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# James R. Walkinshaw

## Braddock District Supervisor

# The Braddock Beacon

Dear Neighbor,

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a marathon, but we have at least one more leg to run together. Because Fairfax County is now seeing “substantial” disease transmission, our Health Director joined her colleagues across the region in [issuing a recommendation](#) that all residents, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask in public indoor settings. Additionally, Fairfax County is [requiring](#) masks to be worn by all employees and visitors while inside County facilities.

The Delta variant is more contagious and poses a significant threat, especially to those who are not yet vaccinated. For those of us who are eligible, getting vaccinated remains the best way to protect ourselves, our loved ones, and our community. The vaccines are safe and effective. If you have not yet received your vaccine, please visit [staywellnova.com](https://staywellnova.com) to find a location near you!

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to increased awareness regarding mental health, anxiety, depression, and suicide. Now we need to harness that awareness and support the organizations working to make real change.

On October 2, Supervisor Kathy Smith and I will lead Team Fairfax in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)’s annual Out of the Darkness Walk. This event raises support for scientific research, evidence-based resources, training, and advocacy. [AFSP](#) does life-saving work and I invite you to join us for the Walk in October. My predecessor, Supervisor Cook, led this effort on the Board of Supervisors and I am proud to literally follow in his footsteps.

Finally, some residents who responded to our recent survey shared their desire to see more Braddock Beacon content and information geared toward seniors. To that end, we’ve created an Older Adults section that begins on Page 11. This month we have information about educational opportunities, senior centers, and support for caregivers. I hope you enjoy it!

Yours in service,

Supervisor James Walkinshaw



# FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY Summer Entertainment Series 2021 Braddock Nights

FREE!



Wednesday and Friday Evenings • Saturday Mornings

I am excited to welcome you back to this year's Braddock Nights summer series! These free concerts present a wide array of performances from classical to bluegrass, with something for every music lover. I hope you'll bring a picnic dinner, blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy this fun-filled series. Come relax with friends, family and neighbors in a safe, socially distant atmosphere. Volunteers are always welcomed. For more information, please contact my office at 703-425-9300 or [braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov). I look forward to seeing you this summer.

Sincerely,

James Walkinshaw, Supervisor, Braddock District

## Royal Lake Park

5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax  
Friday Evenings • 7:30 p.m.

### JULY

- 9 Paul Reisler & Three Good Reasons (Folk Jazz)
- 16 Little Red & The Renegades (Zydeco)
- 23 Kadencia Orchestra (Bomba, Plena, Salsa)
- 30 Lesson Zero (Roots Rock)

### AUGUST

- 6 Mark Puryear and friends (Blues)
- 13 The Hillbilly Gypsies (Bluegrass)
- 20 Mars Rodeo (Rock)

## Rutherford Park

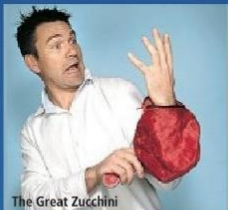
4743 Guinea Road, Fairfax  
Wednesday Evenings • 7:30 p.m.

### JULY

- 7 Karl Stoll & The Danger Zone (Rock, Blues)
- 14 Linwood Taylor (Blues, Rock)
- 21 Soul Crackers (Motown, Soul)
- 28 The Nitehawks Swing Band

### AUGUST

- 4 City of Fairfax Band - Alte Kameraden German Band (Music of Germany)
- 11 Karen Collins & The Backroads Band (Honky Tonk Country Band)
- 18 Common Ground (Smooth Jazz)



## ARTS in the PARKS

A Free Children's Entertainment Series

Saturday Mornings • 10 a.m.

## Wakefield Park

8100 Braddock Road, Annandale

### JULY

- 10 Blue Sky Puppet Theater (Puppets)
- 17 Marsha and the Positrons (Children's Songs)
- 24 Ray Owen (Children's Songs)
- 31 The Great Zucchini (Comedy, Magic)

### AUGUST

- 7 Rocknoceros (Children's Songs)
- 14 Mr. Gabe & the Circle Time All-Stars (Children's Songs)



Braddock Nights is presented in partnership with the supporters of Braddock Nights and generous contributions from the following sponsors:



The Summer Entertainment Series is made possible through corporate and private donations. To donate, visit [www.fairfaxparkfoundation.org/projects](http://www.fairfaxparkfoundation.org/projects).

Scan to donate!



Performances are subject to change due to pandemic-related issues. For schedule updates and COVID safety information prior to attending, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances). Call 703-324-SHOW (7469) before leaving home for inclement weather updates.

FCPA's Summer Entertainment Series follows current CDC and Health Department COVID guidelines for events and the Governor's mandates for entertainment venues.



703-324-8563 TTY Va. Relay 711



# Walkinshaw in the Community



Supervisor Walkinshaw participating in Independence Day parades with residents of the Kings Park, Chapel Square, and Little Run neighborhoods on July 4.



Supervisor Walkinshaw speaking with Fairfax County Police Officers at the West Springfield Station on July 22.



Supervisor Walkinshaw in the studio for a Braddock Voices podcast recording with Paul Gross and Sarah Lennon of Friends of Royal Lake on July 8.



Supervisor Walkinshaw joining local Cub Scouts Pack 1967 and Department of Public Works staff to view the work on the Burke Centre VRE Connector Trail project on July 29.



Supervisor Walkinshaw greeting Rep. Gerry Connolly and stakeholders at the Congressman's Mental Health Roundtable at the Braddock District office on July 23.



Supervisor Walkinshaw hosting a community meeting to discuss options for the Lake Accotink Dredging Project on July 29.



Supervisor Walkinshaw introducing The Great Zucchini at the Children's Arts in the Parks event on July 31.



# Citizen of the Month

This month's Braddock District Citizen of the Month is Shafuq Naseem. Shafuq is a student at George Mason University who is majoring in Government and International Politics with a minor in Computer Science. In 2020, Shafuq was appointed to the Commission for Women by Supervisor Walkinshaw. On the Commission she has worked in concert with the Board of Supervisors on policies and initiatives to promote gender equality, eliminate violence against women, and honor women and girls in Fairfax County.

Shafuq is passionate about raising awareness around issues such as education equity, menstrual justice, teen dating violence, and domestic abuse. As a former 2019 Teen Ambassador with the County's Domestic and Sexual Violence Services Office, she worked to raise awareness around teen dating violence in her community, which led to her accepting the February 2020 Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month Proclamation during her freshman year of college. As many of the issues she advocates for are personal to her, she finds that sharing her story is an important factor in propelling change.

On behalf of the Braddock District, thank you for your service, Shafuq!



***Shafuq Naseem***

# Community News

## Document Shredding Event

Saturday, August 7  
7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Lake Braddock Secondary School  
9200 Burke Lake Road  
Burke, VA 22015

These residential collection events are open to Fairfax County and residents of the Clifton, Herndon, the Town of Vienna, and the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church. All events will feature four document shredding trucks and shredding will be provided on a first come, first-served basis. The events begin at 7:00 a.m. and end at 11:00 a.m., or when all trucks reach capacity. All participants must be in line by 11:00 a.m. to ensure service.

Visit the [Document Shredding website](#) for details and procedures.

## Fairfax County Redistricting Process

The Board of Supervisors appointed the 2021 Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC), which will recommend new Supervisory District Boundaries to the Board of Supervisors. The RAC held its first two meetings. There is a third meeting scheduled for [August 17](#).



Fairfax County's Redistricting Advisory Committee seeks the public's input at the [meeting on August 17, at 6:00 p.m.](#)

**This two-hour meeting is solely focused on hearing from residents and organizations** — and it will be held at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Conference Room 11, Fairfax.

The **committee wants the public's input now as it gets ready later this month to redraw new recommended electoral maps for the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and School Board.**

People or groups that wish to speak are encouraged to [sign up in advance](#), although this isn't required to testify. There are also **several options for providing input on August 17:**

- In-person
- By phone
- By video
- By writing before

## Libraries to begin Accepting Book Donations in September

The Fairfax County Public Library will once again accept donations beginning on Tuesday September 7. Donations have not been accepted for most of the pandemic due to space constraints, prior quarantining of items, and limited ability/space for supportive organizations such as the Friends of the Library to operate out of library facilities. Staff ask those members of the public stagger their donations, if they have more than a few bags of materials, so that individual locations are not overwhelmed in those first few weeks of September.

## Masks Required at County Facilities Starting August 9

Beginning Monday, August 9, all employees and visitors – regardless of vaccination status – will be required to wear a mask while inside all Fairfax County facilities to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

This week, the rise in COVID-19 cases has resulted in the Fairfax Health District moving from moderate to substantial community transmission. This is due to the on-going spread of the highly contagious Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus.

Based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's latest guidance, in areas of substantial or high transmission, everyone should wear a mask in indoor public spaces/settings to help prevent the spread of the Delta variant and protect others.

Learn more by visiting [Fairfax County's Emergency Blog](#).

## CASA's Moving Forward NOVA AmeriCorps program

**CASA** is recruiting for their Moving Forward NOVA AmeriCorps program, a stipend-paid year-long community service commitment in which those that join provide services with the immigrant and low-income communities in Prince William County and Fairfax County.



**Join the team!**

Want to serve your community?

Commit to a year of paid community service with  
Moving Forward Corps  
@ CASA!

For your year of service you will:

- ✓ Be part of an amazing team!
- ✓ Receive a stipend!
- ✓ Full-year commitment, you'll receive an educational award of \$6445
- ✓ Receive health-care if you choose to.
- ✓ Professional development on: immigration services, taxes, financial education, driving privilege cards, and youth programs.

More information: **571-320-1760**  
[https://wearecasa.formstack.com/forms/movingforwardnova\\_interest](https://wearecasa.formstack.com/forms/movingforwardnova_interest)

CASA Moving Forward NOVA AmeriCorps



**¡Únete al equipo!**

¿Quieres apoyar a tu comunidad?

Comprométete a un año de servicio con  
Moving Forward en CASA.

¡Haz parte del equipo Moving Forward Corps  
con CASA!

Por tu servicio comunitario:

- ✓ Serás parte de un gran equipo.
- ✓ Se te otorga un estipendio mensual.
- ✓ Al final del año de servicio podrás obtener un premio educativo de \$6445 si cumples tu año de servicio y si eres tiempo completo.
- ✓ Al iniciar tu servicio con Moving Forward NOVA recibirás un seguro médico.
- ✓ Recibirás capacitación profesional en diferentes áreas: inmigración, impuestos, educación financiera, licencias de conducir, sistemas tecnológicos y en el desarrollo de programas con la juventud.

Más información: **571-320-1760**  
[https://wearecasa.formstack.com/forms/movingforwardnova\\_interest](https://wearecasa.formstack.com/forms/movingforwardnova_interest)

CASA Moving Forward NOVA AmeriCorps

This program has been critical for CASA to be able to provide impactful services to community members. Learn more and [apply today](#).

## Update on Sick Birds in Northern Virginia Area

In late May, wildlife managers in multiple states, including Virginia, began receiving reports of sick and dying birds that were exhibiting eye issues (swelling, crust discharge, etc.), along with neurological symptoms. No definitive cause(s) of illness or death have been determined at this time. Since early June, reports of dead or sick birds from the affected areas submitted via DWR's online form have decreased by 50%.

**DWR continues to recommend that people discontinue bird feeding in the affected areas until further notice.** For the remainder of the state, DWR advises removing bird feeders anytime multiple dead birds are observed on a property over a short period of time. If you encounter sick or dead birds, in Virginia, please [submit an event report](#). For additional information on this mortality event, please visit [DWR's website](#).

## National Alliance on Mental Health Illness Northern Virginia Youth Leadership Council Applications accepted until August 21

The Northern Virginia chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness' (NAMI) **Youth Leadership Council** application deadline has been extended to August 21st at 11:59pm. Apply [here](#).



### ➤ What is the Youth Leadership Council?

The Youth Leadership Council (YLC) is a group of teens and young adults (ages 15-23) serving as an advisory group to NAMI Northern Virginia. This group meets monthly to plan youth and young adult events and programs, participate in panels and focus groups, and work on projects that reduce stigma in our communities and support teens and young adults. The YLC recently planned and lead our 2021 Virtual YouthFest event.

## Putting for Pets

The Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter (FFCAS) helps support the Shelter with thousands of volunteer hours and much-needed funding for the shelter and adoption of dogs, cats, small animals, and poultry. FFCAS invites you to join them for their fundraiser, Putting for Pets, on September 27. [Register online](#) or [download the flyers](#) from the FFCAS website.



**Early Registration Challenge:** A generous donor has challenged Friends to register guests early! For every guest who registers and pays before August 27<sup>th</sup>, Friends will receive an additional \$15 from this donor!

We'll have fabulous raffle items! Keep an eye out for our exciting auction items at [www.32auctions.com/2021FriendsFallSA](http://www.32auctions.com/2021FriendsFallSA). The silent auction opens Saturday, September 18 at noon. All proceeds benefits the pets at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

## Adult Learn to Ride Classes

If you or someone you know wants to experience the joy of riding a bike but never learned (or it's been a long time since riding), FABB's summer Adult Learn to Ride class is for you!

The class is on Sunday, August 15, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 pm at the Burke Centre VRE parking garage. Students will be guided by certified instructors, and everyone is provided a bicycle and helmet rental for the duration of the class. Visit the [Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling website](#) for more details and to register (just \$10 for county residents).





# Public Safety

## Fairfax County Police Department 2020 Annual Report Available Online

The Fairfax County Police Department's [2020 Annual Report](#) offers a look back at what was a difficult year for Fairfax County and our Nation. The report clearly demonstrates our officers' commitment to public safety and service, which evolved last year as we endured the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fairfax County emerged from this difficult time with the continued distinction of having the lowest rate of violent crime among jurisdictions of its size. This is directly attributable to the men and women in uniform as well as a dedicated group of professional staff that come to work everyday intent on keeping people safe.



## Pre-Notification 9-1-1 Now Available in Fairfax County

Fairfax County recently adopted a pre-notification 9-1-1 program. Details may be found on the [County website](#).

- As you may recall, PN-911 was one of 31 goals under the [50+ Community Action Plan](#). This objective has now been achieved.
- The new Emergency Health Profiles will create an additional safety net for older adults and people with disabilities when they call 9-1-1. This could save many lives, as EMT rescuers would then be informed *beforehand* about any medical needs (or other challenging situations) they might encounter upon arriving at the scene of an emergency.
- Please inform your friends and family about this new 9-1-1 feature, initiated by Fairfax County's Department of Public Safety Communications (DPSC).

## Juice Box with a Cop/School Supply Drive

Curious about police officers and what they do? The Fairfax County Police Department is inviting children of all ages to come meet some of their police officers from the West Springfield Station. Watch a video tour of the station. Tour a real police cruiser and patrol wagon. Get your picture with McGruff the Crime Dog. Ask them questions. FCPD wants to meet the kids of the area. The Fairfax County Sheriff's Department will also be at the event providing FREE Child ID cards\*.



Parents and other adults are welcome too. This event will be held on Saturday, August 14, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m. at the West Springfield District Station (6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA). It is NOT a drop off event. If you would like further information, or have questions, contact the Crime Prevention Officer at (703) 277-2363

\*To protect the privacy of the family, none of the information is retained by the Sheriff's Office. For families in our community, this card could be the key to assisting law enforcement agencies should their child ever become missing. For the children, the process of producing the card offers a fun and positive experience interacting with law enforcement officers.

## FCPD Investigation Continues After Incident in Springfield

Chief Davis has released the body-worn camera footage, 911 calls and radio traffic from the July 19th assault on a law enforcement officer and officer involved shooting. The following information is based on the preliminary and ongoing investigation. The Department's understanding of the facts and circumstances may change as additional evidence is collected and analyzed. Per YouTube's policy viewers may be requested to sign into a YouTube account to verify age. Watch the [recording of Chief Davis' press conference](#). Click the image to the right to watch the video.



viewer discretion is advised

## Introduction to Neighborhood Watch

Would you like to know what Neighborhood Watch is? Would you like to know how to start a Neighborhood Watch in your community? Do you want a refresher on the Neighborhood Watch program? Join the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) for an Introduction to Neighborhood Watch Zoom presentation on August 19, at 6:30 p.m. FCPD will discuss the program, how it works, how it benefits your community. Use the Zoom link below. If you have any questions, contact PFC Tony Capizzi from the West Springfield Station at (703) 277-2363.

- [Join on Zoom](#)
- Password: 916578 Or Telephone: (636) 651-3141 (877) 402-9753 (US Toll Free) Conference code: 404496

## Apply Now for Community Fire and Rescue Academy

Want to learn more about the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department? Do you want to participate in an interesting, fun-filled, eight-week program that will show you what firefighters and paramedics do every day?

You can now apply to the Community Fire and Rescue Academy (CFRA)! The CFRA is open to persons 18 and older who live in Fairfax County. Each session will cover different aspects of the organization, providing an in-depth overview of the department and its uniformed and civilian workforce. Program topics include fire suppression, emergency medical services, training, recruitment, special operations, and other interesting topics.



Classes meet Thursday evenings for eight consecutive weeks.

MUST BE:

- 18 and older
- Live in Fairfax County.

- Learn more about your local fire department
- Learn about different aspects of the fire service, including fire suppression, emergency medical services, hiring and training firefighters, and special rescue operations.
- Visit fire stations, the Training Academy, Public Safety Headquarters, and the 911 dispatch center.
- APPLICATIONS DUE AUGUST 27, 2021

For questions contact Deputy Chief Willie Bailey ☎ (703) 246-4630 ✉ [fire.cfra@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:fire.cfra@fairfaxcounty.gov)

[CFRA Application](#) will be accepted until August 27, 2021. The Academy will begin September 16, 2021, and will meet for eight consecutive Thursdays, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and ending on November 4, 2021. Learn more about the [program and sign up](#).



# Older Adults

## Golden Gazette Newsletter Sign-Up Reminder

Be sure to read the monthly Golden Gazette newsletter. You can pick up a copy at the Braddock District office (Kings Park Library) or visit [fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](https://fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) to subscribe.



## Lifetime Learning Institute (LLI/NOVA) Invites You to Join Us Our Fall Term begins September 3 – Registration begins August 16, 2021

The Lifetime Learning Institute of Northern Virginia (LLI/NOVA) invites you to be part of its exciting fall term 2021 and to participate in our other activities, including monthly forums, day trips, classes, and social activities. Fall term is from September 3 - December 13, 2021, but your dues provide unlimited access to all activities for a full year.

At \$110 per year, LLI/NOVA is one of the best bargains around—a full year of unlimited classes, access to travel at special rates, participation in forums, parties, field trips, and special interest groups, and an opportunity to learn new things and develop friendships with like-minded members.

### To Learn More about LLI/NOVA

The Lifetime Learning Institute of Northern Virginia, affiliated with Northern Virginia Community College's Annandale Campus, is a non-profit, member-run organization dedicated to providing continuing educational opportunities to older adults, age 50+.

Join LLI/NOVA and [register online](#) on their website. Contact LLI Nova at (703) 323-3746 (leave a message); or email them at [admin@llinova.org](mailto:admin@llinova.org).



## NCS Senior Center Re-Opening 2021

Select NCS Senior Centers are now open to the public for limited use. Centers will be open Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. for self-directed activities. Staff and instructor-led programs are currently not being offered but are scheduled to resume when senior centers open at full capacity on September 7. The [Virtual Center for Active Adults](#) will continue to offer virtual classes and programs throughout the summer.

Any participant who is not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 is asked to wear a mask while inside one of the senior centers. If you feel ill, please stay home. Participants are required to sign a liability waiver in order to visit one of the centers.

Center locations and FAQs are available on the [NCS website](#).

Locations open in the Braddock District include:

### **Little River Glen Senior Center**

4001 Barker Court, Fairfax, VA 22032  
703-503-8703, TTY 711

### **Wakefield Senior Center at Audrey Moore RECenter**

8100 Braddock Road, Annandale, VA 22003  
703-321-3000, TTY 711



## Caregiver Health & Wellness Series

The Department of Family Services (DFS), Fairfax Area Agency on Aging is pleased to announce their new caregiver health & wellness series.

Caring for a loved one can take a physical and emotional toll. Therefore, it is essential for family caregivers to make their wellness a priority and learn new ways to reduce stress and avoid caregiver burnout.

You are invited to attend our new **Caregiver Health & Wellness Series**.

Join DFS for live demonstrations on ***Dance Fitness, Yoga & Meditation for Stress Reduction, Memory Engagement with Arts & Crafts, and Art Therapy: Healing Through Art.***

Our new series will run from Friday, August 6 from 2:00 p.m. through 3:00 p.m. to Friday, September 24 from 2:00 p.m. through 3:00 p.m.

[Register online today.](#)





# Environmental News

## Update on Lake Accotink Dredging Project

Lake Accotink is one of Fairfax County's premier assets, with over 300,000 annual visitors. It not only offers a variety of great recreational activities, but also serves a vital environmental role by providing wetlands, forest habitat, and by capturing sediment that would otherwise flow downstream toward the Chesapeake Bay. Two years ago, the community spoke with a very clear voice in saying, we want to save the lake. Former Braddock Supervisor John Cook and now-Chairman Jeff McKay directed staff to identify appropriate funding mechanisms and the Board of Supervisors applied for and received approval of a \$30.5 million low-interest loan from the Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund.

Since the initial estimate, costs have risen as a result of a sizeable increase in sediment that has accumulated and must be dredged from the lake, higher costs associated with dredging methods, increased costs for pipeline construction due to the need to establish a permanent dredging program to maintain Lake Accotink, and increased materials and labor costs resulting from the pandemic and current construction industry trends. Last week, at Supervisor Walkinshaw's request, the Board authorized staff to apply for an additional \$30 million in revolving loan funding. If approved by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, this amount is expected to cover the costs of dredging and spoils processing. Detailed study of disposal options and costs will take place later this year. A commitment was made to return to the Board for approval of the final cost estimate for the project.

It's now time to get into the details. Two public meetings—one in-person, one virtual—were held this past week to discuss various options for dredging Lake Accotink. The [Alternatives Analysis Report](#) comes after months of site assessment, sediment sampling, and analysis. At the meetings, the county's Department of Public Works and Environmental Services and its contractor, Arcadis, presented the results of their analysis of methods for dredging the sediment from the lake, transporting the dredge material via pipeline to the processing location, selecting the dewatering location (where the water is drained and returned to the lake, leaving dry sediment that can more easily be disposed of), methods for dewatering the dredge material, and general options for disposing of the dredge material (transport by truck for either reuse or disposal). Staff are recommending that four potential locations be considered for the dewatering location based on maximum flexibility, minimization of impact, and cost efficiency:

- Dominion Energy Right-of-Way at Wakefield Park
- Lake Accotink Upper Settling Basin
- Maintenance Area in Wakefield Park
- Lake Island in Lake Accotink Park

If you were not able to attend one of the meetings, a recording of the August 5 virtual meeting will be available on the [project website](#). Comments may be submitted on the website until August 22.

There will be impacts and some disruption for those who live around the lake and use the affected parks during the dredging process, tentatively scheduled to begin in early 2023 and run through 2025. That's why it is important that we all work together to identify the best way to save Lake Accotink. In the end, we will end up with a revitalized, restored lake which will continue to be an outstanding asset to our entire county.

## Plastic Bag Tax Ordinance

On Tuesday, July 27, the Board of Supervisors authorized a public hearing on a proposed plastic bag tax ordinance, scheduled for September 14, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center. In accordance with enabling legislation passed in the 2020 Virginia General Assembly, the five-cent tax would be applied to each disposable plastic bag provided at point of checkout at grocery stores, convenience stores and drug stores. Should the ordinance pass in September, the tax would take effect on January 1, 2022. A two-cent discount would be available to participating retailers until January 1, 2023, at which time the discount would decrease to one cent.

The plastic bag tax is intended to discourage consumption of single-use plastic bags, which often end up as litter in local streams and waterways, harming fish and other wildlife. In addition, revenue collected from the tax may be used for environmental cleanup, litter prevention and environmental education programs. Recognizing that the tax may unduly impact certain populations, in accordance with the enabling legislation, tax revenue may also be used to provide reusable bags to recipients of certain federal food support programs.

Members of the public are encouraged to testify at the September 14 public hearing and may do so by providing in-person, written or recorded testimony. For more information on ways to provide public hearing testimony, or to register to speak on September 14, please [visit the County website](#) or contact the Department of Clerk Services at (703) 324-3151, TTY 711.

For more information on the proposed plastic bag tax ordinance, please [visit the website of the Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination](#).





# Human Services Corner

## Medicaid/FAMIS Workshop

Thousands of Virginians are newly unemployed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, eligible for Medicaid and need health insurance. Get the essential information you need to help them – and their families – apply for Medicaid/FAMIS (Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan) health insurance through *SignUpNow*, an initiative of the Virginia Health Care Foundation (VHCF).

Upcoming Live, Interactive Workshop	Registration Link
September 9, 2021	<a href="#">Register by September 1</a>

Live and on-demand workshops cover the changes to Medicaid/FAMIS in light of the Public Health Emergency, and the “ins and outs” of the eligibility requirements, application procedures, and post-enrollment information for Virginia’s Medicaid/FAMIS programs:

- New adult coverage
- Programs for children and pregnant women (the FAMIS programs)
- Low Income Families and Children (LIFC) program
- Medicaid for Former Foster Care Youth
- Plan First (family planning)

The VHCF also provides [online, on-demand modules](#).

## Webinar for Parents with children returning to school

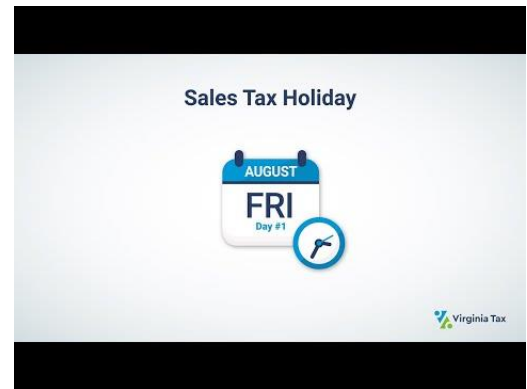
Formed Families Forward, a Fairfax-based non-profit organization dedicated to supporting foster, kinship, and adoptive families of children and youth with disabilities and other special needs, is hosting a webinar entitled **Back to School: How to Help Your Kids Manage Anxieties and Prepare for a Return to the “Normal” Classroom**. Visit the [FFF website](#) for more information and to register.

## New Source for Housing Vouchers

As part of the **American Rescue Plan Act**, there will be a new funding source for housing vouchers in Fairfax County. The Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority approved a county framework on July 15 to receive the money, which involves 169 vouchers that will be made available in coming weeks. Eligibility for the vouchers is limited to individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, or were recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family’s homelessness or having high risk of housing instability. In order to see if you qualify, please reach out to [Coordinated Services Planning \(703-222-0880\)](#), or the [Domestic and Sexual Violence 24-Hour Hotline \(703-360-7273\)](#).

## Virginia Sales Tax Holiday Runs August 6-8

Stock up on qualifying school supplies, clothing, hurricane and emergency preparedness supplies, and certain ENERGY STAR™ and WaterSense™ products without paying state sales tax starting Friday, August 6 at 12:01 a.m. and ending Sunday, August 8, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. Enjoy the savings whether you shop online, in-store, or by mail or phone.



Sales Tax Holiday Video

### What's eligible?

#### School supplies, clothing, and footwear:

- Qualified school supplies – \$20 or less per item
- Qualified clothing and footwear – \$100 or less per item.

#### Hurricane and emergency preparedness products:

- Portable generators – \$1,000 or less per item
- Gas-powered chainsaws – \$350 or less per item
- Chainsaw accessories – \$60 or less per item
- Other specified hurricane preparedness products – \$60 or less per item.

#### ENERGY STAR™ and WaterSense™ products:

- Qualifying ENERGY STAR™ or WaterSense™ products purchased for non-commercial home or personal use – \$2,500 or less per item.

## New Resource Helps Child Victims and Witnesses Navigate the Justice System

The Office of Justice Programs' [Office for Victims of Crime](#) has released [Child Victims and Witnesses Support Materials](#), a new online resource to help children and youth in the justice system who are victims of or witnesses to a crime.

- In illustrated narratives, child and youth characters show how the justice system works in a child-friendly and developmentally appropriate way. The materials explain child victims' rights, the role of practitioners, how to cope with feelings of anxiety, and how to prepare for court and to testify. Companion [practitioner and parent/caregiver guides](#) are also available.
- Learn how the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) addresses child abuse through partnerships, programs, and training and technical assistance.
- [View OJJDP Resources](#)

## Become a Dementia Friend!

Dementia Friendly Fairfax, started in 2019, is an initiative to bring awareness and support for those living with dementia and their care partners in Fairfax County, Virginia. Dementia Friendly Fairfax envisions our community as a place where people living with dementia and their care partners will be able to engage in a variety of activities, be supported in the highest quality of life, and can live independently for as long as possible. Join the movement today and become a dementia friend. One-hour virtual Dementia Friends Information Sessions are held on the 1st Friday of each month at 1pm and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 10am. Learn more on [Dementia Friendly Fairfax's website](#).

# Transportation Updates

## Virtual Public Information Meeting for Random Hills Road and Post Forest Drive Shared Use Paths



The Virginia Department of Transportation will be holding a Virtual Public Information Meeting on Random Hills Road and Post Forest Drive Shared Use Paths. The meeting will take place on August 26, 2021 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. The [project website is live](#) and you can visit it today.

Thursday, Aug 26, 2021.

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

[Join with Google Meet](#)

Join by phone

(4700 327-0857 (PIN: 442065163))

## The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) approved \$55 million for Braddock Road phase I

Supervisor Walkinshaw has been notified that the Braddock Road Multimodal Improvement Project will get more than \$50 million through a VDOT program called Smart Scale, which ranks projects based on the amount of congestion reduced for the lowest cost. The effort to reduce congestion on Braddock between Guinea and Ravensworth roads launched in 2014. The project will not widen Braddock Road, but is expected to adjust traffic patterns at intersections and add bike and pedestrian paths on both sides of Braddock. You can find more information on the [Braddock Road Multimodal Improvements' website](#).

Previously, the Braddock Road project had not been able to secure funding through state and regional programs. Even earlier this year, the project did not make the initial cut in the Smart Scale analysis. "It's great news," Walkinshaw said in an [interview with the Braddock Buzz](#). "In the initial scoring, we were just under the threshold—had just missed the line to get funding. But some other projects dropped out, and our staff was able to work with VDOT's staff to convince them of the merits of the project."

VDOT is expected to present its design plans to the community by the end of this year. Once the date is set, we will inform the community through the Braddock Beacon.



# Code Compliance Corner

The Fairfax County [Department of Code Compliance](#) provides this helpful monthly message for Board of Supervisors offices to share:

**August 2021**

**Freestanding Accessory Structure** – An accessory structure is defined in the Zoning Ordinance as: A building or structure that: (1) Is subordinate in purpose to a principal building or a principal use legally existing on the same lot; and (2) Contributes to the comfort, convenience, or necessity of the occupants, business, or industry of the principal structure or principal use served on that lot. Examples of freestanding accessory structures include detached garages, sheds, and gazebos.

In addition to meeting the definition above, the structure may also need to be located away from property lines (lot lines) by a certain distance. For freestanding accessory structures, these distances away from lot lines are referred to as location regulations, which most often depend on the structures' height. Freestanding accessory structures potentially violating the location regulations of the Zoning Ordinance are among the most common complaints and concerns received by the Department of Code Compliance (DCC).

## **How does DCC enforce?**

- DCC staff inspect and photograph property to determine if there is a violation of the location regulations for freestanding accessory structures.
- If there is a violation, a Notice of Violation (NOV) is issued directing the property owners to remove, modify, or relocate the structure. In some cases, there may be an option for a property owner to seek approval of a special permit from the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) to allow the freestanding accessory structure to remain in its location, and the NOV may note when there is a special permit option.
- The NOV provides the owners with a specific timeline to come into compliance, usually 30 days; however, additional time is granted if the owner submits a special permit application.
- Failure to comply with the NOV can result in the County taking legal action, such as seeking civil penalties or a court order to abate the violation.

DCC accepts complaints and concerns about potential violations of location regulations online or by voicemail at any time, or by telephone during regular business hours. For more information, visit the DCC website or see our Freestanding Accessory Structure Flyer, which is attached.

Link to [Freestanding Accessory Structure](#).

# Land Use & Development

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & HEARINGS

### One University "Pardon Our Dust" Virtual Community Meeting

- August 10 at 7:00 p.m.

### Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting

- No meeting scheduled in August
- September 21 at 7:00 p.m. in Braddock Hall

### Board of Supervisors Hearing

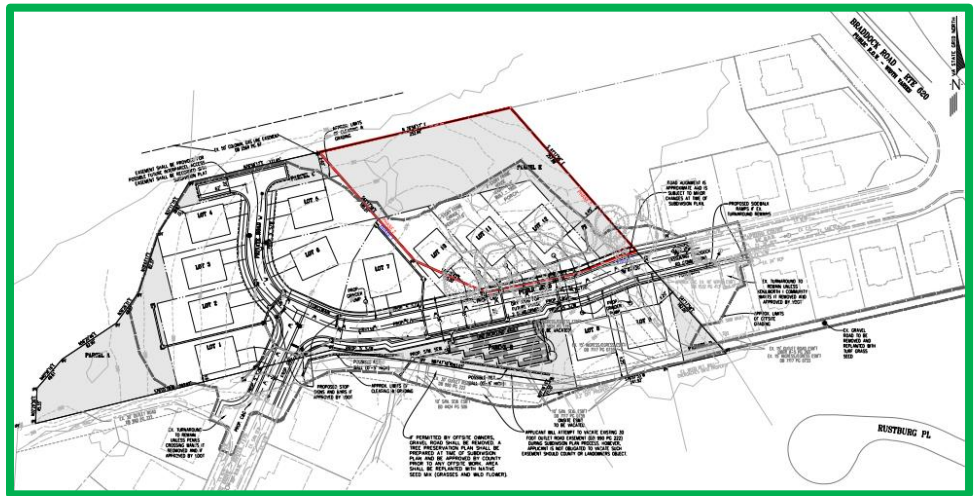
- Kenilworth II – September 14 at 3:30 p.m.

### Planning Commission Hearing

- Comprehensive Plan Amendment for NW Corner of Lee Highway and Waples Mill Road – September 22 at 7:30 p.m.

## Planning Commission Recommends Approval of Kenilworth II

On July 14, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the zoning application submitted by Christopher Land, LLC for approximately 4.43 acres of land located just south of the Kenilworth community at Caprino Court and Braddock Road.



This property is currently developed with one single-family home built in 1955 that will continue to be occupied by the current owner and would be included in a subsequent phase of the project. The applicant is requesting to rezone this land from the R-1 District to the PDH-3 District to build 12 single-family detached dwelling units at a density of 2.71 dwelling units per acre. Nine houses would be constructed in phase one, and an additional three houses would be part of phase two, when the existing house is vacated and removed. The application shows that access would be provided by connecting Banting Drive and Caprino Court at a "T" intersection with a three-way stop. An underground stormwater management system would handle stormwater runoff.

During a site visit in late April by members of the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee, the Braddock District Planning Commissioner, and staff, a previously unidentified

wetlands area was discovered. The wetlands are located near the center of the site on the eastern side, in an area the developer plans to fill to build the road connection and use for the underground stormwater detention facility. Staff determined that the wetlands would not be avoided with an alternative layout, lower density, or even with by-right development, leading to a focus on mitigating for the loss of the wetlands. The applicant proffered additional green infrastructure, trees, and plantings in the buffer and amenity areas, as well as biofilters, bioretention, and bioswales.

During the Planning Commission hearing in June, residents from the Penns Crossing neighborhood stated their strong opposition to the development based on the connection of Banting Drive and Caprino Court to Braddock Road. The residents cited safety concerns, including narrow streets, increased traffic, and speeding vehicles. County staff and the Virginia Department of Transportation continue to emphasize the need to connect Banting Drive and Caprino Court. VDOT adopted a connectivity policy over a decade ago in order to provide for a network of publicly maintained streets and to address concerns with cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets. The State Code requires that when new streets are dedicated, they must be connected to road and pedestrian networks with the existing and future transportation network. Connections provide flow for both vehicles and pedestrians within local developments rather than requiring people to go onto a larger collector road to access neighboring houses. Connectivity is vital in providing timely access for emergency vehicles. It is also important for school buses, trash collection, street maintenance, and snow plowing. The original proffers for both the Penns Crossing and existing Kenilworth neighborhoods contained a requirement that if the parcels now under consideration were developed, the roads would connect. The standard road width, "T" intersection with stop signs, and additional "Children at Play" signs are intended to help reinforce slower driving speeds.

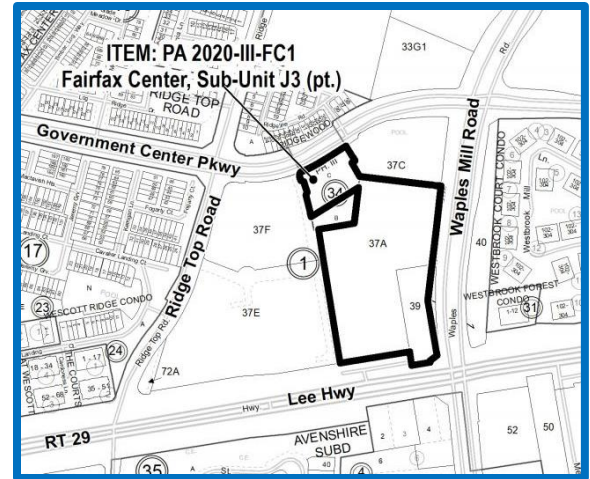
A staff report on this application was published April 7 and is available on the [County website](#). An [addendum was published](#) on June 9. The Board of Supervisors will hold a hearing on the Kenilworth II rezoning application on September 14 at 3:30 p.m. Information on how to testify may be found on the [County website](#).

## **Comprehensive Plan Amendment for NW Corner of Lee Highway & Waples Mill Road to be Considered in September**

County staff is concluding review of a Comprehensive Plan Amendment for the northwest corner of the intersection of Lee Highway and Waples Mill Road. This came about as the result of a proposal by Public Storage to expand their existing self-storage use onto the adjacent residential parcel, which contains an older house and outbuilding. Expanding self-storage would require rezoning the corner property to industrial use, which is not currently supported by the Comprehensive Plan recommendations. This area is planned for office use with an option for office/mixed use should it be redeveloped. The intersection is also planned for a potential interchange after Shirley Gate Road is extended to the Fairfax County Parkway.



For the past year, county planning staff has been considering a Comprehensive Plan Amendment for both the corner lot and the surrounding Public Storage property to ensure that the plan for this corner remains in line with the vision for Fairfax Center. During this review, consideration is being given to what options might be appropriate for the site, whether self-storage or alternative uses. Particular attention is being paid to architecture and design, landscaping, pedestrian improvements, and park/recreational space. County planning staff and representatives of Public Storage have been meeting regularly to try to come to agreement on general concepts.



A Comprehensive Plan Amendment consistent with these discussions is being finalized and is expected to be published in early September. The Planning Commission has scheduled a hearing for September 22. A hearing before the Board of Supervisors is tentatively scheduled for October 19.



Proposed – Waples Mill Road, looking south toward intersection with Lee Highway

A concurrent rezoning application was filed by Public Storage Southeast One, Inc. to consolidate the corner parcel with their existing self-storage property. On July 1, based on feedback from meetings with staff and input from the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee, Public Storage resubmitted their plans to reflect modifications to their original proposal. Public Storage is proposing to remove the existing house, demolish one row of its existing single-story self-storage bays, and construct a climate-controlled five-story, 63-foot-tall self-storage facility of approximately 150,000 square feet on the southeast corner of the property (see illustration). The area near the existing office and lighthouse at the south end of one of the existing single-story buildings will be demolished and a new office of up to 1,500 square feet and reconfigured parking area will be constructed.

The applicant is proposing to develop a new pocket park, which will be open to the public, adjacent to the existing pocket park on the interior portion of the block. It would include a dog park with seating. The existing service road along Lee Highway, currently being used for parking of commercial vehicles, including food trucks and contractors' equipment, would be

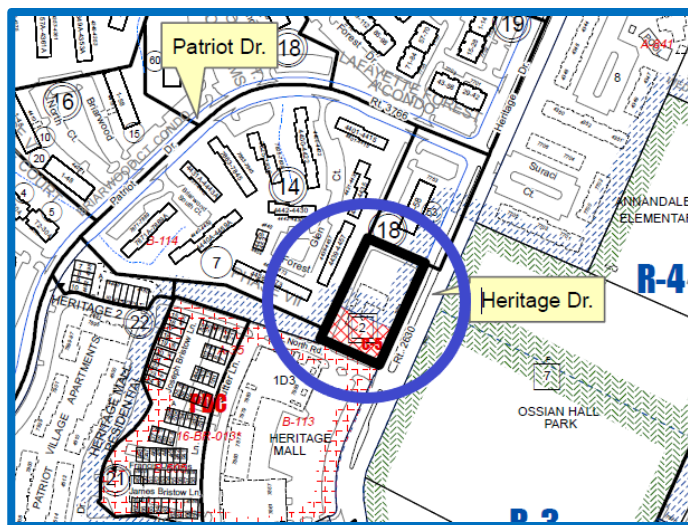
removed and replaced with landscaping and a pedestrian pathway. Additional landscaping with would be provided around the new building. The doors of the existing single-story building along Waples Mill Road would be painted a brick color. A path with public artwork would lead from Waples Mill Road to the new park and dog park. The details of this revised application are being reviewed by county staff. A Planning Commission hearing on the rezoning application is tentatively scheduled for November.

## **Annandale United Methodist Church Rezoning Approved by Board of Supervisors**

On July 13, the Board of Supervisors approved an application by the Trustees of Annandale United Methodist Church to rezone their 1.77-acre property located on the west side of Heritage Drive and adjacent to Heritage Mall from the current split zoning in the C-5 and R-20 Districts to be entirely in the C-5 District to allow a public benefit association, or community resource center, associated with an existing place of worship.

The existing building was constructed and originally used solely as a place of worship. However, more recently, the Church has increasingly used the site to provide social services to address significant unmet needs in the surrounding community. Residents in the area walk to the Church property to access a food pantry and clothes closet operated by Church volunteers. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Church collaborated with Chef Jose Andres of the World Central Kitchen to coordinate and distribute over 18,000 meals in the Annandale community. Many of these meals were targeted to families who were unable to access free and reduced meals from Fairfax County Public Schools.

The Church now proposes to formalize this operation and, in addition to the place of worship, create a community resource center that will provide a range of supportive educational and healthcare services, including a robust food distribution program, health and wellness screenings, and a mobile dental clinic, among other initiatives. They intend to expand existing collaborations with the Fairfax County Health Department, Department of Family Services, and Neighborhood and Community Services; Food for Others, George Mason University, Northern Virginia Community College; Medical Care for Children Partnership Foundation; and other public and charitable organizations.

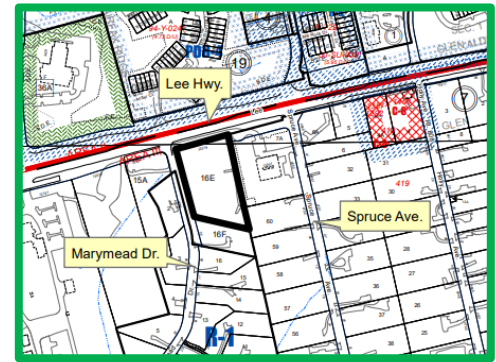


Under the county's Zoning Ordinance, this operation would be considered a Public Benefit Association, a use which is not permitted on the residential, or R-20, portion of the property, which encompasses nearly half of the building. This rezoning to put the site entirely in the C-5 district will allow the public benefit use to legally operate and expand the valuable work and services it provides to the community. No construction or physical changes to the existing site or buildings are planned. The Church will re-stripe the existing travel aisle and parking spaces in accordance with recommendations from the Fairfax County Fire Marshal.



## Child Care Facility Proposed for 12019 Lee Highway

A Special Exception application has been filed by NLD Fairfax, LLC to permit a child care center at 12019 Lee Highway. This 2.32-acre site is located south of Lee Highway between Spruce Avenue and Marymead Drive. It is currently developed with a single-family dwelling, with the remainder of the property as open space.



The applicant has proposed an Everbrook Academy, operated by child care provider Learning Care Group, Inc. The facility would be approximately 13,000 square feet with a 12,500-square foot play area to the rear of the building. Access would be provided from the Lee Highway service road. Enrollment would be up to 151 children at any one time, and they would have 26 employees. Thirty-six parking spaces are proposed. Hours of operation would be from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

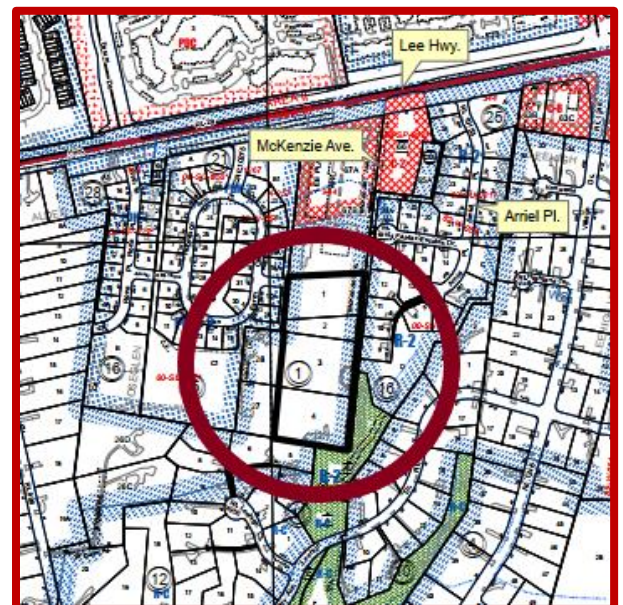
During a community meeting in June and again at a meeting of the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee in July, community members expressed concern about traffic movement and safety at the intersection of Marymead Drive and Lee Highway. The service road along Lee Highway that would provide access to the site is now used by clients of the neighboring Sparkles! child care center. Because the intersection does not have a traffic signal, residents find it difficult to make a left turn onto Lee Highway from Marymead Drive and they are concerned that the additional traffic generated by the proposed use would worsen the situation. The applicant is working with staff, including Fairfax County and Virginia Department of Transportation staff, to try to address these concerns and is expected to submit modifications to the proposal this fall.

A Planning Commission hearing has been scheduled for November 3. The Board of Supervisors hearing has not yet been scheduled.

## Application Filed to Redevelop McKensie Avenue Properties

Sekas Homes, Ltd. has filed an application to rezone 6.51 acres of land located along McKensie Avenue, south of its intersection with Lee Highway in Fairfax. The land consists of four properties developed with three single-family homes, two of which are not currently occupied. The applicant has proposed rezoning the property from R-1 to R-2 Cluster to allow 11 new lots developed with single-family dwellings. Access would be provided through a public street extending from an existing stub off Robertson Farm Circle. Stormwater management is proposed to be handled through installation of an underground vault facility.

A Planning Commission hearing has been scheduled for December 1. No date has been set for a hearing of the Board of Supervisors.





## **One University “Pardon Our Dust” Virtual Community Meeting Scheduled for August 10**

The site and building plans for the One University project, which will provide 120 affordable family units, 120 affordable age-restricted units for seniors, and 333 units of purpose-built housing with up to 798 beds to serve George Mason University students, are in the final stages of review by county staff. Nearby residents may have noticed notice tree staking and flagging of the limits of clearing on the site. The contractor has also conducted abatement of the existing buildings in preparation for demolition.

On August 10, Supervisor Walkinshaw will host a virtual “Pardon the Dust” community meeting to let nearby residents know what to expect with regard to the construction process. The developer will lay out the expected timeline for demolition to begin, when they anticipate starting construction, where construction entrances will be located at the site, and provide contact information in case there are issues. Representatives of the developer and county staff will be available to answer any construction-related questions.

**[Use this link to join by computer](#)**

Password: 950069

**To join by telephone:**

602-333-0032 or

888-270-9936 (US Toll Free)

Conference code: 194172

## **Commonwealth’s Art and Architectural Review Board Approves Revised Plans for DMV’s Braddock Road Customer Service Center**

On July 9, the Commonwealth of Virginia’s Art and Architectural Review Board unanimously approved the Department of Motor Vehicles’ revised proposal for the Braddock Road Customer Service Center. This meeting was held in person in Richmond and was not live-streamed or videotaped. The meeting minutes are not yet available. However, DMV Richard Holcomb told us that the revisions consist of changing the style of the columns on the front of the building, moving the location of the flag poles to be next to the customer entrance, adding emblems of the front and back of the Virginia State Seal to the front center of the building, and adding landscaping around the DMV sign facing Braddock Road.

We have been told that the construction schedule has not yet been finalized. The next step in the state building process is to notify the Fairfax County Chief Executive Officer that preliminary drawings are available. Following that, the DMV will seek final approval from the Virginia Department of General Services and then issue a solicitation for construction of the project. Please keep in mind that because this is a state facility being built on state land, it follows the procedures required by the state, not those of Fairfax County. We will pass along any additional information we receive.

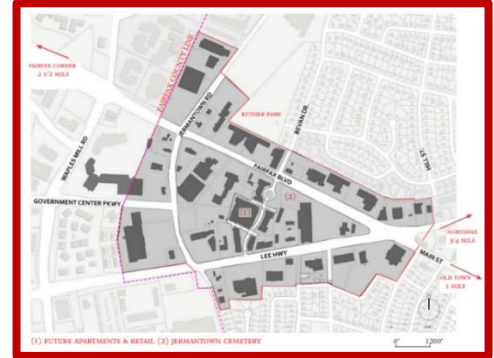
### **BRADDOCK DISTRICT LAND USE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will not meet in August. Their next meeting is scheduled for on Tuesday, September 21, at 7:00 p.m. in Braddock Hall. Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee meetings are open to the public and interested residents are encouraged to participate.

## Kamp Washington Small Area Study

The City of Fairfax has begun a community discussion about the future of the Kamp Washington Activity Center, a triangular slice of land located in the west end of the city and bounded by Fairfax Boulevard, Lee Highway, and Jermantown Road. The study area borders portions of the Braddock District and includes the city's portion of the Fairfax Court shopping center. Kamp Washington had a unique identity in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century because it was located at a major crossroads for visitors entering or leaving the Northern Virginia/Washington DC region. Today, most of the individual properties are disconnected and there are no unifying features. The area is not pedestrian friendly, and the existing street network is confusing. There is no public open space or green space. Although this area has long been a regional commercial hub, trends change and this study provides an opportunity to look at how properties can update and evolve.

The first public meeting to discuss the Kamp Washington Small Area Plan was held on June 9. The [report analyzing the existing conditions](#) in the study area is available. The City is now entering the second phase of the study. For more details and information about the Kamp Washington Small Area Plan and upcoming meetings, please visit the [City of Fairfax's website](#).



## Cases Filed with the Board of Zoning Appeals

The Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) hears and makes decisions on requests for variances (relief from specific zoning regulations such as lot width, building height, or minimum yard requirements) and Special Use Permits. It meets on Wednesdays beginning at 9:00 a.m. BZA meetings are aired live on the county government's cable TV Channel 16. Residents who have concerns about an application are encouraged to submit a letter for the record or testify at the hearing on the case. For information on how to submit comments or testify, please [visit the County website](#). These matters will not come before the Board of Supervisors but will be decided by the BZA. Staff reports are normally available online a week before the scheduled hearing.

- **Thomas Lowell Murphy & Anna Patton Murphy – 8505 Parliament Drive, Springfield  
SP 2021-BR-043**

The applicants are seeking a reduction in certain yard requirements to permit addition of a one-story garage 6.2 feet from a side lot line. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on September 22. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [County website](#).

- **Chang Jik Lee & Young Wan Lee – 4807 Piney Branch Road, Fairfax  
SP 2021-BR-050**

The applicants are seeking a reduction in setback requirements to allow an addition 11.2 feet from a side lot line and open deck 12.9 feet from the other side lot line, and an error in building location to allow a shed to remain. This application has not yet been scheduled for a BZA hearing. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [County website](#).

If you have any further questions regarding these land use cases or any other issues of concern to you, please email [braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call us at (703) 425-9300.