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Consideration of One University Proposal Moves to Next Stage (Community Meeting Set for June 24)

On Tuesday, June 4, the Board of Supervisors adopted a Comprehensive Plan Amendment for the 10.8-acre One University site, located at the northwest corner of Ox Road and University Drive. This property is currently developed with Robinson Square, which consists of 46 affordable townhouses, and Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) office space. The Comprehensive Plan Amendment would allow up to 240 affordable housing and 360 student housing units, as well as a limited amount of replacement public meeting space for the FCRHA. Redevelopment would be subject to a number of conditions, including: a requirement for landscaped buffers; preservation of healthy mature trees within buffer areas; compatible high-quality architecture; provision of safe, attractive and secure pedestrian and bicycle facilities; and restoration and revegetation of the Resource Protection Area and Environmental Quality Corridor along the western boundary of the site.

Plan approval does not mean that the project is approved. It only means that the project moves to the rezoning stage. Here, the focus will be on the details of the proposal, as well as mitigation of traffic and pedestrian impacts. I have scheduled a community meeting on this rezoning application for **Monday, June 24, at Fairfax Villa Elementary School, 10900 Santa Clara Drive, Fairfax, at 7:30 p.m.**

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Announcing 2019 Lord and Lady Fairfax

The Braddock District's Lord and Lady Fairfax for 2019 are Ms. Jeanne Kadet and Mr. Michael Perel.



Jeanne Kadet

Jeanne Kadet, who recently

retired after a long career as a licensed clinical social worker, is dedicated to improving the environment and helping people connect with nature to enhance well-being. She volunteers as a Green Spring Gardens master gardener, Fairfax master naturalist and is a charter member of the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee. Passionate about the benefits of native plants and trees, she promotes their use as an Audubon At Home Ambassador and with the Plant Nova Natives campaign. As the Braddock representative to the Tree Commission, Ms. Kadet has been instrumental in organizing tree forums for Braddock residents and helping update the Tree Action Plan and Tree Basics Handbook for homeowners. She serves as vice president and area coordinator for the Oak Hill Citizens Association.

Michael Perel

Since retiring from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in 2009, *(Continued on Page 2)*

(Lord and Lady Fairfax continued) Michael Perel has been an active volunteer. As a volunteer in police service with the Safety Office of the Fairfax County Police, he assisted George Mason University students to develop an award-winning driver distraction program for high school students. His efforts to empower older drivers have included organizing CarFit events that provide guidance about adjusting vehicle safety features and presenting talks on older driver safety to community groups. Besides his safety efforts, he is a master food volunteer with the Cooperative Extension Service, providing education about cooking nutritious food at farmers markets, health fairs and classes for seniors. Mr. Perel is currently the vice chair of the Fairfax Area Commission on Aging advocating for programs to help make our community more age friendly.

(Consideration of One University continued) The development team will present the details of their proposal, including traffic and pedestrian impact mitigation. This meeting will be the opportunity to discuss other specifics that have been touched upon in previous meetings including layout, stormwater and environmental concerns. You are invited to attend to learn more about this project. This meeting is likely to be the last meeting before the rezoning application goes to a public hearing before the Planning Commission, currently scheduled for July 10.

This project came about as the result of an unsolicited proposal submitted to the county Housing Authority two years ago. The process followed Public-Private Education and Infrastructure Act guidelines. I have held three community information meetings; additional meetings on the issue have been held by the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee, the Mason/Community Forum, and the Fairfax Campus Advisory Board.

This project helps the county meet important goals. Providing affordable housing for the residents of Fairfax County is a priority of the Board of Supervisors. This Comprehensive Plan Amendment follows the guidelines that have been set forward. The affordable housing would be expanded from the current 46 units to 240 units and would be built on county-owned land. Approximately half of the units would be targeted to seniors, who are one of the most vulnerable populations. The housing would be located close to a number of large employers—George Mason University, Fairfax City government facilities, University Mall, and businesses in the City of Fairfax. It is located near major transportation routes on both Ox Road and Braddock Road. It is also next to the many opportunities that George Mason University has to offer.

The project would also meet the need for college student housing. George Mason University continues to grow at a rate of approximately 1,000 students per year. They are an important part of our community, not just for educational purposes, but also for their economic impacts on the region. There is a well-documented need for off-campus student housing. The GMU Board of Visitors has cited the need for an additional 1,500 beds. Unfortunately, due to debt implications, GMU faces significant limitations and is not in a position to build student housing on its own land. Combined with the recently approved Capstone project in Fairfax City, the student beds provided in the One University proposal would meet that need. 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.

Of course, the application will also impact the surrounding community. Discussing that balance is important, and your input is vital. We hope to see you on June 24 for further discussion.

Cook in the Community

Braddock District Candidates Forum: Supervisor Cook attended the Braddock District Supervisor Candidate Forum held by the Braddock District Council, this time as an audience member, on May 8.

Lord and Lady Fairfax Reception: Supervisor Cook attended the Lord and Lady Fairfax Reception at the Government Center on May 14 where he named Michael Perel and Jeanne Kadet as Braddock District Lord and Lady Fairfax.

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Kings Park McDonald's Grand Reopening: Supervisor Cook attended the Grand Reopening of the Kings Park McDonald's on May 18.

Veterans Treatment Docket Graduation: Supervisor Cook attended the Veterans Treatment Docket Graduation on May 23. The 18-24 month, court-supervised

Veterans Treatment Docket program assists veterans involved in the criminal justice system by providing the necessary mental health and substance-use treatment to change behavior and reduce recidivism.

Neighborhood and Community Services Award: Supervisor Cook received a Neighborhood and Community Services Partner award at the county agency's annual luncheon on May 23.



Memorial Day: Supervisor Cook participated in the VFW Post 5412 Memorial Day Commemoration at the Burke Centre Conservancy on May 27.

Traffic Community Meeting: Supervisor Cook held a community meeting at Oak View Elementary School on the traffic impacts of the proposed Erickson, One University, and Roberts Road developments on June 3.



Supervisor Cook Presents Proclamations to Veterans, OEM, and Fire Fighters



Supervisor Cook had the great honor of presenting three important proclamations to the Board on June 4. The first proclamation recognized the 75th Anniversary of D-Day, which was presented to a distinguished group of veterans from Vinson Hall. The recipients included Rear Admiral Gene Sizemore (Navy), Colonel Michael Cluff (USMC), Colonel Glenn Bratcher (USMC), Lieutenant Jack Hannon (Navy), and Colonel Robert Springer (Army). Admiral Sizemore, who spoke before the Board, was a highly decorated Navy pilot who served in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

The second proclamation recognized June 16-22, 2019 as Fire Fighter Safety Stand Down Week and was received by Fire Chief Butler and other fire fighters. This annual event is used in fire departments across the country to highlight critical safety, health, and survival issues for the fire and emergency services. This year's theme is "Reduce your exposure. It's everyone's responsibility."



The last proclamation Supervisor Cook presented was a recognition of the Office of Emergency Management and its partners for their work on the Community Emergency Response Guide. Emergency Management Coordinator Seamus Mooney received the proclamation along with dozens of OEM staff members and volunteers. This guide took several years and many working hours to complete. Now it is available for anyone to access and prepare their neighborhoods for a wide variety of emergency situations.



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 interviews the Braddock District Lord and Lady Fairfax, Michael Perel and Jeanne Kadet. 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.

Community News

Braddock District Council Meeting and Community Emergency Response Guide Presentation

The June Braddock District Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Braddock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke. The presentation will be on the new Community Emergency Response Guide and how residents can help their families and neighborhoods prepare for a variety of emergency situations. Those interested in learning more about the Community Emergency Response Guide can go to <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergencymanagement/ceerg>.

Agenda:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- Amendment to Bylaws (see below)
- Election of BDC Officers
- Presentation by Matthew Marquis on the Community Emergency Response Guide

Suggested Amendment to Section 2, Article V of the Bylaws:

Current Bylaws: Section 2 - All elected officers must be residents of the Braddock District and reside in associations that are in good standing with the Council.

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Best of Braddock Awards and Braddock District Council Picnic

On Wednesday, July 10, the Braddock District Council (BDC) will be hosting their annual Best of Braddock Awards and Braddock District Council Picnic. Each year, the BDC and the Braddock District Supervisor's office join efforts in recognizing those in the Braddock District who contribute to making our community a better place to live and work, while also sharing a meal provided by the BDC. The event takes place at the Braddock District Supervisor's office, 9002 Burke Lake Road. The picnic is from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and the recognition ceremony begins at 7:00 p.m.

Name the I-66 Trail

Help choose a name for the new trail along the I-66 corridor! A new pedestrian and bike trail is being incorporated along the I-66 corridor that connects Merrifield, the Fairfax County Government Center, Fair Lakes, Centreville, and Cub Run, offering new options for multi-modal travel through Fairfax County. The top name(s) from the online survey will be forwarded for recommendation to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and ultimately to the Commonwealth Transportation Board for final approval. Take the survey [here](#).

The online survey will be open from June 3, 2019 through June 30, 2019.

Names for Consideration

- Kaleidoscope Tail (KL)
- Capital Gateway Trail (CG)
- East-West Gateway (EWG)
- Sixty-Six Parallel (SSP)
- Mid-County Trail (MCT)

- Heart of Fairfax Trail (HFT)
- Dogwood Trail (DT)
- 66 Ramble or Sixty-Six Ramble (SSR)

Cell Phone Donation for Victims of Domestic Violence

Artemis House, a 24-hour shelter for victims of domestic violence, stalking, and human trafficking, is in need of cell phones for the people it serves. Bring your old, working cell phones and their chargers to the Braddock District Supervisor's office at 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke. A representative from Artemis House will pick up the phones when available. Please call our office at 703-425-9300 or email braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov with any questions.

Human Services Corner

Volunteers Needed for the Selection Advisory Committee (SAC) for Fiscal Years 2021-2022

Fairfax County is seeking volunteers to participate on the Selection Advisory Committee (SAC) for the Fiscal Years 2021-2022 Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP) funding cycle. SAC members will review and evaluate proposals and make recommendations for funding to eligible program applicants from across the county. For information on how to apply, click on the link below. Deadline for SAC volunteer applications is July 31, 2019. <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/procurement/sponsoredprograms/fundingpool>

The Fairfax Area Agency on Aging (FAAA)

The Fairfax Area Agency on Aging (FAAA) enhances the quality of life for older adults, adults with disabilities and caregivers. FAAA serves as the focal point for information about community services and supports, whether private, public or non-profit for older adults. Information about programs and services can be found here: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/older-adults> or by calling the Aging, Disability & Caregiver Resources line at 703-324-7948. You can learn about County Services, Transportation, Recreation and Wellness Programs, Community Engagement, and Volunteer Solutions and much more!

Scam Alert

The Inspector General of Social Security, Gail S. Ennis, is warning the public about a new variation of increasingly common government employee impersonation scams, this time involving the Social Security Advisory Board. The Advisory Board has reported that individuals are receiving scam phone calls displaying the board's phone number on caller ID. The callers are reportedly attempting to obtain personal information, including Social Security numbers. If you receive this type of call, you should not engage with the caller or provide personal information or money in response to requests or threats. These callers are employing tactics similar to impersonation schemes involving the IRS, SSA, and the SSA OIG. Inspector General Ennis advises that callers may use a variety of false scenarios or threats to obtain personal information or payments, often requested through gift cards or prepaid debit cards. However, the Social Security Advisory Board typically does not contact the general public to request personal information over the phone. Moreover, government employees will never threaten you to obtain personal information or payments. In those cases, the call is fraudulent, and you should just hang up. "This caller-ID spoofing scheme has unfortunately evolved to include the Social Security Advisory Board, but it is the same type of scam, attempting to mislead people by using the trusted name of Social Security," Inspector General Ennis said. "I encourage everyone to alert your family and friends about how common these scams are, and to be very cautious when speaking with unknown callers, even if you recognize the caller ID." Inspector General Ennis urges the public not to provide sensitive information over the phone or internet unless you are certain of who is receiving it. You should also never wire money or add money to a prepaid debit card to pay for any official government service. If you receive a suspicious call, you may report that information online at <https://oig.ssa.gov/report> or by calling (800) 269-0271, Monday

through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Time. You can also report these scams to the Federal Trade Commission through a new site specific to Social Security scams: <https://identitytheft.gov/ssa>.

Disability Inclusion Network Conference

Join Supervisor Cook at this year's Disability Inclusion Network Conference on Saturday, June 29.

Come learn about employment opportunities, social clubs and organizations, inclusive housing initiatives and more at the first ever Disability Inclusion Conference hosted by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Arc of Northern Virginia. This conference will include booths, networking, a panel discussion and breakout sessions for parents, families, the business community, law enforcement, non-profits and individuals with disabilities who want to learn more about all the ways Fairfax County welcomes and includes adults with developmental disabilities in community life. Supervisor Cook will be a featured speaker.

This one of a kind event is designed to help build a bridge between the disability community and society to foster a more inclusive community where we all live and work together as One Fairfax. We will have five breakout session discussions including "business to business" tips and strategies for creating inclusive retail spaces, as well as general information for interested residents. There is something for everyone. Be prepared to engage in discussion, ask questions, and connect with community members as we work to build a vision for what inclusivity can look like. Coffee and light breakfast provided. Register [today!](#)

Saturday, June 29 at the Fairfax County Government Center,
12000 Government Center Parkway, from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Keynote Speaker:

- Frank Stephens, Wildflour Caterers, Disability Inclusion Advocate

Featured panel discussion with:

- Glenn Grundy, AMC Tysons Corner 16
- Karen Goss, Mid-Atlantic ADA Center
- Paula Manion, City Center NOVA
- Karen Gassner, Best Buddies Virginia
- Commander Ryan Morgan, Fairfax County Police

Breakout sessions include:

- Social Opportunities
- Housing Models
- Employment
- Inclusive Public Space
- Public Safety.

Volunteers Needed for Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke

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 Shavaun Wall at recruiter@scfbva.org or call the office at (703) 323-4788.

Shepherd's Center Lunch N' Life

Are you 50 or better? Please join the next Lunch N' Life sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke on Thursday, July 18, 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. at Saint Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church, 5222 Sideburn Rd., Fairfax. The guest speaker will be Rep. Gerry Connolly VA-11. For reservations, call Bea Stephenson at 703-273-5730 by July 12. 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.

Volunteers Needed for Health Department Simulated Medication Dispensing Site

Fairfax County Health Department is calling for volunteers on July 19, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. to travel through a simulated medication dispensing site at Lake Braddock Secondary School, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Although no actual medications will be handed out, public health staff and volunteers will go through the same procedures and protocols that they would use to dispense medications in a real disaster. People of all ages, including parents with young children, people with disabilities, college students and faculty, scouts, community groups, seniors, members of faith-based communities, corporate employees and the public are encouraged to register in advance. No special training or experience is needed. Children under 16 should be accompanied by an adult. Participants should allow for two hours for the exercise. Watch this [video](#) to see what it will be like to walk through a Point of Dispensing site, or POD. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Sullivan, Training and Exercise Coordinator, at elizabeth.sullivan@fairfaxcounty.gov. Click [here](#) to volunteer.

Land Use

UPCOMING BRADDOCK DISTRICT LAND USE MEETINGS

Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 18 at 7:30 p.m. – Braddock Hall

Community Meeting on Rezoning Application for One University Site

Monday, June 24 at 7:30 p.m. – Fairfax Villa Elementary School, 10900 Santa Clara Drive, Fairfax

NOTE: Community Meetings will be live-streamed on Facebook Live. The videos will also be available for viewing following the meetings. Please visit Supervisor Cook's Facebook page. Meeting materials will also be posted on Supervisor Cook's website.

UPCOMING PLANNING COMMISSION & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARINGS

Planning Commission – Rezoning Application for Erickson Living Site

Wednesday, June 19 at 7:30 p.m. – Government Center Auditorium

Planning Commission – Rezoning Application for Roberts Road Site

Wednesday, June 26 at 7:30 p.m. – Government Center Auditorium

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS & REZONING PROPOSALS

Community Meeting Held to Examine Traffic Impacts of Land Use Projects Under Consideration

On June 3, Supervisor Cook held a community meeting to discuss the cumulative transportation impacts of the three major land use cases currently under consideration in the Braddock District: Erickson Living's proposal to put a Continuing Care Facility, affordable senior housing, and an all-abilities recreation center on the former

Northern Virginia Training Center (NVTC) site; a proposal to put 44 houses at the northeast corner of Braddock Road and Roberts Road; and One University, a redevelopment proposal for student housing, affordable family housing, and affordable senior housing at the northeast corner of Ox Road and University Drive. You can read more about each of these projects in this newsletter. Because the three sites are relatively close to each other, any change in traffic patterns could impact the same portion of Braddock Road, so Supervisor Cook asked the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) staff to review the individual traffic studies, look at expected trip distribution, and analyze the cumulative effect of these projects on Braddock Road traffic.

FCDOT staff used the transportation studies submitted for each project to present the expected number of daily trips as well as morning and evening peak period trips. They used a base year of 2025, which would coincide with the timing of the proposed developments.

There will be traffic impacts. The NVTC site has been vacant for the past several years and not generating any trips. The homes on the Roberts Road site are currently vacant. And a more dense use has been proposed for the One University property than what currently exists. However, according to the analysis, these three proposed projects would only result in a 4 to 8 percent increase in traffic over what would already exist. The presentation is available on Supervisor Cook's website at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/braddock-district-traffic-volume-summary-6319-community-meeting>. A video of the meeting is available on Supervisor Cook's Facebook page.

Erickson Living Proposal for a Continuing Care Facility, Affordable Senior Housing, and an All-Abilities Community Recreation Facility Scheduled for Planning Commission

Erickson Living is proposing a Continuing Care Facility (CCF), a public indoor all-abilities recreation facility with an outdoor recreation area, and age-restricted affordable dwelling units on the site of the former Northern Virginia Training Center on Braddock Road. The proposed CCF would consist of 1,050 independent living units and 175 assisted living and skilled nursing units. It would include 12 buildings connected by an internal network of sidewalks, trails, and overhead pedestrian bridges between buildings. Each of the buildings is proposed to be five stories located over one level of underground parking. The buildings would be located within the existing loop road and pavilion/open field area. The overall development would total approximately two million square feet of gross floor area. A total of 1,781 parking spaces would be provided, or 1.45 per unit, with surface parking areas to serve staff and visitors and parking garages underneath the buildings to serve residents. The primary access point would be the existing signalized intersection at Braddock Road and Burke Station Road. An entry drive would lead to a gatehouse providing secure access to the CCF site.

In order to address the affordability component, the applicant has proposed to set aside land for an age-restricted affordable housing building on the northwest corner of the property, the site of the two former group homes. The building would provide approximately 80 units of much-needed affordable senior housing. The applicant has proposed partnering with a private affordable housing developer for this building, which would not be part of the proposed CCF. Access would be at the existing entrance across from Red Spruce Road.

The applicant has also proposed to dedicate land to the Fairfax County Park Authority for an approximately 35,000-square foot public indoor all-abilities recreation facility on the eastern side of the property. The facility would be sized for two full basketball-sized multi-purpose courts which could be used for a variety of activities, including wheelchair basketball, pickleball, volleyball, and more. The building would also contain flexible space which could be used for a mixture of fitness programs and community events, with a particular focus on those serving individuals of differing abilities. A garden area, picnic area, playground, or outdoor recreation area could be located adjacent to the facility. Because there is no funding budgeted for this project, Supervisor Cook has launched an effort to privately raise funds for this innovative, forward-looking project. Access would be provided at the existing entrance across from Fairfax Memorial Park. The applicant has also proposed to build a short connecting road to provide access to the signalized intersection at Burke Station Road.

The Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing on this rezoning application for June 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Government Center Auditorium. To testify before the Planning Commission, sign up at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planningcommission/speaker>. See the video on how to testify at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cableconsumer/channel-16/how-testify-planning-commission-meeting>. It is scheduled to go before the Board of Supervisors on July 16.

The developer's presentations on this project are available on Supervisor Cook's website at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/training-center-and-state-police-site>. The full traffic Operational Analysis and information from previous meetings are also available for your review. If you would like to view past community meetings, they are available on Supervisor Cook's Facebook page. Click on www.facebook.com/SupervisorCook, scroll down to "videos," and select the one you wish to view.

Redevelopment Proposal for Northeast Corner of Braddock Road and Roberts Road

Roberts Road Investment LC has submitted a proposal to put 44 single-family detached homes on the 9.94-acre site at the northeast corner of Braddock Road and Roberts Road. The houses are proposed to be a maximum of 60 feet in height. The site plan would allow preservation of the sizeable Southern magnolia tree in front of one of the existing houses. In response to comments from the community and staff, slightly more tree save would be provided along the eastern property line with University Park as well as a larger tree buffer along Braddock Road. Vehicular access would be from a single entrance on Roberts Road. The proposed layout would provide 20 on-street parking spaces in addition to parking in the driveways of homes. The applicant's traffic engineer has stated that there would be a one percent increase in traffic during both the AM and PM rush hours.

The Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing on this rezoning application for June 26. It is expected to go before the Board of Supervisors on July 30.

BRADDOCK DISTRICT LAND USE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will meet on **Tuesday, June 18, at 7:30 p.m. in Braddock Hall**. The Committee will consider the staff report and make its recommendation on the Erickson Living rezoning application. Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee meetings are open to the public.

PUBLIC FACILITIES APPLICATIONS

Proposed Repurposing of Fairfax County's Boys Probation House for Crisis Care Program

Fairfax County's Boys Probation House Program, currently located at 4410 Shirley Gate Road in Fairfax, is relocating to space available at the county's Juvenile Detention Center later this month. This change gave the county the opportunity to repurpose the existing 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 site leased from INOVA, which has outlived its useful life and does not properly accommodate the operations for the Crisis Care Program.

The Crisis Care program is a community-based alternative to psychiatric hospitalization for residents through the Fairfax County Community Services Board. It offers short-term crisis stabilization services for adults with mental illness and substance use disorders.

The proposed project includes reconfiguring and renovating the interior space to accommodate Crisis Care programming and will also include minor modifications to the exterior, such as installation of new property fencing and restriping of the parking lot. There will be no expansion of the existing facility, although 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.

The project design is moving forward and will be submitted for review and approval by the Department of Planning and Zoning this summer. Upon approval of the zoning and building permits, construction for the project is anticipated to begin in early 2020 with completion in fall 2020. If you have any questions or comments, please contact our office.

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Changes Proposed for Personal Gardens, Community Gardens, and Farmers Markets

In response to the recent expansion in people wanting to grow their own food, edible landscaping trends, and the desire to purchase locally grown food, Fairfax County is considering an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance that would lessen current restrictions on personal gardens, community gardens, and farmers markets.

One part of the proposal would allow homeowners to have gardens in their front yards. Currently, gardens for the cultivation of herbs, fruits, flowers, vegetables, or ornamental plants (not to be confused with landscaping) are not permitted in the minimum required front yard on any lot or in the front yard of any lot less than 36,000 square feet. They are only permitted in side or rear yards. The proposed change would permit gardening in the front yard as long as the garden is no closer than 15 feet to the front lot line and limited to no more than 100 square feet in area. Composting would not be allowed in the front yard.

The proposed amendment would also allow community gardens (defined as either land or a rooftop area used for the cultivation of herbs, fruits, flowers, vegetables, or ornamental plants by more than one person, household, or a nonprofit organization) to be established on open space owned by homeowner or condominium associations, places of worship, schools, offices, and other businesses, provided that proffers or development conditions do not specifically preclude the use. The land could be either divided into separate plots or cultivated collectively. When a community garden is proposed on land not designated as open space, it could be allowed with a Temporary Special Permit if less than two acres. A community garden between 2 and 5 acres could be permitted by a Special Permit with approval by the Board of Zoning Appeals; this would ensure that a larger garden would have the appropriate community review. Certain standards would apply to community gardens related to the size of accessory structures/sheds, composting, setbacks from lot lines, hours of operation, and parking, and a conservation plan would be required from the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District.

Changes to the standards for farmers markets are also proposed. These markets are currently permitted to sell only seasonal or perishable produce, including flowers and plants, from April through November. The proposal would allow farmers markets to operate year-round during daylight hours, and the items allowed for sale could include agricultural products, vendor-produced food and beverages, and value-added farm products, such as items made from farm products like pickles, salsa, baked goods, lotions, candles, and hemp products.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of this proposed amendment on May 16. A public hearing is scheduled before the Board of Supervisors on June 25 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Auditorium. To testify before the Board of Supervisors, you can sign up and see a video on how to testify at:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speakers-form>. If you have any questions or comments, please contact our office.

For more information on the proposal, visit: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/zoning-ordinance/community-gardens-farmers-markets>.

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.

Jonathan Brent Sisco, Jo Hee Sisco, and Gay Hee Lee – 10708 Stanhope Place, Fairfax SP 2019-BR-022

The applicant is seeking to add an accessory dwelling unit. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on June 12. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found here: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMMain.aspx?cde=SP&seq=4230441>.

Richard A. Dorchak, Jr. – 4917 King Solomon Drive, Annandale SP 2019-BR-039

The applicant is seeking to reduce certain yard requirements to permit construction of an addition 5 feet from one side lot line to expand the current one-car garage to a two-car garage. The applicant is also seeking a reduction to the minimum yard requirements to permit an accessory structure (swing set) to remain 5 feet from one side lot line and another accessory structure (elevated play deck) to remain 12.9 feet from the rear lot line. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on July 17. 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=4261711>.

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 child care 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>.

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.

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2019

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Sincerely,
John C. Cook, Braddock District Supervisor



Lake Accotink Park

7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield

JULY

- 5 City of Falls Church Concert Band (Concert Band)
- 12 Karl Stoll & The Danger Zone (Rock, Blues)
- 19 Natty Beaux (Swing)
- 26 Alt Washingtonla Schuhplattler Verein (Alpine Dance/Music)

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- 2 The United States Army Blues (Jazz)
- 9 Karen Collins & The Backroads Band (Honky Tonk)
- 16 City of Fairfax Band - Alte Kameraden German Band (Music of Germany)
- 23 Big Howdy Band (Bluegrass)

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5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax

JULY

- 5 Rhodes Tavern Troubadours (Roots Rock)
- 12 Brass 5 (Light Classical, Jazz)
- 19 King Teddy (Swing)
- 26 Patty Reese Band (Blues, Roots Rock)

AUGUST

- 2 The Groove Factor (80's Funk, R/B)
- 9 Cool McFlinn (Irish Folk)
- 16 Wayne Henderson and Helen White (Traditional Appalachian)
- 23 The Pietasters (Ska)

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