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Our first meeting of a community task force to consider improvements to Little River Turnpike (Rt. 236) took place on December 12, 1995. Eventually, agreement was reached and funding secured for *spot capacity and safety improvements at key intersections in the corridor*. A lot of things were discussed during the years that the task force met. One of them was the possibility that an old cemetery might exist at the southwest corner of Rt. 236 and Guinea Road, where a right turn lane is to be constructed. Almost 11 years, later we now know for sure. This year, the Virginia Department of Transportation began utility relocation for the project. The crew worked very carefully in the area rumored to contain the cemetery. Using the services of the Louis Berger Group, archaeologists sifted through soil next to Guinea Road and beneath an existing sidewalk. On Wednesday, April 19th, I watched as dust was gently brushed from skeletons buried in graves referred to in 19th century maps as "the old cemetery." They will be re-interred at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Who were these people? And what was this area like when they were buried at this now busy intersection? These are exactly the sort of questions that prompted our **A Look Back at Braddock Project**, which captures and tells the history of our area. See inside for information about the Guinea Road community called Ilda and our book, **Braddock's True Gold**, which will debut the weekend of **June 2nd - 4th during Lake Accotink Park Heritage Days**.

Other projects and events taking center stage this spring:

Our **Spring Town Meeting** this year provides a forum for discussing **Animal Issues**. I hope you will join me on **Wednesday, May 31st, 7:30 p.m.** as County experts provide information about both domestic and wild animals that share our space, animal rescue and volunteerism, and caring for pets during emergencies.

Several large County projects will be under construction starting this summer. **Saturday, July 29th** will be a big day, with groundbreaking ceremonies for the **Burke Centre Library at 11 a.m.**, and the **Burke Centre VRE Garage at 1 p.m.** Both projects should be completed by spring 2008. While we're waiting, my office is hosting a **Time Capsule Task Force** to work with me and County staff to install a time capsule in the cornerstone of the new library. The group has already begun to consider and gather items for the capsule, which will be opened in the year 2038. This project is still in its beginning stage. Please contact my office if you're interested in participating.

Dredging is underway to remove silt from **Lake Accotink**. Work should be completed by March 2007. Information about the project can be found on the Lake Accotink Park Web site at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/accotink/>. A project to make safety improvements to the dam spillway at **Royal Lake**, in the Kings Park West area, will be the subject of a community meeting on **June 20th, 7:30 p.m., in Braddock Hall, adjacent to my office in the Kings Park Library building**. A neighborhood task force is meeting with staff from my office and the County, State and Federal governments to review and discuss alternative proposals for making improvements.

Lastly, good deeds are contagious. It's not too late to nominate a person or an organization that's made a positive difference for a **BOB (Best of Braddock) Award**. Categories include: Young Person of the Year, Most "Can-Do" Public Employee, Commercial Beautification or Improvement, etc. The deadline for nominations is **May 22nd**. Nomination forms can be found on my Web page by clicking on "Links to BOBs and Other Awards..."

Sharon Bulova

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ROADWORKS UPDATE

Rt. 236 (Little River Turnpike) Spot Capacity and Safety Improvements - Pickett Rd. to Lake Blvd. at entrance to NVCC (VDOT 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 (Pickett, Guinea to Prosperity and Wakefield Chapel)* in the corridor.

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

Braddock Road @ GMU. Extend westbound right turn lane from existing terminus on Braddock Rd. to GMU entrance at Roanoke Ln.; add sidewalk from Roanoke to Ox Rd. Project is under construction, with 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. Project is nearing completion. Design was coordinated with the **Ravensworth Sidewalk project**, which was completed in August 2005. 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.

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. Agreement was reached among VDOT, Fluor Enterprises, Inc. and Transurban (USA) Inc. to improve the Capital Beltway (I-495). Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was approved in April. Following Federal review and revision of the EIS, financial analysis and financial backing will follow. Construction could begin in a couple of years.

YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK FOR YOU

Improved Access to Metro Bus Stops. Guinea Rd. Sidewalk. Extend sidewalk south on Falmead Rd to Guinea Rd. and install missing trail segment on Guinea Rd. Construction to begin spring 2006.

Olley La. Sidewalk. Install sidewalk on west side of Olley La. from Braddock Rd. to Colbert Ct. Construction is scheduled to be completed in fall 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 in March 2008. Project includes a bus loop and sidewalks.

Burke Centre Community Library. Project to build a 17,000 square foot community library at Fred's Oak Rd. and Fairfax County Pkwy. In order to provide some temporary parking for VRE commuters during construction of the garage, this project is being phased.

Phase One. Parking lot and site infrastructure underway and will be completed this August. **Phase Two**. The library building construction will start this August and be completed in spring 2008.

Ossian Hall Park. Phase One. Clear existing trails this summer and construct new paved trails next spring to open up the park and improve visibility in all directions. **Phase Two**. Community plaza with a decorative hardscape; benches and/or seat walls; trash receptacles; independent lighting throughout the year; additional parking; and a new, multi-purpose playing field. Funding is to be determined.

LITTLE RIVER GLEN EXPANSION

Braddock Glen Opens! A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on May 13 for the beautiful, new 60-bed assisted living facility and adult day care located on Olley Lane next to Little River Glen Senior Center. For assisted living eligibility information, please call 703-425-3535; for adult day care, 703-734-1718.

Olley Glen in Design An additional 90-units of independent living apartments are in the design phase to be built at Little River Glen. Stay tuned!



Fiscal Year 2007 is best viewed in context with the county's budget challenges throughout the decade.

During the 1990's Fairfax County experienced a severe recession and slow recovery. The "**Doomsday**" Budgets of FY 1993 and FY 1997 dealt with projected deficits by freezing salaries, eliminating a number of programs and services, reducing spending "across the board" and increasing the Real Estate Tax Rate twice.

Budgets adopted during the early 2000's have come to be known as **The Perfect Storm Years**, as Real Estate assessments rebounded and grew by double digit percentages, but sources of County revenue *other* than the real estate tax fell or remained flat, year after year. A number of **public safety crises** - The September 11th Terrorist Attacks, West Nile Virus, Hurricane Isabel, the Sniper Attacks - created unexpected challenges and public safety demands.

In Fiscal Years 2005 and 2006, the Board of Supervisors sought ways to **diversify our county Revenues** in order to maintain quality schools and county services, while providing a significant reduction to the Real Estate Tax Rate. With a combination of belt-tightening, adoption of an Ambulance Fee, Athletic Fee and a Cell Phone tax, and by increasing the county's Cigarette tax, Recordation fees and Hotel tax, the Board was able to reduce the Real Estate Tax Rate from \$1.13 in FY 2005 to \$1.00.

The Fiscal 2007 Budget reduces the Real Estate Rate 11 cents further to 89 cents of assessed value. Additionally, the Board eliminated the county's \$25 vehicle decal fee.

FISCAL YEAR 2007 IN A NUTSHELL

TAX RATE - 89 CENTS

DECAL FEE - ELIMINATED

VALUE OF ONE PENNY ON THE TAX RATE - \$21.9 MILLION

GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS

(Combined School & County Spending)

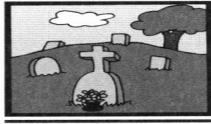
\$3.2 Billion, an increase of 6.37% over FY 2006 Adopted Budget

\$106 million or 55% of growth is associated with increased funding for the Schools. Funding for new facilities and public safety accounts for 35% of the increase.

COUNTY PRIORITIES ADDRESSED IN THE BUDGET INCLUDE:

- A continued commitment to **Affordable Housing**. For the second year in a row, an amount of money equal to one penny on the tax rate is dedicated for the preservation of affordable housing in the County.
- The continued commitment to **Environmental and Stormwater Management Issues**. For a second year, one penny on the tax rate will allow public works projects to continue at a vigorous pace.
- \$30.2 million of the FY 2006 Third Quarter Balance fully funds the **County's Revenue Stabilization Fund**. With what appears to be the beginning of a period of slowed revenue growth in FY 2008, this action provides the County with a cushion against a potential decline.
- **Maintenance and infrastructure improvements to support both aging and new County facilities.**
- **Public Safety Enhancements** - 49 new positions are included for the Police Department and 40 new positions for the Fire and Rescue Department.
- **Over \$50 million in investments to keep our children safe and healthy** (Head Start Programs, After School Programs, School Public Health Nurses, Clinic Room Aides, Crossing Guards, etc.)
- **Initiatives for our growing senior population** - Long-Term Care and Senior Plus Services

A LOOK BACK AT BRADDOCK



Recently, *The Washington Post* ran a fascinating series about old graves discovered at the intersection of Guinea Road and Little River Turnpike. This was not a surprise to our A Look Back at Braddock Task Force which had recorded the oral history of Springfield resident Dennis Howard.

Mr. Howard knew from family history about Horace Gibson and Moses Parker, both ex-slaves from the Culpeper area, who moved to Fairfax in the 1860s. Both Mr. Gibson and Mr. Parker had earned enough to purchase their freedom. They lived on property which was part of the Fitzhugh plantation, and eventually bought small five-acre lots near the corner of Guinea Road and Little River Turnpike. The Gibson-Parker community, with a church, shops and a cemetery grew from about 10 acres to 400 acres by 1878.

Mr. Gibson and Mr. Parker were both blacksmiths. They opened up a blacksmith shop at the corner of Little River Turnpike and what is today Prosperity Avenue. Their shop was patronized by the entire community. Mr. Howard explains: "He [Horace Gibson] served everybody, black, white, poor, and rich. And the Little River Turnpike was a good location because . . . they would use the Little River Turnpike to come back and forth from Alexandria and Arlington." The community became known as Ilda. According to descendents, Ilda was named after Matilda Gibson-Parker, daughter of Horace Gibson and the daughter-in-law of Moses Parker.

Eventually, Matilda and Page Augustus Parker, her husband, took over the blacksmith shop. After Page's death in 1905, Matilda kept the blacksmith shop operating until 1910. Dennis Howard, a great-great-grandson of Horace Gibson, and Aileen Wright, a granddaughter of Page and Matilda Parker, keep their family history alive through frequent family reunions.

You can learn more about Ilda, including the mysterious "Bean Rain of Ilda" in 1930, in our soon-to-be-released book, **Braddock's True Gold**. The book and companion map will be available at Lake Accotink Heritage Days the weekend of **June 2nd**. It will also be available at the Fairfax Fair, next to the Park Authority's booth, the following weekend.

*It's full speed ahead for the **Lake Accotink Dredging Project**.* The section of pipeline at Lake Accotink has been completed and laid across the park access road. The barges, dredge, cutter head and work boat are on the lake. This project is slated for completion in spring 2007. Updates can be found on the Web at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/accotink/index.htm.

***Synthetic turf** will be installed at **Wakefield Park**,* with completion by spring 2007. Synthetic turf has taken the athletic industry by storm, leading to fewer injuries, accommodating sustained use and requiring minimal maintenance. It is also environmentally safe and helps us meet the need for athletic facilities without having to construct as many expensive, space-consuming new fields.

Two new softball fields opened on April 22nd at Wakefield Park. These fields are ideally suited to girls' softball and reaffirm our commitment to equitable recreational facilities for all sports.

***The playground at Rutherford Park** has been completely renovated, new equipment has been installed, and a habitat restoration project has begun along the stream.* Trees have been planted and mowing reduced as part of the county's water quality improvement initiative. A team of volunteers is continuing its work with Park Authority staff to remove the invasive English ivy.

TRAILS TO TRY

The Fairfax County Cross County Trail is officially open! The newest segment completes the trail through Camelot north of Little River Turnpike, and then crosses under the highway to link with the trail through Wakefield Park. It is a vital link in Fairfax County's trail system. Soon, the segment of the Cross County Trail in the Accotink Stream Valley, between the Lake Accotink Dam and Old Keene Mill Road, will be renovated and will link sections of the trail at the Lake Accotink Dam with the stream valley trail between Hunter Village Avenue and the south side of Old Keene Mill Road. This section is almost two miles long and will provide a safe way to cross under Old Keene Mill Road to the stream valley trail to the south. The Cross County Trail is a multi-surface, multi-user trail – enjoy it with your family and friends! For more information, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/cct/>

***Coming soon** – renovation and improvement of the perimeter trail at **Ossian Hall Park**!*

Braddock Nights

2006 SEASON

PERFORMANCES ARE FREE AND BEGIN AT 7:30 P.M.

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

OSSIAN HALL PARK THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. Corner of Heritage Drive and Four Year Run

June 1	Night Music (Festive Favorites)	July 20	Zydeco-A-Go-Go (Zydeco)
June 8	Itumiray (Latin)	July 27	King Teddy (Swing)
June 15	Annandale Brass Ensemble (Classic)	August 3	Hula Monsters (Hawaiian)
June 22	Brainfang (Roots/Rock)	August 10	Shango (Reggae)
June 29	Mariachi Los Amigos (Mariachi)	August 17	Garry Henson's Take Note (Big Band)
July 6	The Crawdaddies (Cajun)	August 24	The Continentals (Polka)
July 13	Yarawi (Andean)	August 31	City of Fairfax "Dixieland Band" (Dixieland)



ZYDECO-A-GO-GO

LAKE ACCOTINK PARK FRIDAYS, 7:30 P.M. 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield

June 2	Falls Church Concert Band (Big Band)	July 14	Annandale Symphony Orchestra (Summer Pops)
June 9	The Novations (Vintage Rock)	July 21	The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra "Summer Band" (Classic)
June 16	City of Fairfax "Concert Band" (Big Band)	July 28	Ollantay (Andean)
June 23	The United States Air Force Band "High Flight" (Pops/Rock)	August 4	The United States Navy Band "Commodores" (Jazz)
June 30	National Concert Band (Big Band)	August 11	Rhodes Tavern Troubadours (Roots)
July 7	The United States Navy Band "Country Current" (Bluegrass)	August 18	The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra "Dixieland Band" (Dixieland)
		August 25	Alte Kameraden (Bavarian)



THE UNITED STATES NAVY BAND
"COUNTRY CURRENT"

ROYAL LAKE PARK FRIDAYS, 7:30 P.M. 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax

June 2	The Back Roads Band (Country)	July 28	Nathan and the Zydeco Cha Chas (Zydeco)
June 9	Rita Clarke and the Naturals	August 4	The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra "German Band" (German)
June 16	Pablo Antonio y La Firma (Latin)	August 11	Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition
June 23	The Grandsons (Roots/Rock)	August 18	Sior-Og (Irish)
June 30	The Fabulettes (Girls Group)	August 25	Clarence Turner Blues Band (Blues)
July 7	DC Soul (Motown)		
July 14	Last Train Home (Country)		
July 21	The Swingin' Swamis (Soul/R&B)		



NATHAN AND THE
ZYDECO
CHA CHAS



PABLO ANTONIO
LAFIRMA

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 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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



CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY IN CONCERT!

YOUR STREETS & SIDEWALKS

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is a state agency. Your gasoline taxes pay for road repaving and repairs. VDOT plans to repave the following roads this spring and summer, but cautions that the schedule could change depending on state funding of the road maintenance budget.

- Burke Centre - Oak Leather Dr. from Burnside Landing Dr. to Fred's Oak Rd. and from Burr Oak Wy. to 0.08 miles north.
- Kings Park West - Gainsborough Dr. and Lister Ct.
- Lake Braddock - Lake Braddock Dr. from Burke Lake Rd. to Burke Rd.
- Lee Forest - Elizabeth La. from Rte. 236 to Guinea Rd., and Littleton St. from Elizabeth La. to Guinea Rd.
- Lindsay Park - Steven Lee Ct.
- Rutherford - Braeburn Rd. from Guinea Rd. to Olley La.
- Truro - Footstep Ct., Charles Hawkins Wy., Aunt Lilly La. and Ann Fitz Hugh Dr.
- Woodhirst - Prince Caspian La. and Prince Caspian Ct.

VDOT is also planning to pave several secondary roads in the Braddock District:

- **Backlick R.d.** from Braddock Rd. to Hechinger Dr.
- **Burke Lake Rd.** from Rolling Rd. to Burke Centre Parkway
- **Ravensworth Rd.** from Braddock Rd. to Jayhawk St.

YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Third Annual Road Dawg Summer Camp for sixth through ninth graders provides gang prevention and youth development activities. During this week-long camp, police officers mentor and educate campers about the public safety profession. The *Road Dawg Summer Camp* is sponsored by the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, Fairfax County Police Department, the Department of Community and Recreation Services, and the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court. Contact Captain Jack Hurlock, Commander, West Springfield District Police Station, at 703-644-7377 about donations to assist with activities or to sponsor a youth to attend the camp.

Smart Kids/Safe Choices is a new violence/gang prevention project coordinated by the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB). This program focuses on youth in fourth through sixth grade. The CSB is seeking community organizations (faith-based groups, service organizations, clubs, etc.) interested in partnering to implement this program. Grant funding will allow for free training of partner organizations, ongoing support and a stipend. Contact Ken Barter at 703-934-5476, (ken.barter@fairfaxcounty.gov)

DID YOU KNOW?



- The Fairfax County **Noise Ordinance** prohibits: Operating loud speakers and amplifiers from 11 p.m.-7 a.m. or construction equipment from 9 p.m.-7 a.m. daily (and on Sundays 9 p.m.-9 a.m.) To register a complaint contact the county's Zoning Enforcement Branch at 703-324-1300 during business hours. After business hours, call the Public Safety non-emergency line at 703-691-2131.

Also prohibited are animals that bark frequently and habitually any time and refuse collection in residential neighborhoods between 9 p.m.-6 a.m. These issues are enforced by the police. To register complaints, call the police at 703-691-2131.

- The **County Information Line** has changed from 703-324-3185 to 703-FAIRFAX (703-324-7329). The information line, staffed by the Office of Public Affairs, provides general county information from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Information is also available during non-business hours on the 24-hour automated information line, 703-324-INFO (703-324-4636), and on the Web at www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

- **Help for Seniors and Sandwiches!** For the stressed-out Sandwich Generation – caring for older relatives and their own children simultaneously - help is available through the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging. Call 703-324-5411 for a range of services including insurance counseling, help with long-distance caregiving, home-delivered meals, long-term care facilities, the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program and much more. Web sites to visit: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/aaa and www.SeniorNavigator.org. Call 703-324-5411 for a free subscription to the **Golden Gazette**, a monthly publication serving persons ages 60 and over. It's a great place to find assistance and information.

YOUR STORMWATER PENNY AT WORK FOR YOU



Beginning in FY 2006, the Board of Supervisors adopted a new program that allocates the equivalent of one penny on the real estate tax rate for improving our watersheds and addressing stormwater problems. This year's allocation is \$21.9 million.

Several critical projects have been identified in Braddock District for funding and design. Projects will involve community input as they move forward in the queue for funding and engineering:

Royal Lake Auxiliary Dam Rehabilitation Project Plan to strengthen the spillway is in design phase. A Neighborhood Task Force will meet during May to review alternatives. A community meeting is scheduled to present recommended alternatives on **June 20, 2006, 7:30 p.m. in Braddock Hall.** Funding requested for construction in fall 2007.

Woodglen Lake Auxiliary Dam Rehabilitation Project Planning phase initiated, community meeting to be scheduled in fall 2006. A Neighborhood Task Force will be formed to review design alternatives. Construction planned for 2008/2009.

Lake Barton Auxiliary Dam Rehabilitation Project Initiate planning in fall 2008. A community meeting will be scheduled and a Neighborhood Task Force created to review design alternatives. Construction planned for 2009/2010.

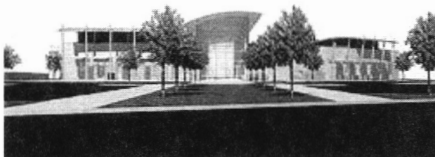
CALMING NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC

All roads in Fairfax County are owned and maintained by the State's Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). Fairfax County's Department of Transportation (FCDOT) has worked with VDOT to develop the following programs for reducing the impact of traffic in neighborhoods: Multi-Way Stop, Cut Through Traffic and Traffic Calming. **Only roads that are designated as residential are eligible for these programs.** Minor arterials such as Wakefield Chapel Rd. or Guinea Rd. are not eligible for measures under these policies.

My office serves as a liaison for the community to work with FCDOT and VDOT to implement these policies. To initiate traffic calming efforts, a request in writing should come from the community association. Each program has qualifying criteria, as well as established procedures for working with the community towards a resolution of its concerns.

The Multi-Way Stop Sign Policy requires the community to determine whether there is support for the signs. Locations must be approved by VDOT based on road geometry and other factors. For the **Cut Through Traffic and Traffic Calming Policies**, the community requests that a speed and volume study be conducted. Both of these policies use a combination of mostly physical devices to affect a change in driver behavior within the residential community. Once a neighborhood qualifies under the speed and/or volume criteria, a task force is created to work with my office, FCDOT and VDOT to develop a plan within the VDOT guidelines that the community must then vote on. Traffic calming requires a great deal of participation and commitment from the community. Please contact my office for additional information on traffic calming.

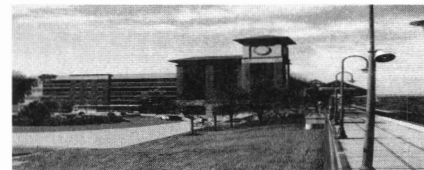
Burke Centre Community Library Ground breaking Ceremony



Saturday, July 29, 2006, 11 a.m.
Freds Oak Road & Fairfax County Parkway

Join us for the start of the greatly anticipated new library scheduled to be opened in spring 2008!

Burke Centre VRE Parking Garage Ground Breaking Ceremony



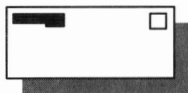
Saturday, July 29, 2006, 1 p.m.
5671 Roberts Parkway

Round out the day with this exciting project, also planned for completion in spring 2008!

YOURS FOR THE ASKING

Contact my office for the following:

- **CLEAN FAIRFAX COUNTY** - Newsletter and Activities for School Aged Children
- **COMMUNITY CHALLENGES AND CONCERNS** - Who to call to report problems and code violations in your community
- **HEALTHY HOMES AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES** - What you should know about occupancy limits
- **FAIRFAX COUNTY COMMUNITY EMERGENCY ALERT NETWORK**
How to sign up for emergency alerts
- **CITIZEN'S GUIDE FOR REPORTING LAND DEVELOPMENT RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS**
- **FIGHT THE BITE - SAY NO TO MOSQUITOES** - Information on protection against mosquitoes (in English or Spanish)
- **TRANSIT GUIDES** -
Metrobus Timetables
VRE Riders Guide
A Guide to Ridesharing in Fairfax County



We're updating our records! If you are a community association representative and *have not* been receiving monthly mailings from my office, please give us a call at 703-425-9300, or e-mail us at braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov so that we can put you on our mailing list.

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TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL

SPRING TOWN MEETING

Wednesday, May 31st, 7:30 p.m.

**Kings Park Library
Community Room
9000 Burke Lake Road
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Animal Issues

Wild and Domestic Animals That Share Our Space

Animal Behavior, Owner Responsibilities,
Reporting Concerns

Role of Animal Control

Animal Shelter Operations

Animal Rescue and Volunteer Opportunities

Pets and Emergency Preparedness

Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination in all County programs, service and activities. Special accommodations/alternative information formats will be provided upon request. Call 703-324-3187, TTY 711.

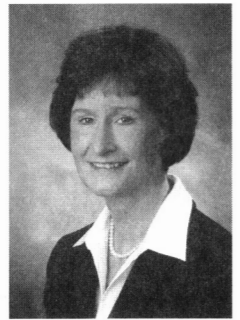
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Experts project that our region will grow dramatically in the next 25 years, with two million more people and 1.6 million new jobs. Some of that growth will be in Fairfax County. While dramatic changes are unlikely in our mostly built-out Braddock District, some re-development or revitalization of aging commercial areas and neighborhoods can be expected. How would we like to see that happen? What was the planning philosophy during the 50's, 60's and 70's, when most of our Braddock communities were built? What has worked well, and what challenges have resulted? What might we do differently as our County accommodates a growing population in the future? These questions will be the subject of my **Fall Town Meeting and Dialog Series**, the evenings of **Wednesday, October 25th, November 1st and November 8th**. Panelists for the series will include policymakers and planners from our past and present. At the conclusion of the series, dialog participants will be invited to adopt a "vision statement" for Braddock District's and Fairfax County's future. I hope you can join me as we look ahead, as a community, at what we would like to see for **Braddock Tomorrow**.

Some of the changes we have experienced during the **past** 25 years include a growing higher education presence within our Braddock District boundaries. I sometimes describe our district as a place where someone can walk to school, all the way from pre-school through graduate school. During a recent presentation by George Mason University officials at a Braddock District Council of Community Associations' meeting, we learned of plans for Mason to construct new student housing, temporary satellite parking and other potential capital projects within its campus. To provide an effective structure for discussion of upcoming plans and activities, and for addressing university-related concerns, Mason officials have worked with my office and leadership within the community to create a **George Mason – Braddock District Community Forum ("The Forum")**. The Forum has begun with three informational/educational meetings about Mason's plans for the campus, transportation plans for the area near the university and how off-campus, university-related issues are addressed. Once the educational sessions have been completed, The Forum will begin regular meetings in January 2007. Citizen participants in The Forum are designated civic and homeowner association representatives from neighborhoods near the university.

Throughout the next year, several projects are changing Braddock's landscape. A new **Burke Centre Library** will start construction at Fairfax County Parkway at Freds Oak Road in November. A new 1,290-space **Burke Centre VRE Station Garage** will be completed by spring 2008. The architecture includes attractive brick facades, decorative planters and a clock tower. The Burke area community participated in the design of these two new facilities. In our parks, the dredging of **Lake Accotink** is underway (completion estimated March 2007) and safety improvements for the **Royal Lake Dam** (in the Kings Park West area) are expected to begin in summer of 2007. Phase I of the renovation of **Ossian Hall Park** in Annandale begins in October, with construction of a small entrance plaza at Four Year Run and attractive new monument signage at Heritage Drive. Existing trails will be repaved, and new trails built to create a half-mile trail that will open up the park and improve visibility in all directions. Future plans include a new multi-purpose playing field, a community plaza and entertainment pavilion for neighborhood concerts and activities.

There's always something happening in our Braddock District, and always opportunities for the community to be engaged! See inside this issue of the *Byline* for more Braddock news!

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

Sharon Bulova

ROADWORKS UPDATE

Rt. 236 (Little River Turnpike) Spot Capacity and Safety Improvements. - Pickett Rd. to Lake Blvd. at entrance to NVCC (VDOT project - 2 miles). Right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation are underway. Bid will be advertised this December. Construction mobilizing in spring 2007. While Rt. 236 is *ultimately* planned to be widened to six lanes, this project provides for *spot capacity and safety improvements at key intersections (Pickett, Guinea to Prosperity and Wakefield Chapel)* in the corridor.

Braddock Road @ Route 123, Ox Road (County Project). Eastbound right turn lane to southbound Rt. 123. Proposed for 2007 Spot Improvement program.

Roberts Road Project (County Project). Construct a right turn lane on to Braddock Rd. from southbound Roberts Rd. next to GMU. Project design completed. Utility relocation issues have been resolved. Work will begin in spring 2007, and construction is scheduled to be completed by fall 2008.

Zion Drive Curve (VDOT/County Project). To improve traffic safety, VDOT will do the following on the western side of the curve: extend guardrail along the curve, enlarge the warning signs, add chevron signs and restrict on-street parking. The county will move the existing streetlight. Long term, funding to straighten the curve (\$1M) needs to be identified.

Capital Beltway. In 2005, the Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board approved the 12-Lane High Occupancy Toll (HOT) concept for adding capacity to 14 miles of the Capital Beltway between Springfield and the American Legion Bridge. Agreement was reached among VDOT, Fluor Enterprises, Inc. and Transurban (USA) Inc. to add lanes to the Capital Beltway (I-495). The federal Record of Decision (ROD) on the project's Environmental Impact Statement was approved in June 2006. Financial and design analyses are underway. Depending on the outcome of the financial analysis and financial backing, construction could begin in a few years. Motorists who pay to ride in the new HOT lanes help pay for the project and free up space in the regular lanes. Carpoolers and buses can use the HOT lanes without paying a toll.

Bus Shelters (County). Funded for design and installation at eastbound Braddock at Twinbrook and westbound Braddock across from Carriagepark.

YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK FOR YOU

Improved Access to Metro Bus Stops. Guinea Rd. Sidewalk. Extend sidewalk south on Falmead Rd. to Guinea Rd. and install missing trail segment on Guinea Rd. Redesign was necessary due to easement acquisition issues. Construction will start next spring and be completed in summer 2007. **Olley La. Sidewalk.** Install sidewalk on west side of Olley La. from Braddock Rd. to Colbert Ct. Final design in VDOT permits. Construction will start next spring and be completed in summer 2007.

Burke Centre VRE Station Parking Facility. A task force of citizens and county staff participated in the design of this facility. Construction begins in October 2006. Completion in March 2008. Project includes a bus loop and sidewalks.

Burke Centre Community Library. Project to build a 17,000 square foot community library at Freds Oak Rd. and Fairfax County Pkwy. In order to provide some temporary parking for VRE commuters during construction of the garage, this project is being phased. **Phase One:** Parking lot and site infrastructure were completed this summer. **Phase Two:** Library building construction will start this November and be completed in late spring 2008.

Ossian Hall Park. **Phase One:** This fall work begins to "limb up" some overhanging trees and to selectively spray a portion of the forest. Existing trails will be repaved and new trails built to create a half-mile trailway that opens up the park and improves visibility in all directions. Improvements will be made to the park entrances, with a small entrance plaza and signage at Four Year Run and attractive new monument signage at Heritage Drive. **Phase Two (unfunded):** Site plan nearly completed for community plaza with a decorative hardscape; benches and/or seat walls; trash receptacles; lighting; additional parking; and a new, multi-purpose playing field.

Royal Lake Rehabilitation. In August 2006, a rehabilitation plan and concept design for armoring the auxiliary spillway were completed. This project will extend the life of the dam's auxiliary spillway to 70 years from the date construction is complete. Royal Lake provides flood protection and sediment control in the Pohick Creek watershed. Construction is projected to begin in summer of 2007, subject to federal funding.

Woodglen Lake Rehabilitation. The planning phase for improvements to the dam is scheduled for this fall. A task force will be formed to review design alternatives.

STUDENT HISTORY PAPER COMPETITION

As part of a continuing effort to focus on and capture our Braddock District history, my office is working with the *A Look Back at Braddock* Task Force to host a second Student History Research Paper Competition. This contest is being offered to middle and high school students who live in and/or attend school in the Braddock District, with cash prizes being awarded to first, second and third-place winners.

This year's research subject is "Braddock District Roots." Papers will be evaluated by a panel of judges and must address one of the following non-fiction topics:

- patterns and places of settlement in the Braddock District area (for groups or individuals);
- reasons you or your ancestors settled in the Braddock District area; or
- transplanted cultural traditions (e.g., Kwanza, Chinese New Year, Cinco de Mayo, Passover, Christmas).

The submission deadline is 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2007, to my office. For additional information, please call 703-425-9300 or visit ALBB History Paper Competition on our Web site.

BURKE CENTRE LIBRARY TIME CAPSULE



In spring 2008, a Time Capsule, to be opened in the year 2038, will be inserted into the cornerstone of the new Burke Centre Library under construction at the intersection of Freds Oak Road and the Fairfax County Parkway. Pat Riedinger, Chair of the Friends of the Burke Centre Library, is organizing volunteers to gather material for the Time Capsule. In addition to historic information about the site (formerly a horse farm), the Time Capsule Committee is compiling a scrapbook/journal of "A Day in the Life of a Librarian," from the morning newspaper, the childrens' school lunch menus, a gasoline receipt, photos of state-of-the-art library equipment and procedures. Students attending school in the area will be invited to submit an essay (to be inserted in the capsule) on "What the World Will Be Like in 2038." If you are interested in contributing to this exciting exercise, please give my office a call!

A LOOK BACK AT BRADDOCK



Conflict over growth and change is not new to Fairfax County. In the 1970's, *The Washington Post* ran a series of headlines that read: "Man in Bunny Suit Sought in Fairfax," "The Rabbit Reappears," "Bunny Man Seen," and "Bunny Reports Are Multiplying." In *Braddock's True Gold*, the legend of The Bunny Man is recounted through interviews with several long-time residents of the Braddock District area.

Lee Hubbard of Fairfax Station, during his oral history interview, recalled, "Supposedly a guy in a rabbit suit hit (a couple's) windshield with a hammer. I never believed it, but that's where the story started." According to Steve Reynolds, who has researched the Bunny Man story, the Bunny Man was seen several times in 1970. He first made news when he threatened a young couple who were parked on Guinea Road. He threw a hatchet through the car's right front window. The police recovered the hatchet, and a police report was filed.

The Bunny Man was sighted a second time by a construction security guard. He was chopping at the roof support of a house under construction and was overheard accusing people of being trespassers. In a third incident, the Bunny Man accused Kings Park West residents of dumping trash.

Who was the Bunny Man? His identity has never been discovered, but it is assumed that he was a local resident who became unsettled by changes happening around him, as Kings Park West, Long Branch and other new subdivisions sprang up on rural farmlands.

More interesting stories about our Braddock District area can be found in the wonderful new book *Braddock's True Gold, 20th Century Life in the Heart of Fairfax County*. The book is available for purchase (\$25.00) at my office, as well as the Maps & Publications store at the Fairfax County Government Center. Proceeds from the sale of the book will allow for a re-printing early next year.



YOUR VOTE COUNTS, so please be sure to vote on **Election Day – November 7!** The last day for voter registration is **October 10**. Eligible voters must be 18, a current U.S. citizen and live within the County. Voters are strongly encouraged to show valid identification at the polls (e.g., Virginia Voter Information Card, Virginia driver's license or other identification issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles, military ID card, Social Security card). If you are registered to vote and forget your identification, you may request to sign an "Affirmation of Identity" statement in order to vote. Voters who will be away from Fairfax County on November 7, 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.

ON THE BALLOT this year in Virginia are candidates for the United States Senate and House, three proposed Virginia Constitutional Amendments and two Fairfax County bond issues. For more information on the candidates or issues, please visit the Fairfax County Electoral Board Website at:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/upcoming.htm> or contact my office and we will send information to you.

The Fairfax County Bonds on the ballot this year pertain to public safety and parks and recreation.

The purpose of the **Public Safety Bond** (in the amount of \$125 million) is to finance construction, renovation and equipment for animal control, police, fire and rescue, and civil and criminal justice facilities. Highlights of the public safety bond:

- **Renovations of the Fair Oaks Police Station,**
- **Renovation and expansion of West Ox Animal Shelter, and**
- **Facility and security improvements to existing public safety facilities.**

The **Park Bond** (in the amount of \$25 million) is for land acquisition, construction and maintenance of trails and park facilities, and installation of synthetic-turf athletic fields. In Braddock District, a highlight of the park bond is the **re-routing and renovation of the trail south of Lake Accotink to Old Keene Mill Rd.**

UPDATE ON BRADDOCK APR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PROCESS

In Fairfax County, planning and development of both land and transportation are guided by our Comprehensive Plan. First adopted in 1975 and amended over the years, the Plan, while not law, is a major guiding factor when land is rezoned. If challenged in court, decisions about land use are weighed in context with the Comprehensive Plan. Our most recent opportunity for reviewing and modifying the Plan in Braddock (The "Annual Plan Review" or APR process) came to a close with public hearings before the Board of Supervisors in September.

A **Braddock District Task Force** comprised of citizen volunteers from all parts of the district submitted nominations of their own, and made recommendations on nominations received from the public. Task force nominations mostly focused on four areas: improving transit opportunities in our area, improving pedestrian access through the addition of new trails to the Plan, maintaining stable, low-density neighborhoods, and re-enforcing environmental protections in industrial parks in the western part of the district. Five public nominations were submitted and all were withdrawn, except for one, which would allow for the option of including some residential units as part of a renovation of Heritage Mall in Annandale. This nomination was approved. Once the owner of the property files to rezone his property (if he chooses to exercise this option), my office will host a community meeting for residents near the shopping center.

Several times this year, I hosted community outreach meetings to give the nominators (both task force and the public) an opportunity to present their recommendations. These allowed affected property owners and nearby neighbors to hear first hand about the nominations, ask questions and provide feedback. ***I would like to thank members of the task force for the tremendous personal commitment they made to this process.*** The Task Force first convened in spring of 2005, with educational sessions on Planning, Zoning and Land Use. After 18 months of weekly meetings, the process ended in September, with unanimous votes from both the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. For more information on the Plan Nominations or the process, please feel free to contact my office.

TALKING TRASH

In Fairfax County, trash service is provided both by the private sector and by the County. Areas that receive County service are referred to as **Sanitary Districts**, where residents pay an additional fee, which is shown on their property tax bill. The fee for the County to collect trash and recyclables is \$315 per year. A **Sanitary District** is formed when the residents of an area petition the Board of Supervisors for this service. **Sanitary Districts** can be developed as *new districts*, where at least 50 homes desire the service, or as an *expansion* to an existing district, which can be as small as one additional residence.

Some differences between a County **Sanitary District** and a private collection firm:

- The County offers five bulk or special collections at no additional cost per address per year. All private haulers charge a minimum of \$60 for each special collection.
- The County provides a wheeled trash cart and two blue recycling bins to each customer, whereas some private companies do not.
- The County collects trash once per week in each neighborhood. While this is a disadvantage for some homeowners, it does eliminate multiple truck trips into communities, causing less wear and tear on the roads and reducing emissions from diesel trucks. (All County refuse collection trucks use *ultra-low sulfur diesel*.)
- The County offers vacuum leaf collection in the fall to residents of **Sanitary Districts**, again *based upon their petition for this service*, for an additional fee of \$0.015 per assessed value of the home, with the average cost per year about \$50 per residence.

Additional information about the County's Solid Waste Programs can be found on the County Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov under *Recycling & Trash*, or by calling Solid Waste Collection and Recycling at 703-324-5230. Call also to ask for a list of private haulers that serve County residents.

When recycling, please do not mix paper and plastic products. Plastic contaminates the paper when it is recycled, so please remove all plastic wrappings from newspapers prior to recycling and do not put papers in plastic grocery bags. For additional information, please contact the Solid Waste Program at 703-324-5230.

YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



- **Volunteer Fairfax**

Volunteer Fairfax is the regional leader in developing and delivering creative solutions to community needs, and mobilizing people and resources to meet these needs. To learn more about Volunteer Fairfax and its opportunities, go to <http://www.volunteerfairfax.org>.

- **VolunteerFest® 2006**

VolunteerFest® 2006 will be held on Saturday, October 28, in conjunction with *National Make a Difference Day*. VolunteerFest® assembles volunteers to help non-profits achieve jobs they would not ordinarily have the time, resources or ability to do on their own. In the past 11 years, VolunteerFest® has used more than 14,000 volunteers, who have given more than 43,000 hours of service to the community. VolunteerFest® is a prime opportunity to participate in a Countywide event and make a difference in your own community. To learn more, contact Erin Whyte at ewhyte@volunteerfairfax.org or 703-246-3460 ext. 7, or visit the Volunteer Fairfax Web site at <http://www.volunteerfairfax.org>.

- **Fairfax County Medical Reserve Corps**

If you are interested in being on the frontline of response to a public health emergency, register now for the *Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)*, one of the *Citizen Corps Council* volunteer programs designed to assist the community after a public health disaster. Training is provided in the principles of Incident Command and roles in a medication/vaccine dispensing site. More than 3,000 volunteers are needed, and 60% of these volunteers may be from non-medical professions. For more information about the *Medical Reserve Corps* or other *Citizen Corps* programs, please visit the Volunteer Fairfax Web site at <http://www.volunteerfairfax.org> (Programs and Services, Emergency Response Program).

SENIOR CORNER

Braddock District to Host Tax Relief Workshop for Seniors on October 20, 2006

Braddock District seniors are invited (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) to meet personally with Department of Tax Administration staff regarding real estate tax relief on Friday, October 20, 2006, adjacent to my office in Braddock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke.

Fairfax County provides real estate tax relief to residents who are either 65 or older or who have permanent and total disabilities. The net combined financial asset eligibility requirement is \$340,000 for those who meet the age, disability and income requirements, and the income limit is \$72,000.

For more information about the workshop, please call 703-425-9300. For information about real estate tax relief or for an application contact the Tax Administration at 703-222-8234 or online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/pdf_files/2006taxrelief.pdf. For an affidavit of disability, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/pdf_files/affidavitofdisability.pdf.

Senior Plus -- A Real Plus

The Senior Plus Program is a program for seniors with mild disabilities and is located within a Senior Center setting. Clients are able to maintain as much independence as possible in their homes and community. The program reduces loneliness and isolation, preserves dignity and enhances the quality of life for the client Senior. Recreational therapists, registered nurses and mental health specialists plan and adapt an individualized service plan for their clients. Lunches are available for a minimal fee, and transportation **may be** available from your home to the center located nearest to your home.

There are two locations, James Lee Senior Center on Annandale Road in Falls Church and Herndon Senior Center on Grace Street in Herndon. Operating hours are Monday through Saturday. Planned activities include trips, art classes, exercise classes, health and wellness presentations, gardening club, current events and reminiscence groups. There are future plans for developing Senior Plus programs in Braddock. For more information, please call and ask about Senior Plus at 703-324-7948 or go to this Web site: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/seniorplus.htm>.



ATHLETE'S CORNER

Synthetic Turf Field at Wakefield Park

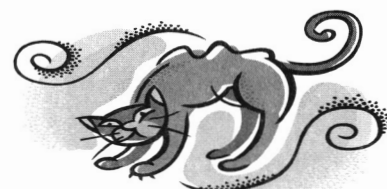
Groundbreaking was held on July 28th for a new synthetic turf field at Wakefield Park. The new field, when completed in spring 2007, will allow much more use of the field at a much lower cost to maintain.

The new field is the result of a Fairfax County partnership with local youth and adult athletic associations to fund the cost of site preparation and field installation. In addition to Wakefield Park, synthetic turf fields are being installed at Mason District Park and near the library in Vienna. A large portion of the proposed Park Authority bond referendum, scheduled for November 7th, is to be devoted to fund additional synthetic fields in Fairfax County over the next several years.

In the case of the Wakefield Park field, Braddock Road Youth Club (BRYC) took the lead and, in conjunction with several other athletic groups, pledged \$400,000 as its share of the total cost. BRYC deserves much credit for its efforts on this project, which will benefit many youth and adult athletes in the Braddock District.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR YOUR PETS!

The Fairfax Office of the American Red Cross of the National Capital Area has launched its "**Pets 'N' Preparedness**" program. These free sessions, one per supervisor district, are designed to help pet owners formulate emergency and disaster plans for their pets. The Braddock District's workshop has been scheduled for Tuesday, **November 14, at 7:30 p.m.** at a location to be determined. For additional information, contact Melissa Klein at 703-805-2332 or call the Braddock District office at 703-425-9300.



PUBLIC SAFETY CORNER

DID YOU KNOW?

Burglaries are increasing in Fairfax County. From January to June 2006, home break-ins were up over the same period last year. With that in mind, it's important that you do as much as possible to "burglar-proof" your home. The police offer some tips on how to prevent burglaries:

- Make your home look like you're there. Lights turned on and off by a timer give a lived in look when you're away.
- Have good locks. A one-inch deadbolt on every outside door is a basic requirement.
- Never leave your home unlocked!
- Don't hide a key outside your home. Leave an extra key with a trusted neighbor or friend.
- Never put a name or address tag on your house or car keys. It's an open invitation if you lose your keys.
- Plug a radio into a timer when you're going to be away. Tune the radio to an all-talk station and set the volume on low.
- Have a free home security inspection and be an active participant in your Neighborhood Watch.

If the **Neighborhood Watch** in your community has gone out of existence and you're interested in re-starting the program, contact Office Doug Coulter at the West Springfield Police Station (703-644-7377).

Beware of the latest scam – voice fishing, or "vishing." Law enforcement agencies, for some time, have been warning about "phishing" e-mail messages that link to phony Web sites. Once there, customers are asked account numbers and other personal information. Now, there's a variation on that theme. Con artists are sending out e-mails that direct people to a telephone number, and an automated voice prompt gathers their personal information. If you think you've been the victim of "vishing," "phishing," identity theft or any scam, call the Fairfax County Police Department's Financial Crimes Unit at 703-246-7800.

BURKE CENTRE VRE PARKING GARAGE "PARDON OUR DUST" MEETING

Thursday, October 12, 2006, 7:30 PM
Bonnie Brae Elementary School Cafeteria
5420 Sideburn Road, Fairfax

Learn All About the Construction Project, Phasing,
Parking, EZBus and Satellite Parking

• **As of July 1, 2006, Fairfax County eliminated vehicle decals and the associated \$25 fee.** If you receive a decal citation from another jurisdiction, please call the number on the citation directly. For assistance, contact the Fairfax County Department of Tax Administration at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta or please call 703-222-8234.

• **The Braddock District Web site is a wonderful tool for quick access to up-to-date information about what's going on in our district.** At the click of your mouse, you can read the most recent issue of this newsletter, *Braddock Byline*, and the monthly newsletter of the *Braddock District Council*. You can find historical information about our area and view the video of the *A Look Back at Braddock* history project. Learn about task forces or special projects, past and present. All of this and more is available to you online on our Web site at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/>.

• **Noises such as loud speakers and musical instruments are declared a noise disturbance any time when plainly audible across property lines or partitions.** To register a complaint during normal business hours, contact Zoning Enforcement Branch at 703-324-1300. During non-business hours, call the Police non-emergency line at 703-691-2131. All animal related nuisance noise issues should also be reported to the police.

• **There are new procedures for disposing of dead birds.** The Health Department used to collect dead birds (crows, jays and raptors) to test for West Nile virus, but mosquito pools provide a better indicator of the virus than dead birds.

With the emergence of **avian flu**, the Virginia Department of Health has developed a procedure for handling dead bird reports. Birds with webbed feet (e.g., ducks, geese, swans and shorebirds) should be reported to the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) at 804-367-1258. DGIF will decide if the bird should be collected for testing or advise the caller about how to properly dispose of the bird.

Other dead birds should be reported to the county health department. With **fewer than five birds**, the caller should pick up the bird with gloves or a shovel and put it in a double plastic bag. The bird then can be put in the trash or buried. **Five or more birds** should be observed for signs of external injury that would rule out disease or poisoning as the cause of death. If there are no signs of injury, call the Virginia Department of Agriculture if pesticide is suspected or DGIF if disease is suspected. DGIF will determine if the birds should be collected for avian flu testing and advise the caller what to do.

YOURS FOR THE ASKING

Contact my office for the following:

- **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS**
Emergency and non-emergency numbers, information you need for 911 calls and animal control information
- **FAIRFAX COUNTY STORM DRAIN MARKING PROGRAM**
- **GUIDE FOR SAFE EXCAVATION OR DEMOLITION** - Miss Utility information and guide for the marking color codes
- **A GUIDE TO RIDESHARING IN FAIRFAX COUNTY**
- **ROYAL LAKE DAM REHABILITATION FACT SHEET**
- **VDOT SNOW REMOVAL INFORMATION**
- **FACTS FOR VOTERS 2006** - Referendums, voting information, park bonds
- **HOSPICE CARE GUIDE**
- **PANDEMIC FLU PREPAREDNESS RESPONSE PLAN**
- **TAX FACTS**
- **HEALTH DEPARTMENT FIGHT THE BITE 2007 CALENDAR**

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TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL

FALL TOWN MEETING & DIALOG SERIES

BRADDOCK TOMORROW

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

Wednesday, October 25th, 7:30 PM

“What the Experts Say”

Projections for Future Growth in the Region

Wednesday, November 1st, 7:30 PM

“Looking Back on

What Has Worked and What Hasn't”

Early Planning Strategies

Wednesday, November 8th, 7:30 PM

“Where Are We Going?”

Development That People Like

WINTER TOWN MEETING

RESOURCE FAIR FOR BRADDOCK'S SENIORS

“Ask the Experts”

Little River Glen
Route 236 and Olley Lane, Fairfax

Wednesday, February 14th, 2 PM

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