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# The Braddock Beacon

## National Night Out

Every year I look forward to visiting the many parties and events held for National Night Out in the Braddock District. The purpose of this evening is to create a stronger community by having police officers and first responders introduce themselves to the people they serve in a fun, casual setting. It is also an opportunity for the neighborhood to thank the first responders for their service.



At this year's event on August 7, I had the honor of riding with Fairfax County Police Lieutenant Andrew Wehrlen to eight different neighborhoods in the Braddock District. We made stops at Bonnie Brae, Middleridge Park, Burke Cove Condos, Olde Forge/Surrey Square, Rutherford, Red Fox Forest, and Stone Haven. Every neighborhood I visited had engaging and welcoming hosts. It was a great celebration of the Braddock District's community spirit.

## New Zoning Rules Adopted for Short-Term Lodging

On July 31, the Board of Supervisors voted 7 to 3 to approve new rules that for the first time allow homes to be rented out as short-term lodging (STL) through websites such as Airbnb. We heard from people on both sides of this issue.

I believe we need to be responsive to what people want to do with their homes while at the same time protect the character and residential nature of our neighborhoods. The best way to reduce the impact of activities such as STL is to enforce the existing zoning occupancy laws. Our Zoning Ordinance is not perfect, but it is a set of consistent rules that are in place to make sure that communities remain stable and that people are able to enjoy the use of their property.

I offered an amendment to require that when a property is used for STL, occupancy would be limited to the same number of people provided for in the county's Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Ordinance limits occupancy of a dwelling unit to: one family with up to two unrelated roomers or boarders; two single parents or guardians with not more than a total of six of their children; or a group of not more than four unrelated persons functioning as a single housekeeping unit. I believe that the same rules should be in place for someone who chooses to rent their house as short-term lodging. Why should the rules for the same house change depending on who is occupying it that particular day? My amendment also would have required that all areas used for sleeping be in compliance with all applicable code regulations, particularly with regard to the requirements for adequate ingress/egress from sleeping areas, including basements. Unfortunately, my amendment was not adopted by the Board of Supervisors, which chose to set the occupancy limit at six adults. Because the Board's motion did not support our Zoning Ordinance, I voted against the final motion.

The new rules will go into effect on October 1, 2018. Residents will be able to rent out their single-family homes, townhouses, condos, mobile homes, apartments, or rooms therein for up to 60 days a year, with some limitations. They must apply for a new \$200, two-year permit. The number of guests will be limited to six adults, who must all be associated with the same rental contract. One designated parking space must be available for lodgers. Properties may not be rented for events or commercial purposes, like parties, weddings, or fundraisers. Residents who offer their homes for STL will be required to pay transient occupancy taxes.

County staff will report back to the Board 18 months from the effective date on how the system is working, including: the number of STL permits issued and how that number compares to activity data provided by Host Compliance; the amount of tax revenue received; the number, nature, and disposition of complaints received related to STL uses; whether there should be a Special Permit or Special Exception process to expand STL uses beyond what is currently provided for; whether additional resources are needed to adequately address the permitting and enforcement of STL uses; and whether any privacy-related concerns or incidences have been reported to county staff.

For more information on the new zoning rules, including permit requirements, call 703-324-1314, TTY 711, or go to <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/zoning/short-term-property-rentals>.

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# Cook in the Community

**Best of Braddock:** Supervisor Cook hosted the Best of Braddock Awards with the Braddock District Council on July 11. Read more about the winners under Community News.

**NACo Conference:** Supervisor Cook attended the Annual National Association of Counties (NACo) Conference in Nashville, Tennessee from July 13-16 to help represent the county's Diversion First Initiative, a jail diversion program for non-violent offenders with mental illness. Supervisor Cook's attendance was funded by NACo through a private sector grant and did not involve any county funds.

**Fairfax Villa Neighborhood Association Meeting:** Supervisor Cook spoke to the Fairfax Villa Neighborhood Association at its monthly meeting on July 17.

**Ravensworth Farm BBQ and Awards Ceremony:** Supervisor Cook attended the Ravensworth Farm annual barbecue and awards ceremony on August 4.

**Boy Scout Citizenship Badge:** Supervisor Cook spoke with Boy Scout Troop 1344 on August 6 about the role of a County Supervisor and how local government serves the people.

## Braddock Neighborhood News



Supervisor Cook hosts a monthly television show, Braddock Neighborhood News, on Fairfax County Channel 16, which is available on most cable networks. Supervisor Cook invites special guests to cover important topics that affect the Braddock District. This month's episode will focus on Fairfax County and the Welcoming Inclusion Network (WIN) which seeks to provide employment and day services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Episodes air on Sundays at 5 p.m., Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Fridays at 5 p.m. You may also watch the episodes online.

## Community News

### Feedback Needed on Proposed Public Safety Drone Program

On July 31, the Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to defer both the purchase of six to eight drones by the Police Department and approval of a drone policy manual to allow time for community input on the use of drones by law enforcement and other first responders.

County staff discussed the concept of drone use by police, fire and emergency management groups with the Public Safety Committee, which Supervisor Cook chairs, in January. However, the full policy manual was not

released until shortly before the Board meeting. Supervisor Cook noted that the law is in flux with regard to information gathered from drone use and expressed concern about the civil rights implications for citizens. He stated at the meeting that people tend to think that they have privacy in their backyard, and they won't necessarily have that if police and prosecutors can use video gathered by drones over private property to support criminal prosecutions. For this reason, Supervisor Cook supported a delay to allow time for more conversations with privacy advocates, homeowners' associations, and civic groups.

The purpose of the public safety drone program is to assist first responders with situations that may benefit from a remote view. Drones could be helpful in search and rescue missions, emergency operations, police investigations, hazardous material situations, and infrastructure assessments. Although there are many potential benefits, there are also concerns.

Public input on this issue is critical. The Board hopes to revisit the use of drones by public safety agencies in December, with potential adjustments to better protect the privacy of Fairfax County citizens. No meetings have yet been scheduled. In the meantime, please feel free to contact our office at 703-425-9300 or email [Braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov) with your comments, questions or concerns.

### Best of Braddock 2018



On July 11, my office and the Braddock District Council held our annual “Best of Braddock Awards” in Braddock Hall.

More than 50 people attended and enjoyed a barbecue dinner catered by Red, Hot, and Blue. Special guests included

Congressman Gerry Connolly (VA-11), Delegate David Bulova, and Delegate Vivian Watts. Each year neighbors nominate residents, volunteers, and county staff members whose efforts helped enrich the Braddock District in a significant way. The 2018 Best of Braddock award winners included:

- Marilyn Sitts was recognized for her work as the head of the Old Forge/Surrey Square Hospitality Committee.
- Donna Fricas, another Old Forge/Surrey Square resident, received an award for starting and maintaining a “Little Free Library” in her neighborhood.
- Judy Nitsche was named Best of Braddock for her lead role in organizing the Friends of Kings Park Library Book Sale, which she has chaired for 10 years. Her work has helped raise over \$300,000 for the library.

- Cathy DeLoach and Mary Hovland were recognized for organizing the Second Ever Kings Park West Tour of Homes, which raised \$4,000 to benefit the Commonwealth Swim Club, the Lakeview Swim Club, the Kings Ridge Swim Club and the Kings Park West Civic Association.
- Sarah Lennon was honored for her efforts as the Kings Park West Civic Association (KPWCA) Parks & Lake Chairperson and the KPWCA Road Raiders Coordinator.
- Evan Braff and Paul Woods from Neighborhood and Community Services were given an award for implementing the Burke/West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls and Neighborhood College.

This year's celebration also marked the last Best of Braddock with George Klein as the Braddock District President. George has served as the BDC president for four years and held countless events for the community. George is stepping down and his leadership will be sorely missed.

### **Braddock Nights**

*Friday evenings • 7 p.m. • July 6 through August 24 • [Lake Accotink Park](#) & [Royal Lake Park](#)*

The Summer 2018 season is in full swing! This series of free concerts presents a wide array of performances from classical to bluegrass and everything in between. The atmosphere is informal and you're encouraged to bring a picnic dinner, blankets and lawn chairs and relax with friends and family to celebrate the end of the workweek. Volunteers are always welcome! For more information, please contact my office at 703-425-9300.

### **Fairfax County Parkway Widening Public Information Meetings**

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will host three public information meetings for the widening of the Fairfax County Parkway between Route 29 (Lee Highway) and Route 123 (Ox Road). VDOT will present the preliminary design concepts and provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the project.

The meetings will take place from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., with an open house followed by a formal presentation beginning at 7:00 p.m. The presentation for each meeting will basically be the same but will be more focused on the unique concerns of each segment of the project. The meetings scheduled are as follows:

#### **Northern Segment**

Date : September 25, 2018  
 School : Willow Spring Elementary School  
 Address : 5400 Willow Springs School Road, Fairfax, VA 22030

#### **Southern Segment**

Date : September 27, 2018  
 School : Fairview Elementary School  
 Address : 5815 Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22039

#### **Central Segment / Popes Head Road**

Date : October 3, 2018  
 School : Oak View Elementary School  
 Address : 5004 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, VA 22032

For additional information, please visit the VDOT project website at <http://www.virginiadot.org/projects> or contact the Sitaram Kodali - Project Manager at [sitaram.kodali@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:sitaram.kodali@vdot.virginia.gov).

### **League of Women Voters Candidate Forum**

The League of Women Voters is holding a Candidate Forum with all certified candidates for the Virginia Congressional District 11 elections including: Gerald E. (“Gerry”) Connolly (D) (Incumbent), Jeff A. Dove, Jr. (R), and Stevan M. Porter (L).

When: Sunday, September 16th, 2:00 to 4:00 PM

Where: Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22030

The Forum is free. RSVP [here](#); late arrivals welcome [www.lwv-fairfax.org/candidateforum/](http://www.lwv-fairfax.org/candidateforum/).

## Citizen of the Month

The Braddock Citizen of the Month for July is Owen Williams from Woodson High School, who served as an intern in the Braddock District Supervisor’s Office. Below is Owen’s account of what he learned during his internship:



Many people do not fully get to grasp the importance that local government plays in the lives of the citizens it governs. As a member of the Fairfax County Youth Leadership program, I have been given the opportunity to witness first hand that vital role.

I joined this year long program last winter as a junior and have participated in monthly meetings that stress the importance of being an active member in the community. Each member of the program had been given the opportunity to intern for a Fairfax County Department for three weeks in the summer as a way to help expand their knowledge of local government.

I began my internship at Supervisor Cooks’ office on July 9. At first I was very surprised that the Braddock District Supervisor had an office in the Kings Park Library, a place that I had been going to for years. I walked into the office and felt instantly welcomed by the amicable staff that worked there. During my tenure at the office I learned valuable administrative and organization skills and by answering constituents’ calls on the phone. I also got to work on my research skills by helping the communications director write posts for #Braddockhistory.

I had the unique opportunity to visit some of the other departments in the county in order to get a wider perspective on the services that Fairfax provides. A member of the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) took me on a tour of the department’s transfer station off of Ox Road and the landfill complex near Lorton. There I learned what the county does with the tons of waste and garbage that is brought there every year. As a person who is considering working in Environmental Science I found it really interesting what DPWES does to cause as little environmental impact as possible with landfill.

The second major field trip I went on was with an investigator for the department of Code Compliance. Code Compliance investigates any neighborhood complaint that a citizen may have “consisting of issues affecting safety and quality of life.” During my ride along I saw issues ranging from a barking dog complaint to inspecting the exterior of a burned down house.

I cannot thank everyone in the office enough for the experience I gained from working here for the past three weeks, it really opened my eyes to the amount of work that county employees do to help make our lives easier.

## Human Services Corner

### **Out of the Darkness Community Walk**

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention/Fairfax Chapter, will hold their annual walk on Saturday, September 29 at the Veteran's Amphitheater, 10489 Armstrong Street (in front of City Hall), Fairfax, VA. Check-in/registration begins at 9:00 a.m., the walk begins at 11:00 a.m. and ends at 1:00 p.m. More information can be found at <https://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=5353>.

Supervisor Cook will be among those walking to raise awareness about suicide prevention. If you would like to walk on Supervisor Cook's team please call the office at 703-425-9300.

### **Volunteers Needed for Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline**

Fairfax County's Office for Women's Domestic and Sexual Violence Services is looking for volunteers to work as hotline counselors, court accompaniment advocates, hospital advocates and facilitators for 18-week psycho education groups. Long and short term commitments and evening and weekend opportunities are available. Please contact Nadia Hoonan at [Nadia.Hoonan@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Nadia.Hoonan@fairfaxcounty.gov) or 703-324-9495 and come to the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, on August 14 in Conference Room 7 from 6-8 p.m., or on August 29 in Conference Rooms 4/5 from 6-8 p.m.

### **Northern Virginia Senior Olympics**

The Northern Virginia Senior Olympics will be held September 15-26. Volunteers to support the games are needed. The minimum age to volunteer is 16. If interested, please call 703-403-5360 or email [rsvp@volunteerfairfax.org](mailto:rsvp@volunteerfairfax.org). For more information on the games check out <http://nvso.us>.

### **Help Older Adults from Feeling Alone**

PRS CrisisLink is looking for empathetic and caring volunteers to talk on the phone with older adults who may be living alone, feeling isolated. Training is provided. Learn more and apply at [prsinc.org/CareRing-volunteering](http://prsinc.org/CareRing-volunteering).

### **Aging in Place Presentation: Medicare Card & Medicare Fraud**

“New Card, What it Means, Why & How to Protect it from Fraudulent Use” will be presented by Ridge Multop, Former AARP Economist & current volunteer, on Wednesday, August 15 at 1 p.m. in the Kings Park Library Meeting Room, 9002 Burke Lake Road. Sponsored by: Braddock District Council Aging in Place Committee.

### **Volunteers Needed For Shepherd's Center Transportation Programs!**

Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke serves those 50+ who no longer drive through its transportation support programs. Volunteer drivers are needed for trips to medical appointments (Monday - Friday) and companion shopping (Tuesday, Friday) within the Fairfax-Burke area and to medical appointments (Monday- Friday) in the South County area. Office volunteers are also needed to schedule rides. Bilingual volunteers (English and Spanish) are especially needed as drivers and office volunteers. If you can volunteer your time, please email Shavaun Wall at [recruiter@scfbva.org](mailto:recruiter@scfbva.org) or call the office at 703 323-4788.

## Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke Launches New Program

A Handy Helper program is offered for *SCFB clients* who need assistance in their residence. The services offered include minor yard work, limited house cleaning, and minor home repairs. At this time the services are available only on Saturdays by a small group of volunteers, but they hope it can grow based on the need of their senior clients. If you need help in changing light bulbs, hanging curtains/pictures, changing batteries, trimming bushes, planting flowers, cleaning windows, etc. contact Michael Hampton by email at [handyhelper.mh@gmail.com](mailto:handyhelper.mh@gmail.com). If you are interested in volunteering to help or have questions about the program, contact Barry Wickersham at 703-203-8929.

## Interested in Volunteering in Fairfax County?

Volunteer Fairfax connects volunteers with community needs all throughout Fairfax County and beyond! Six programs and several organized opportunities are utilized to mobilize people and resources to meet local needs. Whether a nonprofit is looking for volunteers on a regular or event-specific basis or individuals are looking for a way to serve the community, Volunteer Fairfax provides the expertise critical to finding the right fit. Alternative Community Service provides for the community service needs for court-related matters. BoardLink places people on area nonprofit boards. BusinessLink allows the means for local companies and corporations to give back to their neighbors. RSVP engages those 55+ in meaningful daytime volunteer opportunities. Volunteers for Change connects busy adults to flexible, intermittent volunteer needs on evenings and weekends. A searchable online database, VolunteerNow!, also exists on the website. This database is filled with opportunities listed by local nonprofits and government agencies for the public to search and connect to directly. Volunteer Fairfax also provides training and workshops to strengthen area nonprofits and help them extend their community reach. Contact Volunteer Fairfax to identify your perfect volunteer role or to find caring, extra hands to assist your organization. For more information or to connect, visit [www.volunteerfairfax.org](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org) or call 703-246-3460.

# Park Updates

## Recreational Model Aircraft and Drones – Upcoming Public Hearing – Comments Welcome

Effective July 1, 2018, the use of unmanned aircraft (drones) by private citizens is allowed on Park Authority lands. Pilots are expected to abide by all applicable FAA regulations, safety guidance, and airspace restrictions. Although the Park Authority will not impose restrictions on drones, we are hopeful that operators will respect other park users, stay clear of wildlife and natural and cultural resource areas, and generally be respectful in their use of unmanned aircraft over parkland.

The Fairfax County Park Authority and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority will hold a joint public hearing on an amendment to Regulation 1.17, Remote Controlled Devices, Powered Models, or Toys, to align the regulation with current Virginia law. The hearing will be held on Thursday, September 6, 2018, at the Oaks Room, Twin Lakes Golf Course, 6201 Union Mills Road, Clifton, at 7:00 p.m. The full announcement of the public hearing may be read at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/park-news/2018/z-ir100>.

Please contact the Fairfax County Park Authority's Public Information Office at 703-324-8662 or [parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov) to sign up to speak at the public hearing. All speakers are welcome; it is not necessary to sign up in advance.

Written comments on the proposed amendment must be received by October 8, 2018 to be included in the official public record. Please send your feedback to either the Fairfax County Park Authority or NOVA Parks:

Email (preferred): [Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov) or [NOVAParks@nvrpa.org](mailto:NOVAParks@nvrpa.org)

or

Public Information Office  
Fairfax County Park Authority  
12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 927  
Fairfax, Virginia 22035

or

Public Information Office  
NOVA Parks  
5400 Old Ox Road, Fairfax Station, Virginia 22039

## Environmental Updates

### **Survey and Design Work at Lake Barton**

You may have noticed stakes in the ground and work going on at Lake Barton. The Maintenance and Stormwater Management Division within the county's Department of Public Works has contracted survey and design work in preparation for the next sediment dredge project at the lake. Survey, design, inspection, and other support services will proceed over the next several months. The timing of dredge operations will be dependent on the planning survey results. Dredge activities will be focused in the existing sediment forebay and at a potential new forebay location. In addition to the sediment dredge, potential facility upgrades are also being considered with the project.

## Land Use

### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS**

#### **Training Center Site Comprehensive Plan**

At a community meeting on June 25, the Training Center Site Task Force presented its recommendations for future development of the former Northern Virginia Training Center site, the adjacent State Police site, and a small parcel of land reserved for a future DMV facility. County Planning staff have taken that input from the community and are drafting language to incorporate it in a proposal to amend the Comprehensive Plan for this area. In doing so, they have reached out again to Neighborhood and Community Services, Housing, the Park Authority, Stormwater, Urban Forestry, and Transportation to get their thoughts on the conclusions the Task Force reached.

Planning staff will attend the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee's September 17 meeting to present their draft language, which the Committee will discuss and then vote on in October. The staff report should be available on October 4. A public hearing before the Planning Commission has been scheduled for October 18 and a hearing before the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for November 20.

For information about the Comprehensive Plan process, visit: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/plan-amendments/training-center-site>.

Task force meeting agendas, handouts, PowerPoints, and minutes are available at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/plan-amendments/training-center-site/meetings>.

### **Comprehensive Plan for Northeast Corner of Braddock Road and Roberts Road**

Supervisor Cook held a community meeting on July 2 to get input from residents about a proposal for a high-end residential development on approximately 9.56 acres of land at the northeast corner of Braddock Road and Roberts Road. This area is currently planned for one to two dwelling units per acre and is zoned R-1. The property owner has proposed 45 single-family detached homes and related amenities. Access to the property would be from a single entrance on Roberts Road, midway between Braddock Road and Shenandoah Lane.

County Planning staff are gathering information from other county agencies on concerns raised by the community, including density, transportation, stormwater, and tree save, and will be developing their recommendation. The staff report should be available on October 11, and they will be presenting to the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee at its meeting on October 16. The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment is scheduled for a public hearing before the Planning Commission on October 25, and a hearing before the Board of Supervisors on November 20.

Information about this Comprehensive Plan Amendment may be found here: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/plan-amendments/roberts-road>.

The PowerPoint presentation with the owner's proposal may be found at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/roberts-road-proposed-residential-development>.

### **Comprehensive Plan Amendment for One University**

One University consists of three properties containing 10.7 acres located in the northwest corner of the intersection of Route 123 and University Drive, across from the George Mason University fieldhouse. It is owned by the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) and contains the offices of its Board, its operational and maintenance facilities, and a 46-unit affordable townhouse community known as Robinson Square. Due to its location, the property has been seen as a potential site for housing for GMU students as well as a location for additional units of affordable housing.

In July of 2017, the FCRHA received an unsolicited proposal, consistent with Public-Private Education and Infrastructure Act guidelines, for the redevelopment of the site. Consistent with the process set forth by statute, in September of 2017, a Request for Competing Proposals was issued. The FCRHA's vision for redevelopment included: new additional affordable housing with an affordable senior housing component; revenue to the FCRHA; and viable solutions for the redevelopment of the existing FCRHA and Department of Housing and Community Development Uses. Offerors were also required to provide transportation solutions, community outreach, and relocation plans for existing residents. A county review and selection team evaluated the proposals and has recommended a development partner. That partner is prepared to move forward and is now in discussions with the FCRHA on the specifics of the proposal. Any development there requires County approval by the Board of Supervisors.

The development proposal calls for construction of approximately 240 affordable multi-family units, including 100 affordable senior units, in four-story buildings with surface and deck parking, and approximately 360 units of student housing with 713 beds in five- to six-story buildings with similar parking. The proposal presents an

exciting opportunity to meet a number of important community needs, but would also have significant community impacts. Therefore, Supervisor Cook offered a motion, approved by the Board of Supervisors on July 31, to have county staff begin a Comprehensive Plan Amendment process in order to solicit community input regarding this proposal.

Supervisor Cook will be holding a community meeting this fall to discuss the benefits and impacts of this proposed redevelopment, including on transportation and other infrastructure. Look for more details, including the meeting date, in upcoming issues of the Braddock Beacon and Advisories as well as on social media.

If you have questions or comments regarding any of these Comprehensive Plans, please email my office at [braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call us at 703-425-9300.

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## **CASES RECENTLY APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

### **The Woodlands Retirement Community 4320 Forest Hill Drive, Fairfax SEA 97-Y-035-02 & PCA 1997-SU-027-02**

The Woodlands Retirement Community requested permission to construct 42 additional surface parking spaces on the property, for a total of 98 surface parking spaces and 86 underground parking spaces. This is still fewer than the 126 parking spaces authorized in the original approval. The applicant also requested a reduction in the minimum age of residents from 62 to a minimum age of 55 to be consistent with the Federal Fair Housing Act and other age-restricted communities in Fairfax County. These were approved by the Board of Supervisors on July 31.

### **The Ridgewood 4209 Ridge Top Road, Fairfax**

The Ridgewood building, a mixed-use development, requested permission to locate a Taekwondo studio in an empty retail space in the building. A Taekwondo studio is classified as a “private school of special education,” which is a permitted secondary use in the zoning district, but was not listed in the proffers for this property. On July 31, the Board of Supervisors approved a Minor Variation to allow the use.

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

Are you interested in helping plan our community? Would you like to get involved with others to review proposals related to land use and environmental matters? Do you have particular interest or knowledge about aspects of land use, the environment, or stormwater management? If so, you should consider joining the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee, an independent, nonpartisan, volunteer group made up of interested Braddock District citizens. The Committee’s purpose is to advise the Braddock District Supervisor and Planning Commissioner on preserving stable neighborhoods in the district while allowing for change that improves our community. The Committee normally meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. To learn more about how the group operates, come to the next meeting. Additional information and an application for membership can be found on the Braddock District website at

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/braddock-district-land-use-and-environment-committee>.

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee does not meet in August. The next meeting of the Committee will be on **Monday, September 17, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Braddock Hall**. Please note that the date has been changed so that it does not conflict with the observance of Yom Kippur. County Planning staff will report to the Committee on their recommendations for a Comprehensive Plan for the former NVTC and adjacent sites. Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee meetings are open to the public.

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## **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. in the Board Auditorium of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. BZA meetings are also 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. You may register to testify at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/bza/bzaspeaker.htm>. These matters will not come before the Board of Supervisors, but will be decided by the BZA. Staff reports are normally available two weeks before the scheduled hearing.

### **Thomas Sords – 9817 Bronte Drive, Fairfax SP 2018-BR-032**

The applicant was seeking a reduction of minimum yard requirements to permit an accessory storage structure (shed) to remain 6.2 feet from one side and 3.2 feet from another side lot line, and a reduction of certain yard requirements to permit construction of an addition 5.0 feet from a side lot line. This application was approved by the BZA on July 11 with modifications to the development conditions. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found here:

<http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMain.aspx?cde=SP&seq=4244710>.

### **Brian McCarthy & Jennifer Buck – 5422 Bromyard Court, Burke SP 2018-BR-047 & A 2018-BR-015**

The applicants filed for a modification to the limitations on the keeping of animals to permit a third dog to reside at their property. Because the lot size is less than 12,500 square feet, the Zoning Ordinance only permits up to two dogs to be kept there. The applicants also filed an appeal of a Notice of Violation issued for the keeping of dogs to allow time for this application to be considered. The application was approved by the BZA on July 25 to allow the three dogs currently kept on site to remain there. However, if one of these animals dies or is given away, it may not be replaced and only two dogs may be kept on the property. The development conditions require that all dog waste must be removed from the rear yard and disposed of daily, and the dogs must not be left unattended outdoors for a continuous period of time longer than 30 minutes. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found here:

<http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMain.aspx?cde=SP&seq=4247014>.

### **Patriot Pawsability – 10611 Braddock Road, Fairfax SP 2018-BR-051**

The applicant is seeking a Special Permit for an indoor commercial recreation use to open a cat café, a place where patrons can relax and interact with cats and kittens from local cat rescues. In the application, the developer stated that the hours of operation would be from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week, as well as 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on weekdays for community outreach. There would be four employees and two volunteers, and

they estimate 50 patrons per day. The facility would serve the Fairfax area, but focus on the students of George Mason University. The applicant has stated that they plan to offer different classes and activities such as Trivia Night, Music with Cats, Paint Night, and Board Game Night as well as quiet study time. Community outreach would focus on Wounded Warriors and the elderly. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on September 12. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found here: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMMain.aspx?cde=SP&seq=4247934>.

**David Thomas Freeman – 4819 Spruce Avenue, Fairfax  
A 2018-BR-017**

Appeal of a determination that the appellant is maintaining a contractor's office and shop and a storage yard on property in the R-1 District in violation of Zoning Ordinance Provisions. This appeal is scheduled to go before the BZA on October 3.

**Patrick & Sunyoung Sullivan – 7317 Leesville Boulevard, Springfield  
SP 2018-BR-075**

The applicants have requested waiver of the minimum side yard to 3.8 feet instead of the required 12 feet to enclose an existing carport. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on October 31. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found here: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMMain.aspx?cde=SP&seq=4241223>.

**Pilgrim Community Church – 4925 Twinbrook Road, Burke  
SPA 81-A-002-07**

The applicant is proposing to amend a previously approved Special Permit to add a daycare center. The proposed hours of operation would be from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The center would care for up to 99 children, with up to 6 full-time teachers and 4 part-time teachers. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on October 31. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found here: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMMain.aspx?cde=SPA&seq=4247798>.

**James P. Chao – 4936 Americana Drive, Annandale  
VC 2018-BR-014**

The applicant is seeking a variation to permit construction of a dwelling with stoop and steps 18 feet from a front lot line. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on November 7. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found here: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMMain.aspx?cde=VC&seq=4240430>.

**Nattaya Cleary/Nattaya Daycare – 4010 Elizabeth Lane, Fairfax  
SP 2018-BR-077**

The applicant currently operates a home child care facility with a maximum capacity of 7 children ages 2 months to 5 years. She is seeking to increase in the number of children permitted to a maximum of 12. The number of employees would increase from the current 4 part-time employees to 6 part-time employees. Hours of operation would continue to be 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on November 7. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found here: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMMain.aspx?cde=SP&seq=4246763>.

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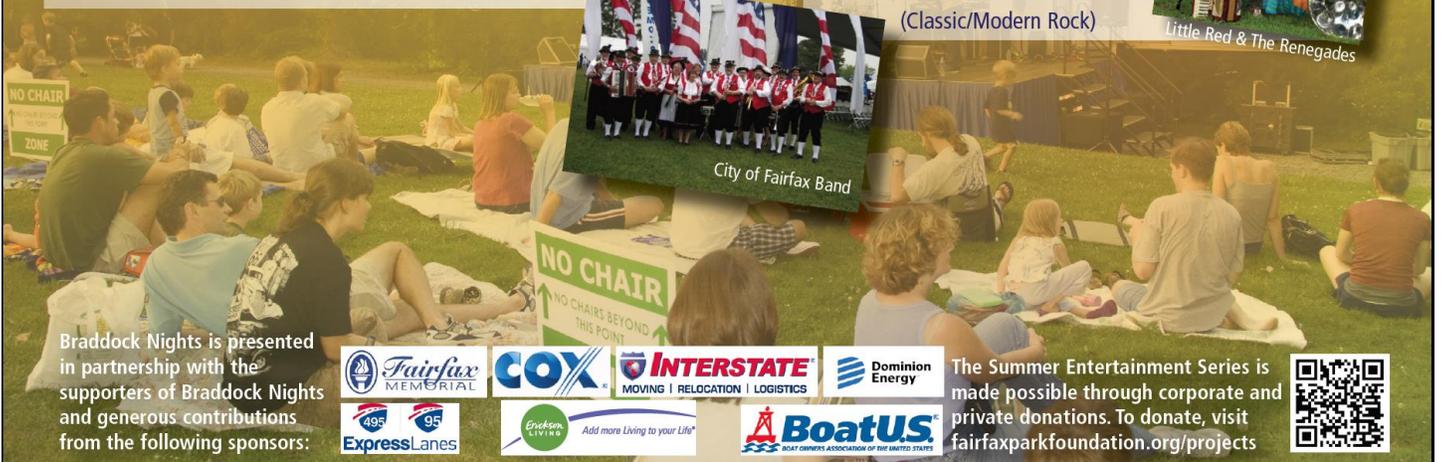
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