The Braddock Beacon

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Dear Neighbor,

This month we celebrate 60 years of Lake Accotink Park! In August of 1962, Fairfax County opened the man-made lake and surrounding land that had previously served as a reservoir for Fort Belvoir. Since then, millions of visitors have enjoyed the natural beauty, wildlife, and amenities of the park.



On August 27, the Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP) and the Park Authority will come together for **a day of**

celebration and activities. Stop by Lake Accotink Park from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. for:

- Games and Activities
- Food Trucks
- Nature Walks
- Raffles
- Fishing
- And much more

I hope to see you there! Also consider volunteering to help make this anniversary celebration a success! Volunteers can **sign up at the Volunteer Fairfax webpage** and will receive a free limited-edition t-shirt for their time.

Summer Concert Series

Unfortunately, this evening's Braddock Nights concerts are cancelled as a result of bad weather, but we hope to be back in action next Friday. Tomorrow, bring your kids and grandkids to see Marsha and the Positrons perform children's songs at the Audrey Moore RECenter for the Arts in the Parks children's concert series on Saturday from 10:00–10:45 a.m. If you are concerned that inclement weather might affect tomorrow's Arts in the Parks, please call the HOTLINE at (703) 324-SHOW (7469) one hour prior to start for updated information.

Shredding Events

Two free shredding events will be held in or near the Braddock District this month. The first event will occur **tomorrow**, August 6, at Lake Braddock Secondary School. Be sure to enter from Burke Lake Road, and exit onto Lake Braddock Drive (right turn only). Additionally, Braddock residents can take advantage of the shredding event at the Mason District Government Center on August 13.

The shredding events will take place **from 7:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.**, unless the trucks fill up prior to the end time. All participants must be in line by 11:00 a.m. to be served. There is a four (4) box limit, based on standard banker/copy box size ($12.5^{"}$ W x $15.5^{"}$ L x $10.5^{"}$ H). If you bring documents in plastic bags, please do not tie them. All boxes, plastic/paper bags, or other containers will be returned to you after emptying. Once you have discarded your documents, please proceed from the parking lot, as residents may not stay to see documents shredded.

More information is available on the County Shredding website.

Yours in service,

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Supervisor James Walkinshaw

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Citizen of the Month

Claire Agoglia of Burke

This month, Claire Agoglia celebrates her 100th birthday here in the Braddock District! Family members are travelling from New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and North Carolina to Fairfax County this weekend to join her in celebration. She was born in August 1922 in Brooklyn, New York.

Growing up in Brooklyn and living there and nearby Bayside, NY for half of her life, Claire still has the New York accent as she reminisces about her high school days at Lincoln High on Coney Island. She graduated from Queens College later in life to fulfill her dream of a college degree, and she had many boyfriends and beaus through her long life.



Although technically not "Rosie the Riveter," she did support the war effort working for Sterling Drug Company in WWII, which produced medical supplies for the Army. After the war, she started a career as a secretary for Patent Attorneys in Manhattan. An expert in short hand (Google it), she spent over 30 years with one law firm. Claire and her many friends and family spent their weekends and vacations travelling far and wide across the country in her Chevy. She can still recall the adventures, mishaps, names, and places and has the photos to back it up! In 1975, after her divorce and the death of her brother-in-law, she moved in with her sister, Eleanor Ferraro (d. 2010), on Long Island. They migrated to Maryland in 1980 to be closer to their family. Claire continued to work well into her 70s! In 2006, the two sisters moved to an assisted living facility in Springfield. She currently resides at a nursing home in Burke.

She has been an Aunt, Great Aunt, and now Great-Great Aunt for over 75 years, and she devoted her love and energy to her family of Mother, two brothers, two sisters, and their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. While one nephew was away at college, she'd send a box of homemade chocolate chip cookies every month along with a \$10 bill (which in 1975 went far and made her nephew a popular freshman in the dormitory). Although wheel-chair bound the past few years, she still gets to spend time with her family in the area, have a cocktail on the weekends, and enjoys mounds of steamed crabs and cold home brewed beer on her milestone birthdays. Happy birthday, Claire!

If you would like to nominate someone you know for Citizen of the Month, please email <u>orlando.cabrera@fairfaxcounty.gov</u> or call (703) 425-9300.

Walkinshaw in the Community



Supervisor Walkinshaw hosted the Arts in the Parks Children's Concert on July 1.



Supervisor Walkinshaw participated in the Fairfax City Independence Day Parade.



Supervisor Walkinshaw celebrated Independence Day with the Little Run Citizens Association.



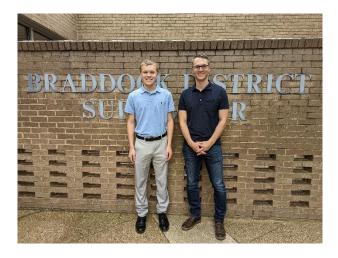
Supervisor Walkinshaw joined the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce for their July 4 Reception.



Supervisor Walkinshaw hosted the Braddock Nights Concert Series at Royal Lake on July 15.



Supervisor Walkinshaw hosted the Braddock Nights Concert at Lake Accotink on July 8.



Supervisor Walkinshaw bade farewell to the Braddock District's Fairfax Leadership intern Rowan on July 29.

In July, Supervisor Walkinshaw also:

- Joined the Fairfax City Independence Day Evening Celebration on July 5
- Kicked off the Braddock Nights Concerts on July 15, July 22, and July 29
- Hosted the Arts in the Parks on July 9, July 16, July 23, July 30
- Attended the burial of the Middleridge 50th anniversary time capsule on July 17
- Attended the FCPD Meritorious Awards and Promotion Ceremony on July 28

Community News

Calling on Community Members to Join the Braddock District Council

Braddock District Council (BDC) is back in action and is looking for new members and renewed energy! At the June 15 Council meeting, the following officers were elected to serve for a oneyear term: Chair, Bob Cosgriff (Hickory Farms); Vice-Chair, Sarah Lennon (Kings Park West); and Treasurer, Kevin Morse (Woodwalk/Burke Centre). They are looking for a volunteer to serve as Secretary. The next BDC meeting will be Wednesday, September 21, at Braddock Hall (9002 Burke Lake Road). This meeting serves as the BDC's required annual meeting and will feature Supervisor Walkinshaw's annual Town Hall meeting. Please mark the date on your calendar, and plan on attending.

Some may wonder – what exactly IS the BDC? An excellent question! The BDC's goal is to promote civic, community and general welfare of Braddock District citizens by:

- · Representing the interests of all community associations in the Braddock District
- Facilitating cooperation and coordination among member organizations
- Providing a direct path of communications between member organizations and local government agencies
- Magnifying the impact of our community voices through enhanced communication

Membership is open to all HOAs, Civic or Community Associations, and Condo & Pool Associations in the Braddock District. Their initial goal is to increase membership in order to make the Council more vibrant and effective. Although membership in the Council is voluntary, membership has many benefits, including:

- Sharing Best Practices among local community organizations that can help improve your association's management
- Receiving up-to-date, first-hand information from local officials
- Taking advantage of the opportunity to voice opinions on District, County, State, and School Board issues
- · Getting to know neighboring community associations and neighbors
- Working collaboratively with other associations to identify and devise local solutions
- Raising awareness of needs for services in your community
- Supporting annual events including the Best of Braddock Citizen Awards, Taste of Braddock, and summer concert events that are important initiatives of Supervisor Walkinshaw
- · Inspiring other community volunteers in your community

In other words, the BDC can be an important driver in improving the quality of life for all District residents. But this will happen only if more associations join the Council and participate actively! The BDC is an independent corporate entity registered with the State Corporation

Commission and its meetings are open to all associations. However, voting rights require current membership; and annual dues are nominal and based on association size.

Fewer than 25 households: \$1 per household

25-99 households: \$25

100-499 households: \$50

500-999 households: \$75

1,000 + households: \$100

BDC encourages existing members to renew their membership, and if your community association is not currently a member, when you receive the dues notice, please take action to become a new member now. If you've read this far and are not sure if your association is a member or not, please contact your Board to inquire and ask them to join!

CA and HOA Contact Updates

Has your Civic Association (CA) or Homeowners Association (HOA) had a change in leadership recently? Make sure the Braddock District Office has the current contact information for your CA/HOA. Email **braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov** with new names and email addresses for your CA/HOA leadership so Supervisor Walkinshaw's office can update its records accordingly. This information is helpful if our office needs to reach out to your community on a specific issue.

Opportunity to Serve on Boards, Authorities, and Commissions

Supervisor Walkinshaw is seeking a citizen to serve on the **<u>Civil Service Commission</u>**. The Civil Service Commission represents public interest in improvement of personnel administration; and advises the Board of Supervisors, County Executive, and Personnel Director in formulation of Policies. Terms of service are two years.

Requirements: Members need to be qualified voters in the County who have broad experience in management of public affairs and who are in full agreement with the application of merit principles in public employment. Members shall hold no paid office or employment under the government of the County, or in any other public agency for which the Department of Human Resources provides personnel services in accordance with Fairfax County Code Section 3-1-2(c)(2). No member, while serving, shall become a candidate for election to public office, nor shall any serving Commissioner be an officer in any organization which actively sponsors and works for the election of candidates to public office.

Members are provided a small stipend for participation in each appeal or hearing. Interested applicants should send a resume and statement of interest (up to 500 words) to Supervisor Walkinshaw's office at **braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov**.

Contact Supervisor Walkinshaw's office to learn about additional opportunities that may be available.

ArtsFairfax Announces Call for Artists to Exhibit at Tysons Corner Center

From now through the end of the calendar year, Tyson's Corner Center and ArtsFairfax invite artists, artist teams, and arts organizations based in Fairfax County and the Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church to enhance select retail storefronts and open spaces in the shopping center with visual art. The goals for this initiative are to create unique and interactive art environments, echo Tysons Corner Center as a contemporary and creative destination, and most importantly, to showcase the talents of local artists and arts organizations.

Beginning this month, visitors to Tysons Corner can view a public announcement about the partnership and a banner of **ArtsFairfax Artist Spotlights**, a collection of images and information about 30 independent artists and nonprofit organizations from throughout Fairfax County.

Interested parties can complete the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) here.

Leadership Fairfax Hosts Board and Brew Event Connects Local Nonprofits with Talented Volunteers

Leadership Fairfax will host their Summer Board Training and Board Matching Fair on Thursday, August 25 at 2:30 pm at Workhouse Arts Center. Board and Brew will feature a Boardsmanship 101 training followed by a Nonprofit Matching Fair featuring 20 local nonprofits seeking additional volunteers for their governing boards. Interested <u>individuals and nonprofit</u> <u>organizations can find information and register</u>. Registration closes on August 18.

Participation is free for local nonprofits. Individuals seeking volunteer opportunities can participate by purchasing tickets for \$20, which includes light hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Tickets are complimentary for Leadership Fairfax members.

All individual participants will complete a survey prior to participation and will be provided a list of their top three nonprofit matches based upon the needs of the nonprofit. Attendees are welcome to visit with their top matches and any attending nonprofits. Previous Board and Brew events have connected over 100 volunteers with multiple nonprofits addressing community needs.

Upcoming School Activities

Neighbors close to George Mason University's Fairfax Campus should expect heavier than normal traffic from August 15-21. Mason will be buzzing with activity as students move into their dorms for the beginning of the fall semester. Move-in will take place on the following dates:

- Early arrivals August 15 from 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
- Freshmen August 17-18 from 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
- Upper Classes August 19-21 from 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

GMU thanks you in advance for your patience and understanding during this time.

In addition, as Fairfax County Public Schools prepare begin the school year on August 22, some extracurricular activities around schools are already taking place. Please drive safe!

Fundamentals of Affordable Housing Development



George Mason University is now accepting applications to attend the Fundamentals of Affordable Housing Development Program presented by the GMU School of Business Center for Real Estate Entrepreneurship with the generous support of Virginia Housing.

This is a two-day, in-person class on September 29 and 30 at the Mason Square campus in Arlington. The **class schedule is available**.

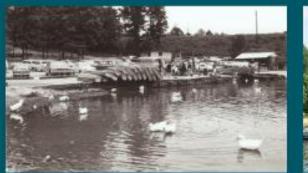
Learn from industry experts about the affordable housing industry, the process of real estate development, the complexity of affordable housing financing, local and state programs, and much more. The class includes a case study tour of Terwilliger Place, a new and innovative 160-unit affordable housing project in Arlington. The program is designed for those who want to work in the affordable housing industry, those who are early in their affordable housing career, board members, housing advocates, public agency staff, project partners, stakeholders, researchers, and community members.

The class is limited to 20 students and costs \$100 for non-profits/\$500 for for-profit groups. For more information and to apply for the class, send an email stating your interest and background for the class to **rmariboj@gmu.edu**. A resume will be useful but optional. Applicants will be informed by September 7.

Environment & Parks News



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION





SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2022 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Complimentary Amusements, Marina and Programs

11 a.m.-Noon Opening Ceremonies, Guest Speakers

Noon-4 p.m. Events, Workshops, Exhibitors

Plus...

- Games/Activities
- Speakers
- VendorsNature Walks
- Raffles









Lake Accotink Park 7500 Accotink Park Road • Springfield

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink/

5. 703-324-8563 • TTY Va. Relay 711

- Food Trucks
- Fishing

On August 27, Fairfax County will celebrate the conversion of Lake Accotink Park into the outdoor recreational gem that it is today! Join the Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP), Supervisor James Walkinshaw, and the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) in celebrating this beautiful mainstay of our Braddock District community.

If you are available to help FLAP and FCPA celebrate this momentous occasion, there are plenty of volunteer opportunities and shifts throughout the day! Sign up here to join FLAP's corps of volunteers, and you will receive a t-shirt for your time and help during the celebration.



Tax Deductible Donations: contact@flapaccotink.org

www.flapaccotink.org

Compliance Corner

Rear Setback Coverage

Many residents use their rear yard for accessory structures such as patios, play equipment, pools, and sheds. For lots developed with single family detached dwellings, the Zoning Ordinance limits how much of the rear setback can be covered with accessory structures. The rear setback is the part of the rear yard that abuts the rear lot line, and the depth of the rear setback depends on the zoning district.

- In Residential (R) districts, no more than 30% of the minimum rear setback can be covered, with the option of filing for a special permit to request approval for up to 60% coverage.
- In Planned (P) Districts, no more than 75% of the minimum rear setback on lots that are 5,000 square feet or less can be covered, and no more than 50% of the minimum rear setback on lots containing more than 5,000 square feet of area can be covered, with the option of filing for a final development plan amendment to request approval for an increase in permitted rear setback coverage.

For more information, visit the **Department of Code Compliance (DCC) website.**

Read the **DCC Yard Coverage flyer**. (Please see under Rear Yard Regulations).

How does DCC enforce?

- DCC Investigators inspect and photograph the property and take measurements to determine if there is a violation and try to contact the property owner to discuss the nature of the complaint or violation.
- If there is a violation, a Notice of Violation (NOV) is issued directing the property owner(s) to abate the violation.
- The NOV provides the owners with a specific timeline to come into compliance.
- DCC Investigators reinspect the property after the timeline to comply has expired to determine whether the violation has been abated.
- Failure to comply with the NOV can result in the County taking legal action, such as seeking civil penalties or a court order to abate the violation.

DCC accepts complaints and concerns about potential violations on the DCC website or by telephone during regular business hours, at (703) 324-1300.

Transportation Updates

Upcoming Lane Closures: I-66/Route 50 - Fairfax

Ramp from I-66 West to Route 50 West

Friday night, August 5: Midnight to 4:00 a.m.

The ramp will be closed both nights for a traffic shift. Traffic will be directed to continue farther west to Route 286 (Fairfax County Parkway) South, stay to the right to I-66 East, then follow signs to Route 50 West.

Ramp from I-66 East to Route 50 West

Beginning at 10:00 p.m. Friday, August 5, continuously through 5:00 a.m. Monday, August 8 The ramp will be closed for reconstruction. Traffic will be detoured farther east to Route 123 (Chain Bridge Road) North. Stay to the left and turn left at the traffic signal onto Route 123 North, stay to the right to I-66 West, then follow signs to Route 50 West.

Ramp from I-66 West to Route 50 West

Continuously through Monday, August 8 The right lane will be closed for ramp construction.

Right-Turn Lane from Monument Drive North to I-66 East

Ongoing, through September 2

The right-turn lane from Monument Drive North to I-66 East will be closed for bridge work. Traffic will be directed farther north to Fair Lakes Parkway, make a U-turn at the traffic signal to head south on Monument Drive. Drivers will then turn left at the traffic signal to the ramp to I-66 East.

Random Hills Road West from Fairfax Hills Way to Monument Drive

Ongoing The left lane will be closed for retaining wall and bridge construction.

Random Hills Road East at Monument Drive

Ongoing The right lane will be closed for bridge construction.

Route 50 East from Fair Oaks Mall to I-66

Ongoing The left lane will be closed for bridge construction.



Public Safety



Each year, deer management is conducted in select Fairfax County parks. The program is an ongoing partnership between the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA), Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD), and other regional public land owners to oversee deer population management. If you live adjacent to one of the deer management zones, you either have or soon will receive **this letter** explaining the program and the contact information for the FCPD in case you have any issues or if violations occur in or around the vicinity of your home. Please be cautious during this season, and take care to make yourself seen if you enter a hunting zone.



Introduction to Neighborhood Watch

Would you like to know what Neighborhood Watch is? How can it help your community? Would you like to know how to start a Neighborhood Watch in your community? Do you want a refresher on the Neighborhood Watch program? Join the Fairfax County Police Department's West Springfield District Station for an Introduction to Neighborhood Watch Zoom presentation

on Thursday August 11, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. They will discuss the Neighborhood Watch program, how it works, how it benefits your community, and how to get your community ready to volunteer. Use the Zoom link below. and they look forward to seeing you at the meeting. If you have any questions, contact MPO Tony Capizzi from the West Springfield Station at (703) 277-2363.

Join this Zoom Password: 635002 Or Telephone: Dial: USA 636 651 3141 USA 877 402 9753 (US Toll Free) Conference code: 404496

Refuse to be a Victim — College Bound Presentation

Are you, or someone you know, going to college this year? For many young adults, college is the first time away from home. Campus life should be a fun, rewarding, and life-changing experience. However, there is no way of ensuring a crime-free campus, but there are ways of reducing the risk of being a victim of crime.

This presentation teaches easy-to-understand ways you can increase awareness and prevent criminal confrontations. The one-hour lecture will give you the tools you need to develop your own personal safety strategy, including information about phone security, campus security, technology security, social media awareness, and self-defense options.

This free presentation will be at the West Springfield Government Center on 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA. It will be on Saturday, August 13, 2022, from 1:00–2:00 p.m. Please use the **Eventbrite link to register**.

If there are any questions, reach out to MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363 or **Anthony.Capizzi@fairfaxcounty.gov**.

Let's Talk

Did you know the West Springfield District Station covers more than 66 square miles, has over 200,000 community members, 40 public schools, 70 houses of worship, about 110 police officers, and ten different patrol areas? If you would like to know more about the district, crime prevention, or just have questions, join MPO Tony Capizzi on Friday, August 19, at 6:30 p.m. for a virtual community meeting. Use the Zoom link below to join. If you have questions before the meeting, contact MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363.

Join this Zoom. Password: 372139 Or Telephone: USA 636 651 3141 USA 877 402 9753 (US Toll Free) Conference code: 404496

Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events

Although it should never be the case, an active gun violence event can take place anywhere in the world. The community needs to be prepared to respond, and the West Springfield District Station is here to help with that training. This 90-minute lecture 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 and the steps law enforcement will take to assist and limit casualties. Experts will be there to answer your questions. This training is open to anyone in the community, but be advised that some of the material may be disturbing.

This class will be held on Wednesday, August 24 at 6:30 p.m. The location will be the community room of the West Springfield Government Center, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA. 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. <u>Please register on Eventbrite</u>. Space is limited.

Human Services Corner

Braddock Nights 2022 and Arts in the Parks Children's Series

Supervisor Walkinshaw is excited to continue hosting the annual Braddock Nights Concert Series and Children's Arts in the Parks Series! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Braddock District office at (703) 425-9300 or **Irma.Mejia-Lewis@fairfaxcounty.gov**. Last-minute performance cancellations due to inclement weather sometimes happen. If it rains in the hours before an event, call the HOTLINE at (703) 324-SHOW (7469) one hour prior to start.



American Rescue Plan Act Nonprofit Sustainability Grant Applications Open Through August 26

Fairfax County's Department of Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) invites nonprofit safety-net organizations to apply for a new round of grants funded through the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The pandemic and its lingering effects have negatively impacted nonprofits through reduced revenues, increased expenses and community need, and persistent staffing concerns. These grants are intended to help nonprofit safety-net organizations mitigate those impacts and remain sustainable partners in serving our community. For more qualifying information, visit the **2022 ARPA Grant Application page**.

Fairfax Health Department Receives Prestigious Award

The Fairfax County Health Department (FCHD) has been selected as a 2022 Innovative Practice Gold Awardee by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for their efforts in using Community Health Workers to improve isolation and quarantine adherence during the COVID-19 pandemic. The congratulatory letter indicates that their program was selected, after a rigorous peer-evaluation process by NACCHO's Workgroup members, because "it reflected effective community partnerships and collaboration as well as remarkable adaptability, resilience, and innovation." This recognition demonstrates the highest level of program innovation to meet the needs of community members during the pandemic, and our health department is one of four (out of the nearly 3,000 local health departments in the country) awarded this prestigious honor. Congratulations to the Health Department!

Additional information is shared **on the FCHD website**.

Supporting a Loved One Living with Mental Illness

Join Lyn Tomlinson, the Deputy Director for the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, on Wednesday, August 17 from 12:00–1:00 p.m. virtually as she shares how to communicate and support your loved one living with mental illness. Learn how to explain mental illnesses such as bipolar, schizophrenia, mood disorders, manic depressive disorders, personality disorders, etc. to family and friends. Many caregivers feel isolated. Discover how you can establish community and support. Discover how to have boundaries with your loved one, and <u>learn</u> **about resources**.

Back to School Drive



As the children served by FACETS' programs return to school, they need your help! Our most vulnerable and marginalized neighbors – those experiencing homelessness, low-income immigrants and refugees, the unemployed and low-wage workers – face great economic challenges and uncertainty this school year.

Together, we can help to ease the financial back-to-school burden faced by low-income families and provide the children FACETS serves with the supplies they need to create stronger futures.

With your support, FACETS can meet the goal of distributing 400 backpacks!

If you have any questions, or if would you like to organize a school supply collection, please contact Tessa at **trobinette@facetscares.org** or (703) 352-3268.



Your connection to all things arts in Fairfax County

ArtsFairfax is the nonprofit serving as Fairfax County's local arts agency. We support artists and arts organizations across all disciplines, including visual and performing artists representing diverse cultures.

Visit ArtsFairfax.org to:

- Apply for grants and funding opportunities
- Submit events and performances in the Events Calendar
- List yourself or your arts organization in the Arts Directory
- Find jobs or artist calls
- Attend a free workshop on such topics as emergency planning, marketing, and diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility in the arts.
- Discover resources to help your arts practice or business, including the Creative Spaces Toolkit, a guide to creative reuse of vacant spaces.

Contact Us

Stay up-to-date by subscribing to ArtsFairfax.org/Newsletters

Our staff can answer questions or guide you through any of the above services at 703.642.0862 or via email at info@ArtsFairfax.org.



Land Use & Development

UPCOMING MEETINGS & HEARINGS

Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting

• August 16 at 7:00 p.m. - virtual

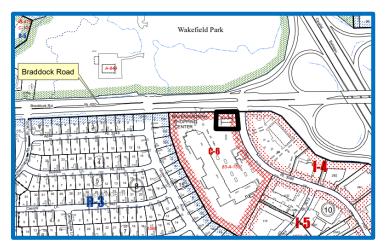
Planning Commission Hearing – Decision Only

 Ravensworth Shell – September 14 at 7:30 p.m. – Board Auditorium

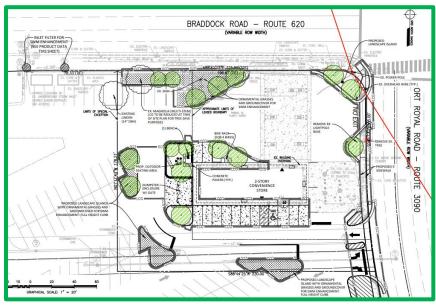
Application to Convert Ravensworth Shell Repair Shop into Convenience Store – Planning Commission to Make Recommendation on September 14

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 loccated 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.



The applicant intends 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 office. 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 having to back up. In 1983, the Fairfax

County Office of Transportation (now Department of Transportation) had recommended that this entrance be closed or moved further south for safety reasons, and a provision requiring closure was contained in the Development Conditions. However, that did not happen. This application includes a narrower, channelized entrance to physically limit movements to right-in only. The second curb cut further south is proposed to continue to permit full movements. Lane striping, stop bars, new landscape islands, and pavement striping would be installed to direct traffic within the shopping center.

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.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the application on July 27. Revised plans were submitted by Capital Services earlier that day which addressed a number of concerns raised by staff and the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee. In order to allow additional time to reach resolution and get agreements in writing, the Planning Commission voted to defer their decision until September 14, with the record remaining open for written comment.

One of the outstanding issues is a staff recommendation that Capital Services and the shopping center owner dedicate land necessary for trail improvements associated with the upcoming Braddock Road Multimodal Improvement Project. We remain hopeful that a compromise can be reached with the Virginia Department of Transportation on this matter.

Updated plans and Development Conditions may be found on the **PLUS website** when available. Enter the application number, SEA 83-A-026, on the right side. Use the "Record Information" arrow on the left and click on "Attachments." The most recent documents should be at the end of the list.

A hearing before the Board of Supervisors has not yet been scheduled.

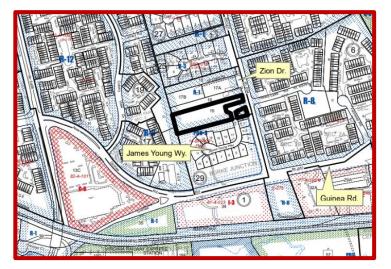
Upcoming Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meetings

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee typically does not meet during August. However, they will hold a virtual meeting on **Tuesday**, **August 16**, at 7:00 p.m. The agenda will include a presentation on the Day property application and updates on pending Braddock District land use cases. The next regularly scheduled Committee meeting will be on September 20 and will have a packed agenda. Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee meetings are open to the public and interested residents are encouraged to participate. Join <u>online</u> or by phone: (571) 429-5982, Phone Conference ID: 730 922 969#.

Update on Proposal to Develop Day Property on Zion Drive

This summer, a revised rezoning proposal was filed for 10121 Zion Drive, a wooded undeveloped site known as the Day property. This 2.51-acre site is located on the west side of Zion Drive, just north of its intersection with Guinea Road and adjacent to the Burke Junction community. A Resource Protection Area is located along the western boundary line.

The applicant has proposed rezoning the property from the R-1 District to the PDH-3 District to permit the development of six single-family detached homes. Access to the property would be provided from James Young Way, which connects to Zion Drive opposite Hillard Lake Road and links to the Burke Junction neighborhood to the south. A new private street would connect to the public road. Although the property to the north is not part of this rezoning, the applicant has proposed reserving an area for interparcel access that would allow for future consolidation.



The application proposes to integrate this property with the Burke Junction community by using a site layout that would build single-family detached homes at a similar density. Four areas of open space have been proposed, which would constitute approximately 46 percent of the site. The proposed tree preservation areas are designed to complement existing tree preservation and landscape areas currently provided with Burke Junction. Stormwater management would be provided onsite, with additional capacity offsite in the Burke Junction community.

The applicant will be presenting to the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee on August 16, and a community meeting on the application will be held this fall. The Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for October 26.

Update on Construction at Erickson Living's Woodleigh Chase Project

Erickson Living is continuing to make progress on its Woodleigh Chase project on Braddock Road. Curb and parking lot work continues on the site, and the buildings are being backfilled. Utility work is underway on Rec Center Drive and a turn lane is being installed along Braddock Road. The contractor is also coordinating with the Briarwood community on the water tie-in; that will begin in the coming weeks.



At Community Building 1 (in the top photo), the contractor is setting trussing, starting the roof and brick work on the south side of the building, and beginning window installation. The Concrete Masonry Unit shafts at the elevators and stair towers have been finished for Residential Building 1 and work continues with mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems work overhead in the garage. For Residential Building 2, they are continuing to pour the deck, walls, and columns for the two-story garage, along with continuing work on overhead mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems.



Erickson Living will open the marketing center once their license is approved, which they hope will be this fall. If you have specific questions about Woodleigh Chase in the meantime, please contact the Greenspring Village sales office at (703) 923-3187.

Update on One University Project Construction

The contractor has begun pouring concrete for the student-oriented housing building on the eastern portion of the site. This will continue as they start building up the parking area. The process will likely last through November. On the western portion of the site, approximately 75 percent of the columns and 40 percent of the garage walls have been poured. The majority of the stormwater management system has been installed and connected. Slab on grade pours for the affordable housing buildings should start next week. Sanitary sewer work is underway along University Drive as the contractor works their way east toward Ox Road.



Countywide Site-Specific Plan Amendment Process Begins in October

On July 19, the Board of Supervisors approved changes to the Site-Specific Plan Amendment (SSPA) process, which allows anyone to propose site-specific land use changes in Fairfax County. The adopted changes include new submission criteria, a Planning Commission workshop during the screening phase, and enhanced community engagement. The revised SSPA process will be implemented in the next cycle, which kicks off this October. The submission form, process guide, and other resources will be posted to the website later this month. Visit the **SSPA website** for the latest details on the upcoming cycle and a detailed report on all the adopted changes to the SSPA process.



Learn How to Search in PLUS at Webinar Wednesdays

Attend a session from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on **Wednesday**, **August 10**, to learn how to use PLUS, the new Planning and Land Use System, to perform basic searches. The one-stop shop online portal unites multiple agency online applications into

one customer service platform. Using PLUS, residents and businesses can do searches and conduct online transactions with the Health Department, Land Development Services, Fire and Rescue, Code Compliance, and Planning and Development. Bring your questions and learn how this centralized platform makes it easy to find the information you are looking for. **Register online**. Can't attend the session? If you register for the webinar, GoToWebinar will email you a link to the recording.

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. 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 land use platform.

SZII-VA, LLC – 5325 Port Royal Road, Springfield SPA-2017-BR-102

The applicant requested to amend the Special Permit previously approved for an indoor commercial recreation use (trampoline facility) to allow for a change in permittee. No other changes were proposed. This application was approved by the BZA on July 27. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found on the **PLUS website**.

Tushar Bhardwaj – 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 September 14. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the **PLUS website**.

> Johnny Wen & Joanna Wen – 4807 Marymead Drive, Fairfax SP-2022-BR-00100

The applicants are requesting a Special Permit to add an Accessory Living Unit containing greater than the permitted 800 square feet in floor area and a reduction in setback requirements to permit an addition 15.6 feet from the northwest side lot line (20-foot setback required). This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on October 5. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the PLUS website.

Chau Tran & Trang Tran – 10133 Zion Drive, Fairfax \geq VC-2021-BR-00022

The applicants are seeking a Variance and Variance Amendment to permit construction of a new 4,100-square-foot single-family detached dwelling 10.1 feet from the north side lot line and 10.6 feet from the south side lot line (20-foot setback required on each side). This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on October 12. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the **PLUS** website.

Trustees of Saint Matthews United Methodist Church – 8617 Little River \geq Turnpike, Annandale

SPA-80-A-087-05

The applicants are seeking to amend their Special Permit to modify the Development Conditions to increase the number of students, increase the number of employees, and expand the hours of operation. The maximum weekday enrollment would be increased from 99 students to 230 students, including approximately 115 students ages 2.5 to 4 and approximately 115 students ages 5 to 12. In addition, the applicants are seeking to provide overflow capacity for before- and after-school childcare for up to 25 students from the nearby Wakefield Forest Elementary School's School Age Child Care (SACC) program. These students would be ages 5 to 12. The proposed number of employees is anticipated to be 25 to 30. The hours of operation would be extended from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on November 2. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the **PLUS website**.

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.