



The Braddock Beacon

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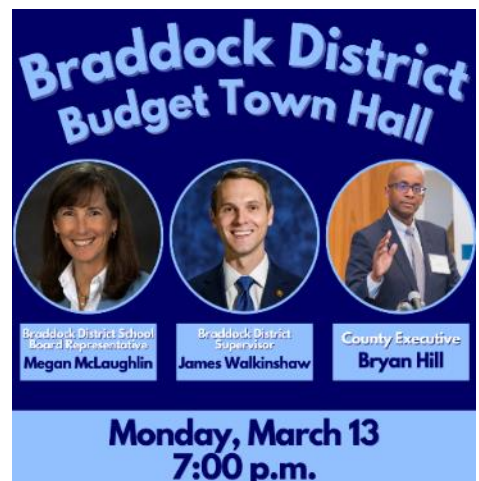
In [last week's Advisory](#) email, I shared information about the County Executive's proposed FY [2024 budget](#).

As a reminder, the proposed budget kicks off a months-long process before the Board of Supervisors adopts the final budget in May. My priority throughout the process will be listening to your thoughts, ideas, and concerns. I'll be hosting a [Braddock District Town Hall](#) on **Monday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m.** with Braddock District School Board Member Megan McLaughlin and County Executive Bryan Hill. You can watch the town hall three different ways:

- [Facebook Live](#)
- Stream on [the County website](#)
- Tune to Channel 16 (Channel 16 on Verizon/Comcast or Cox Channel 1016)

You can also submit questions for the town hall using one of three formats:

- Email braddocktownhall@fairfaxcounty.gov
- Call (703) 324-1114 during the program
- Use the [Facebook Live](#) chat



As a result of the exceptionally strong real estate market in Fairfax County, home values continue to increase. The average increase in the Braddock District this year was 7.04 percent. It's important to note that homes in Virginia are required by state law to be assessed at fair market value, something the Board of Supervisors does not set or influence. If you believe that your real estate is incorrectly assessed, you can [file an appeal with](#) the Department of Tax Administration (DTA) by April 3.

Affordable Housing at the Government Center

Recently, the Board approved [affordable housing at the Government Center](#), which will provide 279 rental apartment units for individuals and families earning 30-70 percent of the area median income. The project replaces an underutilized portion of the Government Center's parking with a modern green building, pedestrian promenade, and urban park space.

The building will also include a childcare center serving primarily children from low and moderate income families.



I began the effort to make this possible in 2020 and deeply appreciate the hard work of staff, community members, and advocates who worked with us throughout the process. Building affordable housing in front of our own government center sends a strong message about our values and our commitment to ensuring that Fairfax County is a place where everyone can thrive.

Women’s History Month

March is Women’s History Month, a time to recognize and celebrate the significant contributions women have made to history, culture, and society. We also uplift and support the next generation of women leaders across the County, Commonwealth, country, and the world! I’m particularly proud to work alongside the talented women of the Braddock District office staff, who do so much for our community.

Fairfax Libraries will **be hosting several events** discussing women poets, exploring women’s impact on voting rights in America, and providing an art workshop.

Yours in service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James R. Walkinshaw". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Supervisor James R. Walkinshaw

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Upcoming Events

Details on these events and more can be found in this edition of the Beacon or by contacting braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov

- **March 4**.....Annandale Community Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- **March 12**..... Daylight Savings Time begins
- **March 13**..... Braddock District Budget Town Hall
- **March 15**..... [**Fairfax County Housing Symposium**](#)
- **March 28**..... Tax Relief Workshop at Braddock Hall

Walkinshaw in the Community



On February 7, the Board recognized the West Springfield High School Girls' and Woodson High School Boys' Cross-Country teams for winning State Championships this past season.



Supervisor Walkinshaw participated in The Rotary Club of Springfield's meeting on February 10 to speak about services available for older adults in Fairfax.



Supervisor Walkinshaw joined Congressman Gerry Connolly, Circuit Court Judge John Tran, Senator Chap Petersen and Delegate Kathy Tran (not pictured) as guests of the Fairfax County Model Judiciary Program for high schoolers on February 4.



On February 28, Supervisor Walkinshaw visited St. Matthew's United Methodist Church to see FACETS' Hypothermia Prevention and Shelter Program.



On February 6, Supervisor Walkinshaw visited the Westwood Baptist Church's Hypothermia program.



Supervisor Walkinshaw joined volunteers from the Kings Park West Community for a trash clean-up at Crooked Creek Park on Presidents' Day.



Braddock residents Louise Chamberlin and Omer Al Khanchi invited the Supervisor to the grand opening of their new speech therapy practice, Get Talking Therapy, in Annandale on February 25.

In February, Supervisor Walkinshaw also:

- Chaired the Interjurisdictional Committee meeting between Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax on February 9
- Visited Stuff the Bus sites on February 11 and 18
- Joined VDOT and community members for a virtual meeting to discuss pedestrian improvements on Old Keene Mill Road on February 13
- Hosted the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services and Park Authority for community meetings on the future of Lake Accotink on February 15 (virtual) and February 16 (at Kings Glen Elementary School)
- Attended the County's Black History Month event at the Government Center on February 17
- Cleaned up Americana Drive with the Fairfax County Restoration Project on February 20
- Toured the Burke Centre VRE System on February 22
- Attended Congressman Connolly's Black History Month event on George Mason's campus on February 27

March Citizen of the Month

Tom McCook

Braddock District's Citizen of the Month is Tom McCook!

Tom is a member of the Kings Park West Community, frequently organizing trash clean ups in Crooked Creek, Royal Lake, Rabbit Branch, and Lakeside parks for the Kings Park West Civic Association.

He wears several hats including Parks and Lake Committee Coordinator for the Kings Park West Civic Association, Coordinator of Road Raiders, and Lead Volunteer for the Royal Lake Park Volunteer Team, better known as Friends of Royal Lake.

Sarah Lennon, President of Kings Park West Civic Association, first met Tom when his wife, Ann, brought him to a Road Raiders clean-up in 2013. From there he became one of the most reliable volunteers, even bringing power tools to make clean-ups more efficient. When Sarah was transitioning into a new role within the Civic Association, Tom was at the top of the list to become her successor.

As Coordinator of the Road Raiders, Tom has engaged a new generation of volunteers stepping up to keep the park clean. He works with Eagle Scouts to help them earn badges and log volunteer hours, giving back to an organization he once was a part of. Tom's efforts to bring in young people also gives older volunteers a chance to connect across generations, strengthening the sense of community built during these events.

He has also been described as reliable; making time for any clean-up events, even solo efforts just to keep trails maintained. Tom has served as a teacher, showing local members how to use a chain saw last winter when a tree fell over a sidewalk near Rabbit Branch Park.

Known for his sense of humor, power tools, knowledge of park maintenance, and passion for keeping Fairfax County parks clean, Tom McCook embodies leadership that inspires his community and the next generation.

Congratulations Tom and thank you for your dedication to keeping Fairfax County parks beautiful!



Community News

Annandale Community Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Supervisor James Walkinshaw and Fairfax County's Department of Neighborhood and Community Services invite the community to celebrate the opening of the new [Annandale Community Center](#) at the Heritage Shopping Plaza (7861-B Heritage Drive, Annandale, VA) on Saturday, March 4 at 12:00 p.m.



A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at noon, followed by an open house, community activities, and light refreshments.

Fairfax County is partnering with the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Washington to offer affordable youth programming and afterschool activities in the new space. Additional programs and resources will be added following the grand opening.

Guests are encouraged to park across the street at Ossian Hall Park. More information about the ceremony [can be found here](#).

Need for O+ Blood

Inova Health is in urgent need of O+ blood donors for an Obstetrics patient with an expectant-risk delivery in the coming week. These blood products will be used for a life-saving transfusion & surgery after the high-risk delivery.

Please [consider donating blood](#) if you're an O+ carrier.

Shredding Event

Marian Homes, a non-profit working with donors, partners, and the Fairfax County to purchase, refurbish, and maintain houses for individuals with intellectual disabilities, will be hosting a shredding event at Nativity Catholic Church (6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA) on Saturday, March 25, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

More information [can be found here](#). Reach out to contact@marianhomes.org with any questions.

2023 Swimming Pool Stakeholder Meeting

The Health Department will host an in-person 2023 Pool Stakeholder Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 24, at 10777 Main Street, Fairfax, VA in Conference Room 310-A. They will review any changes for the 2023 season as well as answer any questions about the Planning and Land Use System. Attendance usually consists of Pool Managers for guidance on pool operations.

**URGENT NEED for
O+ Blood for an
obstetrics patient
in Inova's care**

Visit inovablood.org or call
1-866-256-6372 to make
your life-saving blood
donation appointment.



Former Haulin' Trash Customers' Container Disposal Fees Waived

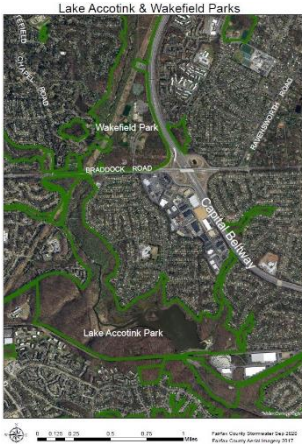


Through March 30, Fairfax County former Haulin' Trash LLC customers may deliver empty Haulin' Trash collection containers to the I-66 Transfer Station Complex for proper disposal, free-of-charge. Only containers branded with a "Haulin' Trash" logo will be accepted under this temporary program.

No disposal fees will be charged for empty containers. Site staff will provide directions to the drop-off area at the facility. The I-66 Transfer Station is located at 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA.

Read [more here](#), or check out the [I-66 Transfer Station guide](#).

Environment & Parks News



Lake Accotink Dredging Project Updates

Public comment on the staff recommendation to not dredge Lake Accotink is open until April 1. You can [respond to the community survey](#) (which includes an option to submit a comment) or [send a comment via email](#).

You can read more on the [story board](#) about the staff recommendation and [visit DPWES' website](#) for additional information.

Lake Accotink Dam Maintenance

The Fairfax County Park Authority is anticipating the start of maintenance work on the Lake Accotink dam by mid-March, weather permitting. The project will include removal of debris from the top of the dam spillway and replacement of the flashboards, which control water flow through the spillway when water rises above the crest level. These repairs are essential for safe maintenance and operation of the dam.

For more information [visit the Park Authority's website](#).

Green Business Partners Forum

The Fairfax County Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination, in partnership with the Fairfax County Department of Economic Initiatives and Smart City Works, is hosting a [Fairfax County Green Business Partners Forum](#) on Friday, March 31.

The goal of this Forum is to showcase energy- and climate-success stories and provide opportunities to network with green business leaders throughout Fairfax County. At the Green Business Partners Forum, you will learn about:

- **Cost-effective pathways to achieving carbon neutrality** for your business, including federal, state, and local financing opportunities
- **Energy benchmarking and case studies** to identify energy upgrades that could result in savings for your business
- **Workforce development** to meet the needs of a carbon-neutral economy
- **Fairfax County's new Green Business Partners Program** and how to sign on as an inaugural member

The Forum will promote peer-to-peer learning on how green business practices can lower operational costs, reduce waste, and contribute to a healthier community. The **event is free and will be held in person** at the Courtyard by Marriott Tysons (8028 Leesburg Pike, Tysons Corner, VA), and space is limited. If you're a business leader in Fairfax County working towards carbon neutrality or are ready to start, we encourage you to [register for the Green Business Partners Forum today.](#)

For questions about this event, please email oeecgreenbusiness@fairfaxcounty.gov

Native Seedling Sale

Orders for the Northern Virginia Soil & Water Conservation District (NVSWCD)'s 2023 Native Seedling Sale will open on **Tuesday, March 7, at 9:00 a.m.** The order site will [be linked from this page.](#)

Pickup will be on March 31 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and on April 1 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Sleepy Hollow Bath and Racquet Club (3516 Sleepy Hollow Road, Falls Church, VA). Any seedlings not collected at pickup will be donated to a reforestation project in Fairfax County. Seedlings *must* be purchased in advance; no day-of sales or extras will be offered. Please contact [NVSWCD](#) before the seedling sale date if you need accommodations.

Maintaining the Health of Residential Wastewater Pipes

If you live in a home that was built before 1975, or if you are planning to purchase an older home in Fairfax County, you should *consider getting an inspection of the sewer line* to ensure that there are no issues. In Fairfax County, residents are responsible for maintaining their sewage lines under their properties up to the connection at the County's main line in the street. Paying a few hundred dollars for a sewer line inspection every three years or so can fend off expensive repairs later, especially for older homes with original cast iron, clay, or galvanized steel pipes. The average lifetime of these materials is 40 to 75 years.

How do you know if your sewer line needs maintenance or replacement?

- If it has not been inspected in the past few years (roughly 3 years)
- If you have frequent sewage backup on lower levels of the residence
- If you experience slow drainage or consistently low water pressure
- If you notice foul smells from sewer gases inside or outside of your home

Preventing Backups and Overflows

To keep your sewer line functioning properly, only use your toilets or sink drains for the disposal of biodegradable products. Flushing items like so-called "flushable wipes" will often

result in home or county sewer system blockages. Do not put or flush the following items into the sewer system:

- Fats, Oils, or Grease
- Medicines or other pharmaceuticals, including liquids
- Baby wipes or disinfectant wipes
- Rags, cloth, or clothing
- Sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms, or any non-organic material
- Q-tips® or dental floss
- Facial tissues, napkins, or paper towels
- Contact lenses
- Plastic of any kind
- Food items of any kind
- Hair
- Diapers (cloth, disposable, or “flushable”)

Only toilet paper, human waste, household ammonia-based cleaners, drain cleaners, and most bathroom cleaners can be put into your home toilets or drains.

More information or are having sewer line problems, [visit DPWES' website](#) or call the 24-Hour Trouble Response Center: (703) 323-1211 (TTY 711).

Park Authority Summer Camp Registration Now Open!

Registration for FCPA's summer camps, serving children ages 3 to 16, is now open.

Registrations fill up very quickly, so families are encouraged to visit the [Park Authority Camps webpage](#) to view the more than 1,000 programming options.



Compliance Corner

Keeping of Animals

The Zoning Ordinance regulates the types of animals that are permitted to be kept on a lot, how many are allowed, the lot size required, and the setbacks for associated structures. Per [subsection 4102.7.J](#), the keeping of certain animals is allowed as an accessory use on any lot if the animals are not for commercial purposes such as breeding, boarding, or any other activity that meets the definition of a [kennel](#).

Information on animals allowed per lot size, permit options, and location regulations [can be found here](#).

Transportation Updates

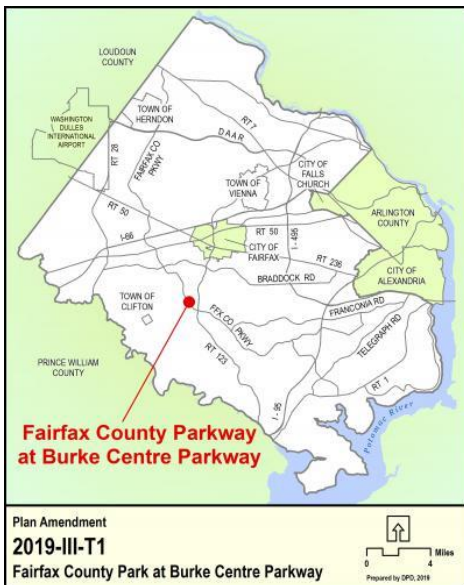
Public Hearings for Fairfax County and Franconia-Springfield Parkways Comprehensive Plan Amendments

The [Fairfax County Department of Transportation \(FCDOT\)](#) held [two virtual public meetings](#) on Comprehensive Plan Amendments (PAs) 2021-CW-T2 (Fairfax County and Franconia-Springfield Parkways [Parkways]), authorized by the Board of Supervisors following endorsement of the Long-Term Planning Study recommendations for the Parkway and 2019- III-T1 (Fairfax County Parkway/Burke Centre Parkway), authorized by the Board of Supervisors following community interest in the future of the specific intersection of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Centre Parkway, which is being incorporated into the larger plan amendment for the Parkways.

- View the [Staff Report Plan Amendment](#)
- View the [Study Final Report](#)

For more information about the study, or to view the recordings of the March 1 and 2 meetings, [visit the study webpage](#).

The meetings were to present and reaffirm final recommendations in the plan amendments that were presented to the public in Summer 2020, prior to the presentation at public hearings of the Planning Commission on March 8 at 7:30 p.m., and Board of Supervisors on March 21 at 4:00 p.m.



Public Safety

Tier One Domestic Violence Training

The Department of Family Services is offering Tier One training **on March 11 and March 18 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Fairfax County Health Department (10777 Main Street, Fairfax, VA)**. Tier One is a two-day training on the dynamics of DV (domestic violence), systems that respond, and resources available in the community.



Domestic Violence Network
March 2023
TIER ONE TRAINING

Tier One is a two-day training on the dynamics of domestic violence, systems that respond, and resources available in our community.

ABOUT THIS TRAINING
The training is designed for professionals interested in learning the dynamics of domestic violence in order to deepen their work with clients and community members, and anyone interested in volunteering with Domestic and Sexual Violence Services.

Is this training right for you?
Tier One training explores topics that may be challenging. Sometimes learning about these topics or providing support to other people impacted by domestic and sexual violence may trigger difficult feelings for participants. If you have questions about the training content or concerns about participating, please contact John Crowover at john.crowover@fairfaxcounty.gov.

To complete this training and receive a Certificate of Completion, participants must register for both days.

LOCATION
Fairfax County Health Department
10777 Main Street (Kully Square)
Rowland Training Rooms A8B
Fairfax, VA 22030

Saturdays
Mar. 11 & 18, 2023
8 a.m.-5 p.m.

QUESTIONS?
Contact: **John Crowover**
703-324-6860
or
john.crowover@fairfaxcounty.gov
This training is free, but registration is required.

REGISTRATION LINK:
<http://bit.ly/3IOXZ6W>

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accommodations provided upon request call 703.324.6700



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Chief's Spotlight: Highlighting the Work of the Fairfax County Police Department



In his latest series of Chief's Spotlight videos, Chief Kevin Davis highlights great police work and quick response by officers to apprehend a man who carjacked an 81-year-old woman.

This video details the capture and recovery of the vehicle.

Neighborhood Watch Training

The West Springfield District Station will be hosting Neighborhood Watch training on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. This training is required before you may participate in the Neighborhood Watch Program. You are only required to take this training once unless you would like a refresher, or you have questions.

The training will be held in person only at the West Springfield District Station Community Room (6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA). If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363 or Anthony.capizzi@fairfaxcounty.gov



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
BY
neighbors who care
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BY
FAIRFAX COUNTY
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Neighborhood Watch Training
Monday, March 6, 2023 at 6:30PM
TRAINING CONDUCTED IN PERSON!!!
6140 ROLLING RD
SPRINGFIELD, VA 22152



Community Advisory Committee Community Engagement Meeting

The West Springfield District Community Advisory Committee (CAC) will be hosting a Community Engagement Meeting on **Tuesday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m.** These meetings offer the community a chance to communicate more effectively with officers of the Fairfax County Police Department.



Battalion Chief Jeff Lewis from the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department will be this month's speaker. He will be discussing the Urban Search and Rescue Team. The meeting will be held in person at the West Springfield District Station (6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA). Follow the Fairfax County Public School

system for any weather-related cancellations.

Consider signing up for the West Springfield CAC newsletter by emailing wscacmailbox@gmail.com. CAC meetings are generally held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. (except in July and August), and all ages are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, contact MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363.

Scout Night

Officers from the West Springfield District Station will be hosting a Scout Night on **Tuesday, March 14, between 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

If your den or troop would like to visit the police station and speak with officers, please contact them for available times. Officers will give a presentation to the kids in the community room, a video tour of the station, and then a hands-on tour of the police car outside. Space is limited to one den/troop every half hour. Slots are 5:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.



If older scouts need specific requirements for a badge, arrangements can be made. Please contact either PFC Liam May at (703) 277-2357 or MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363 for scheduling or further questions.

Car Seat Saturday

Get your car seat inspected **on Saturday, March 25, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** at 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA. No appointment is needed. Car seats will be inspected on a first-come, first-served basis. When you arrive, come into the lobby, and you will be given further directions. All car seat inspections/installations will be conducted by a certified Child Passenger Safety technician.



Be sure to install the child safety seat yourself so the inspection can be performed. The seat will be properly re-installed if necessary, and you will learn how to install the seat properly in the future. Reach out to MPO Tony Capizzi at

(703) 277-2363 or Anthony.capizzi@fairfaxcounty.gov if you have questions.

Car seat inspections are also available, by appointment, every Tuesday from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Please call the station at (703) 644-7377 and press zero to make an appointment for those days.

Free Hyundai Steering Wheel Locks

In response to [increasing thefts targeting Hyundai vehicles](#), the West Springfield District Station has partnered with Hyundai Motor America to distribute free steering wheel locks to local residents who own or lease affected Hyundais (2010-2022 models with "steel turnkey" ignition). Those who have a push-button start are not affected.

If you bring in your Hyundai's current registration to the front desk of the West Springfield District Station (6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA), you will be provided with a free steering wheel lock. The station can be visited anytime to claim your lock. Wheel locks are being offered on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

The station has reached out to Kia and is waiting on them to supply with wheel locks. They will be hosting a KIA event once the locks come in. Scheduling information will be provided at that time.



If you have any questions, please call MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363 or [send an email](#).

Mason Alert Available to the Community

George Mason University's emergency notification system, Mason Alert, is designed to notify students, employees, visitors, and neighbors of emergencies on campus and safety issues.

Family, friends, and neighbors can receive notifications by registering mobile phone numbers and email addresses through a community portal available at alert.gmu.edu. If you have any questions or concerns about the Mason Alert Emergency Notification System, please send an email to alert@gmu.edu.

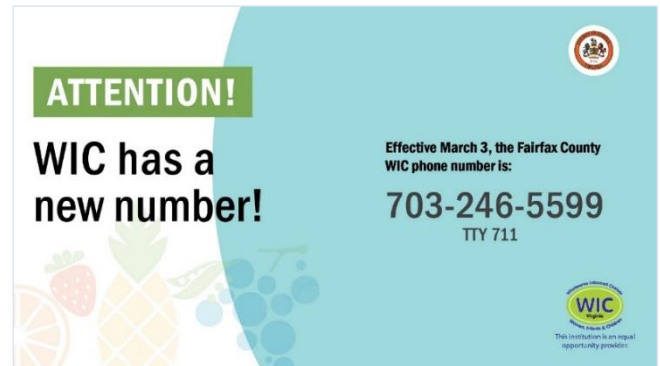
For additional information about emergency preparedness at George Mason University, please visit ready.gmu.edu, contact the Environmental Health and Safety Office at (703) 993-8448, or visit safety@gmu.edu.

Human Services Corner

New Number for WIC

Beginning March 3, the Fairfax County Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program will transition to one phone number: (703) 246-5599. The centralized number will allow the program to better serve clients and the community.

WIC information can be found on the [Health Department's page](#).



Need Help with a Heating Emergency?



Are you facing a "no heat" situation? The Crisis Assistance program helps households overcome energy emergencies that cannot be met by other resources.

An energy emergency is determined when a household has no heat or is in imminent danger of being without heat. The open application period for the Crisis Assistance program closes on **March 15**.

Learn more and apply for the Crisis Assistance program at [CommonHelp's website](#) or by calling 1 (833) 522-5582.

Need Assistance Paying Your Past-Due Water Bill?

The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) may be able to help! LIHWAP is a program that helps eligible low-income households by providing a one-time payment directly to their water and/or wastewater provider. LIHWAP runs through September 2023 or until the funds are exhausted. The Virginia Department of Social Services has selected Promise Network to administer LIHWAP.

To apply for the LIHWAP or for questions about the program, visit the [Virginia Department of Social Services' website](#), or call 1 (888) 373-9908.

¿Necesita ayuda para pagar sus facturas de agua?

El Departamento de Servicios Sociales de Virginia se ha asociado con las empresas de servicios públicos locales para distribuir fondos para ayudar a los hogares de bajos ingresos a pagar sus facturas de agua y aguas residuales. LIHWAP (Programa de asistencia de agua para hogares de bajos ingresos) está disponible para



ayudar a los hogares elegibles que tienen dificultades para pagar sus facturas de agua y aguas residuales vencidas.

Cómo aplicar: [En línea](#) | Teléfono: 1(888) 373-9908

Asistencia con la aplicación está disponible comunicándose directamente con Promise entre las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m. de lunes a sábado

Resources for Older Adults

Free Community Events at the Wellness Center for Older Adults, March 2023

4027B Olley Lane, Fairfax, VA

Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>March 2023</i>		1	2	3
*Activities are streamed with in-person adaptation **Red = A Community Partner led event		10:30 Creativity Leads to Wellness	1:00 Chair Yoga*	1:00 Movie Club: Amelia
6	7	8	9	10
1:00 Healthy Eating: Graham Cracker Energy Balls	10:00-2:00 'Brown Bag' Medication & Nutrition Workshop 1:00 Chair Zumba*	10:30 Creativity Leads to Wellness	10:00-2:00 Blood Pressure Screenings 1:00 Chair Yoga*	10:30 St. Patrick's Day with Tom Delanie*
13	14	15	16	17
	10:00 Brunch Reception 1:00 Chair Zumba*	10:30 Creativity Leads to Wellness	1:00 Chair Yoga*	1:00 Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors
20	21	22	23	24
1:00 Healthy Eating: Spring has sprung Veggie Rolls	1:00 Normal Aging vs. Dementia	10:30 Creativity Leads to Wellness	10:00-2:00 Blood Pressure Screenings 1:00 Chair Yoga*	1:00 Birthday Celebration with Footloose
27	28	29	30	31
	1:00 Chair Zumba*	10:30 Creativity Leads to Wellness	1:00 Chair Yoga*	CLOSED

Wellness Center for Older Adults Programming Descriptions (listed alphabetically)

6 Pillars of Brain Health

Join a discussion by [AARP](#) to explore information on the pillars ongoing exercise, restorative sleep, and eating right. Puzzle books will be provided!

Birthday Celebration

Happy Birthday baby! Come celebrate and dance with us on March 24 or play Bingo with us on April 27 at 1:00 p.m. Reserve a slice of cake!

Blood Pressure Screenings

[American Health Care Professionals](#) offer free Blood Pressure checks and nurse consultations. Appointments are in 30-minute increments. 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome, or call or email to reserve an appointment.

'Brown Bag' Medication & Nutrition Workshop

[NOVA Scripts Central](#) will present a workshop at 10:30 for all to join. They also offer free confidential medication reviews and

educational materials to people with concerns about their health. Reserve your appointment!

Brunch Reception

The WCOA is having an open house from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Breakfast food will be available at 10:00 a.m., and tours will be offered throughout the day.

Chair Zumba

Grab a chair at the wellness center! Move to music in this low-impact exercise. **This class is streamed with in-person adaptations**

Chair Yoga

Chair yoga is a beneficial form of yoga for any fitness level, from active seniors to those recovering from an injury. **This class is streamed with in-person adaptations**

Creativity Leads to Wellness

Join our creative art sessions led by local artist Sharon Fishel from [McLean Project for the Arts](#). This class will focus on individuals discovering their own creativity working in the mediums of drawings, paintings, and mixed-media collage. All materials will be provided.

Healthy Eating

Aprons on, everybody! These simple recipes require no cooking and are delicious. Call or email to save a seat for the “cooking” demonstrations.

Memory Screenings

[Insight Memory Care Center](#) offers free confidential memory screenings and educational materials to people with concerns about their memory or who want to check their memory now for future comparison. Call to reserve a 30-minute appointment at (703) 970-3601.

Movie Club

Join us for a movie club experience. This activity is centered around watching quality films and having a discussion following the movie.

- **Footloose** is a 1984 film about a city teenager who moves to a small town where rock music and dancing have

been banned, and his rebellious spirit shakes up the populace.

- **Singin' in the Rain** is a 1952 American musical comedy about a couple who find love while trying to adjust to sound coming to the movie industry.

Normal Aging vs. Dementia

Join [Insight Memory Care Center](#) for a discussion on typical cognitive changes that occur with age, warning signs of a memory problem, reversible and irreversible causes of dementia, and what to do if you are concerned about yourself or a loved one.

Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors

Behavior is a powerful form of communication and is one of the primary ways people living with dementia communicate their needs and feelings as the ability to use language is lost. However, some behaviors can present real challenges for caregivers to manage. Join the [Alzheimer's Association](#) to learn to decode behavioral messages, identify common triggers, and learn strategies to help manage some of the most common behavioral challenges of Alzheimer's disease.

Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

Alzheimer's is not normal aging. It's a disease of the brain that causes problems with memory, thinking, and behavior. Learn about the impact of Alzheimer's, the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, Alzheimer's disease stages and risk factors, current research and treatments available, and [Alzheimer's Association](#) resources.

St. Patrick's Day with Tom Delanie

This music performance is streamed for in-person adaptation

Visit [Virginia Wellness Center for Older Adults' website](#), call (703) 970-3601, or email VAwellnesscenter@servicesource.org for more information.

Virtual Memory Café

The Fairfax Area Agency on Aging's Caregiver & Supportive Services Unit is pleased to announce its new Health & Wellness Series for Family Caregivers of Older Adults and/or Adults with a Disability: A Virtual Memory Café with Carol Blackwell, Family Caregiver, on Friday, March 24 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

In this session, you will discover what exactly a Memory Café is and what it isn't. We will have an interactive session with sample activities, games, and resources. Traveling with your loved one on the Alzheimer's journey is difficult. Sharing the journey with others can make it easier.

Carol Blackwell was a caregiver for her husband, Bob, for 12 years. Between 2007 and 2012, Bob and Carol were the subjects of a series of articles in USA TODAY on living with Alzheimer's Disease. In addition, they wrote a weekly blog for the online USA TODAY. Carol started the first Memory Café in Northern Virginia. [You can register here.](#)

- All webinars are free and open to family caregivers, older adults, adults with a disability, professionals, and the community-at-large.
- All webinars will be recorded, and registrants will receive a link to the recording of the live event.




Carol Blackwell
Family Caregiver

For questions, email Giuliana.ValenciaOrdonez@fairfaxcounty.gov or call (703) 324-5484.

Tax Season Resources

Tax Relief Workshop Series at Braddock Hall

**Braddock District Supervisor
James Walkinshaw
invites you to the Braddock District
Tax Relief Workshop Series**



**Representatives from
the Fairfax County
Department of Tax
Administration will be
available to assist
attendees with filing
for tax relief.**

**Tuesday, March 28 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 4 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

Both workshops will be held at Braddock Hall
9002 Burke Lake Rd. Burke, VA 22015

Questions? Email taxrelief@fairfaxcounty.gov

Supervisor
James R. Walkinshaw
Braddock District
Fairfax County, Virginia

Need assistance applying for tax relief? Supervisor Walkinshaw and the County Department of Tax Administration invite you to attend a tax relief workshop at Braddock Hall (9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA).

■ **Tuesday, March 28, at
10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

■ **Tuesday, April 4, at 10:00
a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

Tax relief is available to residents who meet **certain eligibility criteria.**

For more information on the tax relief workshops, contact the Department of Tax Administration at (703) 222-8234 (TTY 711) Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or send an email to **taxrelief@fairfaxcounty.gov**

Military Tax Services

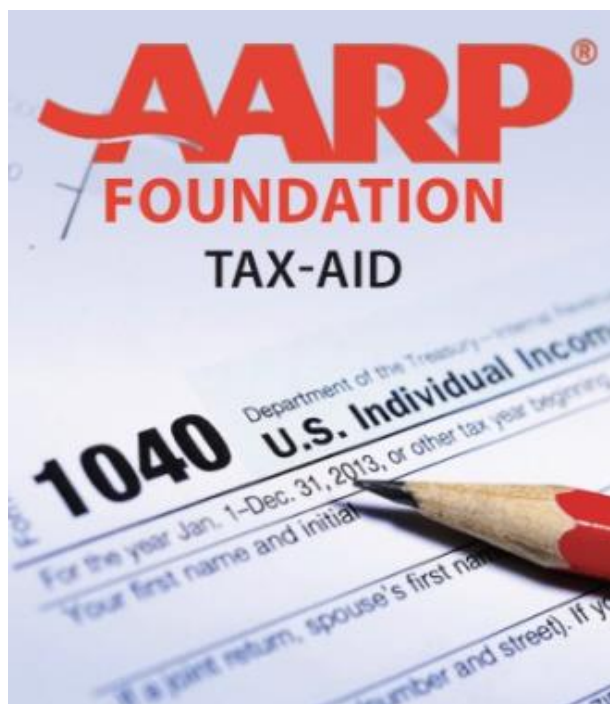
Free tax services are **available for active military, veterans, and their families** from MilTax until October 15.

Services include tax preparation, e-filing software, and one-on-one help from military tax experts. These services are provided by Military OneSource and the Department of Defense.

AARP Tax-Aide

AARP provides in-person and virtual tax assistance to anyone free of charge with a special focus on taxpayers who are over 50 or have low to moderate income. The program is co-sponsored by the IRS.

- Program services are generally available through April 15 of each year. During that time, you can enter your zip code to [find a Tax-Aide location](#) near you.
- Fairfax County Public Libraries host several AARP Tax Assistance events/workshops. You can find information on the [Library's website](#).
- For more information about the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program, call (888) 687-2277 (TTY (877) 434-7598).



Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

VITA offers free income [tax preparation and filing](#) services to families and individuals who earned \$60,000 or less in 2022. IRS-certified volunteers will ensure you receive the maximum tax refund and help determine if you are eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). This service is organized by [Fairfax County Department of Family Services](#).

Land Use & Development

UPCOMING MEETINGS & HEARINGS

Planning Commission Workshop on Braddock District Site-Specific Plan Amendments

- March 9 at 7:30 p.m., Board Auditorium

Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting

- March 21 at 7:00 p.m. – Virtual

Planning Commission Hearing on Rezoning Proposal for Day Property

- March 29 at 7:30 p.m., Board Auditorium

Board Approves Affordable Housing Project at the Government Center Campus

On February 21, the Board of Supervisors approved a plan to replace underused surface parking on the Government Center campus with much-needed affordable housing. This project began in January 2021, when the Board of Supervisors approved Supervisor Walkinshaw's proposal to transfer Parking Lots G and H to the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) to develop affordable housing units. The FCRHA selected LACM VA, LLC, a subsidiary of Lincoln Avenue Capital, as their development partner.

The new affordable housing community will consist of 279 multi-family units in two mid-rise buildings and 15,500 square feet of secondary uses. The rental units will include 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom units serving those earning from 30 to 70 percent of Area Median Income. Fifteen percent of the units will meet Americans with Disability Act (ADA) standards, and all will feature universal design. The facility will have 333 underground parking spaces along with a limited amount of on-street parking for child care drop-off/pick-up and deliveries. The applicant has committed to achieving Earthcraft Gold certification and will include a rooftop solar array to provide renewable energy for the buildings. Two percent of parking garage spaces will include electric vehicle (EV) charging, and all parking garage spaces will be EV-ready. Enhanced stormwater treatment will be put in place. A central promenade area between the buildings will include space for a variety of passive and active recreational amenities, including play spaces for children, game tables, and multi-purpose lawns. Internal amenities include resident lounges, a resident fitness room, and business center.



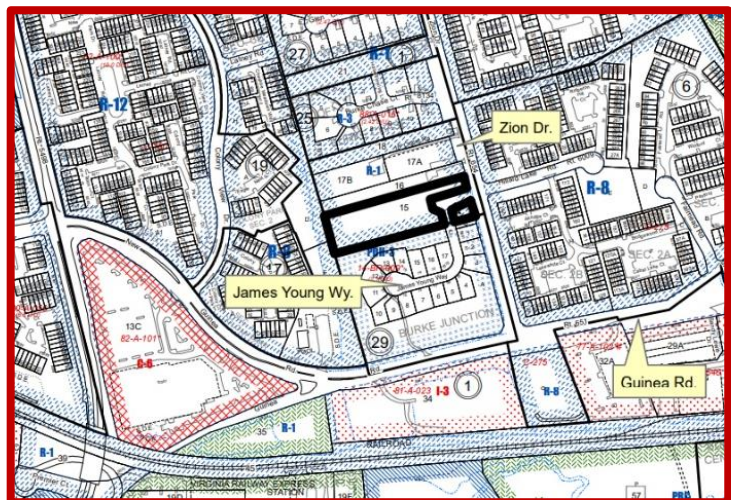
The secondary uses will be located in the eastern part of the north building and include a 10,250 square foot child care facility with separate playground for up to 125 children and 5,250 square feet for supportive services for residents, both of which will be run by the nonprofit Cornerstones. The supportive services could include an

afterschool program, healthcare/telehealth services, and flexible classroom space for educational and training opportunities. Approximately sixty percent of the child care slots will be reserved for building residents and other area residents receiving subsidized child care and the remainder will be open to others, including County government employees.

This project helps meet the Board of Supervisors' goal of providing 10,000 units of new affordable housing by 2034 and does so in an environmentally sensitive way, by replacing surface parking with a modern, green building on existing County-owned property near transit, employment, retail, and an elementary school. As Supervisor Walkinshaw stated at the Board hearing approving the plan, it is a win-win-win.

Planning Commission Hearing on Proposal to Develop Day Property on Zion Drive Rescheduled for March 29

A rezoning proposal for 10121 Zion Drive, a wooded, undeveloped site known as the Day property, has been under consideration for the past year. This 2.8-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 (RPA) 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 through an extension of James Young Way, a private street which connects to Zion Drive opposite



Hillard Lake Road and links to the Burke Junction neighborhood to the south. The applicant has stated that they intend to make this development compatible with Burke Junction. The proposal would complete the sidewalk network along Zion Drive. Proposed recreation amenity areas include a pollinator garden

with birdhouses and benches, and a tot lot.

The applicant has met with the community, Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee, and staff to discuss the details of this application. As a result, they made minor modifications to the plan. Those changes included increasing the northern side setback to be compliant with County standards, and adding nine on-street visitor parking spaces along the new portion of James Young Way and the existing area directly connecting with Zion Drive.

A RPA delineation was recently conducted and shows that the actual RPA extends slightly further into the property than what was shown on the map. This isn't expected to have a substantial impact on the layout and will be addressed in the applicant's next plan submission. The applicant will also be meeting with neighboring property owners later this month to review the plans and address continuing concerns about the orientation of the development, visitor parking, stormwater management, and tree save, as well as a potential crosswalk across Zion Drive.

A Staff Report analyzing the proposal was published on February 1. The report and project plans are available on the [PLUS website](#). Select the "Zoning" tab and enter the application number, RZ-2021-BR-00018, in the search box on the right side. Click on the "Record Information" arrow on the left and then click on "Attachments" in the drop-down menu. The most recent documents should be at the end of the list. The PLUS website is updated in real time, so any updates will be available when submitted.

The Planning Commission's public hearing has been rescheduled for March 29 in the Board Auditorium. The hearing begins at 7:30 p.m., but the order of the agenda will not be determined until that evening. If you are interested in offering testimony, you should sign up in advance to make sure you are on the speakers' list. You may also submit video testimony or written comments in advance of the hearing. Information on

providing testimony is available on the [Planning Commission website](#). A hearing before the Board of Supervisors has not yet been scheduled.

Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will hold a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, March 21, at 7:00 p.m.** The agenda will include updates on the Day property rezoning and 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#.

Workshop on March 9 will Review Three Braddock District Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposals

The Planning Commission will hold a workshop on March 9 to review three Site-Specific Plan Amendment (SSPA) nominations in the Braddock District. The workshop will be held in the Board Auditorium at the Fairfax County Government Center beginning at 7:30 p.m. and will include nominations in the Dranesville, Mason, Franconia, and Braddock Districts.

This workshop is the next step in the 2022-2023 SSPA process. A well-attended virtual community meeting was held on January 30 to review three preliminary proposals, or nominations, for land use changes to the County's long-range Comprehensive Plan in the Braddock District. If you missed the community meeting, a [video recording](#) is available. All comments provided have been made a part of the record.

The Planning Commission Workshop will offer an opportunity for the Planning Commission to consider the nominations as well as the balance of planning priorities and provide a recommendation on which nominations should advance. The Planning Commission workshop is open to the public and individuals will be able to provide comments. For information on how to provide testimony, visit the [Planning Commission](#) website.

Following the Planning Commission's recommendation, the Board of Supervisors will determine which nominations are added to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Work Program and how they should be prioritized. Nominations added to the Work Program would proceed for formal review as Plan amendments. A public rezoning process would also be required for a proposal to be implemented.

Three nominations in the Braddock District are under consideration:

11301 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax – Evergreen Investment Company, LLC

This vacant site at the southwest corner of Waples Mill Road and Route 50 is currently planned for office use up to 0.15 FAR with an overlay option of medium/high intensity office use at 0.70 FAR. A portion of the site may also be used to accommodate a future planned overpass at the intersection. The nomination proposes adding an option to the current Plan text to allow for residential use up to 1.9 FAR. A multi-family residential building with structured parking and up to 200 units is proposed on the property.

11727 Fairfax Woods Way, Fairfax – EQR Fairfax Corner, LLC

This site is contained in the Reserve at Fairfax Corner. The base Plan calls for residential use at 4-8 dwelling units/acre, with a redevelopment option of office mixed-use up to 0.35 FAR. The nomination proposes to construct a mid-rise multifamily building with structured parking that contains up to 405 units within an existing multifamily development. The construction of the multifamily building will result in the loss of up to 70 existing multifamily units, or a net increase of up to 335 multifamily units on the property. To accommodate this proposal, the nomination proposes adding an option to the Plan text to allow an increase in the allowable FAR from 0.35 to 0.42 FAR.

9350 Braddock Road, Fairfax – Trustees of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Episcopal

Land in the Olley Lane corridor between Braddock Road and Athens Road is planned for low-density residential use, which generally should not exceed one dwelling unit per acre to retain the contour of land to preserve existing mature trees. The nominator proposes adding an option to the current Plan text to allow for residential use up to a density of 2-3 dwelling units per acre. The church would remain on a portion of the site.

Details on each nomination, a [white paper on the 2022-2023 SSPA screening process](#), a [summary of nominations](#), [summaries of the community meetings](#), and more may be found on the [SSPA website](#).

Learn More about PLUS at Webinar Wednesdays

Fairfax County staff will answer all your questions about the Planning and Land Use System (PLUS) in live, bi-weekly webinars. Webinar Wednesday sessions focus on specific PLUS topics. The next webinar is:

Searching for Information in PLUS

Wednesday, March 8 | 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Join Fairfax County staff for a free webinar to see a demonstration of PLUS. This demonstration will show customers how to use PLUS to perform basic searches. [Register here.](#)



Scheduling Building Inspections in PLUS

Wednesday, March 22 | 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

This demonstration will be focused on the Building module and how customers can schedule inspections for their projects. [Register here.](#)

Enhance Your PLUS Experience with GIS and Mapping Services

Wednesday, April 5 | 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

This demonstration will focus on Fairfax County Geographic Information Systems (GIS) such as the Site Records Viewer and the Infill Lot Grading Plan and Conservation Plan Viewer that interface with PLUS. Learn how to leverage these tools with PLUS to get notifications and find the information you need. [Register here.](#)

Update on Construction at Erickson Living's Woodleigh Chase Project

Work continues on both the interior and exterior of the first phase of Erickson Living's Woodleigh Chase community on Braddock Road. At Emerson Square, the community building in the center of the first section, drywall is being installed, tile flooring and countertops are being set, and priming is being done to prepare for painting. At the residential building to the west, Fulton Landing, the developer continues to install siding, insulate interior walls, and set mechanical units on the roof. They are also pouring gypcrete at the floors. Brick is being installed on the exterior of Stafford Glen, the residential building on the east, and windows have been installed. Interior mechanical-electrical-plumbing work continues and framing is being completed.

The Woodleigh Chase marketing center is now open. If you have questions, please contact the sales office at (703) 259-5300 or at www.WoodleighChase.com.

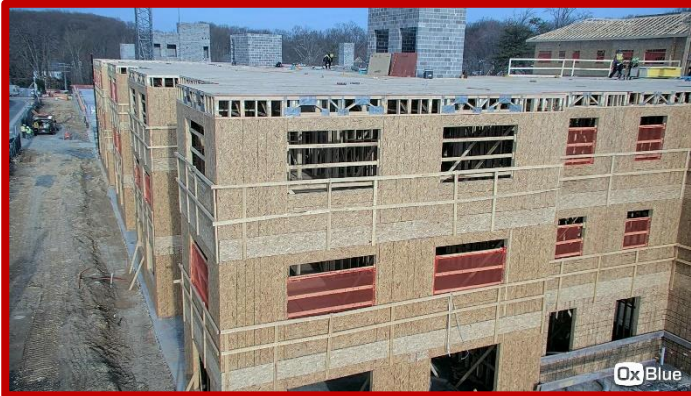


Update on Braddock Senior

On the western side of the former NVTC suite, progress is being made on Braddock Senior, the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing's project at Braddock Road and Red Spruce Road. It will provide 80 units of age-restricted affordable housing to serve independent older adults ages 62 and above with household incomes at or below 60 percent of the Area Median Income.

Last week, the walls were framed on the north side of the fourth floor and decking was installed on the south side. The concrete block masonry firewall was laid from the fourth floor to the underside of the roof and roof truss installation began. Mechanical-electric-plumbing rough-in is also underway. Over the next few weeks, we can expect to see continuation of roof work, installation of windows, and site grading.

Update on the One University Affordable Housing



Development

At the affordable housing portion of the One University site at University Drive and Ox Road, the plumbing, electrical, mechanical and sprinkler work in the underground garage is complete. Masonry stair and elevator towers are complete for both the family and senior buildings. The senior building roof framing is 50 percent complete and structural framing is in place through the third floor on the balance of the building. Plumbing, mechanical and electrical rough-in work is ongoing on the first floor. Framing on the family building should start by mid-March.

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 website](#) for more information on this land use platform.

■ **Katina Marie Scott & Timothy Paul Chobot – 4408 Random Court, Annandale
SP-2022-BR-00121**

The applicants are seeking a reduction in setback requirements to permit a two-story addition 7.9 feet from the southwest side lot line such that side setbacks total 19.7 feet, and a roofed deck (covered patio) 10 feet from the southwest side lot line. The BZA hearing on this application was **scheduled for March 1**. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

■ **Farzaneh Hajiaghabozorgi & Nini Daycare LLC – 5002 Wheatstone Drive, Fairfax
SP-2022-BR-00177**

The applicant is seeking approval to expand a home child care facility to care for 12 children. Arrival times would be between 7:30 and 9:15 a.m. and pick-up times would be from 2:45 to 5:00 p.m. The applicant currently has two employees and would hire two additional employees to have two during the morning shift and two for the afternoon shift. Parking would be in the driveway and on the street. The applicant is also requesting a reduction in setback requirements to permit an accessory structure (shed) to remain 0.0 feet from the southern lot line. The BZA hearing on this application has been scheduled for March 15. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

■ **Ryan D. Swanson & Allison S. Swanson – 4121 Nutwood Way, Fairfax
SP-2021-BR-00112**

The applicants are seeking a reduction in setback requirements to permit an addition (screened porch) 19.2 feet from the rear lot line. The BZA hearing on this application has been scheduled for March 22. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

■ **Nandor Szuprics & Erika B. Szuprics – 4800 Treasure Court, Fairfax
SP-2022-BR-00184**

The applicants are seeking a reduction in setback requirements to permit an open deck to remain 4.8 feet from the rear lot line. The BZA hearing on this application has been scheduled for March 29. 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 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. The BZA hearing on this application has been deferred until **March 29**. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

■ **Mark E. Yohn – 5513 Ravenel Lane, Springfield
SP-2022-BR-00185**

The applicant is requesting a reduction in setback requirements to allow an addition (garage) to remain 9.2 feet from the side property line. The applicant is also requesting to raise the roof of the garage by 5 feet. In addition, the applicant is requesting a reduction in setback requirements to permit an accessory structure (shed) to remain 1 foot from the property line and with a height of 9.8 feet. A BZA hearing has been scheduled for April 26. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

■ **Shringar Rana – 8113 Carrick Lane, Springfield
SP-2021-BR-00145**

The applicant is seeking approval to expand a home child care facility to care for 12 children. Arrival times would be between 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. and pick-up times would be from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. The applicant currently has one employee. The applicant has stated that adequate parking is available. The BZA hearing on this application has been scheduled for April 26. 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.