



# The BRADDOCK BEACON

A Monthly Newsletter from Braddock  
District Supervisor John C. Cook

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## Community Input Key to Training Center Site Comprehensive Plan

Your input is needed regarding the future of the former Northern Virginia Training Center site on Braddock Road. That is why I hosted a community meeting last month to talk with residents about the comprehensive planning process we are launching for the site.

The comprehensive planning process will allow the community to express its vision for the Training Center site and the adjacent State Police property. Erickson Living has announced its intent to purchase the 78-acre site from the Commonwealth and is proposing to build an 1,100+ resident continuing care community there. However, this land has never gone through a Comprehensive Plan Review process. The County has begun conducting a community needs assessment to better understand what the area currently lacks or needs to improve on regarding land use, environment, transportation, public facilities, housing, and parks and recreation. We will also host a community meeting in late January to give residents the opportunity to express their opinions on community needs in person.

In order to ensure Braddock residents are involved throughout the comprehensive planning process, I am creating a Training Center Site Task Force. Any Braddock District resident may apply by filling out an application form ([found here](#)). The Task Force will require a significant time commitment from members. The members will be selected the first of December and will begin working in early February. The Task Force will use the needs assessment and community planning meeting as a starting point from which it will develop options for a Comprehensive Plan. These options will be presented to the community at a public meeting in April 2018. The Task Force's work is anticipated to end with a community presentation of its official recommendations in late June 2018.

I will share official dates for meetings via email and social media ([Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)). Your participation will enrich this community planning process.



Supervisor Cook has served on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors since 2009 and lives in Kings Park with his wife and six children.

## Braddock District Champions of Character Honored

Each year, the Fairfax County athletic community celebrates the outstanding accomplishments of athletes, coaches, and parents in modeling good sportsmanship, service, teamwork, and leadership. Supervisor Cook was proud to recognize these Champions of Character from the Braddock District at this year's awards ceremony on October 16.

### **Ashley Danielle Thompson, Female Athlete, BRYC Volleyball Club**

Ashley Thompson has earned a reputation as a hard-working, trustworthy individual who strives to excel. She is a team leader who sets goals for both herself and the team. Ashley's passion for volleyball doesn't end with playing; she has also spent countless hours volunteering as a coach for camps and clinics and has served as an official for recreation league matches. In addition to volleyball, Ashley is a member of a competitive dance team and carries a 3.75 GPA. Her courage and tenacity when challenged is a testament to her natural ability to exceed expectations as a student athlete.

### **Ben LaJoie, Male Athlete, Burke Basketball**

Ben LaJoie is a multi-sport athlete and freshman at Robinson Secondary School. He plays for Burke basketball as well as Team Elevate on the AAU circuit and is a multiple year all-star baseball player with West Springfield Little League. Off the field, Ben has been recognized for academic excellence. Ben has been described as the type of player every coach wants. He works hard, shows perseverance and toughness, and is quick to offer praise and encouragement to his teammates. His outstanding character, citizenship, work ethic, kindness, and compassion make him a leader both on and off the court or field.

### **Bill Brousseau, Coach, Burke Athletic Club**

Coach Bill Brousseau's 2017 Burke Athletic Club Phoenix girls' lacrosse team consisted of several girls who had never played lacrosse. He took that as a challenge. Recognizing each girl's strengths, and through a combination of positive attitude, encouragement, and tough love, he motivated the girls to work hard and have confidence in their abilities. Coach Bill is no stranger to working with children, as he is a father to nine children of his own. Somehow, he manages to balance his personal life, professional life, and also coach, regularly communicating detailed outlines of practices, post-game summaries, and goals for upcoming games. Coach Bill keeps the fun in the game while, when needed, correcting the girls with respect and motivation to work harder. His leadership resulted in the Phoenix becoming the first BAC lacrosse team to win a Northern Virginia Youth Lacrosse League championship.

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### **Steve Bergstrom, Parent, BRYC Basketball**

Steve Bergstrom has been involved with BRYC for many years. He began as a football coach, then was tapped to serve as the organization's treasurer. While on vacation, Steve learned that BRYC Basketball's summer program would have to be canceled due to a volunteer's illness, so he stepped up to fill the spot. Since that call, Steve has devoted countless hours into the revitalization of the BRYC house basketball program to ensure that it is robust and thriving for years to come.



# Cook in the Community

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month Social Media Campaign

As part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, our office launched a social media campaign to educate the community on domestic violence and raise awareness of the domestic violence helpline. Our outreach rendered a total of 10,734 impressions on Twitter and 6,201 on Facebook. [Follow me](#) and take a look at some of the infographics my staff created for this very important issue.

Domestic violence is typically a pattern of coercive behaviors used by an individual to gain or maintain power and control over another individual in the context of an intimate, dating, or familial relationship.

If you or someone you know may be victims of domestic violence call the Fairfax County Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline: 703-360-7273



## Parents Who Host Lose the Most: October 12 Supervisor

Cook organized and hosted an event to remind students of their parents' responsibility not to serve alcohol at their teens' parties. The event at Lake Braddock Secondary School featured Supervisor Cook, Police Chief Ed Roessler, Fairfax County School Board Members Megan McLaughlin, Karen Keys-Gamarra, and with over 100 students attending.

## Fairfax County Domestic Violence Community Annual Meeting:

Supervisor Cook opened the event as chairman of the Domestic Violence Prevention and Policy Coordinating Council on October 13. The annual meeting was organized to celebrate the achievements of the domestic violence community and present the agenda for next year. It was attended by social workers, volunteers, police/sheriff officers, and others who work to end domestic violence in Fairfax County.

**Parent Resources Town Hall Meeting:** Raising Teens in the 21st Century: Braddock Residents gathered at the Junior Achievement Center on the morning of October 14 to learn from the experts on raising teenagers. The event was organized by Supervisor Cook and included speakers from various County agencies and local non-profits.

**Decoding Dyslexia VA 5K:** Supervisor Cook cheered on the many runners in the Decoding Dyslexia 5k on October 15. The event was held to help raise dyslexia awareness.

**Diversion First Stakeholder Meeting:** Supervisor Cook attended the Diversion First Stakeholders Meeting on October 18. The meeting focused on policy achievements and detailed upcoming goals for the county. Supervisor Cook serves on the leadership team of Diversion First.



**Oak Hill Day:** Supervisor Cook and the new owners of Oak Hill Mansion hosted the community event at the historic landmark on October 21.

**Public Safety Headquarters Opening Ceremony:** Supervisor Cook opened the new Public Safety Headquarters along with Chairman Sharon Bulova, the Board of Supervisors, Fire Chief Richard Bowers, Police Chief Ed Roessler and several other officials. The building will replace the Massey Building in Fairfax City and will help serve the administrative, recruiting, and training needs of the police and fire department.

# Community News

Supervisor John C. Cook invites you to join the Braddock District Council, Braddock District community leaders, residents, and County employees at the annual

## Taste of Braddock

A holiday celebration of the food and spirit of the Braddock District.

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Braddock Hall, in the Kings Park Library

9002 Burke Lake Rd

Burke, VA 22015

All food will be provided by popular local restaurants and eateries.

Come join this celebration of community.

Please RSVP if you intend to join us

Call 703-425-9300 or E-mail us at [braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov)

### **Traffic Advisory Due to Fairfax Water Project**

#### **Temporary Closure of Campus Drive for Fairfax Water Project, November 17 - mid January**

Campus Drive will be closed *to all vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic* between West Campus Way and Global Lane, beginning Friday, Nov. 17. This is to allow Fairfax Water to construct a new water main. We anticipate this closure will last until mid January. Updates will be provided as they become available.

The university will temporarily open Campus Drive for winter graduation and other major campus events. West Campus shuttles will continue to operate, but only Mason Shuttle buses will be able to pass through the gate to University Drive.

Fairfax Water appreciates everyone's patience and flexibility as they complete the project, which will continue on Braddock Road upon completion of work along Campus Drive. For more information, go to:

[https://www.fcwa.org/engineering/braddock\\_main\\_july\\_2017.htm](https://www.fcwa.org/engineering/braddock_main_july_2017.htm)

While the road is closed, the West Campus parking lot and Rapidan River Road will be open and accessible from the Braddock Road entrance to Campus Drive.

Provided is a campus map of the closure: [Fairfax Water Transmission Line Road Closures – 2017 Map](#)

Supervisor John C. Cook's Annual Taste of Braddock

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### **Fairfax County Small Business Commission Vacancy**

Supervisor Cook is looking for someone to fill a vacancy on the Small Business Commission.

The purpose of the Fairfax County Small Business Commission is to: (a) study, report and make recommendations on issues of concern to small businesses in Fairfax County; (b) advise and assist the Board of

Supervisors, County Executive and County employees on any matter that will enhance the capability of small businesses to succeed in Fairfax County; and (c) promote and assist small businesses generally, but especially with respect to minority-owned and emerging businesses, to establish themselves, develop, and succeed in their pursuits of commercial opportunities and in their vendor relations with Fairfax County. Such matters are the formulation of policies or procedures which may affect the management, operation or financial stability of these businesses to better position them to do work in or for Fairfax County.

This volunteer position is effective January 1, 2018 and is a three year term.

If you are interested, please submit a resume to [Lindsey.Smith2@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Lindsey.Smith2@fairfaxcounty.gov).

### **Construction Hotline Expands Hours to Evenings and Weekends**

To increase the county's responsiveness to reports of potential construction violations, the Site Construction Hotline is now available on evenings and weekends. The hotline (703-324-7470) was put in place to respond to residents with concerns about development projects in their communities, such as malfunctioning erosion and sedimentation controls, drainage problems, construction beyond or without a county-approved plan or permit, or any activities that may harm the environment, cause safety risks or damage another property. On-call inspectors will now be able to assess and, if necessary, respond immediately to complaints after business hours.

### **VDOT Design Public Hearings Scheduled for Transform 66 Outside the Beltway November 13, 14 and 16, 2017**

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), in partnership with I-66 Express Mobility Partners (EMP), hosted Design Public Hearings on the Transform 66 Outside the Beltway Project regarding plans for the 22.5 mile corridor from I-495 to University Boulevard in Gainesville. There is still an opportunity for public comment until November 29, 2017.

**For more information on the hearings or submitting comments go to [Transform66.org](http://Transform66.org) or email [Transform66@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:Transform66@VDOT.Virginia.gov)**

## Human Services Corner

### **Do you have Medicaid?**

Your managed care provider may be changing beginning December 1, 2017 to Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus, CCCPlus. Call the toll-free help line to get more information at 1-844-374-9159 or visit their website at [www.cccplusva.com](http://www.cccplusva.com).

### **Syrian Refugee Coat/Blanket Drive**

The Braddock District office will be a drop-off point for Nova Relief Center's (<http://novareliefcenter.org/>) Syrian refugee coat/blanket drive beginning November 1-December 1. Please bring the new or gently used coats and blankets to our office Mondays – Fridays from 9 – 5 pm, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015.

### **Food Safety Seminar by Braddock District Council on Aging in Place**

Braddock District Council on Aging in Place will hold a Food Safety seminar on Wednesday, November 15 from 1 – 3 pm. Ron Campbell, Sr. Environmental Health Specialist will discuss how to handle food and eating out safely in Braddock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015.

### **Lecture by Dr. Stephen Pappas on Major Aging Eye Diseases**

Dr. Stephen Pappas, Jr., Center for Retinal Diseases and Surgery will discuss the eye and four major aging eye diseases: cataract, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, and age-related macular degeneration at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Room A, Fairfax, VA 22030, Monday, November 13 from 1 – 2:30 pm. To register call (202) 234-1010.

## Braddock Citizen of the Month



Sarah Bishop, 35, of Burke, Virginia won first place in the women's division of the Marine Corps Marathon. She finished the race in 2 hours, 45 minutes and 7 seconds, just 7 seconds shy of qualifying for the Olympic trials. Bishop resides in Kings Park West with her husband and four children.

## Constituent Services

*This is a new section of the Braddock Beacon. This section will let you know of some of the constituent work done by Supervisor Cook's office over the last month. Your tax dollars are hard at work!*

A constituent was out of the Country when a property tax bill arrived. The constituent did not return until after tax bill was due, and was assessed a fine. Staff called the Department of Tax Administration and the issue was resolved to the taxpayer's delight.

A constituent reported concerns about elderly neighbor's ability to continue living in the house since their spouse's death. Provided neighbor with the Aging, Disability and Caregiver Resources Line.

A constituent with a son who has mental health issues was concerned as the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board sent a letter saying her son's services were no longer to be provided by the CSB due to the parents' employment and health insurance status. Staff arranged for the parent and CSB to meet and come to a satisfactory conclusion for all parties.

A constituent wanted to work with George Mason University regarding a campaign to bring handicapped parking to the attention of the general public by personalizing the spaces with pictures of actual people. Constituent found funding for signs but needed an introduction to shopping centers and County owned properties with parking spaces for this to work. Staff provided an introduction for the constituent, and project is in progress.

An elderly couple with a disabled child came to the office to say they hadn't had phone service in 5 months. Staff worked with Verizon and had their phone working the next day.

A parent of disabled child was having difficulty with LogistiCare's only Medicaid/Medicare provider for transportation services in Virginia. Staff contacted the Community Services Board Transportation Coordinator

who worked it out with LogistiCare, and the parent was able to start a new job as the transportation issue was fixed.

## Environment Update

### **Pohick Creek Stream Restoration Project**

The Fairfax County Stormwater Planning Division began work on the Pohick Creek at Queen Victoria Stream Restoration Project the first of November. The project borders the Southport and Signal Hill communities and flows parallel to Queen Victoria Court and Parliament Drive. The project will restore approximately 4,200 linear feet of highly degraded tributaries, including replacement of two pedestrian bridges and removal of one bridge where the outfall pipe will instead be extended. It will:

- Restore the ecological function of the stream corridor by returning incised channel and eroded stream bed/banks to a healthy state
- Create in-stream and riparian habitat for wildlife and develop a healthy ecosystem
- Repair degraded trails and replace unsafe bridges
- Protect property and utility infrastructure
- Improve water quality through the removal of nitrogen, phosphorous, and total suspended solids.

Please note that the trails through the project area will be closed during construction. There will be heavy construction equipment in the area, including excavators, dump trucks, loaders, and backhoes. For your safety, do not use the trails until work is complete and the trails reopen. Please encourage students who may have used these trails in the past to go to/from school to use alternate routes. Construction is expected to continue for approximately 15 months, depending on the weather, and be completed in March 2019.

### **Ian Walker Receives Friends of Trees Award**

Ian Walker, a senior at Robinson Secondary School, has received the Fairfax County Tree Commission's 2017 Friends of Trees Award. He was nominated by Jeanne Kadet, the Braddock District Tree Commissioner, for his active interest in tree preservation and planting. Ian began volunteering with Fairfax ReLeaf in 2014. He became concerned about the potential of declining tree canopy when he saw neighbors cutting down their trees and decided to focus his Eagle Scout project around earth stewardship. In 2014, he planted 121 native trees and



bush saplings at Wakefield Chapel Park. Ian then decided that the best way to help the county achieve the tree canopy coverage goals would be to engage homeowners and increase tree planting on private property. He was able to plant 47 trees on private property in 2015 and an additional 64 tree and bush saplings in 2016. Following the 2016 spring planting event, Ian was invited to attend and participate in Fairfax ReLeaf's board of directors meetings and assists in tree and shrub distributions to private groups and individuals. Thank you, Ian, for your continuing efforts to increase Fairfax County's tree canopy, educating neighbors about the importance of trees, and helping plant more trees in our community.

# Parks Update

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors named Kiel Stone to the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) Board as the Braddock District Representative. He replaces Anthony J. Vellucci, who resigned earlier this month. The 12-member Park Board has members representing each magisterial district, as well as three at-large members.



“Kiel brings a wealth of knowledge not only of county government and community needs, but of the environmental management issues that are increasingly important for our parks,” said Braddock District Supervisor John C. Cook.

Stone has worked most recently as the Outreach Manager in the president’s office at The Nature Conservancy, delivering operational support to the CEO and president of the world’s largest non-profit conservation organization. Prior to that position, he spent five years serving as Chief of Staff to Supervisor Cook, following two years as a legislative aide.

The new Park Board member earned a master’s degree in natural resources at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and a bachelor’s degree in economics at George Mason University. Stone’s appointment runs through December 2018.

Fairfax County Park Authority Board members are appointed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and set policy and establish priorities for the park agency. For information, visit online at Park Authority Board or contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

# Land Use Update

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS

### **Stormwater/Wastewater Consolidated Facility at Freds Oak Road**

2232-B17-21

On October 30, Supervisor Cook held a second community meeting on a proposed consolidation of the county’s Stormwater Planning Division, Maintenance and Stormwater Management Division, and Wastewater Collection Division operations on land located at Freds Oak Road and the Fairfax County Parkway. The primary focus of this meeting was to address questions related to traffic that have been raised by nearby residents. County staff and consultants presented their traffic impact analysis, including projections on the number of vehicles, peak hour traffic, impact on existing intersections, and traffic alternatives. Representatives from both the Fairfax County and Virginia Departments of Transportation were present to help respond to questions. Information from this meeting, as well as from the May 23 meeting, is available on the project website at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/construction/consolidating-management-programs-one-location.htm>.

A neighborhood walk around the site of the proposed facility has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, at 4:00 p.m. Please meet in the conference room of the existing Wastewater Collection Division facility at 6000 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Staff will be available at the entrance to provide direction. This will be an opportunity

for members of the surrounding community to walk around the property with county staff and discuss proposed layouts, plans for screening, and address any questions/concerns about noise and lighting.

### **Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee**

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will not meet in November. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 19, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Braddock Hall. Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee meetings are open to the public.

### **Cases Filed Before The Planning Commission & Board Of Supervisors**

#### **Goddard School Child Care Center**

11909 & 11917 Lee Highway and 4613 Holly Avenue  
SE 2017-BR-023

Supervisor Cook held a community meeting on a proposal to locate a Goddard School private preschool and daycare facility on four parcels of land located at the southeast corner of Lee Highway and Holly Avenue. The facility would be one story, approximately 12,146 square feet, and would serve a maximum of 200 students with up to 26 full-time and six part-time employees. The site would have separate outdoor recreation areas for toddlers and for preschool-aged children. A surface parking lot would provide 42 parking spaces. Access would be from Holly Avenue. Because the center would offer half-day, three-quarters-day, and full-day programs, drop-off and pick-up times would be staggered. More information may be found here: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMain.aspx?cde=SE&seq=4235773>.

The applicant has been working to resolve concerns related to stormwater and traffic. We will provide further information when it is available. The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee is scheduled to make a recommendation on this proposal at its January meeting. A public hearing before the Planning Commission is scheduled for January 18.

### **Housing Development at Braddock Road and Roberts Road**

RZ/FDP 2017-BR-030

A proposal has been filed to rezone approximately 9.56 acres on the north side of Braddock Road and east of Roberts Road from R-1 to PDH-8 to create a high-end residential development with 49 single-family detached homes. The property is currently developed with three single-family detached homes and a church, which would be removed. The development would include amenities such as a central lawn area, community garden, pavilion, children's playground, and small corner park. Access to the property would be from a single entrance on Roberts Road. Supervisor Cook plans to hold a community meeting on the proposal in early 2018.

### **2232 PUBLIC FACILITIES APPLICATIONS**

#### **VRE Platform Extension**

9016 Burke Road, Burke

The Virginia Railway Express has submitted an application to construct a 291-foot platform extension at the Rolling Road Station. The existing platform is 380 feet and accommodates 5-car trains; longer trains overhang the platform and train crews cannot open all doors. The extension would allow it to accommodate 8-car trains. Additional steel canopy will be added to the north and south ends of the platform extension. The VRE station's platform is located in the Braddock District, although the parking lot is in the Springfield District. Because this is a public use, it is permitted by right subject to Planning Commission approval. If you have any questions or concerns about this application, please contact our office by November 15.

### **Cases Filed With The Board Of Zoning Appeals**

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The Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) 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.

**Jubilee Christian Center,**

4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax

SPA 96-Y-031-02

The applicant has filed a Special Permit Amendment to expand their existing parking lot to add 108 spaces, for a total of 265 parking spaces. Proposed improvements also include installation of new storm sewer inlets and piping, relocation of an existing shed, a possible dumpster pad enclosure, and parking lot lighting. There are no proposed building modifications, use changes, or operational/occupancy changes. This application is scheduled to come before the BZA on December 6. Information, including a map of the site and staff report (when available), may be found [here](#).