducing the real estate tax rate by two cents.
- An additional two cents is arrived at through **\$23.7 million in reductions from the County Executive’s recommended spending plan** and through adjustments to projected revenues.
- One cent on the tax rate, \$17.8 million, is dedicated to the **Preservation of Affordable Housing**. A new **Housing Flexibility Fund** will quickly and significantly impact the availability of affordable housing.
- A major County **environmental priority** is the need to address **Stormwater Management** issues. The Board accepted the County Executive’s recommendation to dedicate one penny of the real estate tax, \$17.8 million, on an annual basis to implement a program to address flooding and water quality issues.

Details of the Board’s “Mark-up Process and all Budget Documents can be viewed at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb.

A CALL FOR HISTORY!!



I moved into my new home in Kings Park West in 1971. The houses were still under construction, and I stumbled upon the neighborhood while exploring a dirt road that wound through the woods. The dirt road was Guinea Rd. Paddy's Horse Farm rented horses at the entrance to the neighborhood at Commonwealth Blvd., Twinbrook Rd. and Guinea Rd. Opposite the horse farm was an old one-room school house. This school house, and the distinctive triangular intersection, can be seen on the County's oldest maps.

What do you remember about Braddock?

My office is coordinating a History Project called **A Look Back at Braddock**. A Task Force of about 20 Braddock history buffs is conducting oral history interviews and collecting written recollections, historic materials and photographs. **Can you help?** That box of old photos or scrap book materials may be a treasure that we'd like to digitize and use in a book of stories and recollections about our Braddock District. All materials will be handled with care and returned to you promptly.

WATCH THIS SPACE in future **Braddock Bylines** for brief memories and photos of "old time" Braddock. Please contact my office if you have something to share, or if you know of someone who would be a good subject for an oral history interview.

NEWS FROM THE PARKS!

The Park Authority has been working closely with my office and Braddock District residents to improve our parks. Some exciting things are happening!

- **A NEW LOOK!** - The **Ossian Hall Park** Master Plan was approved in July 2004. The Plan calls for a forest treatment plan to clean up the park, a new rectangular field, 100 new parking spaces, an urban plaza, new pedestrian park entrances, a picnic area, new multi-use courts, and a new trail system. The project will be completed in phases. A project team is determining which amenities will be built first.

- **A NATURAL RESOURCE PARK** - The Master Plan for **Woodglen Lake Park** was approved in July 2004. This small park was designated a

Natural Resource Park, which means only limited development, designed to protect the park, can take place – such as signs, paths and the removal of invasive plant species.

- **TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLFIELD** - New **Wakefield Park** athletic fields construction is nearing completion. Fields include two tournament-level softball fields with new parking areas. Field amenities include skinned infields, sodded outfields, fencing, irrigation, electronic scoreboards, lighting, wooden dug-outs, upgraded player's benches and new bleachers. **The project will be completed this spring**, and Field One should be ready for use in late summer or early fall.

- **PLAYGROUND RENOVATION!** – As part of the 2004 park bond program, the **Rutherford Park Playground** is slated for renovation in the near future.



- **FRUSTRATINGLY SLOW** –For those following the **Lake Accotink** dredging project, this has been a very frustrating time. The Park Authority Board moved plans forward in October 2000 and approved design contracts in March 2001 for Phase One and in January 2002 for Phase Two. When bids came in more than 50% higher than estimated, the project was redesigned and re-bid again in January 2005. Unfortunately, the one bid which was received was nearly 80% higher than anticipated. A post-bid investigation is underway to determine how to proceed.

- **APPROVED AND SET TO START** - The Park Authority Board approved a contract to construct a trail and stream crossings in the **Accotink Stream Valley Park** at the northern end of Wakefield Park. This segment of the **Cross County Trail** has asphalt and concrete surfaces, includes three stream crossings and completes the critical link under Rt. 236, at its intersection with the Beltway. The (multi-use) Cross County Trail will cross Fairfax County from the Occoquan River near Rt. 123 to the Potomac River at Great Falls. Its initial length will be approximately 31.5 miles.

For more information, contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662 or visit the Park Authority online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks.

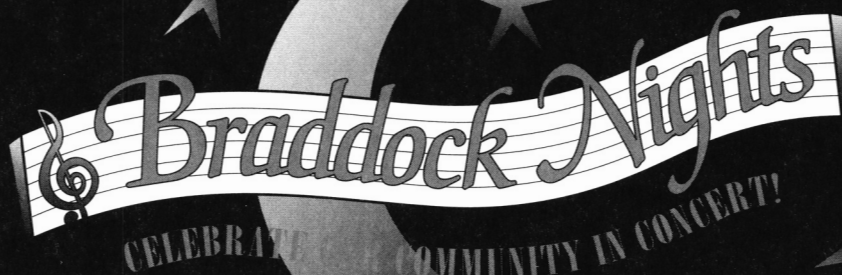
FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY PRESENTS
2005 SUMMER CONCERTS ★ FRIDAYS, 7:30 p.m.

Performances are **FREE** and begin at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Concerts are cancelled if it's raining. If there is a threat of bad weather, call 703.324.SHOW (7469) after 6:00 p.m. for cancellation updates.

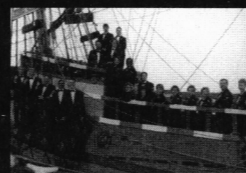
For information call 703.425.9300, Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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



LAKE ACCOTINK PARK

7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield



SEA CHANTERS



IONA

ROYAL LAKE PARK

5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax

June 3 Falls Church Concert Band (Big Band)

The 50-piece Falls Church Concert Band plays a mixture of show tunes, patriotic and dance music — "feel good" sounds perfect for a long summer evening.

June 10 Swing Shift (Swing)

The big band era comes alive in the music of Swing Shift's 18-piece dance band.

June 17 Itumiray Band (Andean Music)

Hear the best of the enchanting music from the Bolivian Andes.

June 24 City of Fairfax "Concert Band" (Classical)

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

July 1 Oklahoma Twisters (County Western)

Put the whole family in the saddle with the Oklahoma Twisters' mix of fiery fiddles and galloping guitars.

July 8 Sultans of Swing (Swing)

The Sultans of Swing boost a huge and varied repertoire focused on American music from 1900 to 1961. Their enthusiasm and creativity, unrelenting rhythm, high spirits, good taste and obvious pleasure in sparking an audience response make every performance fresh.

July 15 Fairfax Symphony "Summer Band" (Classical)

The Fairfax Symphony's Summer Band showcases the talents of the county's very best young musicians in this second of two special programs in the summer concert series.

July 22 Mariachi Los Amigos (Mexican)

Mariachi Los Amigos celebrates the vibrant color, lively rhythms and wonderful vocal harmonies of Mexico's mariachi music tradition.

July 29 Annandale Orchestra (Pop)

NVCC - Annandale Symphony Orchestra presents "Children's Favorites" featuring selections from Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf, Humperdinck's Hansel and Gretel, and Strouse's Annie.

August 5 Randy Barrett (Folk/Bluegrass)

Randy Barrett is a triple-threat standout — top shelf songwriter, award-winning vocalist and stellar instrumental prowess on guitar and banjo. His numerous honors include four Washington Area Music Association awards for Best Male Vocalist in the Bluegrass and Traditional Folk categories.

August 12 The United States Navy Band "Sea Chanters" (Sea Chanteys)

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

August 19 'Alt Washingtonia' (Bavarian Folk Dance)

The Original Bavarian Dance Club of Washington, Alt Washingtonia is, a link with the old homeland, preserving and sharing Alpine customs and traditions in the new world. Their performances feature traditional dances, singing, yodeling, accordion playing, cowbell ringing and alpenhorn playing.

August 26 City of Fairfax "Alte Kameraden German" Band (German)

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

June 3 Night Music (Vintage Rock)

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

June 10 Billy Coulter (Roots Rock)

Performing upbeat and danceable original songs with catchy melodies, as well as familiar favorites from Cash, Dylan and others.

June 17 The Continentals (Polka)

The Continentals present an evening of polka and waltz from German, Polish, Slovenian, and Czech traditions served with contagious enthusiasm.

June 24 GrooveLily (pop, folk)

Imagine a drag race: car one has Madonna, Dennis Miller, Sting and Randy Newman; car two holds Jimi Hendrix, Bruce Hornsby and Steely Dan. GrooveLily is the music playing on both radios: smart pop with electric violin, keyboards and drums.

July 1 IONA (Celtic)

IONA's trademark is a high-energy, pan-Celtic weave of the traditional music of Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Cornwall (England), Brittany (France), the Isle of Man and Galicia (Spain), featuring highland and small pipes, vocals and percussion.

July 8 Los Quetzales (Mexican Folk Dance)

Los Quetzales Mexican Dance Ensemble is Northern Virginia's premier Mexican folkloric company. Its repertoire ranges from the traditions and dances of pre-Hispanic Mexico to contemporary songs and dances.

July 15 Daryl Davis Trio (Swing)

Daryl Davis is one of America's top boogie woogie pianists. He plays regularly with Chuck Berry and is a protégé of the famed Pinetop Perkins.

July 22 Project Natale (Jazz)

"Project Natale exemplifies the nature of jazz music with their distinctive style...they are truly an unparalleled presence on the DC jazz scene." — Washington Post

July 29 Lox & Vodka (Klezmer)

Blending traditional klezmer with jazz, folk and contemporary flavors, Lox & Vodka will take you on a journey from the shtetls (villages) of Eastern Europe to the shores of our great United States. Come ready to sing, clap and dance to the vibrant and spirit-filled sound of klezmer, Jewish and American music.

August 5 Irish Breakfast Band (Irish)

The Irish Breakfast Band celebrates 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 12 The Novations (Classic Rock)

The Novations, a quartet of great rockers, play classic Rock & Roll. You'll love all the songs they play and they'll play all the songs you love!

August 19 Russikye Musikanti (Russian)

Beautifully costumed, the Russikye Musikanti present Russian and Ukrainian folk songs, gypsy tunes, Cossack songs, waltzes and polkas, played on the traditional instruments of the region — balalaikas, domras and bayan.

August 26 Squeeze Bayou (Cajun)

With 1998's best recording by a Cajun band outside of Louisiana to their credit, Squeeze Bayou plays songs that are made for dancing Cajun-style. "Spicier than grandma's gumbo and steamier than the French Quarter."

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



Fairfax County Park Authority
 Appropriate accommodations may be provided upon request.

Call 703-324-8563 for information.

TTY 703-324-3988.





DID YOU KNOW?

- **Verizon Upgrade**

You might have noticed utility work being done in some of your communities. **Verizon** is currently rolling out consumer broadband telecommunication services – FiOS Internet Service – to many of its customers in the Annandale and Springfield areas. This new technology utilizes fiber-optic connections – instead of copper wire – directly into homes to enable a broad array of voice, data and video applications. If you are interested in knowing more about this Internet Service, you can call 1-888-GET FIOS (888-438-3467) or visit Verizon's Web site at www.verizon.net/fios.

- **Shut-it-Down Campaign**

The Fairfax County Police Department Traffic Division is providing a powerful tool for teenagers to help **prevent underage drinking and driving**. From now through the end of June, the police will have a special telephone line in operation. Anyone may leave anonymous messages detailing student events where underage drinking is expected to occur. The "Shut-it-Down" campaign is being conducted nationally during the prom and graduation season.

The telephone number is **703-246-2333**. It will be checked daily by traffic division staff. Messages left on the line should include the date, location and time of the student event where underage drinking is expected to take place.

- **Monthly Braddock District Updates**

My office coordinates with the Braddock District Council of Community Associations to send out a **monthly report** on issues and activities of interest to our neighborhoods. **If you are a Civic or Homeowner Association representative and are not receiving the Braddock District Council Newsletter, please let me know so that we can update our records.** If you are *not* a community association representative, but would like to receive this monthly newsletter, we'd be glad to add you to the mailing list. Please contact my office at 703-425-9300 or braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov. Our Web page is also a great source of Braddock information at <http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/gov/bos/bd/homepage.htm>

YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Fairfax County greatly values volunteering. It's a great way to help out and build a strong community at the same time. This spring and summer, there are many volunteer opportunities available.

- Can't wait to get outdoors and enjoy the warm weather? **The Fairfax County Park Authority** has many volunteer positions available for gardening, guiding tours or helping at golf courses. They also need front-desk greeters and other indoor office positions. If you're interested, call 703-324-8680 or visit <http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/parks/volunteer.htm>.

- **Fairfax County Libraries** are looking for help with assisting Master Gardener-led projects. Consider working with newcomers to this country to improve their English. Or provide one-on-one Internet tutoring, organize books on shelves, or sort and price books for the popular Friends of the Library book sales. The library more than 60 volunteer opportunities. Drop by your local library to find out how you can help out, or visit the Web page at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library.

- For just eight hours a month, typically weekends, you can be a **BeFriend-A-Child Volunteer Mentor** with Fairfax County's Department of Family Services, Child Abuse Prevention Services. Volunteers must be at least 21 years old. Careful screening, training and coaching are provided. Mentors can take part in group activities, such as bowling, pumpkin carving, performing arts workshops, cookouts, swimming at the water park and more. The next training for prospective mentors is on June 27 and 28, from 6 to 9 p.m. in Fairfax. Contact Chuck at 703-324-7874 or Ann Rieger at 703-324-7072. You can also visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/dfs/factsheets/BeFriend.htm for more information.

- The Fairfax County Sheriff's Department is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to participate in their **Reserve Deputy Sheriff Unit**. Volunteers perform a variety of operational support and administrative assignments. Local training is provided by certified law enforcement instructors and is conducted during non-business hours. Uniforms, equipment and risk insurance are provided upon successful completion of training. To apply or to obtain additional information, contact First Lieutenant Doug Byrd at 703-246-3251.

SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE

As this school year draws to a close, it is good to reflect on the accomplishments of this past year, and look forward to the future.

Our renovations are on track. **Laurel Ridge** is completed and **Lake Braddock** is on schedule. Our next big project will be **Woodson**, which will begin in August 2006. As part of Woodson's renovation, a 2000 seat auditorium will be added to the school.

This fall, Fairfax County Schools will have a **Bond Referendum** on the ballot. Planning money for the renovation of **Canterbury Woods** is to be included. Of course, we hope everyone will support the bond.

Our students, and our staff, continue to excel. **Joseph Hills**, a social studies teacher at **Lake Braddock**, was named as this year's **Virginia teacher of the year!** **Mary Agnes Garman**, principal at **Kings Park**, was selected as **2005 Outstanding Communicator of the Year** by the National School Public Relations Assn.

This year we also say good-bye to some who have served Braddock District with great distinction. Their dedication to the students of Fairfax County has been outstanding, and they will be greatly missed. The following principals will be retiring this year: Ray Ross (Ravensworth) who retired in December, Mary Agnes Garman (Kings Park), Jeffrey Clark (Fairfax Villa), and Janet McCurdy (Bonnie Brae). Also leaving are: Jim Baldwin (Kings Glen) who will be going to Centre Ridge, and Pam McClelland (Wakefield Forest). Back (from maternity leave) is Sheri D'Amato to Wakefield Forest. Pam McClelland will be moving to Ravensworth as its new principal.

Lastly, the school system has adopted **a new policy for the placement of AEDs (defibrillators) in our schools.** This effort was spearheaded by parents whose children died from sudden cardiac arrest. Supervisor Bulova has taken the lead on the Board of Supervisors to have AED's installed in all of our schools and government buildings. I have been contacted by several community groups who would like to help with the funding, or purchasing a unit for their neighborhood school. Please contact me if you are interested. *I would ask that you do not just purchase a device on your own, as there are certain guidelines and specifications which must be followed.*

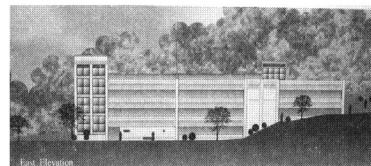
Tessie Wilson

Braddock District School Board Member
703-246-4781 or Tessie.Wilson@fcps.edu

LOTS GOING ON AT NVCC

Summer class sessions begin May 16 & June 27 and registration is ongoing. Visit www.nvcc.edu for class schedules and registering information and materials.

The 3-story parking garage being built on the Wakefield Chapel side of campus is moving closer to completion. The 800-space garage is anticipated to be ready just in time for the fall 2005 semester.



VDOT WORK ON BRADDOCK DISTRICT STREETS & SIDEWALKS

- The State's Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will be repaving streets in the following **neighborhoods** this year: Ashwood, Burke Centre, Burke Hills, Country Club View, Fox Lair, Kings Park West, Middleridge, North Springfield, Old Burke, Rutherford, Truro, Wakefield Chapel Estates, Willow Woods, Woodhirst and Woodlyne.
- VDOT is also planning to repave a number of **secondary roads** in Braddock: Guinea Road (from Little River Turnpike to Braddock Road), New Guinea Road (from Sideburn Road to Roberts Parkway), portions of Old Keene Mill Road (from downtown Springfield to Rolling Road), Morrisette Drive, Backlick Road (from Braddock Road to Hechinger Drive), and the westbound lanes of Little River Turnpike from Alexandria to the City of Fairfax line.
- In a surprise announcement, VDOT has committed to an extensive **sidewalk, curb and gutter replacement** schedule for this year. Work is scheduled in: Bartons Grove, Canterbury Woods, Country Club View, Fairfax Club Estates, George Mason Forest, Hickory Farms, Lake Braddock, Long Branch, Middleridge, Old Creek Estates, Rutherford, Signal Hill, Spring Garden, Stone Haven, Truro, Wakefield, Wakefield Chapel Woods, Willow Woods, Windsor Hills and Woods of Ilda. Guinea Road and Route 123 will also have sidewalk, curb and gutter work done this year.

VDOT began work in April and anticipates that all work will be completed by December 1, 2005. Call my office at 703-425-9300 if you have any questions.

YOURS FOR THE ASKING

Contact my office for the following:

- **FAIRFAX COUNTY'S NEWCOMER GUIDE**
- **THE FAIRFAX COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN -**
Frequently asked questions
- **CELEBRATING SPECIAL CHILDREN -**
A resource guide for families of children with special needs in Virginia
- **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TRANSPORT BILLING**
- **COMMUNITY CHALLENGES & CONCERNS** – A guide to reporting possible code violations in your community
- **FIGHT THE BITE** - Say no to mosquitoes
- **THE GYPSY MOTH AND OTHER FOREST PESTS**
- **TRANSIT GUIDES:**
Metrobus Timetables
VRE Riders Guide
A Guide to Ridesharing in Fairfax County

Supervisor Sharon Bulova's Braddock District

SPRING TOWN MEETING

Wednesday, May 25th, 7:30 P.M.

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

A LOOK BACK AT BRADDOCK

What Was Here Before

**Our Oldest History – Evidence of
Native American Activities**

**Early Land Grants & Colonial
Settlements**

**Braddock in Times of
War & Conflict**

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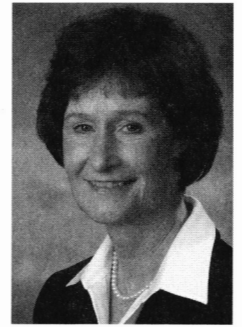
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Fall, 2005

Starlit Ponds celebrated its 25th anniversary on Saturday, September 17, with a neighborhood clean-up, followed by a potluck lunch. As neighbors filled a picnic table with trays of Spanikopita, Chinese crispy fish and chocolate chip cookies, I couldn't help but reflect on what a microcosm this community is to our entire Braddock District. We've become a mature community, aging gracefully, for the most part. We've also become much more diverse than when our neighborhoods were new. With residents of so many ethnic backgrounds rolling up their sleeves to spruce up their community, Starlit Ponds makes the blending of cultures look effortless. It's not, of course. Building a community and working through our differences takes some work. The payoff, however, is very much worth it.

This issue of the Byline is about change. Just as we are fixing up our older homes and tired landscaping, the County is also doing its part to take care of our aging infrastructure and accommodate the changing needs of our population. Some examples include:

- Starting on **October 6th, 6:30 PM**, my office is hosting a **Braddock District Neighborhood College** experience for anyone interested in learning more about Fairfax County – what services and programs we provide, how to address community problems, ways to develop neighborhood leadership skills. The college provides a forum for discussing our community's issues and challenges and equips participants with tools for addressing them. Please contact my office for more information.
- **The Braddock District Comprehensive Plan Citizen Task Force**, which began meeting in June, is reviewing nominations to change our district's Plan for transportation and land use. On Tuesday, **February 7th, 7:30 PM**, I will be hosting a **Community Outreach Meeting** in the Kings Park Library Community room. This will be a chance for neighbors to learn about and discuss what is being proposed. Our office will mail invitations to the closest neighbors of the potentially affected properties. *Please let me know if you would like to receive future mailings.*
- This winter, ground will be broken for the new **Burke Centre Library**. Once the parking lot is completed, and while the library is under construction, it will be used for temporary parking for commuters displaced during construction (starting in August) of a **new Parking Garage at the Burke Centre VRE Station**. Both the library and parking garage are expected to be completed in **spring of 2008**.
- People who drive, walk or live in the **Olley Lane** area can't help but notice **Little River Glen II** rising from the ground. This addition to the Little River Glen senior campus, where 120 independent living apartments for seniors already exist, will provide a subsidized **Assisted Living Facility** and **Adult Day Care Center** that will be available to older Braddock District residents needing support during the day. We are hoping for a **ribbon cutting this spring/summer**. More independent units are also being planned for the campus.

There is a saying that the only thing you can be certain of is change. It is the past, however, that helps keep us grounded and gives us context. Members of our **A Look Back at Braddock Task Force** have spent their summer vacations reading through more than 50 oral history transcripts, working on a history video, a book and a companion map, which traces our history from earliest maps to present. Our **Braddock District Fall Town Meeting on October 19th** will provide a sneak preview of these exciting history projects. Hope to see you there!

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Sharon Bulova". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Sharon Bulova

ROADWORKS UPDATE

Burke Lake Rd. - Widen from 2 to 4 lanes from Fairfax County Parkway to Burke Centre Parkway (State Project - 1 mile). Phase two was completed in August 2005. The county sidewalk project is expected to be completed in 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). Right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation are underway. Bid advertisement is 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.

Rolling Road (Route 638) (VDOT Project - 1.4 miles) Widen to 4 lanes from Old Keene Mill Rd. to Hunter Village Dr. (Springfield District). Lack of funding put the project on hold. Funds are now allocated for re-design, anticipated to begin in winter 2005.

Route 123, Ox Road @ Braddock Road (VDOT Project). Extend northbound right turn lane on Ox Rd. Design is underway.

Braddock Road @ GMU. Funded in part by the Fairfax County 4-Year Transportation Plan. Extend westbound right turn lane from existing terminus on Braddock Rd. to GMU entrance at Roanoke Ln.; add sidewalk from Roanoke to Ox Rd. Currently in final design with bid advertisement in late fall 2005 and completion in summer 2006.

Braddock Road @ Ravensworth Road (VDOT Project). Construct an acceleration lane on westbound Braddock Rd. between Ravensworth Rd. and the I-495 ramp. Goes to bid late - 2005. Design was coordinated with the **Ravensworth Sidewalk project, which was completed in August.** **Pedestrian signalization will be done later.**

Roberts Road Project. Construct a right turn lane on to Braddock Rd. from southbound Roberts Rd. next to GMU. Project design completed. Construction delayed as significant utility relocation issues are being worked through.

Zion Drive (Developer Proffered Project). Improve right-of-way from Windsor Hills Dr. to east of Roberts Rd. by removing "humps" and adding center turn lane. Weather permitting, the final paving will be done by the end of the year. Center lane will provide

dedicated left turn lanes into Windsor Hills Dr., Abernathy Ct., Laura Belle Ln. and Danas Crossing Dr. **A six-foot wide asphalt trail will be constructed on the north side of Zion Dr. from Windsor Hills Dr. to the existing trail to the west near Roberts Rd.**

Capital Beltway. In 2005, the Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board approved the 12-Lane High Occupancy Toll (HOT) concept for improving 14 miles of the Capital Beltway between Springfield and the American Legion Bridge. A comprehensive agreement was reached between VDOT, Fluor Enterprises, Inc. and Transurban (USA) Inc. to improve the Capital Beltway (I-495). Depending upon the outcome of the Environmental Impact Statement, a financial analysis and financial backing, construction could begin in a few years.

YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK FOR YOU

Improved access to Metro Bus Stops –

Olley Ln. Sidewalk Extension - install sidewalk on Olley Ln. from Colbert Ct. to Braddock Rd. Design is in progress. Construction anticipated in early 2006.

Guinea Rd. at Falmead Rd. - replace drop inlet and improve drainage on NB side of Guinea; extend trail and build bus shelter on SB side of Guinea; install crosswalk. Land acquisition is required. Construction anticipated in the first half of 2007.

Little River Glen II, Assisted Living and Adult Day Care Facility - Project to build 60-bed assisted living facility and adult day care near Olley Ln. Senior Center is under construction. Facility should be ready to open in **spring/summer 2006.**

Burke Centre VRE Station Parking Facility -

A Task Force of citizens and County staff participated in the design of this attractive facility, which will fit in with the surrounding community. Construction begins in August 2006. Completion expected in spring 2008.

Burke Centre Community Library - Project to build a 17,000 square foot community library at Fred's Oak Rd. and Fairfax County Parkway. Passage of the 2004 Library Bond Referendum provided funding for design and construction. In order to provide some temporary parking for VRE commuters during construction of the garage, this project will be phased.

Phase One - Build parking lot and site infrastructure, to start in winter 2006 and be completed in August 2006. Phase Two - The library building construction starts in fall 2006 and will be completed in spring 2008.



YOUR VOTE COUNTS, so please be sure to vote On Election Day – November 8th!

The last day for voter registration is **October 11**. Eligible voters must be 18, a current U.S. citizen, and live in the County. Voters must show one of the following forms of identification:

Virginia Voter Information Card, Virginia driver's license or special identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles, valid U.S. passport, military ID card, or Social Security card at the polls. Voters who will be away from Fairfax County on November 8, or who are unable to go to the polls due to illness or disability, may vote by **absentee ballot**. To apply for an absentee ballot, the voter must complete an absentee ballot application, available online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/absentee.htm. This application must be either mailed to the Fairfax County General Registrar's Office, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323, Fairfax, VA 22035, or faxed to the registrar's office at 703-324-3725.

- ✓ The deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail *or* fax is Thursday, November 3rd.
- ✓ The final day to vote absentee *in person* is Saturday, November 5th.

ON THE BALLOT this year are Virginia's Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Members of the House of Delegates and a School Bond Referendum.

A Word from Braddock District School Board Member Tessie Wilson ...

This November, there will be a bond referendum on the ballot to benefit the Fairfax County Public Schools. The bond, valued at \$246,325,000, includes money for new schools and renovations of older buildings. We here in the Braddock District have been very fortunate, as three of our four high schools have already been renovated, and the fourth (Woodson) is scheduled to start next fall. This bond referendum includes planning money to begin the renovation of Canterbury Woods Elementary School. More information on the bond can be found at the FCPS web site at www.fcps.edu, or by calling the Office of Community Relations at 703-246-3658.

2005 – 2006 AREA PLANS REVIEW (APR) PROCESS **Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan**

In Fairfax County, planning of both land development and transportation is guided by our Comprehensive Plan. First adopted in 1975, the Plan is regularly reviewed and amended. While not law, it is a major guiding factor when land is rezoned and transportation funding sought. If challenged in court, decisions about land use are weighed in context with the Plan. The Plan is composed of two parts: the **Policy Plan** and the **Area Plans**. The **Area Plans** are site specific recommendations for every property in the County. The **Policy Plan** defines County goals, policies, objectives and guidelines. Both 2005 and 2006 are Area Plans Review years for our Braddock area.

Earlier this year, a Braddock District Citizen Task Force reviewed the **Transportation section** of the **Policy Plan**. It's most significant recommendations were:

- Coordinate the review of the Trails Plan and the Transportation Plan to be concurrent rather than consecutive.
- Trails should have equal standing with roads as a mode of transportation.
- The Trails Map should be included in the Transportation Policy Plan.

- Language giving guidance about trails as a component of a multi-modal approach to transportation should be added to the Plan.

A second Task Force reviewed the current **Land Use Plan for Braddock District (Area Plans I – IV)**. The Task Force has submitted its own nominations to amend the Plan. Recommendations include language to protect the character of some neighborhoods and add trails for better pedestrian access to the Burke Centre VRE Station. The task force will also review and make recommendations on nominations that have been submitted by the public.

On Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 7:30 PM in the Kings Park Library Meeting Room (9000 Burke Lake Rd.), I will host an information meeting to give affected property owners and adjacent neighbors an opportunity to learn about the proposed nominations, ask questions and make comments. To be included in future mailings, **please call my office at 703-425-9300 and ask to sign up for APR 2/7**. Public hearings before the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors will be held in fall 2006.



YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

❖ **Volunteer Fairfax** is the regional leader in developing and delivering creative solutions to community needs, mobilizing people and resources to meet these needs. To learn more about Volunteer Fairfax and its opportunities, please visit the web site at <http://www.volunteerfairfax.org>. **VolunteerFest® 2005** is scheduled this year for **October 22**, in conjunction with *National Make a Difference Day*. This is a prime opportunity to participate in a county-wide event and to make a difference in your own community. Visit the Website above to learn more about *VolunteerFest® 2005*.

❖ **Volunteer Tutors Needed** for day and evening hours to work one-to-one with adults in libraries or adult learning centers as well as working with adolescents in alternative school settings. The **Volunteer Learning Program (VLP)** provides training. VLP is a joint project of the Fairfax County Public Schools Adult and Community Education, Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, and Public Libraries. For more information, please call 703-246-2139, or e-mail VLP@fcps.edu.

❖ **Become a Reserve Deputy Sheriff** by volunteering to participate in the **Reserve Deputy Sheriff Unit**. This is a unique opportunity to serve in an interesting and rewarding role as a reserve deputy sheriff, trained to perform a variety of operational support and administrative assignments. Local training provided during non-business hours by certified law enforcement instructors. Uniforms, equipment, and risk insurance are provided. For information, contact First Lieutenant Doug Byrd at 703-246-3251.

❖ **Fairfax Mentors Project Seeking Volunteers** to donate one hour per week for one year. The Fairfax Mentors Project pairs adult mentors with youth, ages 10 to 14, to work on school projects, play sports or board games, do arts and crafts, or just to hang out. Training and ongoing support are provided. For more information, please contact Denise Straub at 703-324-5344 (TTY 703-222-9693).

❖ **Community Kitchen: Food 4 You** provides a free hot meal for those in need every third Thursday at **Highview Christian Fellowship** in Fairfax. This program is part of the **Mark of Excellence Community Services**, which also includes a Clothes Closet, providing business attire for individuals seeking employment. The Mark's TLC provides housing support in a family-like atmosphere for women in transition from homelessness or re-entering society after incarceration. For information about volunteering, please contact the Mark of Excellence at 703-323-5422 or www.markofexcellence.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

- When your community plans a **Clean-up Day**, **Clean Fairfax Council** can provide supplies such as 30-gallon litter bags, clear bags for recyclables, safety vests and safety tips. Contact Clean Fairfax at <http://www.cleanfairfaxcouncil.org> or call 703-324-5471. You can schedule a **dumpster** for a community clean-up day by calling the **County's Department of Solid Waste** at 703-550-3486.
- The **Fairfax County Sheriff's Office Community Labor Force** can provide free labor to homeowner associations as part of a community revitalization project. For more information, contact my office. The Community Labor Force has begun a **Landscape Initiative** at 40 county owned sites that has saved the County \$100,000 in the first year.
- Single-family home and townhouse residents should recycle **newspaper, glass, bottles, jars, and metal food and beverage cans**. All single-family homes and most townhouses are required to recycle yard debris (leaves, grass, brush). Contact your collector for detailed information.
- To **avoid telemarketing calls**, you can now register your land line or cellular phone with the National Do Not Call List at 1-888-382-1222 or www.donotcall.gov.
- The **Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)** owns and maintains our roads in Fairfax County. Residents should check with VDOT (703-383-VDOT) before planting trees or shrubs between their sidewalk and the curb, in the state right-of-way. Vegetation should be trimmed so it does not overhang sidewalks.

PUBLIC SAFETY CORNER



SCAMS

Fairfax County citizens are sometimes the victims of home-based scams. Here are some things to look for in a scam and how to avoid them. If you believe you've been scammed, contact Fairfax County Consumer Protection Division or call 703-222-8435.

Tips: When in doubt, buy yourself some time. Before agreeing to purchase something over the phone or in person, ask to have something in writing to consider first. Use common sense. If something doesn't feel quite right, say "no."

Before doing business with a company, you can research the company's complaint history at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/consumer/complaint_history.htm. If you decide to purchase a product or engage a service, get all promises and guarantees in writing and read all agreements carefully before signing. Do not allow strangers in your family vehicle or let them in your house.

EMERGENCY ALERTS

County residents can now receive real-time **emergency information** in times of crisis or severe weather. Residents registered on the **Community Emergency Alert Network (CEAN)**, a service of the county's Office of Emergency Management, will be provided a personal connection to real-time updates, instructions on where to go, protective actions that need to be taken and other important information, including National Weather Service watches and warnings.

CEAN alerts can include personal safety, weather, major accidents involving utilities or roadways, or disaster notifications. Messages will be delivered to e-mail accounts, cell phones, text pagers, satellite phones and wireless PDAs that are registered on the system. County officials will use the CEAN to deliver emergency alerts and updates during emergencies. **To register for the CEAN**, visit the Fairfax County Web page, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean. For additional information, contact the Office of Emergency Management at 703-324-2362.

FAIRFAX FAMILIES CARE – Hurricane Katrina

We have all watched the devastation and human tragedy caused by Hurricane Katrina. This is a national tragedy that has impacted lives in communities throughout our country. Fairfax County's Urban Search and Rescue Team, Virginia Task Force 1 (VATF1), was deployed in August and September to the Gulf Coast, returning home after providing support to many of these hard-hit communities.

The Department of Family Services, Health Department, Department of Housing and Community Development, Public Library, Public Affairs, Purchasing and Supply Management, Systems Management for Human Services, Fairfax County Public Schools, and faith and other non-profit organizations are all responding to the tremendous needs arising from this tragedy. Several hundred survivors have already made their way to Fairfax County, with many more expected. *Fairfax Families Care*, a locally-based relief effort, enables our local community to assist families who have been displaced by Hurricane Katrina, providing a plan of support and long-term assistance. For additional information about *Fairfax Families Care* and its many resources, please visit www.fxfc.org.

THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS HAS SUSPENDED THE GRANTING OF VARIANCES

Sessions on Setbacks, Fences/Walls, and Lot Widths and Structure Heights have been scheduled by county Zoning Administration staff to provide information on these issues.

Constituents may register for a listserv that enables Fairfax County staff to forward information directly to them, including current updates regarding public work sessions on the aforementioned topics. The public work sessions will consist of a brief introduction, a presentation of modifications under consideration, visual examples of the issues, and a question/answer/comment period. For more information and a schedule of public work sessions, contact Ms. Donna Pesto, Senior Assistant to the Zoning Administrator, by calling 703-324-1314, or by visiting the website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/projects/minyard.htm>

WORST NIGHTMARE vs. DREAM PROJECT Some Hints Before You Build

You're finally ready to go forward with the long planned addition to your house. Before you start, do some important checking to save yourself time, money and friends. Talk with your neighbors about your plans so there are no surprises. Check with your community association to make sure your plans are in accord with any applicable covenants or architectural guidelines.

Visit the county's Zoning Permit Review Branch (703-222-1082) to determine that all setback requirements are met.

If you are going to disturb more than 2,500 square feet, block existing drainage patterns, or add or remove more than 18-inches of soil, *you must file an engineered grading plan with the county*. Once your grading plan is approved, you will need to "pull your permit" to proceed. The permit will be issued after you post a Conservation Deposit (to ensure site stability). You will need a construction entrance permit from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) as well.

The requirements above are for site preparation for a building addition. For the structure itself, you will need approved building plans, along with a building permit, electrical permit, mechanical permit and plumbing permit (depending upon the project). Throughout the process, you will be calling for county inspections that you will need to pass before moving on to the next phase of the project. **Important hint:** You may obtain the permits in your own name, but if you hire contractors, it's strongly recommended that you have the contractor pull the permits. That way, if there is a problem, the county can assist you in getting compliance with code. A contractor must be licensed in order to obtain a permit.

Don't forget, before you dig, contact Miss Utility.

Also, find answers to frequently asked questions and current projects at www.missutilityofvirginia.com.

Any tree removal must be done without disturbing more than 2,500 square feet of land. Wholesale tree removal is **not recommended** since the grading plan must show the minimum limits of grading necessary to complete the project. Tree replacement to meet the tree canopy code might be required and might result in a fine if overclearing has occurred. For a successful project, make your first stop www.fairfaxcounty.gov and click on **Construction and Land Use**.



A PENNY FOR STORMWATER WATERSHED IMPROVEMENTS



Beginning with FY 2006, the Board of Supervisors has adopted a new program that calls for an annual allocation of \$17.9 million in General Fund monies, the equivalent of one penny on the real estate tax rate, to begin a dedicated funding source for improving our watersheds and better managing stormwater problems.

The projects will be guided in part by the county's comprehensive study of our major watersheds. With these studies, we can best determine which stream banks require major rehabilitative restoration and stabilization to protect the Chesapeake Bay from further effects of erosion and sedimentation. Several critical projects have been identified in the Braddock District for funding and design. Projects not underway will involve community input as they move forward in the queue for funding and engineering:

Lake Accotink Dredging Project

Lake Accotink Dam and Spillway Repair

Rehabilitation of Emergency Spillways at:

Dam Site #4 Royal Lake

Dam Site #3 Woodglen Lake

Dam Site #2 Lake Barton

Burke Centre Section 11B Pond Dam Repairs and Upgrades

Kings Park West Section 18 Dam Repairs and Upgrades

Fox Lair Pond Dam Repairs and Upgrades

4233 Americana Drive Headwall to Protect Roadway from Collapse

CABLE COMPETITION – AT LAST!

With the approval of Verizon's cable franchise application, Fairfax County citizens will soon be among the first in the country to have a real choice of cable providers. Construction for upgrading Verizon's lines will be required, but will result in a competitive breakthrough for our citizens. Contact my office to learn more about Verizon's plans for bringing cable choice to Braddock neighborhoods.

A LOOK BACK AT BRADDOCK



Members of our *A Look Back at Braddock* Task Force have logged more than 50 oral history interviews. Many interesting and intriguing stories about Braddock's history have been captured. One of my favorites, as portrayed by Mr. Paul Browne, describes a forest fire that *"came through [Burke] in 1941."*

Mr. Browne recalls this fire as being an *"unbelievably big forest fire."* The *"little community"* of Burke took quite a beating, with as many as six houses destroyed, as everyone in the community fought the fire. People were helping any way they could, trying to put out the fire and to save lives. One individual, *"a crippled person,"* according to Mr. Browne, was carried out in her bed sheet by a man who *"simply grabbed the sheet off the bed she was in and carried her out in the sheet ... she's hollering, she doesn't want to go, but they didn't want to waste time convincing her she had to."*

As it turned out, her house didn't burn down. Every fire department in the county was there. In addition, assistance was received from many of the troops from Fort Belvoir, along with *"all of Belvoir's fire equipment."* Even the prisoners from Lorton were enlisted to help put out this blaze. *"There was a tremendous effort to stop that fire,"* Mr. Browne remembers.

The fire apparently started at Sideburn railroad by sparks from the train. Mr. Browne believes this fire would not have happened, if not for the very strange weather experienced that winter. There was no rain and no snow, so it was extremely dry. The fire swept through what is now Burke Centre, almost to Lorton, when the wind changed and brought it *"up through the South Run Valley, through what's now Burke Lake Park, and stopped at Burke Lake Road."* According to Mr. Browne, when the fire faced Burke Lake Road, there were approximately 100 people fighting it. An oddity that occurred as a result of this fire, as it faced Burke Lake Road, was the explosion of many box turtles that were in the area. The community of Burke survived, although Mr. Browne doesn't know how, since it was *"the hottest fire you ever saw."*

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS

Fairfax County Public Schools

Woodson High School design has been completed and is currently in the permitting phase. In addition to renovation of the entire building, the project will feature several additions, including new PE spaces, new administrative spaces, a new science wing, and a new auditorium. Construction will begin in fall 2006. For a virtual tour of Woodson's renovations, please visit <http://www.fcps.edu/fts/designconst/index.htm>.

Lake Braddock Secondary School is in the second year of construction and is approximately 50% complete. The school has just moved into a new media center wing and science wing. The project will be completed in fall 2007.

Canterbury Woods Elementary School recently received a new ten-classroom modular building to replace existing trailers. The modular has toilets and other support spaces and functions essentially as an added wing to the school.

Robinson Secondary School will soon receive a new ten-classroom modular building. Completion is scheduled for late fall 2005.

George Mason University

The Fairfax Campus of GMU is undertaking the biggest construction project in its history this fall inside Patriot Circle. The seven building development will add 1,100 beds and a dining and fitness area. Completion of all phases is scheduled for August 2008. For additional information specific to the Northeast Sector Development, please visit <http://facilities.gmu.edu/projects/ne/index.htm>, or <http://facilities.gmu.edu/projects/index.htm> for an overview of all GMU projects.

Northern Virginia Community College

The Annandale Campus of NVCC is getting a facelift. A number of buildings are being renovated and remodeled. The relocation of the nursing and Allied Health programs of study to the Medical Education Center in Springfield created space that is being converted into traditional classrooms. At the Shuler or "CS" building, an entire suite of science labs and classrooms is planned. Also under construction is a six-level, 800-space parking garage with continued upgrading of the plaza. The main entrance and exits of the new garage are from Center Drive, and will permit drivers to pull in and out of the garage's third floor from an existing faculty parking lot on the north side. The main stairway and a two-elevator tower will be located at the southeast corner of the garage.

YOURS FOR THE ASKING

Contact my office for the following:

- **COMMUNITY CHALLENGES AND CONCERNS**- who to call to report problems and code violations in your community.
- **PROTECTING OUR YOUTH FROM GANG INVOLVEMENT**- what to look for and what do if you suspect gang activity.
- **TAX FACTS**- general information about Fairfax County taxes.
- **DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**- make a plan, build a disaster supply kit, get training, and volunteer.
- **ELECTION GUIDES**
Work at the polls on Election Day
Facts for Voters 2005
Voter registration forms
Absentee ballot applications
- **TRANSIT GUIDES**
Metrobus Timetables
VRE Riders Guide
A Guide to Ridesharing in Fairfax County
- **ENVIRONMENTAL PACKET**
Gypsy Moths and Other Forest Pests
Invasive Backyard Plants, Wildlife,
Environmental Treasures
A Volunteer Partnership – Working with
Citizens to Improve our Streams
Watershed Stewardship Opportunities
- **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

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FALL TOWN MEETING

Wednesday, October 19th, 7:30 P.M.

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

A LOOK BACK AT BRADDOCK **From Early History to Present**

Our Oldest Roads and Settlements
The Evolution of our Public Institutions
How our Present Neighborhoods Began

WINTER TOWN MEETING

Wednesday, February 8th, 2 P.M.

Little River Glen Senior Center
Rt. 236 and Olley Lane, Fairfax, Virginia

YOUR STORIES

Residents of Little River Glen will share interesting stories about their lives followed by an "Open Mike" personal history telling session

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