



The Braddock Beacon

County Unveils Plan to Save Lake Accotink

In a follow up to our last Beacon article, on September 19, Supervisor Jeff McKay and I along with Park Authority staff announced our plan to save Lake Accotink forever. It was a great day for the community. This plan costs less than the original forecast, dredges the lake, provides for regular continued maintenance dredging, and will not require any large trucks to drive through neighborhood streets.

The Park Authority's recommendation is to do an initial wet dredge of the lake to an average 8-foot depth. Regular dredging on a much smaller scale would continue in future years. The initial dredge would cost a total of \$30.5 million to complete and \$2.013 million annually to maintain. This is much less than the \$50 million we expected last year. The sediment collected in the dredging would be brought by pipe to an unused area of Wakefield Park under the power lines for dewatering. Once it dries, the dirt would be trucked out of the county via the I-495 beltway. No truck would need to use neighborhood roads. The Wakefield dewatering area gives direct access to Braddock Road, and a minimal impact on wetlands in the area. Further study found trucking was the best way to move the final dirt.

The dewatering system recommended by the Park Authority is known as the Geotextile Fabric Dewatering System. This reusable system easily accommodates large volumes of sediment. It reduces dewatering time versus the traditional basin method and does not disturb the ground at the installation site. It will require trucking sediment to a permanent disposal location at the end of the process.

The sediment field is recommended to be placed north of Braddock Road. This location is ideal due to its proximity to the Braddock Road access route. The sites considered south of Braddock Road would cause an increase in construction and trucking activities near residential communities. By building the dewatering site north of Braddock Road the site would have access to on-site dewatering and quick access to I-495 to truck to the final disposal site. Lastly, it would have the least impact to streams and wetlands compared to sites below Braddock Road.

The Board of Supervisors will vote on this proposal on October 29. There is still time to voice your opinions to my office. You can email us at Braddock@FairfaxCounty.gov or call us at 703-425-9300.

Braddock District Champions of Character Honored

The Fairfax County Champions of Character Awards program honors youth, coaches, and parents for extraordinary service in pursuing victory with honor on and off the field of competition. The awards pay tribute to those who have modeled the basic traits of good character—respect, responsibility, caring, trustworthiness, citizenship, and fairness. On October 1, four outstanding individuals from the Braddock District were recognized.

Kristin Huempfner, Female Athlete, *Braddock Road Youth Club Soccer*

The Braddock Road Youth Club soccer team is committed to service work, and team co-captain Kristin Huempfner represents the team at every service event. Whether it is running a bingo game, supporting coaching education, or fundraising, Kristin does it all with enthusiasm and a smile. In the field, she stays focused and leads by example, always helping push the team to improve.

Michael Powell, Male Athlete, *Robinson Secondary School*

A rising senior at Robinson Secondary, Mikey Powell has been a key member of the basketball program for three years. He is also a member of the Robinson Golf team and volunteers as a youth basketball coach. Mikey leads by example with his hard work, dedication and teamwork.

Robert (Bob) Heyer, Coach, *Braddock Road Youth Club Soccer*

Bob Heyer's love for soccer and positive attitude is infectious. For 40 years, he has coached young people in soccer, teaching both the game and all the life lessons that come from youth sports. Bob challenges the young men on his team to learn and grow together, encourages them as individuals to move into leadership roles, and serves as an example of a leader worth following.

Bob Gaylord, Parent, *Braddock Road Youth Club Basketball*

Bob Gaylord lives the good values we want to see in the world, and especially in our young people. As Braddock Road Youth Club basketball coach, president of the Virginia Happy Trails Running Club, and now Member-at-Large on the BRYC Board, Bob makes a positive difference in the lives of those around him.



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Cook in the Community



Burke Centre Festival: Supervisor Cook spoke at the opening ceremony of the Burke Centre Festival on September 7.

Lake Accotink: Supervisor Cook along with Supervisor Jeff McKay and the Park Authority hosted the Lake Accotink Sustainability Meeting on September 19.

WIN: Supervisor Cook was honored with a certificate of appreciation by the Welcoming Inclusion Network on September 23. (Photo)

Lake Braddock: Supervisor Cook rode in the Lake Braddock Secondary School Homecoming parade on September 27.

Braddock Neighborhood News



Supervisor Cook hosts a monthly television show, Braddock Neighborhood News, on Fairfax County Channel 16, which is available on most cable networks. Supervisor Cook invites special guests to cover topics on important matters that affect the Braddock District. This month Supervisor Cook will focus on our County's affordable housing. The episode will feature interviews with Tom Fleetwood, Director of Housing and Community Development, and Jim Edmondson, Principal of E&G Group which is an affordable housing and management company. Episodes air on Sundays at 5 pm, Wednesdays at 7 pm and Fridays at 5 pm. You may also watch the episodes online.

Community News

COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD INVITES PUBLIC FEEDBACK ON TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT VIRGINIA

Share comments at public meetings, online, by email, and by mail

RICHMOND, Va. – The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) invites the public to share feedback on transportation initiatives at nine meetings across Virginia this fall. Representatives from the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI), the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) will highlight transportation programs, discuss ideas and answer questions about the Commonwealth’s multimodal transportation network.

The public will have an opportunity to learn and share feedback about:

- Adjustments to the statewide project prioritization process, known as SMART SCALE, which allocates limited funding to the most critical transportation needs.
- Virginia’s Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, which identifies transportation projects that will utilize federal transportation funding or require approval from federal partners.
- A draft Mid-term Transportation Needs assessment for VTrans, Virginia’s statewide, multimodal transportation plan that outlines a vision and goals for transportation in the Commonwealth. The plan will identify transportation investment priorities and guides transportation agencies’ strategies and programs.
- Adjustments to Virginia’s Highway Safety Improvement Program, which aims to link infrastructure improvements across highway travel modes to performance outcomes outlined in Virginia’s Strategic Highway Safety Plan.
- Additionally, the meeting in the Richmond District will include information about the I-95 Corridor Study.

The public meeting will begin at 6 pm on Tuesday, October 22 at the Northern Virginia District Office – Potomac Conference Room – 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Meeting materials will be available at <http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/planning/springmeetings/default.asp> beginning October 15, 2019.

Online sources

- SMART SCALE: <http://vasmartscale.org/>
- Virginia’s Statewide Transportation Improvement Program: <http://www.virginiadot.org/about/stip.asp>
- Virginia’s Highway Safety Improvement Program: http://www.virginiadot.org/business/tes_app_pro.asp
- VTrans: <http://www.VTrans.org>

The public can submit comments on transportation projects and initiatives to the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI), OIPI Deputy Director Ronique Day, 1221 E. Broad St., Richmond, VA 23219 or PublicComments@OIPI.Virginia.gov. Comments will be accepted until November 30, 2019.

For additional information about the CTB, visit <http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/>.



Supervisor Cook and Chairman Sharon Bulova were honored by the Fairfax County Park Authority for their outstanding commitment to historic preservation in Fairfax County during the annual open house at Historic Oak Hill in Annandale on September 21.

Fall 2019 activities for seniors (50+), sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke (SCFB)

ADVENTURES IN LEARNING, FALL 2019

Older Adults Shape Up Mentally and Physically with the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke: Join the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke (SCFB) for its fall session of *Adventures in Learning*. Mondays, October 7 through November 11, 9:15 am to 2:45 pm, at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Rd., Fairfax; cost \$30.00. This program is open to all adults age 50 or better. Bring a brown bag lunch and stay for a full day of classes/activities and socializing or pick and choose the classes that interest you the most. Registration form and class schedule are available at [https://s3.amazonaws.com/storage.nm-storage.com/scfbva/files/ailinsert-8-19.final \(2\).pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/storage.nm-storage.com/scfbva/files/ailinsert-8-19.final (2).pdf), or by calling the SCFB office at 703-426-2824.

CONCERT – NOVEMBER 15, 2019, 8 PM

The Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke (SCFB), in conjunction with the Reunion Music Society, invites you to the fall concert of the NOVA - Annandale Symphony Orchestra to be held at the Rachel Schlesinger Concert Hall, NOVA - Alexandria Campus, 4915 East Campus Lane, Alexandria. Free parking available. Ticket prices: Adults - \$15; Students, with ID - \$10; children under 12 – free. For ticket information, call 703-426-2824. If tickets are purchased from Shepherd's Center, a portion of the proceeds goes to support SCFB programs for seniors. Here is the link to the flyer: [https://s3.amazonaws.com/storage.nm-storage.com/scfbva/files/rms.flyer.nov7.2019 \(2\).pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/storage.nm-storage.com/scfbva/files/rms.flyer.nov7.2019 (2).pdf)

LUNCH N' LIFE – NOVEMBER 21, 2019, 12 PM - 2 PM

Are You 50 or Better? Please join us for the next *Lunch N' Life* sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke on Thursday, **November 21** (12 pm to 2 pm) at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 8922 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Author Rebecca Boggs Roberts will speak on the experiences of the Suffragists of Washington, DC. For reservations, call Bea Stephenson at 703-273-5730, **by November 15**. The cost is \$10.00; checks payable to SCFB. If transportation is needed, call the SCFB office (703) 323-4788. See www.scfbva.org for more information. Here is the link to the flyer: [https://s3.amazonaws.com/storage.nm-storage.com/scfbva/files/lnl.flyers.nov.2019 \(1\).pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/storage.nm-storage.com/scfbva/files/lnl.flyers.nov.2019 (1).pdf)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for SCFB TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS!

Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke serves those 50+seniors who no longer drive through their transportation support programs. **Volunteer Drivers** are needed for trips to medical appointments (Monday - Friday) and companion shopping (Tuesday, Friday) within the Fairfax-Burke area and to medical appointments (Monday - Friday) in the South County area. **Office volunteers** are also needed to schedule rides. **Bilingual volunteers** (English and Spanish) are especially needed as drivers and office volunteers. If you can volunteer your time, please email **Jean Browne** at recruiter@scfb.org or call Jean at 703-715-7592.

Fairfax County Scraps Curbside Recycling of Glass Items

FAIRFAX, VA — Residents receiving Fairfax County trash and recycling collection services can no longer put glass bottles and jars in curbside recycling bins. As of Oct. 1, residents must put glass in the trash or take it to purple containers set aside for glass recycling.

The county decided to remove glass from the curbside recycling service after conversations with Covanta Fairfax, Inc., which runs the waste-to-energy plant, and private recycling sorting centers. The county says broken glass can contaminate other recycled items such as cardboard and metals and damage machinery. Another factor is the weight of glass adding to the cost of transporting recyclables to recycling centers.

The region has a separate glass collection program at 21 purple collection containers. This glass is taken to the glass processing plant in Lorton and crushed to be used for a variety of projects. Clean glass bottles and jars of all colors are accepted. Glass items not taken are lamps, light bulbs, ceramics, porcelain, mirrors, windows, and sheet glass.

Jurisdictions participating in the purple container program are Fairfax County, City of Alexandria, Arlington County and Prince William County.

Locations of purple glass collection containers are:

- Fairfax County Recycling and Disposal Center: 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton, VA 22079
- Franconia Governmental Center: 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310
- Mount Vernon District Governmental Center: 2511 Parkers Lane, Mt. Vernon, VA, 22306
- Springfield District Governmental Center: 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA, 22152
- Mason District Governmental Center: 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 2200
- Providence Community Center: 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax, VA 22031
- Fairfax County Government Center – Lot B: 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax, VA 22035
- I-66 Transfer Station: 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030
- Sully District Governmental Center: 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151
- Reston South Park and Ride: 2531 Reston Parkway, Herndon, VA 20191
- Lee Community Center: 5722 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22207
- Cherrydale Branch Library: 2190 Military Road, Arlington, VA 22207
- Quincy Park: 1021 N Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22201
- 2800 S Taylor Street, Arlington, VA 22206
- Aurora Hills Recreation Center: 735 18th Street S, Arlington, VA 22202
- Tower Court and S Whiting Street, Alexandria, VA 22304
- 4251 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304
- 3224 Colvin Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
- S Royal Street and Jones Point Drive, Alexandria, VA 22314
- Prince William County Landfill: 14811 Dumfries Road, Manassas, VA 20112
- Balls Ford Road Yard Waste Compost Facility: 13000 Balls Ford Road, Manassas, VA 20109



The county advises residents to avoid putting certain items in curbside recycling bins. Allowed items are: plastic bottles and jugs (with lids on), metal food and beverage cans, cartons, mixed paper and cardboard. Items not allowed are: plastic bags, film and pillow packaging; glass; food bags and wrappers; foam and plastic takeout containers and cups; needles and medical waste; diapers; clothing; shredded paper; mixed packaging; hangers, hoses and cables; and batteries.

Human Services Corner

UPCOMING NOVEMBER ELECTION DEADLINES

October 15: Voter Registration Deadline (In Person/By Mail) 5 pm; online: 11:59 pm; **October 29:** Deadline to apply to receive an Absentee Ballot by mail, fax and online: 5 pm; **November 2:** Deadline for In Person Absentee Voting, 5 pm; **November 5:** Absentee Ballot return deadline, 7 pm.

IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING LOCATIONS

NOVEMBER 5, 2019 GENERAL & SPECIAL ELECTIONS

[Absentee Voting at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035 \(Conference Rooms 2/3\)](#)

Please Note: In-Person Absentee voting locations are CLOSED on Sundays

Please Note: In-Person Absentee voting is CLOSED on October 14 (Columbus Day)

September 20-October 16:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays: 8 am-4:30 pm

Thursdays: 8 am-7 pm

Saturdays October 5 & 12: 9 am-5 pm

October 17-November 2

Weekdays: 8 am-7 pm

Saturdays: 9 am-5 pm

SATELLITE VOTING (closest to our District)

WEST SPRINGFIELD GOVERNMENT CENTER, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA 22151
MASON DISTRICT GOVERNMENTAL CENTER, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003

October 17-November 2

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday...3 pm to 7 pm

Saturday October 19, 26, & November 2

9 am to 5 pm

CAREGIVER SUPPORT. Are you a family caregiver of an older adult or an adult with a disability? The Department of Family Services, Adult & Aging division offers information, support, and resources to assist family caregivers. Some of our programs include in-home care, respite services, caregiver support and consultation, bathing services, care management, as well as monthly webinars on caregiving topics. For more information on our programs and services, call: 703-324-7948 TTY 711 (Monday – Friday; 8 am-4:30 pm) or visit our web page at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/OlderAdults.”

PURPLE OUT DAY Thursday, October 24th. Please show your support and commitment to ending Domestic Violence by wearing purple. Get your office involved and send your Purple Out pictures to Colleen.Armstrong@fairfaxcounty.gov.

OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET CLEANOUT Saturday, October 26, from 10 am to 2 pm is an opportunity for you to take your unused or old prescriptions to a local site for proper disposal. This free, no-questions-asked initiative prevents medication abuse and theft by ridding homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. To find a location near you, visit <https://takebackday.dea.gov/> or visit the West Springfield Police Station for a drop off box at any time.

BRADDOCK DISTRICT COUNCIL ON AGING IN PLACE Sponsors “Who Grows Your Food?” a new local concept for growing food by Mike “Zach” Zepf, Zeponic Farms Co-Founder. Wednesday, October 16 at 1 pm in Braddock Hall (near the Supervisor’s office), 9002 Burke Lake Road

VOLUNTEERFEST Fairfax County Home Grown Farmers Markets is excited to host a Fall Harvest Celebration at the farmers market at Wakefield Park in Annandale, from 2 pm-6 pm on Wednesday, October 30th. Volunteers are needed to engage children in activities such as pumpkin painting and playing Fall Harvest Bingo; encourage market-goers to sign up for a gift basket drawing and collect their tickets; run a quiz wheel activity; and general set up and breakdown of the event. To sign up, please go to [this link](#) from Volunteer Fairfax. If you have any questions, please email volsrus@volunteerfairfax.org. Feel free to look over other [VolunteerFest opportunities](#) to find additional ways to serve our Fairfax community.

FAIRFAX AREA COMMISSION ON AGING Meets Wednesday, October 16, from 1 pm-3 pm at the Kings Park Library, Conference Room, 9000 Burke Lake Rd., Burke. The public is welcome. A comment period begins each meeting.

JURY QUESTIONNAIRE Have You Received a Jury Questionnaire in Your Mailbox? You may be one of approximately 58,000 Fairfax County or City of Fairfax residents receiving a jury questionnaire in the mail. Here is some helpful information to make the process easier. Just because you received a questionnaire does not mean you will be summoned for jury duty. Potential jurors are randomly selected from voter registration lists to represent a cross section of the community. The questionnaire is the beginning of a screening process to determine who Fall Assessment is qualified to serve. If you are 70+, you may choose to take an age exemption found in questionnaire. You can mail the questionnaire back or fill it out online. If you qualify for the jury pool, you will receive a summons for jury duty by mail approximately one month before your reporting date. Keep in mind that this is an official court summons and if you do not respond, you could be found in contempt of court. The evening before your assigned date you will need to call a recorded message or check the jury website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/circuit/jury/general-information to find out whether your group number (listed on the summons) is called for service. If your group number is not called,

you do not have to report and your service is finished however, you may be summoned again in the near future. If your group number is called and you report for jury duty service, you will be reimbursed \$30 for each day you must report to the courthouse for travel expenses. Your employer can't fire, demote or otherwise penalize you for missing work while performing jury duty. Many employers continue to pay salaries for those on jury duty, but you should check directly with your employer well in advance. Potential jurors report by 8:15 am to the jury assembly area on the 5th Floor, Room 503 of the Fairfax County Courthouse, 4110 Chain Bridge Rd., Fairfax. Parking and public transportation are available. A parking validation ticket will be provided at check-in so there is no charge. All who report will receive an orientation on the juror's role and responsibilities and the trial process. Even though you have been called for jury duty, you may not be selected for a trial. Find information on the jury process, trials and more on the Circuit Court webpage at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/circuit/.

RELAX ADAPTIVE YOGA AT LITTLE RIVER GLEN SENIOR CENTER Relax Adaptive Yoga is currently taking place at Little River Glen's Senior Center. This yoga class, with its emphasis on breathing exercises and awareness, has a positive impact on those with breathing, sleep or stress difficulties, according to Dee White, class instructor and center director, who spoke with the Golden Gazette. Fifteen people in the county received training through a grant from the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation. In addition, they now have a two-year fellowship to teach Relax Adaptive Yoga classes, which are open to the community. Relaxation has been incorporated as an integral part of the exercise. Come try it out at Little River Glen Senior Center, 4001 Barker Ct., Fairfax. The class currently is on Tuesdays, from 6 pm– 7 pm at no cost.

CAREING A Free Telephone Program for older adults 60+ living in Northern Virginia. It is a daily telephone calling program designed to help individuals who are living alone, aged, disabled or chronically ill to maintain their independence and keep connected to the community. The calls can be formal and informal friendly chats about general well-being, appointment/medication reminders and daily safety checks to make sure you are okay. For more information, contact Program Supervisor Allegra Joffe at 703-516-6769 or email AJoffe@prsinc.org.

Supervisor Cook met with Victor Hoskins, the new President and CEO of the Fairfax Economic Development Authority on September 19.



Citizens of the Month



The Braddock District Citizens of the Month are the Smith family of Kings Park, who worked together to save a man's life. Their arborist was removing a large tree when the chainsaw kicked back and severed an artery in his arm. Because of their first aid training, Al and Trish immediately recognized the severity of the injury and knew they had to stop the bleeding and keep him from going into shock. Their oldest daughter knew they needed to focus, so she grabbed her siblings and took them into the house. Her presence of mind to take charge and keep them safe allowed her parents to work as a team. Al immediately applied pressure to the wound while Trish got their first aid kit. Trish then took over applying direct pressure and did not stop talking to the arborist, reassuring him that he was going to be all right. Al then grabbed his phone and called 911, requesting an ambulance and explaining the nature of the injury. The EMTs arrived and transported the man to the hospital, where the surgeon was able to save his arm. Thanks to their action, he is expected to make a full recovery. Al, Trish, and their children's quick response, clear thinking, and first aid skills are a great example in our community of preparedness.

Environmental News

Do Your Part! Sign Up for a Watershed Clean-Up Day

Grab a bag and go on a trash scavenger hunt as the Park Authority hosts "Watershed Clean-Up Days" again this fall.

Join with family, friends, neighbors or work colleagues and lend a hand by helping to remove tires, bottles, cans and other debris from local waterways. Helping to clear the earth's vital arteries is a great community volunteer project for service groups and students. All ages are welcome.

Clean-up events kick off on Saturday, September 7, 2019, at Pine Ridge Park from 8 am to 11 am and run throughout the Fall at park locations around the county. The sites include:

Saturday, October 5

- Ossian Hall Park, 8 am to 11 am

Saturday, October 12

- Huntley Meadows Park, 9 am to 11:30 am
- Lake Accotink Park, 9 am to 12 pm
- Lake Fairfax Park, 9 am to 12 pm
- Riverbend Park, 10 am to 12 pm
- Scott's Run Nature Preserve, 9 am to 11:30 am

Friday, October 18

- Providence RECenter, 9 am to 11 am

Saturday, October 19

- Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 9 am to 10:30 am

Saturday, October 26

- Backlick Park, 9 am to 11 am
- Hidden Pond Nature Center, 9 am to 12 pm
- Cub Run RECenter, 9 am to 11:30 am

Saturday, November 2

- South Lakes Drive Park, 9 am to 12 pm

Saturday, November 16

John Byers Park, 8 am to 11 am

Additional sites may be added. For a complete listing and to sign up as an individual volunteer, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/volunteer. Groups, please call the site of your choice.

For more information, contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662 or at parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Web: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/park-news/2019/z-ir123>

Join the Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP)

Volunteers needed to help clean the park the 2nd Sunday of every month. Join them on October 13 from 9 am to 11 am as they pick up trash in the park. Long sleeves, gloves, boots, and long pants are encouraged. There are several meeting locations:

- Lake Accotink Trail entrance – Ellet and Inverchapel Road
- Lake Accotink Marina
- Lake Accotink Trail entrance – End of Danbury Forest/Lonsdale Drive
- Lake Accotink Trail entrance – Queensbury and Hatteras

Any questions or to learn about additional volunteer opportunities, please email contact@flapaccotink.org.

Land Use

UPCOMING BRADDOCK DISTRICT LAND USE MEETINGS

Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 15 at 7:30 pm – Braddock Hall

UPCOMING PLANNING COMMISSION & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARINGS

Planning Commission – Decision on Special Exception Application for Classic Cottages at 4037, 4107, and 4111 Maple Avenue, Fairfax

Thursday, October 10 at 7:30 pm – Government Center Auditorium

Board of Supervisors – Hearing on Special Exception Application for Classic Cottages at 4037, 4107, and 4111 Maple Avenue, Fairfax

Tuesday, October 15 at 4:30 pm – Government Center Auditorium

Planning Commission – Hearing on Rezoning Application for 9730 Maury Road, Fairfax

Wednesday, October 16 at 7:30 pm – Government Center Auditorium

Board of Supervisors – Hearing on Rezoning Application for 9730 Maury Road, Fairfax

Tuesday, October 29, time TBA – Government Center Auditorium

SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS & REZONING PROPOSALS

Board of Supervisors Approves One University Rezoning Application

On September 24, the Board of Supervisors voted 9 to 1 to approve the rezoning application for the One University site, located at the northwest corner of Ox Road and University Drive. The approved development will redevelop the site with 120 multifamily affordable units, 120 age-restricted affordable units for adults age 62 and older, and 333 units with a maximum of 798 beds targeted to serve the student population of George Mason University (GMU). A small amount of replacement public meeting space for the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority will also be included. A variety of speakers presented testimony at the public hearing, including community members from both the county and Fairfax City, representatives from affordable housing groups, a representative of the Sierra Club, and several current GMU students who spoke about lack of on-campus housing.

As Supervisor Cook said in his statement before the Board of Supervisors, this development will address two very significant challenges. GMU has grown by 4,500 students in the past seven years, yet the school added just 700 units of housing during that time. Those students are forced to live either in nearby neighborhoods, where their lifestyles sometimes conflict with the families living next door, or further away from campus, forcing them onto the roads to add to traffic issues. The Board of Supervisors cannot force GMU to add housing, leaving the county to try to find the best answers it can to this problem. The One University site is directly across the street from campus, making it a logical location for student housing.

This project will also help the county meet its commitment to provide 5,000 new units of much-needed affordable housing. The 120 multifamily affordable units will serve a variety of tenants and families, while the 120 age-restricted affordable units will be for adults age 62 and older, one of the most vulnerable populations. Both will be available to households earning 60 percent AMI or less. This project demonstrates how affordable housing can be provided through an innovative public-private partnership.

After talking with the community, the applicant made numerous changes to the original proposal. Buffering was greatly increased, the buildings were compressed, and surface parking was removed and put underneath the buildings, resulting in additional green space. The portion of the building intended to serve the college student population was reduced by one story on the corner closest to the existing townhouses. In order to minimize impacts on the nearby community, there will be a 50-foot buffer of mature vegetation along the northern boundary of the site, expanding to 90 feet along the northern boundary adjacent to the proposed student housing building. This buffer will be supplemented with new plantings to the extent possible. A 40-foot setback will be provided along Ox Road, including a 25-foot landscaped buffer. The Resource Protection Area along the western boundary will be restored and revegetated.

The primary concern raised at community meetings and in correspondence was traffic movement and pedestrian safety at the intersection of Ox Road and University Drive. Under an agreement reached in mid-September between the Fairfax County Department of Transportation and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), the applicant may move forward with the proposed intersection improvements outlined in the approved Operational Analysis, which include restriping eastbound University Drive to create a dedicated right turn lane and a combined through/left lane leading up to the intersection, installing “no parking” signs on the south side of University Drive to extend the length of the right turn lane to 400 feet, and installing any approved signal modifications and pedestrian improvements. Analyses will be

conducted to monitor the impacts of the development, and an escrow fund will be created for construction of a third eastbound lane on University Drive in order to create a dedicated left, through, and right lane if deemed necessary in the future.

The applicants also agreed to install several measures to improve visibility of pedestrians, provide shorter walking distances across lanes, improve markings, signage, and lighting, and incorporate new technology putting a focus on pedestrian movements. These improvements include: Curb extensions and tightened curb radii; creating a new curb area at the southeast corner of the intersection, where there is no curb and gutter now; high visibility crosswalks; a pedestrian lead phase before vehicles move; signage prohibiting a northbound U-turn on Ox Road at this intersection; high-visibility pedestrian crossing signage and lighting; and an audio pedestrian signal. The existing lighting of the crosswalks will also be analyzed, and if warranted, additional overhead lighting for the crosswalks will be installed. These improvements are all subject to approval by VDOT.

Because the traffic concerns in this area are not limited to this application, Supervisor Cook offered a follow-on motion, which was unanimously adopted, to direct county staff to create a task force to review and study the intersection of University Drive and Ox Road, as well as feeder streets and intersections and potential traffic cutting through neighborhood streets, to determine if additional multimodal improvements could be made in the future, and if so then to make appropriate recommendations and identify funding mechanisms and implementation strategies. To be inclusive and effective, the task force should include at a minimum one representative each from the City of Fairfax, GMU, VDOT, and FCDOT, as well as a Braddock District Resident and a Fairfax City resident from communities adjacent to this intersection.

This was a complicated application. Numerous meetings were held, including four community information meetings sponsored by Supervisor Cook, presentations before the Fairfax Campus Advisory Board which includes Fairfax City officials, and many presentations and discussions with the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee. Everyone's comments were heard, whether through questions or comments at meetings, letters, or emails. In the end, significant changes were made to the application and compromises were reached. Many thanks to all who participated in this process.

Classic Cottages Proposal for Cluster Development on Maple Avenue Scheduled for Planning Commission Recommendation on October 10 and Board of Supervisors Decision on October 15

Classic Cottages, LLC has submitted a Special Exception application to permit a cluster residential development on an 8.08-acre site located at 4037, 4107, and 4111 Maple Avenue. These lots are currently zoned R-1 and are developed with three houses and several accessory structures. The applicant is proposing to consolidate the lots and develop the land under cluster provisions with seven single-family detached homes and 3.05 acres of open space. The subdivision is configured in order to preserve the environmentally sensitive Resource Protection Area (RPA) on the eastern side of the property as an outlot which would be owned and maintained by the future homeowners' association.

The proposed residential lots would average 27,000 square feet in area. The lots would be accessed from a new cul-de-sac road connecting to Maple Avenue. Additional right-of-way would be dedicated along Maple Avenue for installation of curb and gutter. A five-foot-wide sidewalk along Maple Avenue would connect to an existing sidewalk to the north and south of the site and extend along the new cul-de-sac. Parking would be provided in two-car garages and driveways that would accommodate an additional two cars at each house. Tree preservation would be provided in the RPA and small areas in the rear yards of four of the proposed lots. Stormwater management would be provided through individual facilities on two of the lots and a larger underground stormwater detention facility within the open space parcel. The existing pond would be removed, subject to approval by the county's Land Development Services, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, and the Army Corps of Engineers. The portion of the pond that is within the RPA would be revegetated with native vegetation. Trash and debris currently within the RPA would be removed by hand.

The Planning Commission held a hearing on this application on September 18, at which eight individuals testified. Concerns were raised about the lack of notice provided by the applicant to lots on the southern side of the site. Specific issues addressed included environmental impact, the proposed location of houses, tree clearing and buffer, details related

to the Resource Protection Area, stormwater flow, an onsite manmade pond, and the plan to widen this segment of Maple Avenue to align with the street to the north and south. Planning Commissioners also asked the applicant a number of questions. Braddock District Planning Commissioner Nell Hurley made a motion at the end of the hearing to defer decision on the case to allow time to consider the comments and explore possible adjustments to the plan.

As a result of the concerns raised, particularly those about community outreach, Supervisor Cook held a well-attended community meeting on September 30. The applicant stated that after hearing the neighbors' testimony at the Planning Commission hearing, they will be moving the house on Lot 4 further north to allow the limits of clearing and grading to be five feet from the property line. The applicant also committed to coordinate with the county's Urban Forestry Management Division to find ways to minimize any impact to offsite trees. They will also be planting 100 new trees, with a double row of evergreens on the southern border of the site. The primary questions and discussion at this meeting focused on stormwater issues.

County staff has recommended approval of this application. The staff report is available at: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ldsdfw/4685758.PDF>. The Planning Commission will make its recommendation on October 10. A hearing before the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for 4:30 pm on October 15. Both meetings will be held in the Government Center Auditorium. Because the Planning Commission hearing has been completed, no additional verbal testimony will be accepted. However, written comments may be submitted to plancom@fairfaxcounty.gov. To testify before the Board of Supervisors, go to: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speakers-form>.



Supervisor Cook hosted a successful community meeting for the Classic Cottages land use application on September 30.

Rezoning Proposal for 9730 Maury Road Scheduled for October Hearings

Virendra Bery and Amit Bery have submitted an application to rezone 2.32 acres at 9730 Maury Road, Fairfax, from the R-1 District to the R-3 District to build 5 single-family dwellings. This property is currently developed with one house. The proposal would extend the existing Maury Court eastward to a new cul-de-sac on the subject property. Three of the proposed lots would be oriented toward the relocated cul-de-sac. The other two lots would be located on and accessed from Maury Drive.

The application states that the proposed lots would average 13,160 square feet in size. The architectural design and materials would be compatible with the surrounding area, and the materials would include brick, stone, and/or HardiePlank siding. On-site stormwater management is proposed with individual treatment facilities on each new property. An interior outlot has been proposed to act as a tree save area for the development. A five-foot-wide sidewalk is proposed on both sides of the extension of Maury Court and curb/gutter would be provided. Frontage improvements would also connect existing curb/gutter and sidewalk along Maury Road.

County staff has recommended approval of this application. The staff report is available at: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ldsdfw/4690880.PDF>. The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee discussed this proposal at their September meeting and will be making a recommendation at their meeting on October 15.

This application is scheduled to be considered by the Planning Commission on October 16 at 7:30 pm. To testify before the Planning Commission, please register in advance at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planningcommission/speaker>. It is expected to go before the Board of Supervisors on October 29. To testify before the Board of Supervisors, go to: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speakers-form>.

BRADDOCK DISTRICT LAND USE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will meet on **Tuesday, October 15, at 7:30 pm in Braddock Hall**. The Committee is scheduled to hear a presentation on the Site-Specific Plan Amendment process, hear an update on the zMOD process, and make its recommendation on the rezoning application for 9730 Maury Road. Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee meetings are open to the public.

PUBLIC FACILITIES APPLICATIONS

Repurposing of County Property on Shirley Gate Road Approved

The Fairfax County Boys Probation House Program, formerly located at 4410 Shirley Gate Road in Fairfax, has relocated to available space at the county's Juvenile Detention Center. This change has given the county the opportunity to repurpose this facility. A study determined that the county's Crisis Care Program could be accommodated on the property with minor interior alterations. This would be a more cost effective, efficient, and permanent solution than renovating or building a new facility at the existing Woodburn Road site leased from INOVA, which has outlived its useful life and does not properly accommodate the operations for the Crisis Care Program.

The mission of the Crisis Care Program is to instill recovery and hope for the most vulnerable residents of Northern Virginia so they may achieve personal growth and wellness. The program is operated by the Fairfax County Community Services Board for individuals struggling with mental illness or substance abuse issues who need a short-term supportive environment. The program is staffed with behavioral health specialists, medical professionals, peers who are in recovery themselves, chefs, and security officers and is designed to offer an alternative to psychiatric hospitalization for those persons who do not require a hospital level of care. Individuals generally stay in the program for 10 to 21 days and are offered group therapy, individual therapy, medical evaluations, and treatment with the goal of stabilizing the concerns that brought them into the program. Individuals are carefully screened for admission to the program to ensure they are safe to be in the community, and if taken off the premises they will be accompanied by a staff member. Resources and support systems are identified and engaged within the individual's own community to allow a safe transition at discharge.

The proposed project includes reconfiguration and renovation of the interior space to accommodate the program and will also include minor modifications to the exterior, such as installation of new property fencing and parking lot restriping. No expansion of the existing facility is anticipated, but a slight increase in traffic is expected. Funding for the design and construction for this project was approved as part of the county's Fiscal Years 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Program. Upon approval of the zoning and building permits, construction for the project is anticipated to begin in early 2020 with projected completion in fall 2020.

At a hearing on October 2, the Planning Commission determined that the project's location, character, and extent are in substantial accord with the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan and unanimously approved the application. Because the use is for a public facility, the project does not go before the Board of Supervisors.

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 am in the Board Auditorium of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. BZA meetings are also aired live on the county government's cable TV Channel 16. Residents who have concerns about an application are encouraged to submit a letter for the record or testify at the hearing on the case. You may register to testify at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/bza/bzaspeaker.htm>. These matters will not come before the Board of Supervisors, but will be decided by the BZA. Staff reports are normally available two weeks before the scheduled hearing.

Jeewani Muditha Kurukulasuriya D/B/A Stepping Stones Montessori – 4636 Guinea Road, Fairfax SP 2019-BR-047

The applicant was seeking to expand a home childcare facility to serve up to 12 children. This application is was approved by the BZA on September 11. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found here: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMMain.aspx?cde=SP&seq=4261520>.

Karen L. Drumond and Ricardo Drumond – 9375 Tartan View Drive, Fairfax SP 2019-BR-061

The applicants were seeking a reduction of certain yard requirements to permit construction of an addition 22.3 feet from the rear lot line and a reduction in minimum yard requirements based on error in building location to permit an addition (deck with pergola and trellis) to remain 6.2 feet from a side lot line. This application was approved by the BZA on September 25 with a modification to the development conditions. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found here: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMMain.aspx?cde=SP&seq=4261162>.

Nataly L. Rocha De Alcocer – 5303 Moultrie Road, Springfield SP 2019-BR-066

The applicant was seeking a reduction in minimum yard requirements based on error in building location to permit an addition to remain 17.7 feet from the rear lot line and an accessory storage structure to remain 1.9 feet from the rear lot line and 2.5 feet from a side lot line. This application was approved by the BZA on October 2. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found here: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMMain.aspx?cde=SP&seq=4259432>.

Ana Vargas – 7803 Harwood Place, Springfield SPA 2014-BR-111

The applicant is seeking to amend the previous approval for a home childcare facility to permit modifications to the development conditions. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on November 6. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found here: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMMain.aspx?cde=SPA&seq=4259545>.

Chae M. Ko – 4903 King Richard Drive, Annandale SP 2019-BR-075

The applicant is seeking to add an accessory dwelling unit and is also seeking a reduction to minimum yard requirements based on error in building location to permit an accessory storage structure to remain 4.1 feet from the rear lot line and 3.3 feet from a side lot line. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on November 6. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found here: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMMain.aspx?cde=SP&seq=4263408>.

Haze Hookah Café 2 – 9565 Braddock Road, Fairfax SP 2019-BR-082

The applicant is seeking a Special Permit for Commercial Indoor Recreation Use to open a hookah lounge within the Twinbrooke Shopping Center on Braddock Road. The proposed use would occupy 2,000 feet of existing space and would

not serve food or alcohol. There would be four employees and approximately 150 patrons daily. No impact on AM peak hour traffic is expected, and the applicant predicts approximately 30 PM peak hour trips. The proposed hours of operation are from 12 pm to 1 am Sunday through Thursday and from 12 pm to 2 am on Friday and Saturday. The applicant operates a similar use in a shopping center off Route 50 in Chantilly. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on December 4. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found here: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMain.aspx?cde=SP&seq=4265051>.

If you have any further questions regarding any of these land use cases or any other issues of concern to you, please email my office at braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov or call us at 703-425-9300.

South County Site-Specific Plan Amendment Process Underway

Fairfax County has kicked off the South County Site-Specific Plan Amendment (SSPA) process that allows anyone to nominate site-specific land use changes to the Comprehensive Plan, the guiding document for land use and development decisions in the county. The SSPA nomination process runs from September 3, 2019 until December 3, 2019. Community involvement is key in all stages of the process, from making a proposal to change the Plan, participating in the community task force review, or speaking at the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors public hearings to ensure that Fairfax County continues to be an attractive, safe and sustainable area for generations to come.

This year's SSPA effort focuses on the southern portions of the county, which consist of the Mason, Springfield, Braddock, Lee, and Mount Vernon Districts. In preparation for the South County SSPA, the Board of Supervisors approved modifications to the eligibility criteria, including a significant expansion of eligible sites from the north county cycle. The Board's action removed some restrictions on residential use proposals, resulting in all types of land use proposals (residential, non-residential, or mixed-use) being eligible in the south county districts.

For more information on the site-specific process or the Comprehensive Plan amendments, visit the South County SSPA webpage at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/plan-amendments/sspa/south> or contact the Planning Division of the Department of Planning and Development at 703-324-1380, TTY 711. To get the latest on land use, follow the Fairfax County Land Use Planning page on Facebook.

Concerns About a Construction Site in Fairfax?

Call the construction hotline at 703-324-7470 or submit your complaint online by searching "Construction Hotline" at www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

On-call inspectors will assess and address issues like:

- Malfunctioning erosion and sedimentation controls (causing runoff)
- Drainage problems
- Tracked mud on the roadway
- Construction activity within a tree-save area
- Any activities that may harm the environment, cause safety risks or damage another property



Never trespass on private property to get pictures or investigate a development project.

To submit other complaints, such as potentially unpermitted construction, please search "Neighborhood Complaints" at www.fairfaxcounty.gov.