

The Braddock Beacon

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**Braddock District
Supervisor**



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Dear Neighbor,

While it might not feel that way quite yet, Spring is officially here. Despite a cold first week of the season, I know we're all looking forward to warmer weather and more outdoor activities. And if some Spring cleaning is on your to-do list this year, you'll find opportunities to dispose of sensitive documents at our annual shredding events on page 7 of this month's edition!

This week, Fairfax County and the Virginia Department of Health reported that multiple cases of the BA-2 variant of the COVID-19 virus (SARS-CoV-2) have been discovered in the Commonwealth of Virginia. As we prepare for the full emergency authorization of the second vaccine booster shot, individuals over the age of 50 and some immunocompromised groups are already eligible for a fourth dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. For those not yet eligible, please be aware that the Virginia Department of Health is calling vaccinated Virginians who have not received their first booster shot to urge them to **get one as soon as possible.**

I strongly encourage Braddock residents to get their boosters as both a personal precaution and to help protect our more vulnerable neighbors. We are anticipating an increase in COVID-19 cases due to the BA-2 variant, but we can protect ourselves and our community by getting vaccinated and boosted!

I also want to share an update provided last week by the Fairfax County Police Department for our community. While the overall crime rate decreased by 9% in 2021, we have seen a recent increase in catalytic converter thefts. The Fairfax County Police Department is working to solve these crimes with patrol officers and detectives, but need your help gathering information. The larcenies have occurred in neighborhoods and in commercial parking lots across the Braddock District and Fairfax County. Most recently, the Toyota Prius, Ford trucks, and Econoline vans have been the targets of this crime, although catalytic converter thefts are not exclusive to these vehicles.

To avoid these thefts, please follow one or more of the following theft mitigation measures. When parking, park your vehicle in a garage or a secured area. If no garage is available to you, try to park within view of a video doorbell. Apply a commercial catalytic theft prevention device, which can be installed by your mechanic. While not all thefts are preventable, these simple steps can help protect your vehicle.

Community members are also strongly encouraged to be aware of suspicious activities around vehicles in your neighborhood. For example, if you see cars being repaired during odd hours or if you see a vehicle on jacks, or if your catalytic converter has been stolen, please call the Police at (703) 691-2131 or 911 if it's an emergency. Oftentimes, these crimes go unreported when residents feel that their property is unlikely to be recovered. Even if they are not able to recover your property, knowing when and where the crime occurred helps the Police to establish a pattern and prevent future incidents.

Finally, over the next month, the Board of Supervisors will be considering public comment on the proposed FY 2023 Budget. If you'd like to share your thoughts on County funding priorities, you can [provide testimony](#) in person, on the phone, or by video.

Please read further for more information on:

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Yours in service,



Supervisor James Walkinshaw

Citizen of the Month

Denise Jones



The April 2022 Braddock District Citizen of the Month is Denise Jones, who serves as the Missions and Outreach Coordinator at St. George's United Methodist Church in Fairfax. Denise has been St. George's Missions and Outreach Coordinator for nine years, and has lived in the Braddock District since 1993. In this position, she has organized many opportunities for the congregation to support outreach programs, such as Rising Hope UMC Christmas Angel Gift Collection, FACETS School Supply Program, Salvation Army Stockings, Bailey's Crossroads Hypothermia Program, Salvation Army Food Collection, Woodlawn UMC Food Distribution Program, Rise Against Hunger, and other mission efforts. To this day, she maintains that "St. George's has always cared about and valued service for those who need help."

This month, St. George's United Methodist Church in Fairfax hosted the Bailey's Crossroads Shelter Hypothermia Project for local persons experiencing homelessness over two weeks in February and March. This churchwide effort was organized and led by Denise.

"I couldn't begin to organize our participation in the Hypothermia program without the help of our congregation and our pastor, Reverend Dr. Sandra Plastors, and the efforts and commitment of the Mission Team at St. George's," said Denise. She continued, noting that "[w]e provided space for the homeless to sleep each night, a hot meal, as well as breakfast and lunch bags each day. Our congregation donated socks, t-shirts, hats, gloves, and hygiene bags to our guests. We also had people in our community volunteer to prepare meals and donate food. I truly feel it takes all of us to care for and support the vulnerable."

In this position, she has organized and encouraged many opportunities for the congregation to support outreach programs. Denise also leads the St. George's Women's Bible Study Group every Wednesday morning.

Denise was selected this month for her dedication to the Braddock community's most vulnerable residents. Individuals experiencing homelessness everywhere deserve an advocate like Denise. Thank you for your good work at St. George's, Denise, and keep it up!

Walkinshaw in the Community



Supervisor Walkinshaw attended the ribbon cutting for the Burke Centre VRE Trail on March 20.



Supervisor Walkinshaw volunteered to serve food to guests at the St. George's UMC Hypothermia Shelter on March 21.



Supervisor Walkinshaw assisted residents donating food during last month's Fairfax Stuff the Bus food drive on March 19.



Supervisor Walkinshaw joined Congressman Connolly to support local airport workers rallying for paid sick leave and health care on March 30.

In March, Supervisor Walkinshaw also:


- Attended the Eagle Courts of Honor of Troop 1345's Alexandra Trogus and Benjamin Mattice on March 11 and 27
- Hosted the Braddock District Budget Town Hall on March 15
- Hosted virtual community meetings on the Shanes Creek Restoration Project and the Stormwater-Wastewater Facility on Freds Oak Drive, March 28 and 29
- Thanked participants in Braddock's 2022 Neighborhood College series at their final session of the program on March 31
- Joined Community members and business leaders in honoring EMS and law enforcement at the Fairfax County Valor Awards on March 31

Community News

Braddock District Tax Relief Workshops Hosted by Supervisor Walkinshaw

The deadline to renew tax relief applications is May 2, 2022. The deadline for first-time applicants and certain hardship cases is December 31. In addition, Supervisor Walkinshaw is hosting his second tax relief workshop at Braddock Hall on April 5, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, including virtual tax relief workshops, contact the Department of Tax Administration at (703) 222-8234, TTY 711, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or send an e-mail to taxrelief@fairfaxcounty.gov, or [visit DTA's website](#).

BRADDOCK SUPERVISOR
JAMES R. WALKINSHAW
INVITES YOU TO THE
BRADDOCK DISTRICT TAX RELIEF
WORKSHOP SERIES



• Tuesday, April 5, from 10:00 a.m. through 1:30 p.m. at Braddock Hall
(9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015)



Fire Drill **5K** **1M Fun Run**

Sunday, May 1, 2022 • 8 am
Burke Lake Park



**Run, jog
or walk to
support**



Register:

<https://potomac.enmotive.com/events/register/2022-bvfrd-fire-drill-5k>

Shredding Events

Marian Homes will be sponsoring two shredding events in the Braddock District this April.

- April 9th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm @ [St. Mary of Sorrows Church in Fairfax](#)
- April 30th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm @ [The Church of the Holy Spirit in Annandale](#)

Fairfax County will also be hosting a shredding event on April 30 at the Mason District Government Center [6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003](#). This is a good opportunity to safely dispose of sensitive documents and similar events will be sponsored by the County through the end of summer. You can find County-sponsored shredding events [here](#).

NVCC Pottery Sale

NOVA Northern Virginia
Community College



2022 ANNANDALE CAMPUS POTTERY SALE

Wednesday, April 20

9:30 am - 3:30 pm

CA Building First Floor Patio (Outdoors)
Rain Location - CA First Floor Entryway

All Sale Proceeds are Donated to the Annandale Ceramics Program

Give the Gift of Handmade Ceramics



Pottery by Students and Faculty

Bargain Prices
Impressive Selection

Free parking for sale visitors
in Lots A or B.

For more information, contact
Virginia Pates, vpates@nvcc.edu



Environmental & Parks News

Discover the Night

The Fairfax County Park Authority is encouraging participation in the first annual [One Dark Hour event](#). This April 22, 2022, event will be the kickoff to the celebration of International Dark Sky Awareness Week. The Park Authority is committed to raising awareness to the importance of dark skies as our region continues to grow and urbanize. Dark skies are important to wildlife and plant resources that we all depend on for a healthy ecosystem with clean air and water. Following the county's outdoor lighting standards would make all our homes dark sky friendly. Dark skies do not demand that we get rid of all the lights, only to have light where and when it is needed.



To participate in One Dark Hour, simply turn off your outdoor lights between 9 and 10 p.m. on Friday, April 22, 2022. We encourage you to tell your neighbors to magnify the effect. As more people participate each year, we hope to see a demonstration of the power of collective action.

While the lights are out, please look up at the sky and see what you might have been missing. It takes up to 15 minutes for our eyes to become adapted to the dark after looking at the glare of a light. So be patient and wait for the stars to appear. You can also consider visiting Observatory Park at Turner Farm for their free Friday viewing and observance of One Dark Hour. If it is raining or completely cloudy, the observation session will be postponed until April 29, 2022.

Observatory Park at Turner Farm is located at 925 Springvale Road in Great Falls, Virginia. For more information, call (703) 759-9018; or [visit Turner Farm](#).

Night Kayaking

4/07/2022 7:30 pm to 4/07/2022 9:30 pm

Event Description

(13-Adult) Enjoy Lake Accotink after dark in a kayak. Many nocturnal animals come out after dark and the view from a kayak is a great way to see them. Bring flashlights and dress for the activity.

Cost: \$43.00

Registration: [Register Online](#)

2022 Elly Doyle Park Service Awards Nominations

Recognize a volunteer's invaluable contributions with a nomination for a park service award.

The Elly Doyle Park Service Awards, Mayo Stuntz Cultural Stewardship Award, and Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award are accepting nominations! The contribution on which the nomination is based must have occurred within the prior year (March 2021 – March 2022), but the nomination may also include accomplishments accumulated over time. For the Harold L. Strickland Partnership and Collaboration Award, nominees must demonstrate significant long-term accomplishments.



Currently serving members of the Board of Supervisors, the Fairfax County Park Authority Board, Fairfax County Park Authority paid staff, and the Fairfax County Park Foundation Board of Directors and their paid staff are excluded from eligibility.

Nominate individuals for these awards [here](#).

Compliance Corner



Residential Fences and Walls

Do you know Fairfax County's rules for fences and walls?

On residential lots, regulations may differ based on various factors, but generally:

- All fences and walls must comply with Article 4 of the Zoning Ordinance, which regulates their location and height.
- In a front yard, a fence or wall cannot exceed four feet in height, except:
 - On lots of two or more acres in the R-A through R-1 Districts, up to seven feet in height is permitted in any yard.
 - With Board of Zoning Appeals approval of a special permit application, the maximum permitted front yard fence height may be increased up to six feet.
- On corner lots, there are two or more front yards, in which fences and walls cannot exceed four feet in height, except as provided above.
- In a side or rear yard, a fence or wall is limited to seven feet in height, except that a solid wood fence or a masonry wall located flush to the ground may be up to eight feet in height in the rear yard that abuts a major thoroughfare, or where a side or rear lot line is within 150 feet of a major thoroughfare and abuts common or dedicated open space located between the lot and the major thoroughfare.
- Building Permits are not typically required for fences of any height. However, if a fence is required for pedestrian safety or as a barrier for a swimming pool, a building permit is required.
- Building Permits are required for concrete or masonry walls six feet or greater in height.
- Retaining walls with more than three feet of unbalanced fill also require a building permit. For more information about Building Permits, please call 703-222-0801, TTY 711.



To report a possible violation :
Fairfax County Department of Code Compliance
12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035
Phone: 703-324-1300, TTY 711
Web: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code



To request this information in an alternate format, call the Department of Code Compliance.

This Fairfax County, VA Publication (published July 2021) summarizes a few regulations. See relevant codes for specific requirements.



Sight Distance Obstructions on Corner Lots

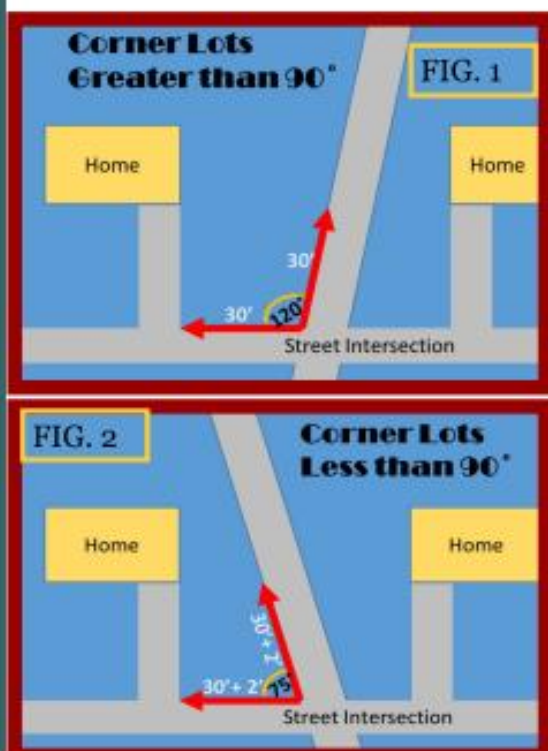
Do you know about Fairfax County's Zoning Regulations for Sight Obstructions on Corner Lots?

Motorists approaching an intersection should have a clear and unobstructed view of approaching traffic in order to see, react, and take appropriate action. The minimum area to provide this view of approaching traffic is called the "sight distance triangle".

Article 5 of the Zoning Ordinance limits uses on corner lots in order to establish adequate sight distance.

Establishing the Sight Distance Triangle

A plat of your lot can be helpful in this effort. The sight distance triangle is formed by creating points on the street lines of a lot and connecting those points. The red and green-dashed lines in Fig. 3 on the next page provide an example. The following also applies:



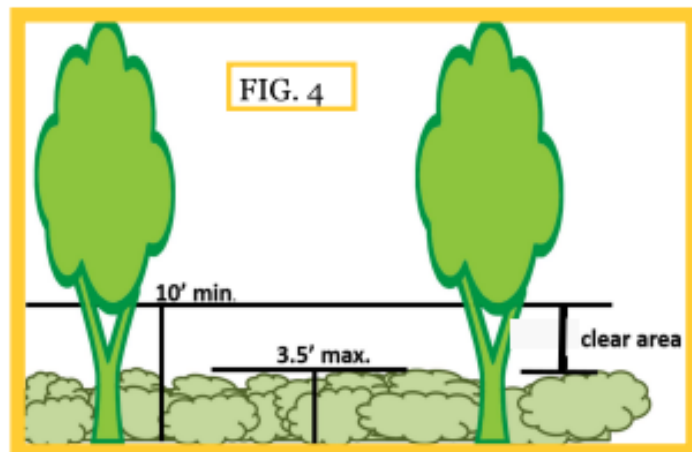
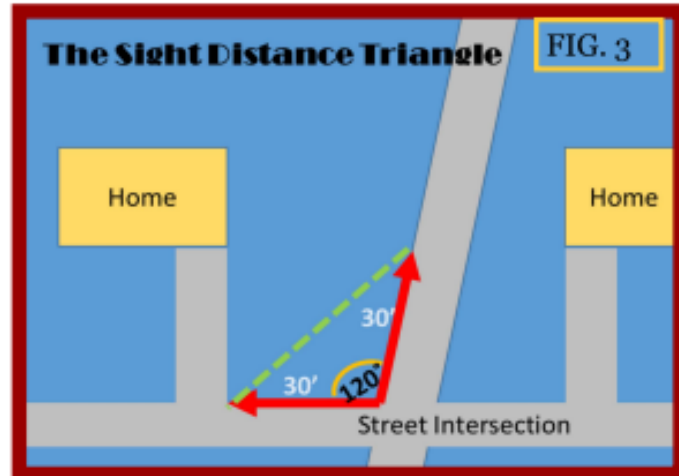
- For a lot having an interior angle of 90 degrees or more at the street corner, points must be made 30 feet from the property lines extended (Refer to Fig. 1).
- For a lot having an interior angle of less than 90 degrees at the street corner, points must be made 30 feet from the property lines extended, plus one foot for every ten degrees or fraction by which such angle is less than 90 degrees. For example, 75 degrees would be rounded up to 80 degrees and the point would be set at 31 feet; but 74 degrees would be rounded down to 70 degrees and the point would be set at 32 feet (Refer to Fig. 2).

Turn Over



Determining if a Sight Obstruction Exists

- The area within the sight distance triangle is the part of a corner lot regulated by the Zoning Ordinance in order to minimize sight obstructions at intersections and preserve an unobstructed line of sight.
- The sight distance triangle must be maintained clear of structures and plantings, except for a post, column, or trunk of a tree (not to include branches or foliage) equal to or lesser than one foot in diameter.
- Sight distance must be maintained between two horizontal planes, one of which is three and one-half (3.5) feet, and the other which is ten feet above the established grade of either street (Fig. 4).
- This creates a six and one-half (6.5) foot clear area for a line of sight that is above the three and one-half (3.5) foot plane and below the ten foot plane (Fig. 4).



Bringing a Property into Compliance

To comply with sight distance regulations, you may have to:

- Remove, relocate and/or lower a fence or other structure that is located in the sight distance triangle;
- Remove bushes, trees, or limbs of a tree that are lower than ten feet from grade; and/or,
- Prune bushes so that they are no taller than three and one-half (3.5) feet in height and/or not located in the sight distance triangle.



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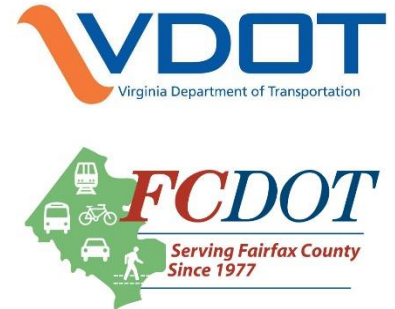
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Transportation Updates

2022 Paving and Restriping Program

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)'s Northern Virginia Paving Program improves hundreds of miles of roads in Fairfax County every year. VDOT and the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) use this program as an opportunity to increase driver, bicyclist and pedestrian safety with road and crosswalk improvements while minimizing the financial investment in restriping work. FCDOT will post proposed improvements for every district in advance of each meeting - please check back soon for updates.



This paving meeting will be held on April 21 at 7:00 p.m. Due to the BA-2 variant, FCDOT is holding community meetings virtually via Microsoft Teams. For those who cannot attend, a video of each meeting will be available on the district paving and restriping page after the event. The link and dial-in information are below.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)
[+1 571-429-5982, 886603035#](#)
Phone Conference ID: 886 603 035#

Older Adults



Care Partner Training

Second Wednesdays of each month!

Refreshment for the Caregiver's Spirit

Wednesday, January 12, 2022 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Author Loretta Woodward Veney offers practical tips, tools and activities for lifting care partners' spirits and uncovering their joy as we launch into the new year.

Normal Aging versus Dementia

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Join us for a discussion on changes that occur with age, warning signs of a memory problem, and what to do if someone you love is experiencing symptoms of dementia.

The Dementias: Research Update

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

We will discuss common dementias and general stages to help you anticipate future changes. Learn about the treatment of symptoms, current research, and clinical trials available.

You Can't Do This Alone: Building a Care Team

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Dementia care is not one size fits all. Join us to discuss how to build a care team, who should be part of the team, and ways that the team can provide care and support to you and your loved one now and in the future.

Getting Your Ducks in a Row: Legal Planning

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

There are many legal needs to be taken care of such as powers of attorney, wills and estates, guardianships, and trusts. An elder law attorney will help you get your ducks in a row.

Adjusting to Communication and Behavior Changes

Wednesday, June 8, 2022 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Communication can become difficult as you struggle to meet and understand the needs of your loved one. Come and learn strategies for effective communication and understanding and responding to difficult behaviors.

Tips for Daily Living Success at Home

Wednesday, July 13, 2022 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Make each day more successful! Learn tips and tricks for providing hands-on care for eating, dressing, bathing, hygiene and toileting.

The Art of Activities and Engagement

Wednesday, August 10, 2022 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

How can you reconnect with someone with dementia? Keeping their current abilities in mind, learn ways to keep your loved one engaged in personalized activities.

Caregiver's Guide to Understanding Care Options

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Dementia care is not one size fits all. Each person, each stage, and each family is unique. Come and learn about multiple care options to plan and evaluate what is right for your family.

How Will We Pay for Care: Financial Considerations

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

The financial costs of long term care and long term caregiving are enormous. Explore some of your options for this important aspect of caregiving.

Understanding Palliative Care and Hospice

Wednesday, November 9, 2022 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

As the end of life approaches, it is a difficult time to deal with the emotions, while still coordinating care for a loved one. Come learn about the various aspects and benefits of palliative care and hospice.

Caregiving: An Emotional Rollercoaster

Wednesday, December 14, 2022 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

The caregiving journey will have you experiencing many highs and lows. We'll discuss the variety of emotions that are often felt by caregivers and tips on going along for the ride.

Details

- **Sessions are free** and open to anyone interested in learning more about caring for a loved one at home.
- To register, please visit InsightMCC.org/events.
- **Classes are currently held virtually.** Once registered, participants will be emailed log-in information to join.
- All webinars will be recorded and available on our website following the live sessions.
- **Questions?** Please contact us at 703-204-4664, or learn more online at InsightMCC.org.

Fairfax 3953 Pender Drive, Suite 100, Fairfax, VA 22030
Sterling 45945 Center Oak Plaza, Suite 190, Sterling, VA 20166

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InsightMCC.org





**Dementia
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A Member of the Dementia Friendly America Network

Spring Webinar Series

You can help our community be Dementia Friendly!

DEMENTIA 101

FRIDAY, MARCH 4 @ 1:00 PM

Join us for this overview to cover the basics! Learn how to define dementia, distinguish the different types, and gain an understanding of the typical path of disease progression.

WHERE TO TURN FOR HELP: RESOURCES IN FAIRFAX

FRIDAY, APRIL 1 @ 1:00 PM

You are not alone. A multitude of services are available right here in Fairfax County! Learn about what's available and how to access services and resources for your family and neighbors.

HOW TO HELP A FORGETFUL NEIGHBOR

FRIDAY, MAY 6 @ 1:00 PM

Are you concerned about a forgetful neighbor or friend? Not sure if, when, or how to help them? This presentation will discuss how to recognize signs of dementia and strategies to improve communication.

PRESENTERS

These classes will be co-taught by Insight Memory Care Center and Fairfax County Area Agency on Aging.

How can we make our community a little more dementia friendly? By learning more! Join us for this webinar series to cover the basics of dementia and finding help in the community.

DETAILS

First Fridays from March to May
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

REGISTRATION

Please visit Dementia Friendly Fairfax's website at DFFairfax.org. You can register for any sessions of interest, and log-in instructions will be emailed to you.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact Shruti Goel at shruti.goel@insightmcc.org.

ABOUT DEMENTIA FRIENDLY FAIRFAX

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. Learn more about us at dffairfax.org.



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Memory Cafe

Memory Cafe Locations in our Community

Virtual Memory Cafes

Arlington Memory Cafe

Thursdays, 1:00 to 2:00 pm

Virtual Meetings Weekly

Rock Spring Congregational UCC

5010 Little Falls Rd, Arlington, VA 22207

Contact Nicole McMonigle Knight at nicole@dementiacareconnections.com or 571-422-6231

Insight Memory Cafe

1st & 3rd Wed, 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Virtual & In-Person Meetings

Insight Memory Care Center

3955 Pender Dr #100, Fairfax, VA 22030

Contact Katelyn Sloan at katelyn.sloan@insightmcc.org

Memorycafe4u

Thursdays, 1:00 to 2:00 pm

Virtual Meetings Weekly

Andrew Chapel UMC

1301 Trap Rd, Vienna, VA, 22182

memorycafe4u.com

Contact Carol Blackwell at lovrivier@aol.com or 571-236-6933

Listing as of February 2021

**Please contact group leaders to confirm current offerings.*

In-Person Cafes (on hold)

Club Memory

2nd & 4th Wed, 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Metropolitan Methodist Church

3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW, DC 20016

Contact Marti Bailey at 202-660-5658

Forgetful Friends Café

3rd Saturday, 11:00 am to 2:30 pm

Saint Thomas UMC

8899 Sudley Road, Manassas, VA 20110

Contact Connie Young at connieyoung11@gmail.com or 703-743-1841

Herndon Memory Cafe

4th Monday, 2:15 pm to 4:00 pm

Early Stage Participants

Herndon Senior Center

873 Grace Street, Herndon, VA 20170

Contact Pat Williams at 703-904-3994x103 or Herndon Senior Center at 703-464-6200

Reston Memory Café

3rd Tuesday, 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Reston Community Center,

Hunters Woods

2310 Colts Neck Rd, Reston, VA 20191

Contact Karen Brutsche at karen.brutsche@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-476-4500

Sterling Area Memory Café

2nd Saturday, 12:00 to 2:00 pm

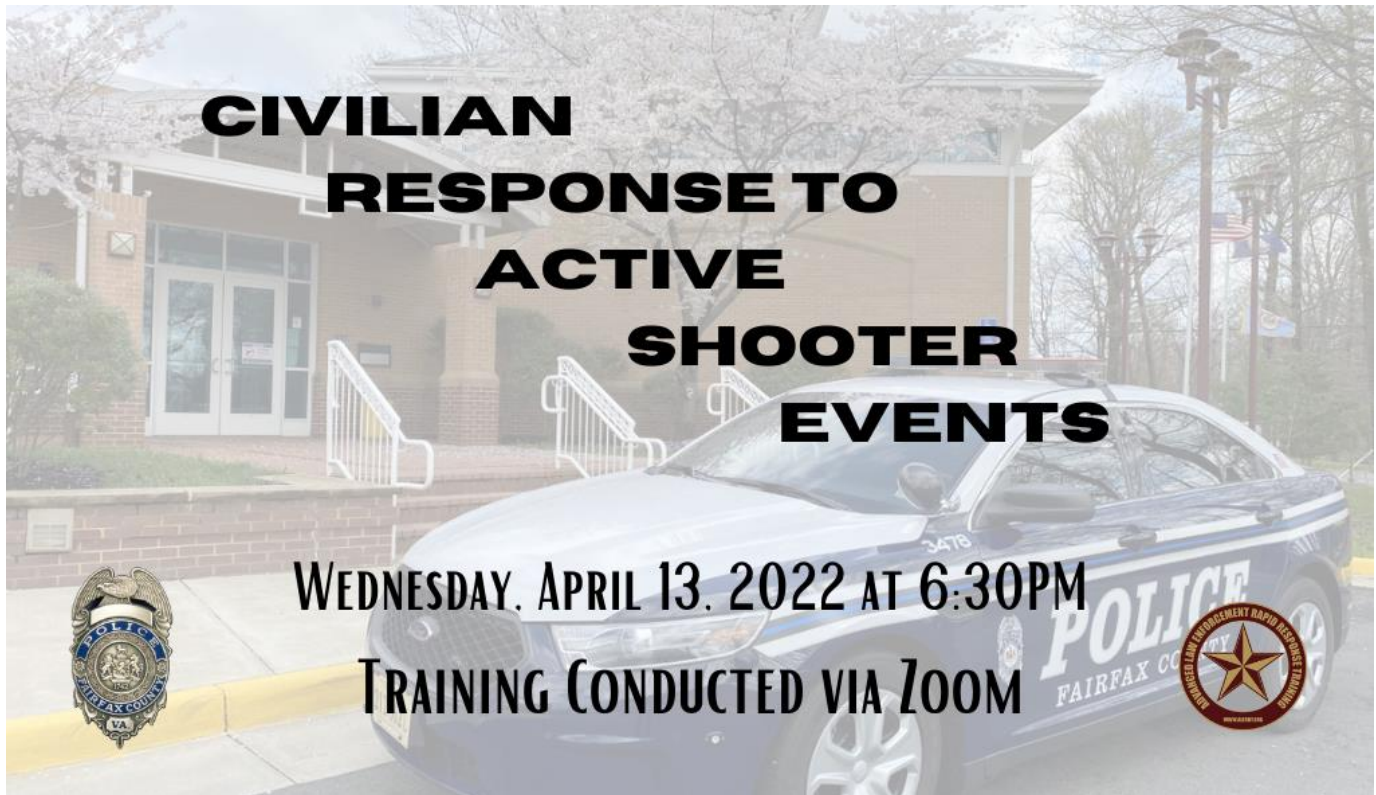
Galilee United Methodist Church

45425 Winding Rd, Sterling, VA 20165

Contact Tim Frank at tim@acesemb.com or 703-298-5622



Public Safety



Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events

While we all hope it never happens, an active violence event can take place anywhere in the world. The community needs to be prepared with how to respond, and we are here to help with that training. This hour and a half lecture on April 13, 2022 at 6:30PM will help participants learn about attackers, disaster response, and how to prepare for and respond to being trapped in a building during an active violence event. They will review past events, the steps law enforcement will take to assist, and limit casualties and be there to answer your questions.

This training is open to anyone in the community, but some of the material may be disturbing. If you have any questions about the training, feel free to contact MPO Tony Capizzi at the West Springfield District Station at (703) 277-2363.

[Join this Zoom Meeting](#) Password: 625231

Or

Telephone: USA 636 651 3141

USA 8774029753 (US Toll Free)

Conference code: 404496

Fairfax County's Silver Shield Anti-Scam Campaign

5TH ANNUAL SCAM JAM SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 22

To strike back against scammers, [AARP Virginia](#) and [Fairfax County's Silver Shield Task Force](#) are teaming up for our 5th Annual Scam Jam to provide you with reliable, up-to-date insights, and connect you to information and resources so you can better protect yourself and loved ones. This year's theme is Personal Financial Fraud.

[Sign up](#) to attend this FREE virtual event. With AARP Virginia and the Silver Shield Task Force on your side, you'll be better equipped to stay ahead of scammers.

The banner is blue with a red and white diagonal stripe on the left. It features the 'STOP THE BLEED' logo (a red hand icon) and the text 'STOP THE BLEED' in large red letters, followed by 'SAVE A LIFE' in white letters on a red background. Below this, there are logos for the American College of Surgeons, The Committee on Trauma, and the American College of Emergency Physicians. The text 'stopthebleed.org' is at the bottom right. On the left and right sides of the banner are the Fairfax County Police and Sheriff's Office logos respectively.

Tuesday, April 12, 2022
12:00PM-1:30PM
West Springfield District Station
6140 Rolling Road
Springfield, VA

Stop the Bleed

A bleeding injury can happen anywhere. Life threatening bleeding can happen in the people injured in serious accidents or disasters. Instead of being a witness, you can become an immediate responder because you know how to STOP THE BLEED.

By learning how to STOP THE BLEED, you'll gain the ability to recognize life threatening bleeding and act quickly and effectively to control bleeding once you learn three quick techniques. Take the STOP THE BLEED training course and become empowered to make a life-or-death difference when a bleeding emergency happens. The life you save could be yours, or someone you love.

Officers from the West Springfield District Station will be hosting a STOP THE BLEED class on Tuesday, April 12 from 12:00PM-1:30PM. Please register for this class [using this Eventbrite link](#).

If there are any questions, contact MPO Tony Capizzi at Anthony.capizzi@fairfaxcounty.gov or (703) 277-2363.

Human Services Corner

2022 Fairfax County Farmer's Markets

Fairfax County Farmers Markets run from Spring to Fall. There are no markets on Monday and Tuesdays.

Wakefield

May 4 - October 26

2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Wakefield Park, 8100 Braddock Road

Burke

April 16 - December 17

8 a.m. - Noon

VRE parking Lot, 5671 Roberts Parkway

Details/Directions



Volunteer Opportunities

Have a little extra space in your edible garden? Grow more than your family can eat? HandsOn Harvests' Grow A Row program is for you. Grow A Row offers seeds, transplants, soil test kits, and advice to home gardeners who agree to donate a portion of their harvest to an area food pantry.

To find out more visit: www.handsonharvests.org

DEA Prescription Drug Collection



Safely dispose of unwanted medications at Drug Take Back Day - April 24, 2021

Take advantage of a free, convenient, confidential, and safe disposal of unused or expired medications during Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 24, 2021.

Why drop off your unwanted medications?

Drug take back programs are a safe method for disposing of prescription drugs and are organized and closely monitored by local, state, and federal government agencies.

Safe disposal of unused or expired medications prevents drug abuse and misuse, accidental poisoning, and protects the environment.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021

10 A.M. – 2 P.M.

- Mason District Station
6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003

- [West Springfield District Station](#)
6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA 22152

Volunteer Opportunities with the Braddock Office

The Braddock District office is in search of volunteers for upcoming events in the Braddock District. Opportunities to volunteer will be for our Braddock Nights and Arts in the Park Children's Series, as well as other events coming soon. If you are interested, please contact the district office at (703) 425-9300 and ask for Irma Mejia-Lewis or email Irma.mejia-lewis@fairfaxcounty.gov

Braddock Nights

Friday Evenings – 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Royal Lake Park - 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax

Lake Accotink Park - 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield

July - 8, 15, 22, 29 **August** – 5, 12, 19

Arts in the Park

Wakefield Park in front of the Rec Center - 8100 Braddock Rd, Annandale, VA 22003

Saturday Mornings – 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

June – 18 & 25 **July** - 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 **August** - 6, 13 & 20

Children's Corner



Scout Nights

Officers from the West Springfield District Station will be hosting a Scout Night. The station's next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 26, 2022. If your den or troop would like to visit the police station and speak with officers, please contact them for available times. The station will give a presentation to the kids in our community room, a video tour of the station, and then a hands-on tour of the police car outside. They are limiting the visits to one den/troop every half hour. They have 5:30PM, 6:00PM, 6:30PM and 7:00PM slots available. If your older scouts need specific requirements for a badge, please contact them to discuss arrangements.

You can contact either MPO Robert Urps at (703) 277-2357, or MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363 for scheduling or further questions.

Land Use & Development

UPCOMING MEETINGS & HEARINGS

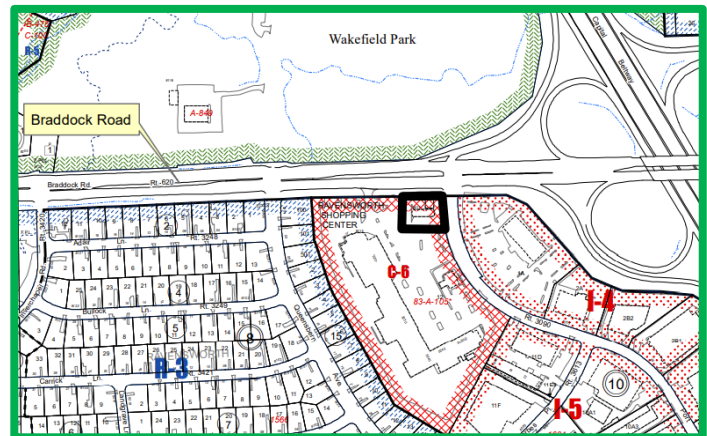
Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting

- April 19 at 7:00 p.m. – virtual

Application to Convert Ravensworth Shell Repair Shop into Convenience Store

Capital Services, Inc. has filed an application to modify Ravensworth Shell's existing vehicle fueling station by replacing the light vehicle repair and maintenance component with a convenience store. The gas station is located in Ravensworth Shopping Center on Braddock Road, just west of the I-495 interchange.

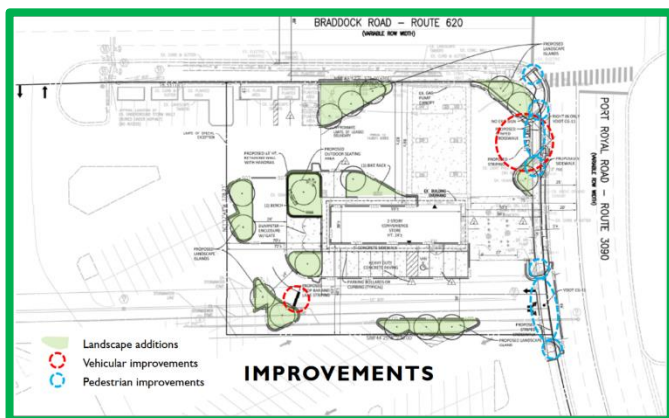
This site contains a 2,600 square foot building housing four vehicle service bays, associated office and storage space, an exterior vehicle lift, and six fuel pumps with 12 fueling positions under a canopy. The current building was constructed in 1967 and renovated in 1984. The service bays and exterior vehicle lift are located along the south side of the building. To the east of the building is a large paved area where fuel trucks access the underground fuel tanks. The building entrance is located on the north side, adjacent to the fuel pumps.



At a presentation to the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee on March 22, the applicant outlined their plans. They intend to retain the existing fuel pumps and canopy, replace the four-bay vehicle service area with a convenience store, and add a small second floor addition for office use. There would be two entrances to the convenience store, one on the north and the other on the south side of the building. Both the fuel pumps and convenience store would operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. A number of site and architectural improvements would be included as part of the project. The building architecture would be upgraded and be in harmony with the shopping center. This would include brick veneer, glass windows and doors, and a gabled metal roof with a small tower.

Vehicular access is currently provided from both Braddock Road and Port Royal Road. The access from Braddock Road, with right-in and right-out movements, is proposed to remain the same. Port Royal Road includes two curb cuts serving the station along with a traffic signal further south providing full access for the shopping center. The northernmost curb cut on Port Royal Road (closest to Braddock Road) is proposed to remain and become right-in only to allow fuel trucks to access the station's underground tanks without backing up. The second curb cut

further south is proposed to continue to permit full movements. Overall daily trips are expected to increase from the current 3,128 trips to 4,033 trips and would be spread out throughout the day and evening hours. Landscaped islands and outdoor seating would be added, the sidewalk along Port Royal Road would be widened to five feet, speed bumps would be removed and a stop bar would be added along the southern side of the building. The existing signage would remain.



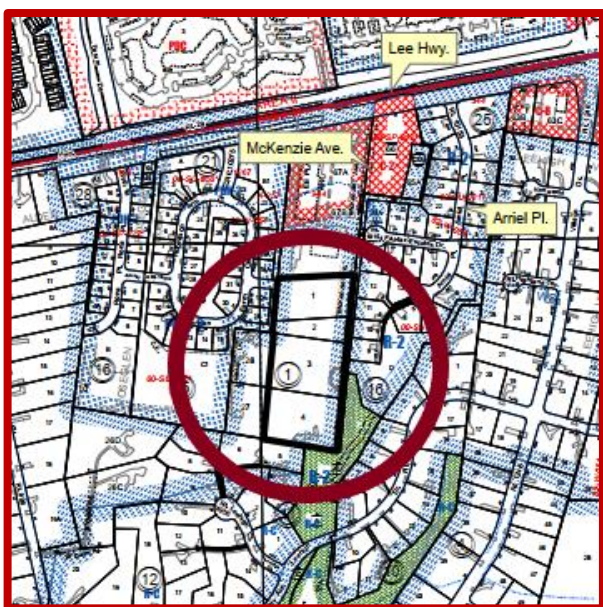
In response to an question about the reason for the change, the applicant stated that customers expect that a gas station will have an associated convenience store, and that there is less need for auto service. There are other facilities on Port Royal Road and in the broader area that provide service and inspections. In addition, service has become more complicated as vehicles have become increasingly computerized. Committee members asked how the current vehicular conflicts in the area around the gas station would be handled. The applicant is working with VDOT

and will report back to the Committee. Questions were also raised about stormwater controls at the site.

Capital Services, Inc. will provide additional information on this proposal at the April 19 meeting of the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee. The application is scheduled for a Planning Commission hearing on May 25.

Application to Redevelop McKenzie Avenue Properties Approved by Board of Supervisors

On March 8, the Board of Supervisors approved an application filed by Sekas Homes, Ltd. to rezone 6.51 acres of land located along McKenzie Avenue, south of its intersection with Lee Highway in Fairfax, from the R-1 District to the R-2 Cluster District to permit the development of 11 new single-family detached dwelling units.



The new development, named Marshall Hills, will have lot sizes ranging from approximately 13,000 square feet to 21,000 square feet with a maximum building height of 35 feet. Two open space parcels are included which will be maintained by the future homeowners' association. Tree preservation areas, an underground stormwater facility, and trail connections to the adjacent parkland will be located within these parcels. The applicant has proffered to work with the county's Urban Forest Management Division at the time of subdivision review to meet the tree preservation requirements. In addition, the applicant will provide supplemental plantings around the lot lines.

There will be two access points. The primary access will be through a new public street extending from an existing stub off Robertson Farm Circle. A second access will connect to Lee Plaza Center just west of KinderCare. This interparcel access was conditioned when the child care center was

approved in the shopping center, and the applicant has committed to providing both a sidewalk connection and a vehicular connection in this location. Sekas Homes has worked with the Estates at Leewood, which owns the land on which McKenzie Avenue is located. The vehicular connection will be closed, and the gravel road will be cleaned up and replaced with a new asphalt trail that connects to the shopping center on the north and the Park Authority property on the south. Access will continue to remain from the service road to the private family cemetery.

In response to concerns raised by the community and the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee, once the subdivision plan has been approved and work is ready to proceed, the applicant has agreed to hold a pre-construction meeting with the neighboring Robertson Farm and Estates at Leewood Homeowners' Associations to outline the projected construction schedule and the timing of heavy equipment arrival and deliveries. Sekas Homes has also committed to providing personnel on Robertson Farm Circle when the trucks are arriving to safely guide them through the subdivision and to the site.

The developer will be submitting its subdivision plan to the county's Land Development Services for review and approval, after which construction may begin.

Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will hold a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, April 19**, at 7:00 p.m. The agenda will include a presentation by Bark Social on the possibility of establishing a restaurant/bar with off-leash dog park at Fairfax Corner, follow-up information from Capital Services, and updates and discussion on other pending Braddock District land use cases. Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee meetings are open to the public and interested residents are encouraged to participate. Join [online](#) or by phone: (571) 429-5982, Phone Conference ID: 730 922 969#.

Stormwater-Wastewater Facility Project Update

A virtual community was held on March 29 to discuss the start of construction for the new Stormwater-Wastewater Facility to be located at 6000 Freds Oak Road in Burke. The site is currently occupied by the county's Wastewater Collections Division facility and an abandoned private concrete batch plant. The new facility will address space deficiencies, increase operational efficiencies, and consolidate integrated services on one centrally located site. Numerous environmental enhancements are being included, such as a green roof, solar ready photovoltaic panels, geothermal, rainwater harvesting, bioretention facilities, pervious pavement, an interior green wall, and the project is targeting LEED Gold certification.

A notice to proceed was issued on March 15. The contractor, Manhattan Construction, has begun installing erosion and sediment controls and fencing around the perimeter of the property. The first phase of the project will involve deconstruction of the concrete plant, site preparation, and construction of buildings in the service yard. Clara Barton Drive will be used as the primary access point for this phase. Hours of operation will generally be 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, with an occasional 9:00 a.m. Saturday start. Phase 2 will involve construction of the new building. During Phase 3, the existing operations will be transitioned into the new

building, the existing building will be demolished, and remaining site and landscape work will be conducted. Freds Oak Road will be used as the construction access for Phases 2 and 3.



More information about the project, including the presentation and meeting recording, will be posted on the [Stormwater-Wastewater Consolidation Facility website](#).



Update on Construction at Erickson Living's Woodleigh Chase Project

Foundation work continues on the first phase of Erickson Living's Woodleigh Chase Project on Braddock Road. The first floor of the new community building has just been poured. Work is also progressing as they prepare for foundation pours for the first and second residential buildings. Landscaping work is beginning for the new marketing center, which is anticipated to open in late summer. More information about the new community will be available at that time. If you have specific questions about Woodleigh Chase in the meantime, please contact the Greenspring Village sales office at (703) 923-3187.

On the western portion of the site, work is continuing in front of what will be the new affordable senior housing building being constructed by the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing. The sidewalk is closed while the contractor completes a small retaining wall running along the frontage at Braddock Road and a new 10-foot-wide shared use path is installed.

Update on One University Project Construction

Storm sewer installation at the site is ongoing and is expected to be completed this month, at which time the next phase of utility installation will begin. On the north side of the two affordable housing buildings, a temporary drainage swale has been installed in accordance with the approved plans to handle stormwater and site dewatering during construction. As previously noted, the sanitary sewer work will include construction in the middle of University Drive. During this phase, traffic will shift to the perimeter lanes and there will be no on-street parking. Installation of the sanitary sewer will take approximately four months and is estimated to be completed in August.

Construction is also proceeding. Cranes will be going up on the site of the student-oriented housing building, and piles are being driven for the two affordable housing buildings on the western portion of the site.

The Parking Reimagined project continues to make progress in its review and in-depth analysis of the county's off-street parking and loading rates and regulations, located in Article 6 of the Zoning Ordinance. With the goal to modernize parking and loading requirements, county staff is currently drafting a conceptual framework for the revised approach to determine parking requirements. This framework would implement parking tiers, based on development density/intensity and availability of transit. This approach recognizes that a one size fits all approach to parking regulations is not appropriate for Fairfax County. The proposed conceptual framework was shared in a [presentation](#) to the Board of Supervisors' Land Use Policy Committee on March 15.



To stay informed about the Parking Reimagined project, subscribe to email updates by selecting 'Off-Street Parking and Loading ZOA' on the county's [Email subscriptions page](#). The latest information about the project is also available online at [Parking Reimagined](#).

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 in person, by telephone, or by pre-submitted video. For information on how to submit comments or testify, please visit the [Board of Zoning Appeals 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.

Access to information on BZA cases is available through the Planning and Land Use System, or PLUS, which came online for zoning applications on July 1, 2021. This system allows users to create and submit applications online, pay fees, track the status of applications, and receive electronic notifications. It also offers more information to the public than the previous system and does so in real time. Visit the [PLUS Information and Support website](#) for more information on this new land use platform.

➤ **Cimbria M. Peterson, Keith A. Peterson, and Marigold Montessori LLC – 5205 Lindsay Street, Fairfax
SP 2021-BR-00127**

The applicants requested approval to expand a home child care facility to care for 12 children. Arrival times would be between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. and pick-up times would be between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. A part-time assistant would increase hours from three hours to six hours per day. The applicants also requested a reduction in setback requirements based on error in building location to permit a 11.7-foot tall shed to remain 3.4 feet from the rear lot line. This application was approved by the BZA on March 23 by a vote of 6-0. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

➤ **Carrie Lee Ward – 5631 Southampton Drive, Springfield
SP 2021-BR-087**

The applicant requested an increase in fence height to allow a 6-foot fence in a front yard. This application was approved by the BZA on March 30. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

➤ **Bhardwaj Tushar – 4700 Ox Road, Fairfax
VC-2021-BR-00010**

The applicant is seeking a Variance to reduce the setback requirements to allow construction of a 6,000-square foot single-family house 18.4 feet from the western front lot line (40-foot setback required), 18.9 feet from the rear lot line (20-foot setback required), and 17.2 feet from the western lot line (20-foot setback required). The BZA hearing on this application has been deferred until May 4. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

➤ **Daniel Forlai – 12219 Rowan Tree Drive, Fairfax
SP 2021-BR-00132**

The applicant is seeking a reduction in setback requirements to permit an addition 20.1 feet from the front lot line adjacent to Pheasant Ridge Road and 37.7 feet from the front lot line adjacent to Rowan Tree Drive. This application has been rescheduled for a BZA hearing on May 4. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

➤ **Daniel Forlai – 12219 Rowan Tree Drive, Fairfax
VC 2021-BR-008**

The applicant is seeking a Variance to allow a freestanding accessory structure (shed) to remain in a front yard on a lot less than 36,000 square feet in area. This application has been rescheduled for a BZA hearing on May 4. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

➤ **Joseph Adam Rittierodt – 5308 Dunleigh Drive, Burke
SP 2021-BR-00120**

The applicant was seeking a reduction in setback requirements to permit an accessory structure (workshop) 8.5 feet from the rear lot line and 7.0 feet from the east side lot line. This application was withdrawn by the applicant on March 9.

If you have questions regarding these land use cases or any other issues of concern to you, please email braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov or call the Braddock District office at (703) 425-9300.

