

The Braddock Beacon

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**Braddock District
Supervisor**



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Dear Neighbor,

It's high school graduation season and this week I had the honor of joining West Springfield High School, Woodson High School, Annandale High School, and Robinson Secondary School for their respective graduation ceremonies! Next week I will join Lake Braddock Secondary School. After the unique challenges that the Class of 2022 has overcome, it has been wonderful to see thousands of students, parents, friends, and loved ones celebrating these young people as they walk across the stage and collect their well-earned diplomas.

The class of 2022 enters a world that must feel uncertain and unsettled, with serious problems and big challenges at home and abroad, many of which can feel existential. But their teachers, families, and community have equipped them with the tools to tackle those challenges and solve those problems. The grit, determination, and love for one another they've demonstrated throughout the pandemic has been extraordinary. Congratulations to the Class of 2022!

Braddock Bark!

I hope you and your furry friends will join us for the first annual **Braddock Bark Festival next Sunday, June 12, from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Lake Accotink Park.**

The Braddock Bark festival will include:

- Animals for adoption from local rescue organizations
- 20+ vendors with free pet-focused giveaways
- Dog superlative contest
- Doggy obstacle course
- Food and Ice Cream vendors
- Demonstrations from the Police K-9 Unit
- And much, much more!

Bench Dedication to Recognize Former Supervisor and Chairman Sharon Bulova and Former Supervisor John Cook

Join us as we formally dedicate two commemorative benches outside of the Braddock District Office honoring the service of former Braddock District Supervisor and Chairman Sharon Bulova, and former Braddock District Supervisor John C. Cook. The ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 18, at 9:00 a.m. at 9002 Burke Lake Road in Burke. Many past and present Fairfax County Supervisors, County officials, and past and present Braddock District staff will be present.

Speakers include Board of Supervisors Chairman Jeff McKay and Congressman Gerry Connolly. After a brief ceremony, the benches will be unveiled and refreshments will be served. Please come and thank former Chairman Bulova and Supervisor Cook for their years of service to the Braddock District and Fairfax County!

Braddock District Office Services

My office is here to serve Braddock District residents. As we enter the summer and participate in more outdoor activities, please remember to stop by if you need resources like Slow Down signs for your lawn or mosquito dunks and mosquito chunks for your water fixtures. Mosquito dunks have long been a fixture of the County's Fight the Bite campaign, acting as a treatment for large water fixtures, but new mosquito chunks are smaller and safer for birdbaths and small fountains. If you need any mosquito removal tools or would like to post a reminder for drivers in your neighborhood, stop by the [Braddock District Office](#) from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Yours in service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James W.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Supervisor James Walkinshaw

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Citizen of the Month



Meredith Hedrick of Annandale

Annandale High School teacher Meredith Hedrick (pictured here, second from the left) has always been an empathetic educator, but recently she turned empathy into action. Meredith decided to uproot herself for two weeks this May to serve Ukrainian refugees in Poland. Hedrick has an extensive international background. She served in Turkmenistan during her tour with the Peace Corps, worked in Kosovo, lived in the Middle East, and

speaks fluent Russian. While in Poland, she was stationed in a repurposed Tesco grocery store. Many of the Ukrainians she encountered had walked over the border with no resources, and she fed them their first hot meals since they had been displaced.

As the head of the English as a Second Language Department, Meredith is accustomed to working with young people from regions in conflict. Nevertheless, she now understands the struggles of her students, like those who recently migrated from Afghanistan, more saliently than ever. Her stay in Poland gave her insight into "what it's like to leave your country under challenging circumstances and be a foreigner in a place with a different language, different currency, and different cultural norms."

It is amazing to see a Braddock District resident undertake such an astounding act of kindness. Thank you, Meredith.

[If you would like to nominate someone you know for citizen of the month, please email orlando.cabrera@fairfaxcounty.gov or call (703) 425-9300]

Walkinshaw in the Community



Supervisor Walkinshaw joined West Springfield High School for their 2022 Graduation on May 31



Supervisor Walkinshaw joined the Burke Conservancy for their annual Memorial Day Observance with VFW Post 5412 and Scouts BSA Troop 1345



Supervisor Walkinshaw introduced Congressman Don Beyer to community pantry workers at the Annandale UMC Mission Center on May 26



Supervisor Walkinshaw, with Chairman McKay and former Supervisor Cook, hosted the opening of Fairfax County's first Wellness Center for Older Adults at Little River Glen on May 19



Supervisor Walkinshaw participated in the Truro Homes Association General Membership Meeting on May 18



Supervisor Walkinshaw joined Girl Scout Troop 4148 for their Bridging Ceremony on May 7



Supervisor Walkinshaw greeted students at Lake Braddock Secondary School on National Bike to School Day on May 5



Supervisor Walkinshaw joined Congressman Connolly, Chairman McKay, and other elected officials to discuss commuter infrastructure improvements on May 5



Supervisor Walkinshaw celebrated the opening of the Wakefield Farmer's Market, where he tried a local vendor's alfajores and empanadas on May 4

In May Supervisor Walkinshaw also:

- Joined a lunch for retiring International Association of Fire Fighters Local 2068 President Ron Kuley with Fairfax County Firefighters on May 4
- Observed the annual Fairfax County Police Fallen Officer Memorial Ceremony on May 5
- Spoke at the Salvation Army Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on May 12
- Attended the Little Run Citizens Association Annual Membership meeting on May 12
- Visited a COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic at Little Run Elementary School on May 14
- Participated in the GMU Fairfax Campus and Community Advisory Board meeting on May 19
- Hosted the annual Braddock District Community Pools Meeting on May 19
- Attended the Barbeque at St. George's UMC on May 21
- Participated in a ride-along with the West Springfield District Police Station on May 23
- Joined volunteers for the Stuff A Truck Campaign at Braddock Elementary on May 25
- Attended the Woodhirst HOA Annual meeting on May 26
- Visited the Fire Station 414 (Burke) B Shift on May 26
- Spoke at the Country Club View Civic Association Memorial Day Ceremony on May 30

Community News



How Racial Bias Restricts Housing, Neighborhood Choice, and Integrated Communities

You are invited to attend a webinar on Wednesday, June 8, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. The webinar, How Racial Bias Restricts Housing, Neighborhood Choice, and Integrated Communities, is **free** to attend, and is co-hosted by the Fairfax County Office of Human Rights & Equity Programs and the Equal Rights Center. Click [here](#) or on the link below to register.

When: June 8 at 10:00 a.m.

Topic: How Racial Bias Restricts Housing, Neighborhood Choice, and Integrated Communities

Description: This webinar, presented by the Fairfax County Office of Human Rights & Equity Programs and the Equal Rights Center, will discuss how racial discrimination and bias restrict housing, neighborhood choice, and community integration. Specifically, this webinar will address topics including source of funds discrimination, the use of racially coded language, and best practices for criminal records and credit screening.

[Register in advance for this webinar.](#)

Braddock District Council of Community Associations Elections

The Braddock District Council (BDC) will hold their next monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 15, at 6:30 p.m., virtually.

The main topic for this month will be the election of our officers for 2022 - 2023: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. To join the Braddock District Council Zoom meeting or if you would like to be considered for one of the positions, please request the link from and submit an interest statement to George Becerra at george_becerra@hotmail.com.

Paws for Prevention

The National Capital Area's Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) is hosting their first Paws for Prevention at Mason District Park-Shelter A tomorrow, June 4. This event will include fun family activities, a doggy costume contest, AFSP swag, and prizes. Pet lovers and furry friends are invited to join the [**AFSP National Capital Area Chapter**](#) for this fun social event as they raise awareness around the importance of mental health! Don't have a pet of your own? No worries. This event is open to all!



National Capital Area's 1st Annual Paws for Prevention



American
Foundation
for Suicide
Prevention

AFSP's Paws for Prevention
Human Lifesavers & Furry Friends Welcome!
Ticket Price: FREE
Saturday, June 4
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Mason District Park - Shelter A
6621 Columbia Pike
Annandale, VA
[**RSVP on the AFSP website**](#)

Braddock Nights 2022 and Arts in the Parks Series

Supervisor Walkinshaw is excited to be 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.

FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY Summer Entertainment Series 2022 Braddock Nights Friday Evenings and Saturday Mornings

I am excited to welcome you back to this year's Braddock Nights summer concert series and Children's Arts in the Parks series! This series of free concerts and children's fun event series will present a wide array of performances from classical, to bluegrass to comedy, with something for every music lover. I hope you'll bring a picnic dinner, snacks, blankets, and lawn chairs to enjoy this fun-filled series. Come relax with friends, family, and neighbors. Volunteers are always welcome. For more information, please contact my office at (703) 425-9300 or braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov. I look forward to seeing you this summer.

Sincerely,
James R. Walkinshaw, Supervisor, Braddock District

Royal Lake Park

5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax
Friday Evenings • 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

JULY

- 8 Thrillbillys (Roots Rock)
- 15 The Hillbilly Gypsies (Bluegrass)
- 22 Black Masala (Funk, World)
- 29 Jess Eliot Myhre and Honky Tonk Heroes (Country)

AUGUST

- 5 Daryl Davis (Swing)
- 12 Mars Rodeo (Rock)
- 19 Frank Sullivan & Jillian Lea (Bluegrass)

Lake Accotink Park

7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield
Friday Evenings • 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

JULY

- 8 Kings Park Band (Big Band)
- 15 Common Ground (Smooth Jazz)
- 22 The Annandale Brass Ensemble (Light Classical & Popular Songs)
- 29 The United States Army Blues (Jazz)

AUGUST

- 5 City of Fairfax Band Alte Kameraden German Band (Music of Germany)
- 12 The Nitehawks Swing Band (Swing)
- 19 The Annandale Jazz Ensemble (American Popular Music)



ARTS in the PARKS

A Free Children's Entertainment Series

Saturday Mornings • 10 - 10:45 a.m.

Wakefield Park in front of the Audrey Moore Rec Center

8100 Braddock Road, Annandale

JUNE

- 18 Mr. Lilo (Children's Songs)
- 25 Ms. Niki (Children's Songs)

JULY

- 2 the grandsons, Jr. (Children's Songs)
- 9 Rocknocos (Children's Songs)
- 16 Blue Sky Puppet Theater (Puppets)
- 23 The Great Zucchini (Comedy, Magic)
- 30 Fairfax Symphony Orchestra Percussion Ensemble (Children's Music)

AUGUST

- 6 Marsha and the Positrons (Children's Songs)
- 13 Rainbow Puppets Production (Puppets Show)
- 20 The Uncle Devin Show (Children's Songs)



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



The Summer Entertainment Series is made possible through corporate and private donations. To donate, visit www.fairfaxparkfoundation.org/projects.

Scan to donate!



Performances are held outdoors, bring lawn chairs. In case of inclement weather call the concert hotline at 703-324-7469 before leaving home. Cancellations are posted one hour prior to the show time.

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



703-324-8563 TTY Va. Relay 711

Braddock Bark 2022

On June 12, in partnership with Celebrate Fairfax, Supervisor Walkinshaw will host the first Braddock Bark at Lake Accotink Park. For more information, visit the [facebook event page](#), or contact our office at braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Luring 101 is Just one of our many featured activities at Braddock Bark!



LURING 101

Lure Coursing: The Sport for Dogs that are Born to Chase!

Join Supervisor Walkinshaw on [June 12](#) for outdoor fun with your furry friend.



Additional Braddock Bark features:

- Doggy Obstacle Course provided by [Paw, Mind, and Body](#)
- Dog Superlatives Contest
- K-9 Demonstration by the Fairfax County Police Department
- Adoption dogs by the [Fairfax County Animal Shelter](#), [Homeward Trails Animal Rescue](#), and [Shenandoah Shepherd Rescue](#)
- Pet Mobile Spa by [Barkley Square Pet Spa](#)

And more!

iTHRIV Community Health and Research Study

The integrated Translational Health Research Institute of Virginia (iTHRIV) aims to better understand investigators' and community members' perceptions about factors that might encourage or discourage community participation in health research.

Your input and participation in this study are vital to their work, and they want to ensure your voice is heard. If you have not already participated in the study, please consider participating. Participation in this research study is voluntary.

By completing this anonymous survey you can help their work with community members to improve health across the Commonwealth of Virginia. They plan to share the survey findings with the communities they serve.

- This anonymous survey is estimated to take 5-10 minutes to complete.
- Your participation is completely voluntary, so you can choose not to participate.

iTHRIV encourages you to share the survey link with your friends, family, and community members.

The survey is currently open from May 4-June 14.



Environment & Parks News

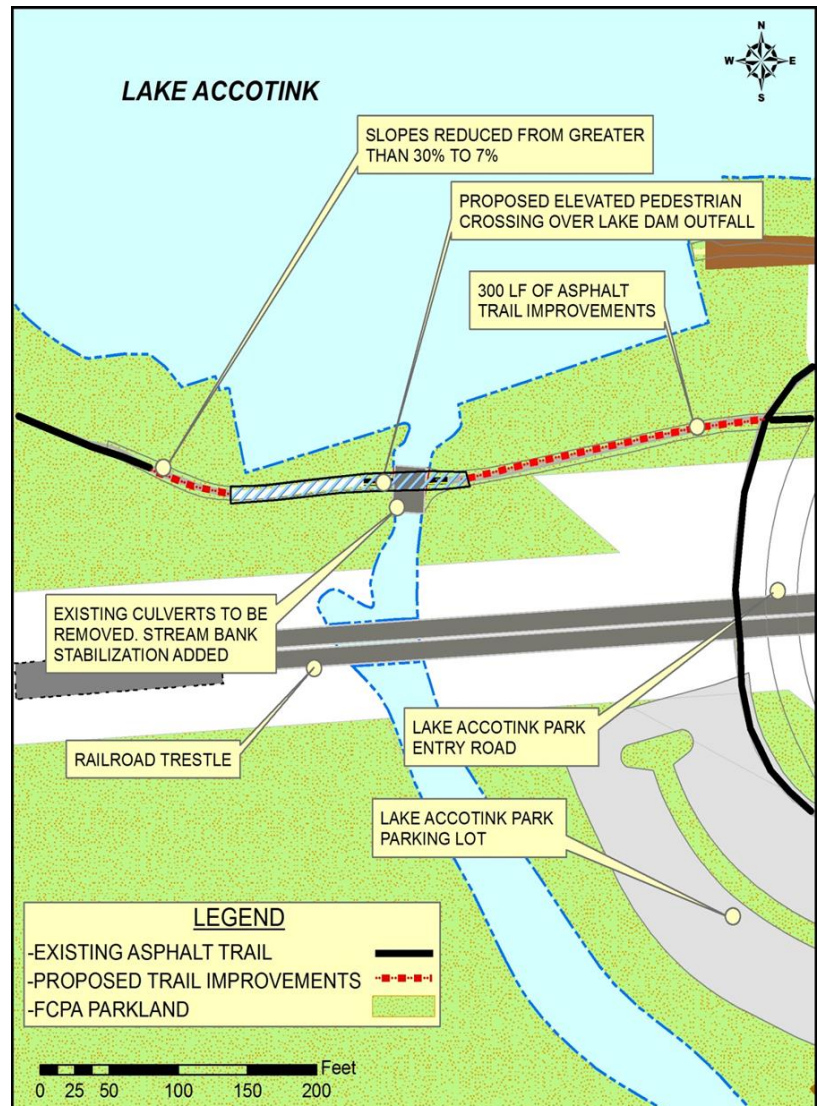
Lake Accotink Dam Stream Crossing Project

If you commonly run, walk, or bike on the Lake Accotink trail, please be aware that this project will close the section of the trail below the dam during construction. You will not be able to cross Accotink Creek at the dam. The Gerry Connolly Cross County Trail will remain open.

On June 6, the Fairfax County Park Authority will begin construction on the Lake Accotink Dam Stream Crossing Project at Lake Accotink Park located at 7500 Accotink Park Road in Springfield. The project involves creating approximately 300 linear feet of asphalt trail improvements and 325 linear feet on an elevated concrete pedestrian crossing over the dam outfall (spillway) in Lake Accotink Park. Total project cost, including design, permitting, testing, utilities, construction, and administration, is just over \$3 million.

The Lake Accotink Loop Trail system is currently one of the most heavily used trails in the Park Authority, serving communities around Lake Accotink and park visitors throughout the region. The existing pedestrian and vehicular crossing at the outfall of the Lake Accotink dam floods suddenly and frequently, often stranding trail users and tempting them to wade through swiftly running water. Excessive damage due to major storm events has required a total reconstruction of the trail twice in the past five years. This project will resolve these issues, enhancing safety and accessibility for park users.

Project completion is anticipated in March 2023. Residents should expect occasional construction traffic entering and exiting the Accotink Park Road entrance. **The Lake Accotink Trail below the dam will be closed during construction. Park visitors will not be able to travel the full Loop Trail during this time.** For more information, please contact Project Manager Heather Lynch at heather.lynch@fairfaxcounty.gov, or contact the Public Information Office at (703) 324-8662 or via Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.



Update on Shanes Creek Stream Restoration Project

In-stream work is now underway at the Shanes Creek Stream Restoration Project in the Kings Park West area. The sounds have shifted from chainsaws and moving of mulch to rock delivery and stream grading.

Restoration of the first tributary should be completed by the end of June. In mid-July, the first section consisting of approximately 600 linear feet of stream should be finished. However, the same access path will be used for much of the project, so the upper (western) sections of the project will remain closed. Expected work hours through the summer are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mondays through Wednesdays and 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Thursdays. This schedule may change based on weather and project requirements, and Friday or weekend work is possible. The project is expected to take 18 months to complete.



The stream valley is an active construction zone. Residents should not walk, run, or otherwise be inside the welded wire fencing along the edges of the project or the orange fencing that provides contractor access. Regrettably, vandalism of the perimeter fencing has continued, and some people are not respecting the work area. A jogger actually approached the crew while they were working earlier this week—creating a dangerous situation given the heavy equipment in use. If the fencing continues to be cut, the County will have to look into using stronger barrier or cameras. This additional security measure would also mean that the crew will not be able to work on the site until they inspect its entirety every day— a time-consuming and project-slowng process. Please respect the boundaries during the entire construction period.



If you don't look like this, or aren't one of its fellow forest creatures, you are not allowed in the construction area!

Wakefield Skatepark Renovation Project

Wakefield Park skatepark was built in April 2004. The average lifespan for a wooden skatepark at that time was 15 years. The skatepark has been repaired several times, but due to the age and make-up of the facility, it is no longer feasible to prolong the use of the original equipment.

A phased renovation of the skatepark is envisioned to include a new layout, demolition of the unsalvageable equipment, and installation of new equipment. The project goal is to create an updated design that incorporates newer styles of obstacles and features that are found in today's typical skateparks. For more information, visit the [Skatepark Renovation Project page](#).

Hurricane Season 2022

The [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration \(NOAA\)](#) has predicted an **above-normal Atlantic hurricane season for 2022** (June 1 through November 30), which is the seventh consecutive year an above-average season has been forecasted.

NOAA is forecasting a **likely range of 14 to 21 named storms** (winds of 39 mph or higher), of which **6 to 10 could become hurricanes** (winds of 74 mph or higher), including three to six major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5, with winds of 111 mph or higher). NOAA provides these ranges with a 70% confidence.

Forecasters at NOAA's Climate Prediction Center, a division of the National Weather Service, are predicting a 65% chance of an above-normal season, a 25% chance of a near-normal season, and a 10% chance of a below-normal season.

Read about the steps you can take to prepare yourself for a hurricane at the [Fairfax County Emergency Blog](#).

Tennis & Pickleball Court Repairs Slated at Wakefield Park

[The Wakefield Park tennis and pickleball courts](#) were resurfaced in Fall 2021. At the time, weather conditions were not favorable to complete the work on courts 9, 10, 12, and 13. The vendor, ATC, will be onsite today through June 17 to accomplish several tasks related to their project punch list and to perform the necessary repair work to the tennis courts. They will need to keep the courts closed for the duration of that two-week period to ensure a successful repair process.

The Park Authority anticipates the tennis and pickleball courts will be available Saturday, June 18, providing the weather remains dry during the scheduled repair dates.

Wakefield Park is located at 8100 Braddock Road in Annandale, Virginia. For more information, contact Construction Maintenance Project Manager Karen Devor of the FCPA Park Operations Division, at Karen.Devor@fairfaxcounty.gov.



FLAP – Friends of Lake Accotink Park Events

Exploring the Pollinator Garden
2nd Sunday of every month
10:30 a.m.

Lake Accotink Park Margaret Kinder Pollinator Garden
(adjacent to the Marina)

Activity: Experts will guide you through the Pollinators and Pollinator Plants, Starting and maintaining your own (any size) Pollinator Garden.

[Sign up on eventbrite](#)



"Protect, restore, preserve and educate all concerning the natural, historical and cultural resources of Lake Accotink Park"



Help Lake Accotink VOLUNTEER



SERVICE HOURS

WHAT: Clean-Up, Garden Weeding

WHEN: 2nd Sun of every **Month**

TIME: 9:00am -11:00ish

WHERE: Lake Accotink Marina

Register: https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/#/organization_details/71653

ACTIVITIES: Pick-up or bring your own trash bags from FLAP Volunteer and hit the trail to fill your trash bags with debris carelessly dumped, dropped

Note: Long sleeves, gloves, boots and long pants are encouraged COVID Protocols are in place.

Tax Deductible Donations: www.flapaccotink.org
contact@flapaccotink.org

facebook.com/friendsoflakeaccotinkpark/
twitter.com/accotinkfriends
www.flapaccotink.org



Thermalize Program Open in Fairfax County Until June 30

The Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination is pleased to announce that Fairfax County is actively participating in a new program known as Thermalize to help residents electrify and improve their home's efficiency. Modeled on Solarize NOVA's program, Thermalize is run by the Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP) and receives promotional support from Fairfax County.

Through June 30, 2022, county residents can sign up to receive a discounted home energy assessment and access to vetted contractors to upgrade or replace an existing Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system or natural gas appliances. The prequalified contractors will offer fair and competitive pricing to program participants, and the experts at LEAP will provide participants with dedicated guidance and support throughout the process of assessing their home's electrification and efficiency needs.

The benefits of electrification are well-documented. Apart from helping to reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions, switching from natural gas to electric systems and appliances can improve the indoor air quality of a home. By way of example, natural gas stoves are known to leak methane into the air even when they are turned off. Switching to electric appliances can have health benefits for all home occupants and visitors. Read more on the [Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination website](#).

Donuts, Not Volcanoes!

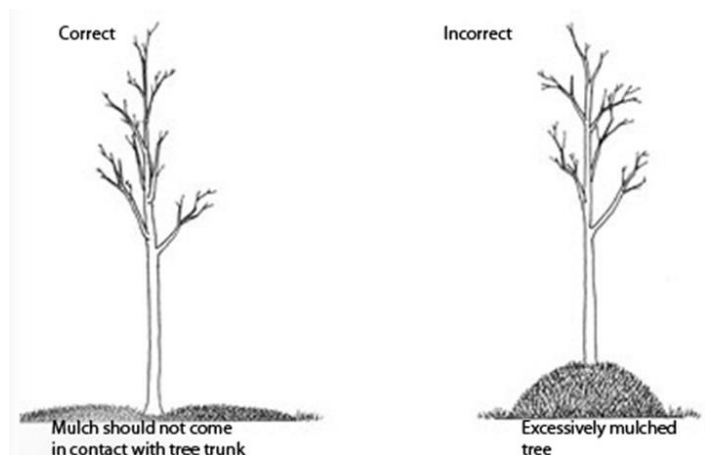
By Jeanne Kadet, Braddock District Tree Commissioner

If you look around, especially in Spring, you will see many trees with lots of mulch piled high up against their trunks, looking like a volcano, and not think much about it since it seems like everyone does it this way. But this is a detrimental practice that can harm your tree!

When applying mulch, it's better to keep it to about 3 inches in depth and never to come right up to the trunk. Most tree roots are fairly close to the surface, where they can receive air and moisture, so putting lots of mulch over the roots can smother them as well as cause the tree to grow roots into the mulch, which is not as stable as growing outward into the soil. Over-mulching against tree trunks traps too much moisture, which creates ideal conditions for insect pests, diseases, and decay.

What's the best way to mulch? Pull mulch away from the base of the tree trunk creating a donut-hole. Think about the 3-3-3 rule: a mulch circle that is three feet in diameter, three inches thick, and three inches away from the trunk.

For more information on good tree care, check out the [free Tree Basics booklet](#) available at Supervisor Walkinshaw's office. The booklet is available in six languages.



Compliance Corner

Hoarding

The Department of Code Compliance has begun sharing new resources for hoarding, which can be a fire hazard and create unsafe conditions in any home. For information on hoarding and the warning signs of hoarding, please visit the [Department of Code Compliance's hoarding website.](#)

Grass Height

As warmer weather and longer daylight hours have arrived, grass is beginning to grow faster, and citizens may notice tall grass that has not been regularly mowed on properties in their neighborhoods. Chapter 119 of the Fairfax County Code regulates grass height, which must not be taller than 12 inches on any residentially developed property that is less than a half acre (21,780 square feet). Additional information, including the grass height regulations for vacant lots and nonresidential properties, is available on [DCC's program website](#) as well as on the following DCC Grass Height Flyer.

Grass height complaints and concerns sent to DCC are common from mid-April to mid-October, which is the time of year when DCC enforces grass height regulations.

How do they enforce these regulations?

- If DCC receives a grass height complaint, DCC Investigators inspect the property to determine if there is a violation and try to contact the property owner to discuss the nature of the violation.
- If there is a violation, a Notice of Violation (NOV) is issued directing the property owner to resolve the violation within 14 days.
- After the time to comply with the NOV has expired, DCC investigators reinspect to determine whether the violation has been resolved.
- If the grass remains uncut after the timeframe to comply, the County has a contractor mow the grass to abate the violation, and the County sends the property owners an invoice with a timeframe to pay the mowing costs.
- Failure to pay the invoice within the timeframe on the invoice will result in a lien being placed on the property by the Department of Tax Administration.

DCC accepts complaints and concerns about potential violations through the [DCC website](#), or by telephone during regular business hours, at (703) 324-1300. DCC is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday and from 9:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Fridays.



Grass Height

Do you know about Fairfax County's rules on Grass Height?

- Complaints regarding grass height are accepted from **April 22nd – Mid-October**
- **RESIDENTIAL:** Grass may not be taller than 12 inches in height on any developed residential lots (vacant or occupied) that are one-half acre (21,780 sq. ft.) or less. This also applies to undeveloped residential property, which is less than one-half acre and which is located in a recorded subdivision where 90% of the lots have been developed.
 - Grass height is not regulated for properties that are larger than one-half acre.
- **COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL:** While some exemptions may apply, grass may not be taller than 12 inches in height on any vacant developed commercial/industrial property.
- After sending a Notice of Violation to the owner, Fairfax County may have tall grass cut at the owner's expense if compliance was not met.
- **Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)** is responsible for cutting tall grass along roads or in medians on state maintained roads. To make a complaint call: **1-800-367-7623**.



To report a possible violation OR for more information contact:



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 September 2014) summarizes a few regulations. See relevant codes for specific requirements.

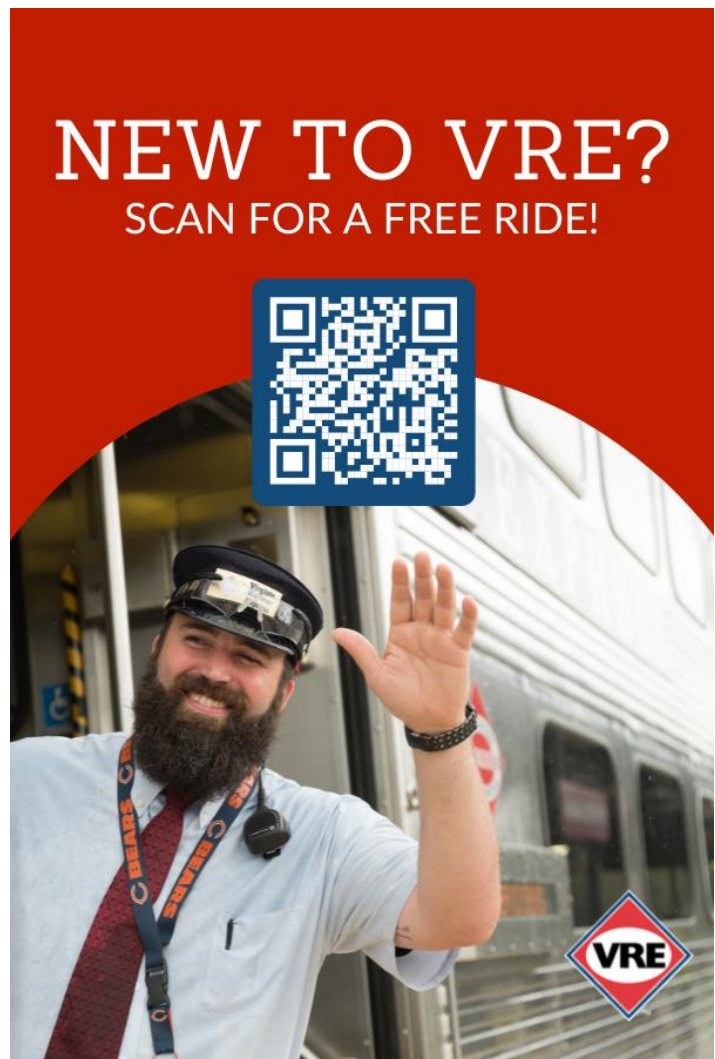
Transportation Updates

VRE Resumes Full Service, Offers Free Round Trip to New Riders

With track improvements complete, the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) resumed full service Tuesday on the Manassas Line, running 16 daily trains. The replacement of thousands of rail ties and tons of ballast by Norfolk Southern has further enhanced safety and reliability.

Those who ride VRE appreciate the comfort and convenience of this premier commuter rail service. Recognizing that there are many who have yet to use this high-quality travel option, VRE is offering new riders a free round trip to discover what they have been missing. To take a test ride on VRE:

- Scan the QR code Click "New to VRE? Request a Free Ride"
- Download VRE Mobile for Android or iOS to your mobile device
- Set up a VRE Mobile account
- Submit the form at the bottom of the "Request a Free Ride" page
- Then, a free ticket – valid for six months – will be pushed out to your mobile device



Signal and Pedestrian Improvement Work Underway at Burke Lake Road and Shiplett Boulevard

VDOT is currently working on pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Burke Lake Road and Shiplett Boulevard. This work includes upgrading traffic signals to have flashing yellow arrows on Burke Lake Road, upgrading curb ramps for ADA accessibility, and installing four signalized crosswalks. This much needed project will improve pedestrian and driver safety as well as traffic operations at the intersection. The total project cost is \$590,000 and is financed with federal and state [Highway Safety Improvement Program](#) funding. More information is available on [VDOT's project webpage](#).

Rolling Road Widening Update

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is widening Rolling Road from two to four lanes between Viola Street and Old Keene Mill Road. The Rolling Road widening project is currently in the Right of Way (ROW) phase. Land acquisitions are expected to be complete in late summer. Later this year, there will be fencing and shed demolition, along with utility relocations. The project is scheduled to be advertised for bid in the Spring/Summer of 2024, and construction is expected to start in late 2024. [Learn more about this project.](#)

I-495 Northern Extension Public Information Meetings

The proposed I-495 Express Lanes Northern Extension (495 NEXT) Project would extend the 495 Express Lanes by about three miles from near the Dulles Toll Road and I-495 interchange to the George Washington Memorial Parkway in the vicinity of the American Legion Bridge. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), along with project partner, Transurban, and contractor, Lane Construction, will host [two project update meetings on June 6 and 7](#) to provide residents and travelers an overview of project construction and design updates. The meetings will include a virtual and in-person option, and they will include a presentation, followed by a question-and-answer session. Project representatives from VDOT and its partners will be present at the meetings to answer questions and address comments.

The project update meetings will focus on:

- Upcoming construction activities, including a preliminary timeline
- Expected construction impacts
- Project design changes and enhancements
- New interactive maps showing latest construction, designs, and plans
- Coordination with the adjacent George Washington Memorial Parkway rehabilitation project and the New American Legion Bridge I-270 Traffic Relief Plan

Public Safety

Hidden in Plain Sight

"WHAT'S THAT WEIRD PICTURE?"

"WHY ARE THEY SO ANGRY?"

"WHY ARE THERE SO MANY AIR FRESHENERS?"

Come to Hidden in Plain Sight and learn about some of the latest trends in risky behavior and some communications skills to help you through it

Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 6:30PM

West Springfield District Station

6140 Rolling Road

SIGN UP THROUGH EVENTBRITE LINK BELOW



Hidden in Plain Sight (HIPS) is a community awareness program to educate parents and caregivers on the current trends and signs of risky behavior in the teenage population. This 90-minute program on June 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. uses props, discussion, and a PowerPoint presentation to review alcohol, tobacco, vape, and narcotic use. The West Springfield District Police Station will also discuss mental health issues and sexual and other risky behaviors. The program concludes with a discussion on communication strategies to help you talk with your child. This program is open to adult audiences only. They will discuss sensitive topics that a parent can use to create an open dialogue with their children. Please use [Eventbrite to register](#) for the training. The training will be held at the West Springfield District Governmental Center Community Room, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363 or anthony.capizzi@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Let's Talk



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JOIN MPO TONY CAPIZZI FOR YOUR CRIME PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY
OUTREACH QUESTIONS

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2022 AT 6:30 PM

VIA ZOOM LINK BELOW



Did you know the West Springfield District Police Station covers over 66 square miles, has over 200,000 community members, 40 public schools, 70 houses of worship, about 110 police officers, and 10 different patrol areas? If you would like to know more about the district, crime prevention, or you just have questions, join MPO Capizzi on Thursday, June 16, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. for a community meeting. Please use the link below to join. If you have any questions before the meeting, contact MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363 or anthony.capizzi@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS, or Android.

Password: 66745

Or Telephone:

Dial:

USA (636) 651-3141

USA (877) 402-9753 (US Toll Free)

Conference code: 404496

CPR and AED Awareness Week!

Do you know CPR and how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)? If not, you should. Many lives could be saved if more people knew CPR and how to use an AED.

According to [the American Heart Association](#), more than 350,000 people in the United States suffer out-of-hospital cardiac arrest each year. Approximately 70 percent of those occur in homes. Sadly, just 10 percent of those who suffer cardiac arrest survive. However, statistics show that if more people knew CPR, more lives could be saved. Immediate CPR can double, or even triple, a victim's chance of survival.

For resources or to find a training near you, visit the [American Heart Association's CPR & AED Awareness website](#).



Every Second Counts in Cardiac Arrest



National CPR and AED Awareness Week
June 1-7 | #CPRwithHeart

Community Advisory Committee Officer of the Quarter

Congratulations to Parking Enforcement Officer (PEO) Rebecca Tracy on her selection for Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Officer of the Quarter for the Second Quarter of 2022. She is being recognized for her hard work, dedication, and cooperation in dealing with parking complaints within West Springfield District. She has consistently helped fellow officers with parking issues, educated them, and provided the entire station with written resources.

Human Services Corner

2022 Fairfax County Farmers Markets

Fairfax County Farmers Markets run from Spring to Fall. Visit your local market for fresh and local produce, baked goods, and prepared foods.

Wakefield

Wednesdays, May 4 - October 26

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Wakefield Park, 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale

Directions

Burke

Saturdays, April 16 - December 17

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

VRE parking Lot, 5671 Roberts Parkway, Burke

Directions



Early Voting Ends June 18 for the Democratic Primary in the 8th Congressional District

June 21 is the Democratic Party primary **only** for the [8th Congressional District of Virginia](#). Following the 2020 Census, some changes were made to the congressional districts in Fairfax County. In the Braddock District, the North Springfield and Heritage precincts were drawn into the 8th District.

There is no Republican primary in Fairfax County. The Republican Party nominated its congressional candidates by convention.

If you are unsure of what congressional district you vote in, you can find it [on this interactive map](#). The County sent a mailer with your new precinct, polling place, and districts for U.S. Congress, Virginia State Senate, and Virginia House of Delegates this week.

For information about voting early in person or by mail, visit the [Fairfax Office of Elections website](#). Regular polling places in the 8th District will also be open on Primary Day June 21 from 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.



Volunteer and Partner Services

Join the Department of Family Services, and become a volunteer facilitator. You can teach groups of children and parents how to overcome trauma, offer praise instead of criticism, and become a stronger family unit, all while implementing an evidence-based curriculum. **Apply and become a part of the team now!**

Volunteer Drivers Needed to Help Seniors



The Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, provides free transportation to medical appointments and grocery shopping for seniors who live in Burke, Fairfax City, and central Fairfax County. Many of their clients live in the Braddock District.

Requested rides are posted on a web-based database so each driver can accept any request that is convenient. Drivers use their own vehicle, undergo a background check, and provide rides that fit their own schedule. Most trips take 2 hours and travel to local medical and grocery locations. An interview will be conducted, and training will be provided. The driver's insurance provides primary coverage, and the Center has secondary umbrella insurance coverage.

If you are interested and willing to help your senior neighbors, call Tom Powers, (571) 612-9315, to schedule an interview and orientation. This service mission brings great joy to both clients and drivers.

Shred and Share Event

Join Kirkwood Presbyterian Church in their parking lot at 8336 Carrleigh Parkway in Springfield on Saturday, June 18, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (or until truck is full). Bring papers to shred and food to benefit ECHO clients. For more details on shredding, visit Patriot Shredding at **www.patriotshredding.com**. For a list of needed items, visit the **[ECHO website](#)**.



Children's Corner



Office of Early Childhood Curriculum and Grant Management

PREK & EARLY HEAD START



High quality PreK and Early Head Start program at **NO COST** to income-eligible families, including children with disabilities.



School Readiness



Health & Nutrition Services



Family Engagement

Program Eligibility

- Live in Fairfax County
- Qualify for free or reduced meals
- PreK— age 3 or 4 by September 30
- Limited spaces for age 3
- Early Head Start— age 6 weeks to 2 years (only in Reston, Herndon & Springfield)

**Now Accepting Applications
for school year 2022-2023**

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Land Use & Development

UPCOMING MEETINGS & HEARINGS

Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting

- June 21 at 7:00 p.m. – virtual

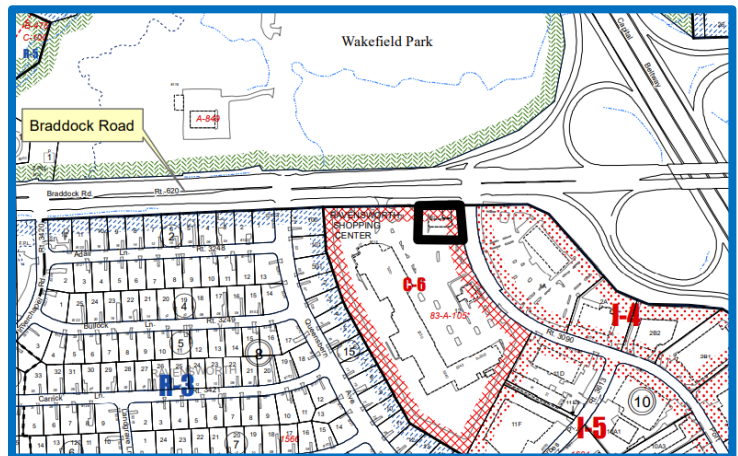
Planning Commission Hearing

- Ravensworth Shell - June 22 at 7:30 p.m. – Board Auditorium

Application to Convert Ravensworth Shell Repair Shop into a 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.

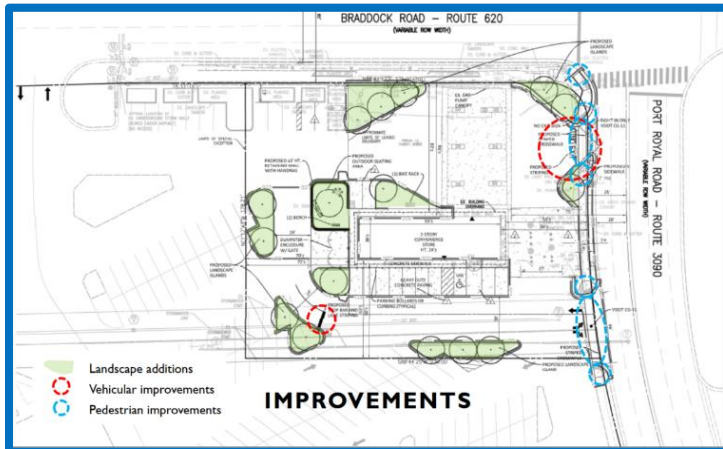
This site contains a 2,600 square foot building housing four vehicle service bays, associated office and storage space, an exterior vehicle lift, and six fuel pumps with 12 fueling positions under a canopy. The current building was constructed in 1967 and renovated in 1984. The service bays and exterior 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.



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 northern-most 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 access. Overall daily trips are expected to increase from the current 3,128 trips to 4,033 trips and would be spread 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. Other facilities on Port Royal Road and in the broader area provide service and inspections. In addition, service has become more complicated because vehicles have become increasingly computerized.

At its April 19 meeting, Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee members

asked a series of questions regarding traffic patterns and how the current vehicular conflicts in the area around the gas station would be handled. Many of the inquiries related to a proposed restriping of the second entrance to try to provide visual clues to improve traffic flow while still allowing delivery trucks to navigate the movements. Committee members also asked about the lack of designated loading and air compressor use spaces and the proposed location of the dumpster. Capital Services will provide additional information on this proposal at the June 21 meeting of the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee.

A Planning Commission hearing on this application is scheduled for June 22 at 7:30 p.m. Information on how to testify may be found on the [Planning Commission website](#). The application number is SEA 83-A-026.

Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will hold a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, June 21**, at 7:00 p.m. The agenda will include a discussion of the application 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#.

Update on Construction at Erickson Living's Woodleigh Chase Project

Work is underway on the first phase of Erickson Living's Woodleigh Chase Project on Braddock Road. The crew is continuing to grade, spread stone, and lay asphalt for new internal roads. Utilities for the future wellness center are being installed. The concrete building visible from the road is Community Building 1. It is out of the ground, and floors are being poured. Both mechanical and electrical rough-ins have begun, and the contractor is starting to install metal framing. The garage for Residential Building 1 has been poured, and they are working on the first slab. Footings are being poured for Residential Building 2, and the foundation is being waterproofed. Site work is nearly complete for the new affordable senior housing building on the western portion of the property. Once ready, Erickson will be turning that property over to the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing for construction. At the marketing center, landscaping has been installed, and staff are moving in. Erickson 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

On the eastern portion of the site, mass excavation is complete, and foundation walls have started to be poured for the student-oriented housing. The storm drainage line along University Drive is complete, and the remaining curb is being poured. New trees have been planted adjacent to Royal Legacy in Fairfax City to increase the vegetated buffer. During June, the contractor will continue preparing the substructure for foundation pads.

Excavation is complete for the two affordable housing buildings on the east side of the property. Tiebacks, piles and lagging, and one of the stormwater vault structures are in place. Mass excavation is underway, and the bottom of the garage structure has been reached in the northeast corner of the site. Excavation and removal of excess soils should be completed this month. The tower crane footing has been poured, the base is installed, and the supporting structure is being erected. Concrete will then be poured for the slab on grade and garage foundation walls.



Thanks to the George Mason UAS Unit for this drone photo of the One University site.

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 (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.

➤ **Carey S. Ramirez – 5243 Dunleigh Drive, Burke
SP-2022-BR-00006**

The applicant is seeking a reduction in setback requirements to permit an addition 14.3 feet from the rear lot line. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on June 8. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

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

The applicant is seeking 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 are proposed. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on July 27. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, 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](#).

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.