



The Braddock Beacon

Plans to Save Lake Accotink Move Forward

I will be hosting a community meeting along with Supervisor Jeff McKay and the Park Authority to update the public on our plan to save Lake Accotink. The meeting will be held on September 19 at Cardinal Forest Elementary, 8600 Forrester Blvd, West Springfield, VA 22152. It will begin at 6:30 p.m. with an open house where the public can ask staff about lake management options. The official presentation and Q&A session will begin at 7 p.m. and end at 9:30 p.m.

This meeting will cover the latest updates on the lake's management. Topics will include wet vs. dry dredging, disposal sites, Park Authority recommendations, and updated financial information for the remaining management options.

Lake Accotink has been a major topic in the community dialogue over the years. Two years ago, the Park Authority announced that the lake would fill up from sedimentation if no preservation efforts took place. The Park Authority presented the public with five options to manage the lake. These included building a sedimentation forebay with a full lake dredging, dredging the lake without forebays, converting the lake into a stream valley, and letting the lake fill up. Multiple community meetings were held to educate and listen to your opinions about these options. Following the community meetings, the Park Authority distributed a survey to collect the community's opinions in Spring 2019. Community feedback has been strongly in favor of saving the lake. Thousands of community members signed a petition to that effect. In the FY2020 Budget Mark-up, the Board of Supervisors directed the County Executive, Park Authority, Stormwater Management and the Department of Management and Budget to refine the options, timeline, and appropriate funding for Lake Accotink's management. They were also told to make a presentation for the Board to consider by Fall 2019.

As a result of the strong community input and support from the Board of Supervisors, the Park Authority has developed a plan to save the lake through regular wet dredging, with sediment pumped to a drying field north of Braddock Road, and disposal outside the county. This plan and the other considered options will be outlined in detail at the community meeting. The Board of Supervisors will be briefed on the plan at an upcoming Budget Committee meeting and will vote on a plan in late October. The community meeting will be live streamed on my official Facebook Page: www.Facebook.com/SupervisorCook. If you would like to submit comments after the meeting, please call my office at (703) 425-9300 or email us at braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov. You can view past presentations, community input, and more at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/planning-development/lakeaccotink.

Cook in the Community

Burke Lions Club: Supervisor Cook spoke to the Burke Lions Club on August 12.

Shop with a Sheriff: Supervisor Cook participated in Shop with a Sheriff on August 21.



Braddock Nights: Supervisor Cook was recognized by the Park Authority for his support of Braddock Nights through a proclamation presented at the August 23 performance at Royal Lake.

St. Mary's Labor Day Picnic: Supervisor Cook attended St. Mary's Labor Day Picnic on September 1.

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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 important topics on important matters that affect the Braddock District. This month Supervisor Cook will focus on our County's public schools. The episode will feature interviews by Megan McLaughlin, the Braddock District Representative to the

Fairfax County School Board, Armando Peri, the FCPS Family and Student Ombudsman.

Community News

Episodes air on Sundays at 5 p.m., Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Fridays at 5 p.m. You may also watch the episodes online.

Candidate Forum for Countywide and Braddock District Seats

The League of Women Voters will hold Candidate Forums for the Board of Supervisors and School Board candidates.

Monday, September 23 — 7 p.m. Countywide—Candidates for At Large School Board and Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Fairfax County Government Center 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax.

Saturday, October 5 — 3:30 p.m. Candidates for the Braddock District School Board and Supervisor. Kings Park Library Community Room 9000 Burke Lake Rd, Burke.

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 <http://ready.gmu.edu> or contact the Environmental Health and Safety Office at (703) 993-8448, or safety@gmu.edu.

Help Shape the Future of Fairfax County

The County Executive sent out a survey earlier this year to collect opinions on what the 2020 strategic plan should look like. This plan will use the input to prioritize what will go into the 2020 budget while also looking for ways to make it more efficient. Thousands took the strategic plan survey and county staff has written a draft for the plan. As part of the decision-making process, the office of the County Executive will host community meetings to gather input on the draft. There will be a community input session at Lake Braddock Secondary School on Monday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

HOAs and Condo Associations: Sustainable solutions to landscaping headaches

Friday October 4 or Saturday November 2, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

NVCC Annandale campus

Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center

(Building CE on this map)

In The Forum meeting room

8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003

Guests and visitors must park in visitor or metered spaces.

Questions? plantnovanatives@gmail.com

(703) 244-9174

Is your community association board dealing with erosion or flooding problems? Is your property management company paying to maintain a lot of lawn that is not being used? Is your landscaping committee looking for ways to beautify community property while supporting birds and butterflies?

Unused lawns. Impervious surface. Heavier rainstorms. Invasive introduced plants. These are just some of the reasons for our degrading suburban and urban environments. But planting native plants can help address these problems while improving the overall beauty, sustainability, and ecology of our area.

In this symposium, you'll:

Start to develop a plan to upgrade your community's green infrastructure

- Learn about the role of native plants in sustainable landscape solutions
- Learn about the resources available for investing in ecologically focused community projects
- Learn how to work with your community bylaws, handbook, or committees to ensure successful projects
- Hear success stories from local communities
- Wrap up the day by talking to a variety of experts in the field during the "Ask the Experts" session

For this half-day symposium, snacks will be provided, but bring a bag lunch if you like.

Agenda - details will be posted soon.

9:30 a.m. Check-in / registration opens

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Presentations

Intro to home habitat and the role of community associations

Examples of challenges and best practices

Working within your HOA or Condo Association structure

12:30 - 1:00 p.m. Ask the Experts

Human Services Corner

2019 Fairfax County Personal Property (car) Tax payments are due on Monday, Oct. 7.

For more information, visit fairfaxcounty.gov/taxes/vehicles. If you have already paid your taxes, please disregard this message.

Here is what you need to know:

The deadline for 2019 bills has been extended to Monday, Oct. 7, since the usual October 5 due date falls on a Saturday this year.

The 2019 Personal Property Tax bill includes a local [registration fee](#) for vehicles regularly garaged, stored or parked in Fairfax County. There is no county windshield decal to purchase or display.

The Town of Clifton, Town of Herndon and Town of Vienna each charge a local registration fee, which is included in your Fairfax County personal property tax bill. They also do not require the display of a windshield decal.

You may qualify for tax relief if you are at least 65 years old, or permanently and totally disabled and meet the income and asset eligibility requirements. Additional circumstances may allow you to reduce your taxes. More information and forms are available at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/taxes>, or call 703-222-8234 (TTY 711).

Avoid the last minute rush and get faster service. If you have a question or concern about your tax bill, you should contact the Department of Tax Administration at your earliest convenience, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 703-222-8234 (TTY 711), or send an email to dtappd@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Save time and gas by paying online! Not the best option for you? No problem - [there are several convenient ways to pay](#).

Corrected Website: Disabled American Veterans Claims Assistance Help. Website: <https://www.davchapter10va.org>. For assistance, the DAV generally meets the third Saturday of the month at 10 am at American Legion Post 177, 3939 Oak Street, Fairfax, VA 22030. Claims officers are available after the meeting.

Hearing Issues & Aids

By Dr. Leslie Lesner, Audiologist– Wednesday, September 18 at 1:00 pm, Kings Park Library Meeting Room, 9002 Burke Lake Road. Sponsored by Braddock District Council Aging in Place Committee

50+ Expo (according to the Golden Gazette)

Sunday, September 22 at the Springfield Town Center, entrance 4 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. This free expo provides informative resources, health screenings, flu shots and more. There are also various Fairfax County agency representatives including the Golden Gazette staff and the county’s Medicare experts. Information will be available from nonprofits and local businesses as well as retirement communities, home remodeling companies, financial planners and healthcare advisors.

Thinking about volunteering? Already a volunteer and looking to add something new and fulfilling?

Fairfax County invites you to the [Venture into Volunteering Fair](#) at the Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly, on Wednesday, Oct. 2, 10am-2pm. Representatives from 90+ organizations will be there to share information about a wide variety of volunteer opportunities in Northern Virginia. Attendees can even help onsite that day by bringing shelf-stable food to donate to Food for Others, dental hygiene supplies for the Children’s Project Mobile Dental Van, old hearing aids/eyeglasses for the Lions Club, or by donating blood to the American Red Cross. It’s all free and no registration is necessary. Door prizes throughout the event! Go to <http://bit.ly/venturefair2019> for more info. (Call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule your blood donation.)

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Shepherd’s Center of Fairfax-Burke sponsors a monthly meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (Noon – 1:30 PM) for caregivers to learn and to share with others experiencing similar challenges. Before attending, contact the facilitator, Eileen Thompson at 703-451-8626 or Eileen.thompson1@gmail.com

Adventures ‘N Learning – Fall 2019 (Save the Date!)

Join the Shepherd’s Center of Fairfax-Burke every Monday for 6 weeks Oct. 7th – Nov. 11th (9:15 AM – 3:00 PM) start with gentle exercise, followed by speakers on topics such as health, history, community, personal development, finance, and more. Afternoon breakouts are book club, and bridge or, canasta. Bring a brown bag lunch. Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Rd. Fairfax, VA 22032 is providing space and hosting this series of classes. The cost is \$30 for 6 weeks (Mondays). To register, please call the office at 703-426-2824, or go to our website and print the registration form and class schedule: www.scfbva.org

Lunch N' Life

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, September 19, (12:00-2:00 p.m.) at Lutheran Church of Abiding Presence, 6304 Lee Chapel Rd., Burke. The guest speaker, Ms. Ellen Johnson, who will discuss the Salem Witchcraft Phenomenon. For reservations, call Bea Stephenson at 703-273-5730 by *Sept 13*. The cost is \$10.00; checks payable to SCFB. If transportation is needed, call the SCFB office (703) 273-5730. See www.scfbva.org for more information.

Family Fun Bingo

The Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke will hold its next annual bingo fundraising event on Saturday, *September 21*, 1:00-3:00 p.m. (doors open at 12:30 p.m.) at the Parish Center Gym, St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. All proceeds benefit SCFB and its work for area seniors. Tickets, at \$10.00 each, include two bingo cards that can be played for the entire event, beverages and snacks. Additional cards may be purchased on-site at \$1.00 per card per game. To purchase tickets, please call Lisa Carroll at (703) 426-2824.

Transportation Program

If you no longer drive and need transportation to a medical appointment (Monday – Friday) or an accompanied shopping drive (offered Tuesday p.m. and Friday a.m.), contact the SCFB transportation phone number (703) 323-4788 at least five days in advance to make arrangements for your driver.

Volunteers Needed for SCFB Transportation Programs!

Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke serves those 50+ who no longer drive through its 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@scfbva.org or call the office at (703) 323-4788.

Cars for Shepherd Center of Annandale-Springfield!

Do you have a vehicle you no longer use or just want to get rid of? Vehicles include autos, boats, RV's, motorcycles, or trucks. Donate your vehicle whether it is running or not. No title, no problem.

Donate your vehicle to help SCAS by calling 1-855-500-RIDE (7433). To contact the Shepherd's Center Office call (703) 941-1419 or e-mail us at shepherdscas@vacoxmail.com or see the website at shepherdscenter-annandale.org.

Fairfax Alerts: Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities

Fairfax County is launching an initiative to help family caregivers of older adults and adults with disabilities to access County programs. These programs include case management, in-home respite, caregiver support and webinars, wellness workshops, and much more. **How it works:** Beginning September 24, family caregivers are invited to subscribe through the Fairfax Alerts System to receive email or text notifications of county caregiver services and events. Subscribe now at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/alerts>.

Citizen of the Month



Jim Hickey is the September Citizen of the Month. Jim has been a continuing presence at multiple Braddock District events. You may know him from many events at Lake Accotink Park, including about a decade emceeing the Cardboard Boat Regatta, Braddock Nights and the Howloween dog costume contest, posing for pictures as Santa with kids and dogs, coordinating volunteers at the semi-annual cleanups.

Jim has also served for 12 years as a Boy Scout leader and four years coaching kids roller hockey at Audrey Moore Rec Center. Additionally, he was a member of the Wakefield Park Master Plan Committee and participates in cleanups at the park.

“Mostly I just show up and help out at things,” Jim said. “And occasionally get a tee shirt out of it!”

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 to 11 a.m. and run throughout the Fall at park locations around the county. The sites include:

Saturday, September 7

- Pine Ridge Park, 8 to 11 a.m.

Saturday, September 21

- Royal Lake Park, 8 to 11 a.m.
- Ossian Hall Park, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 5

- Ossian Hall Park, 8 to 11 a.m.

Saturday, October 12

- Huntley Meadows Park, 9 to 11:30 a.m.
- Lake Accotink Park, 9 a.m. to noon
- Lake Fairfax Park, 9 a.m. to noon
- Riverbend Park, 10 a.m. to noon
- Scott's Run Nature Preserve, 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Friday, October 18

- Providence RECenter, 9 to 11 a.m.

Saturday, October 19

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

Saturday, October 26

- Backlick Park, 9 to 11 a.m.
- Hidden Pond Nature Center, 9 a.m. to noon
- Cub Run RECenter, 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, November 2

- South Lakes Drive Park, 9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, November 16

John Byers Park, 8 to 11 a.m.

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>

Ease into the Weekend with a Friday Night Campfire & S'mores

Explore a park by night, cozy up to a campfire and munch on s'mores at the Friday night campfire programs at Lake Accotink Park and Hidden Pond Nature Center on September 20, 2019. These campfire programs are family-friendly and designed for participants age three to adult. New topics and different areas of the parks are explored during each program. "Lakeside Campfire Fridays" at Lake Accotink runs from 6:30 to 8 p.m., and the cost is \$8 per person. Lake Accotink Park is located at 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield, VA. For more information, call (703) 569-3464 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink.

"Campfire Fridays" at Hidden Pond includes animals and runs from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. Hidden Pond Nature Center is located at 8511 Greeley Boulevard, Springfield, VA. For more information, call (703) 451-9588 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-pond.

Web: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/park-news/2019/psa249>

Managing Trees in Preservation Areas

If you own property that is near a stream, it may be part of a network of preservation areas known as Chesapeake Bay Resource Protection Areas or RPAs. RPAs have been established around coastal areas and

tributaries in Virginia to protect water quality in the Chesapeake Bay. RPAs were created by the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act in 1988 which required the management of land development practices and land use planning.

What does this mean for property owners? You may be restricted from land disturbance activities including tree or shrub removal or adding new landscaping. Situations do arise where vegetation needs to be removed from a protected RPA, usually when a tree becomes a hazard to private property or the general public. When this is the case, the property owner must request a waiver from the Department of Land Development Services (LDS) at (703) 222-0801, TTY 711, and fill out a vegetation removal application prior to any disturbance. As an approval condition of the waiver, property owners may be required to replace the tree(s) with guidance from the Urban Forest Management Division.

Conservation and preservation easements also exist to protect natural resources on privately owned land. These easements are created during the development of new subdivisions and are regulated by staff of the Urban Forest Management Division. The property owner must obtain the county's approval before disturbing any land or removing trees.

However, not all properties that have woodlots or that are near streams have these restrictions. To determine if part or all of your property is within an RPA, contact the Urban Forest Management Division at (703) 324-1770, TTY 711, or explore the Fairfax County Jade.

If you need to determine whether your property has a preservation or conservation easement, refer to your deed or call the Land Records Division at (703) 691-7320, TTY 711.

UPCOMING BRADDOCK DISTRICT LAND USE MEETINGS

Land Use

Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 17 at 7:30 p.m. – Braddock Hall

UPCOMING PLANNING COMMISSION & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARINGS

Planning Commission – Decision on Rezoning Application for One University Site

Thursday, September 12 at 7:30 p.m. – Government Center Auditorium

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

Wednesday, September 18 at 7:30 p.m. – Government Center Auditorium

Board of Supervisors – Rezoning Application for One University Site

Tuesday, September 24 at 3 p.m. – Government Center Auditorium

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

Tuesday, October 15, time TBA – Government Center Auditorium

Planning Commission – Rezoning Application for 9730 Maury Road, Fairfax

Wednesday, October 16 at 7:30 p.m. – Government Center Auditorium

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

Tuesday, October 29, time TBA – Government Center Auditorium

SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS & REZONING PROPOSALS

Planning Commission Decision on One University Rezoning Application Scheduled for September 12

The Planning Commission held a hearing on the rezoning application for the 10.8-acre One University site, located at the northwest corner of Ox Road and University Drive, on July 25. In order to provide time to consider the remarks of the speakers and get responses to several questions raised by Commissioners during the hearing, the Planning Commission deferred its decision until September 12.

This property is currently developed with Robinson Square, which consists of 46 affordable townhouses, and office space. The proposal would redevelop the One University site with 120 multifamily affordable units, 120 age-restricted affordable units for adults age 62 and older, and 340 units with 815 beds targeted to serve the student population of George Mason University. A small amount of replacement public meeting space for the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) would also be included.

This project would help the county meet important goals. Providing affordable housing for the residents of Fairfax County is a priority of the Board of Supervisors. The 120 multifamily affordable units would serve a variety of tenants and families, while the 120 age-restricted affordable units would be for adults age 62 and older, one of the most vulnerable populations. Both would be available to households earning 60 percent AMI or less. George Mason University continues to grow, and there is a well-documented need for off-campus student housing. This property is immediately adjacent to GMU and students could easily access campus. If housing is not built here, the students will continue to seek locations within the broader community and drive to campus, potentially creating conflicts between students and families in residential areas and putting even more of a transportation impact on our roads.

In order to minimize impacts on the nearby community, the applicants have proposed 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 would be supplemented with new plantings to the extent possible. A 40-foot setback is proposed along Ox Road, including a 25-foot landscaped buffer. The Resource Protection Area along the western boundary would be restored and revegetated. The proposed development would include a variety of amenities for residents.

Traffic movement and pedestrian safety at the intersection of Ox Road and University Drive continues to be a primary concern. The applicants have proposed a number of improvements 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. A mid-block crosswalk has also been proposed on University Drive to provide a more visible crossing from the new development to the George Mason fieldhouse. The applicants have been working with the Fairfax County Department of Transportation to determine whether VDOT will accept these modifications to the intersection. An answer is expected early next week.

The Planning Commission will make its recommendation on the rezoning application for the One University site on Thursday, September 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Government Center Auditorium. Because the hearing has been completed, no additional verbal testimony will be accepted. However, written comments may be submitted to plancom@fairfaxcounty.gov. The rezoning application will go to the Board of Supervisors on September 24. If you wish to testify before the Board, please sign up in advance at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speakers-form>. The developer's presentations on this project and full Traffic Operational Analysis are available at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/land-use-and-zoning>.

Classic Cottages Proposal for Cluster Development on Maple Avenue Scheduled for Planning Commission Hearing on September 18

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.

County staff has recommended approval of this application. The staff report is available at: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ldsdfw/4685758.PDF>. The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will be discussing the proposal and making a recommendation at their meeting on September 17. This application is scheduled to be considered by the Planning Commission on September 18. A hearing before the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for October 15. Please see the calendar for times and locations. To testify before the Planning Commission, please register in advance at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planningcommission/speaker>. To testify before the Board of Supervisors, go to: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speakers-form>.

Rezoning Proposal for 9730 Maury Road Scheduled for October

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.

This application is scheduled to be considered by the Planning Commission on October 16 at 7:30 p.m. It is expected to go before the Board of Supervisors on October 29. If you have questions or comments, please contact our office.

BRADDOCK DISTRICT LAND USE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will meet on **Tuesday, September 17, at 7:30 p.m. in Braddock Hall**. The Committee will hear a presentation on the rezoning application for 9730 Maury Road and will make its recommendation on the Maple Avenue cluster application. Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee meetings are open to the public.

PUBLIC FACILITIES APPLICATIONS

Proposed Repurposing of County Property on Shirley Gate Road

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 are in need of 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.

The project must be approved by the Planning Commission, which will determine if the location, character, and extent are in substantial accord with the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan. It will not go before the Board of Supervisors. The Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for October 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Government Center Auditorium. To testify, please register in advance at:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planningcommission/speaker>.

Written comments may be submitted to plancom@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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. 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 is seeking to expand a home childcare facility to serve up to 12 children. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on September 11. 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=4261520>.

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

The applicants are 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 is scheduled to go before the BZA on September 25. 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=4261162>.

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

The applicant is 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 is scheduled to go before the BZA on October 2. 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=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/ZAPSMain.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/ZAPSMain.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 noon to 1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and from noon to 2 a.m. 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.