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Braddock District Supervisor

The Braddock Beacon

Dear Neighbor,

From all of us at the Braddock District office, Happy New Year. We've had an eventful first week of 2022, with a challenging snowstorm and the resulting closures. As with any weather event, my office remains in touch with local and state authorities as well as utility companies to ensure that issues are resolved. If you are experiencing any winter weather problems, check the County's [list of resources](#) and contact my office if you need additional assistance.

We'll have a busy schedule in the coming weeks, and I want to make sure you are aware of some big initiatives and opportunities. First, after many years of community meetings and planning, VDOT is prepared to present an update on the Braddock Road Multimodal Improvement Project during a [public information meeting on January 13](#). As I've shared previously, we were successful in securing state funding for Phase One of the project and it is imperative that we continue to receive community input throughout the process.

I'd also like to remind you about the opportunity to join us for Neighborhood College which begins mid-February. This free certificate program is a great opportunity to learn more about Fairfax County government and practical ways you can get involved in your community. I encourage you to [view the flyer](#) and sign up today.

As the omicron variant continues to cause a surge in COVID cases, demand for testing has increased as well. Governor Northam [announced](#) that nine free testing centers will open, one of which will be in Fairfax, starting Wednesday, January 12. The location will be announced soon. Also, you may have heard that [booster shots are available for those aged 12-17](#).

Finally, I want to acknowledge that yesterday, January 6, was the one year anniversary of the violent attack on our Capitol and our democracy that took place on January 6, 2021. Fomented by misinformation surrounding the 2020 election results, the attack attempted to subvert our Constitution and our democratic process. Police officers, including some who lived here in Fairfax County, were beaten. One died in the line of duty and four have since committed suicide. It is my hope that, moving forward, January 6 will be a day of national unity -- a day on which we can come together across our varied divisions, recommit ourselves to democracy, and speak with one voice against those who would threaten it.

As always, this newsletter is full of information that I hope you and your community will find useful. Stay safe and thank you for reading!

Yours in service,

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

Supervisor James Walkinshaw



Join Us Online



Braddock Road Multimodal Improvements

Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022, at 7 p.m.

The meeting will be held as a **virtual/online meeting**. Information for accessing and participating in the virtual meeting is available at virginiadot.org/BraddockMultimodal. The project team will make a short presentation beginning at 7 p.m. and answer questions for about an hour after the presentation.

- Find out about planned multimodal improvements and access management for just over three miles of Braddock Road (Route 620) between Humphries Drive in Burke and Ravensworth Road in Annandale, including the eastbound and westbound Braddock Road ramps to southbound I-495 (Capital Beltway Outer Loop).
- The proposed improvements aim to improve multimodal safety, mobility, and accessibility for all users with intersection and interchange enhancements, new and upgraded shared-use paths along both sides of Braddock Road, and a pedestrian overpass just west of Burke Lake Road.
- Alternative concepts will be presented for three intersections along the Braddock Road corridor: Rolling Road, Wakefield Chapel Rd/Danbury Forest Drive, and Burke Lake Road.
- In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 23 CFR 771, a document in the form of a Categorical Exclusion is under preparation to assess the project's potential impacts to environmental resources.



Provide Comments by Feb. 24 in the following ways:

- **Online:** During the virtual public meeting or at virginiadot.org/BraddockMultimodal.
- **Via Email:** Meetingcomments@vdot.virginia.gov (please reference "Braddock Road Multimodal Improvements" in the subject line)
- **By Mail:** Mr. W. Calvin Britt, Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030

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Walkinshaw in the Community



Supervisor Walkinshaw presenting Young Person of the Year Palmer Moore with his award following the December 8 Annual Best of Braddock Awards Ceremony.



Supervisor Walkinshaw collecting toys at a Toy Drive hosted in Braddock Hall by the Fairfax County NAACP on December 18.



Supervisor Walkinshaw teaching a *Perspectives on Local Government* class to a Lifetime Learning Institute of Northern Virginia (LLI/NOVA) cohort on December 9.



Supervisor Walkinshaw welcoming Captain Gregory Malarkey and Assistant Commander 1LT Loriann LaBarca of the West Springfield District Station, Captain Justin Palenscar of the Animal Services Division, and community members to the *Meet the Commander Event* held at Braddock Hall on December 13.



Supervisor Walkinshaw donating blood at the Burke Volunteer Fire Station with Inova Blood Donor Services on December 21.



Supervisor Walkinshaw addressing the public during Fairfax County's **Red Flag Law Awareness Campaign Kick-off** on December 13.

In December, Supervisor Walkinshaw also:

- Celebrated with members of the Country Club of Fairfax during their Pinnacle Awards Luncheon on December 9.
- Joined the Fairfax Eruv Committee for their grand opening community celebration for the new Fairfax Eruv on December 19.

New Laws in Effect for 2022

New laws passed by the Virginia General Assembly went into effect Saturday, January 1, 2022. Some Fairfax County measures are also in effect for the new year.

➤ **Minimum Wage Increase**

The Virginia minimum wage rises from \$9.50 to \$11.00 per hour. In 2026, it will rise to \$15.00 per hour.

➤ **Vehicle Insurance**

The minimum liability insurance coverage requirement increases for injury or death of one or more people. Read more on the [DMV website](#).

➤ **Surprise Emergency Room Bills**

Virginia's "No Surprises Act" [prohibits](#) healthcare providers from charging you out-of-network prices for an emergency room visit, because patients don't have a choice in where they go.

➤ **Humane Cosmetics Act**

Virginia joins three other states in [banning cosmetics testing](#) on animals. This law also bans the sale of cosmetics that aren't cruelty-free.

➤ **Criminal History on College Applications**

This [new law](#) removes questions about criminal history from most applications for colleges in Virginia.

➤ **Voting and Registration**

Primary elections shift from the second to the [third Tuesday in June](#). Candidate filing times are adjusted accordingly. Also, 16-year-olds can [pre-register](#) to vote so they will be ready to vote in a general or special election that occurs on or after their 18th birthday. (Reminder: you can vote in a June primary if you will be 18 by the November election.)

Fairfax County measures

➤ **5¢ tax on disposable plastic bags**

As shared in a recent Advisory, the [5¢ tax on disposable plastic bags](#) at grocery stores and pharmacies is now in effect.

➤ **Tax Relief**

Expanded [eligibility for real estate tax relief](#) begins this month.

Community News

Braddock District Tax Relief Workshops Hosted by Supervisor Walkinshaw

The deadline to renew tax relief applications is May 2, 2022. The deadline for first-time applicants and certain hardship cases is December 31. In addition, Supervisor Walkinshaw is hosting tax relief workshops at Braddock Hall on March 16, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and again on April 5, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, including information about virtual tax relief workshops, contact the Department of Tax Administration at (703) 222-8234, TTY 711, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or send an email to taxrelief@fairfaxcounty.gov, or [visit DTA's website](#).

BRADDOCK SUPERVISOR **JAMES R. WALKINSHAW** INVITES YOU TO THE **BRADDOCK DISTRICT TAX RELIEF WORKSHOP SERIES**



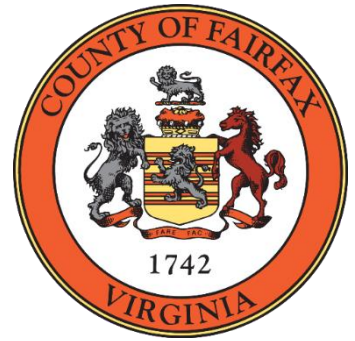
WORKSHOP DATES:

- Wednesday, **March 16**, from 10:00 a.m. through 1:30 p.m. at Braddock Hall
(9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015)
- Tuesday, **April 5**, from 10:00 a.m. through 1:30 p.m. at Braddock Hall
(9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015)

Tomorrow's Fairfax County General Assembly Delegation Pre-2022 Session Public Hearing

The Fairfax County delegation to the General Assembly (Virginia House of Delegates and State Senate) will hold a **public hearing** regarding the upcoming 2022 legislative session on Saturday, January 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or until the last registered person speaks. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the hearing will be held virtually. Fairfax County is assisting with the logistics of the delegation's event.

The hearing will be televised live on Fairfax County Television Channel 16 (Channel 1016 in HD on Cox; Channel 16 on Verizon or Comcast), and can also be viewed on-line through the **[Channel 16 stream](#)**.



REC-Pac to Host Open Hires to Fill 200+ Summer Jobs

Come make a difference and have fun while doing it! The Fairfax County Park Authority is looking for dedicated individuals who enjoy working with kids to "lead the PAC" this summer!

Rec-PAC, affiliated with the Fairfax County Park Authority, is hosting virtual interviews and in-person open hires to fill more than 200 summer jobs.

Rec-PAC is hiring Camp Counselors, Camp Directors, and Area Supervisors. Pay is competitive. Full position descriptions, a list of job duties, and qualifications can be found on the **[Rec-PAC website](#)**.

Job Seekers are welcome to attend one of the following in-person open hires:

- Friday, January 7, 2022, between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. at Providence Rec Center
- Tuesday, March 8, 2022, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. at Providence Rec Center
- Thursday, May 12, 2022, between 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Hutchinson Elementary School
- Saturday, May 21, 2022, between 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Providence Rec Center
- Friday, June 3, 2022, between 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at Providence Rec Center
- Friday, June 10, 2022, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. at Providence Rec Center



Braddock District Neighborhood College

The Braddock District **Neighborhood College** is a FREE seven-session certificate program open to Braddock District residents. Sessions will feature guest speakers, interactive activities, breakout room discussions, networking opportunities, and information about advisory boards and other volunteer opportunities. Fairfax County is committed to providing each participant with a valuable and enriching experience. Learn more by visiting the event website.



Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services

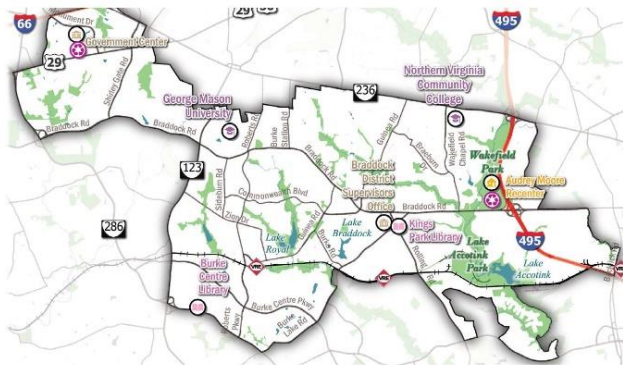
Braddock District Neighborhood College Engage • Connect • Empower

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Braddock Neighborhood College graduates will:

- Learn how Fairfax County Government works and how to get involved.
- Understand demographic profiles and trends within a community context.
- Explore topics that impact the well-being of neighborhoods and communities.
- Apply principles and strategies for inclusive community engagement and outreach.
- Enhance leadership and problem-solving skills to improve neighborhood livability.

Sponsored by the Braddock District Supervisor James R. Walkinshaw in partnership with the Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services.



Classes will be held virtually on consecutive Thursday evenings.

**Feb. 17 - Mar. 31, 2022
6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Apply online at:

<https://bit.ly/BraddockNeighborhoodCollege>



Application must be submitted by Friday, Feb. 4, 2022.



For more information, please contact
Tareque Obaidullah at 703-533-57 50 or
Tareque.Obaidullah@fairfaxcounty.gov



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Hope Cards Now Offered in Fairfax County

Fairfax County now participates in the Hope Card program, a way to enforce a civil protective order and a handy resource for victims of family abuse. A Hope Card is a laminated wallet-sized card that contains all the essential information of an existing, permanent civil protection order. Learn more about Hope Cards by [visiting the County website](#).

Hope Cards for Protective Orders In Participating Virginia Localities Frequently Asked Questions



Keep all the important information from your final protective order on a plastic, wallet-sized card, issued by the court at no charge.

What is a Hope Card? It is a laminated card, similar in size and shape to a credit card, that contains all the essential information about a civil protective order in a durable, easy-to-read format. The card is a convenient way to carry around the important information found on a protective order. It does NOT replace the existing protective order. Law enforcement still must verify the order in the Virginia Criminal Information Network when presented with a **Hope Card**. The **Hope Card** has information such as:

- Identifying characteristics of the person being ordered to "stay away"
- Issue/expiration date of the order
- Terms of the order, including possession of residence, etc.
- Other protected parties

Who is eligible to apply for a Hope Card? **Hope Cards** are available only to holders of a final civil protective order issued in Virginia localities participating in the **Hope Card** Program. To qualify for a **Hope Card**, the protective order must be the result of a domestic/family/sexual violence case, or stalking case and be for 12 months or longer. **Hope Cards** are not issued for emergency protective orders, preliminary protective orders, or "no contact" orders in a criminal case.

How does someone apply? To apply for a **Hope Card**, contact either the court Clerk where your protective order was issued or someone from your local Victim Assistance Program, and ask for an application. They will help you obtain the request form for a **Hope Card**. Once the form has been completed by the applicant and processed by the Clerk, a **Hope Card** will be sent directly to the applicant. For cases in which victim safety is a concern, a Hope Card may be sent elsewhere.

When will the Hope Card arrive? Most Hope Cards are mailed to the applicant within 14 business days of the clerk entering the request into the system.

To find out if your locality participates in the Hope Card Program, contact the court Clerk where your protective order was issued or ask your local Victim Assistance Office. If you are a service provider interested in getting your locality involved, please contact:
Jaime Clemmer, Hope Card Program Coordinator, jclemmer@vacourts.gov
Department of Judicial Planning, Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Virginia

This project is supported in whole or part by V-STOP grant #19-Q4161VA18 awarded by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia (OES) from funds authorized by the federal Violence Against Women Act awarded to Virginia by the U.S. Department of Justice. Opinions or points of view expressed do not necessarily represent those of DCJS, OES, or the U.S. Department of Justice.

Hours of Operation Changing at I-95 Landfill Complex and I-66 Transfer Station

The new year ushered in extended operating hours for residents to drop off their trash, recyclables, and various specialty wastes (e.g., used oil, old batteries, scrap metal) at the I-66 Transfer Station and the I-95 Landfill Complex. The new hours took effect on Saturday, January 1, 2022. The new hours are Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Weekend hours, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., will remain unchanged at both facilities.

The additional time is expected to help with operational efficiency, improve staffing efficiency, reduce 'rush hour' traffic in the afternoons and early evenings, and improve safety for residents.

Over time, incoming waste volumes at county facilities have changed in quantity and times of delivery. By adjusting hours of operations, management will be able to adjust staffing to accommodate these changes. Safety is a priority, so maintaining Resident Only on Sundays will reduce the larger vehicle traffic onsite.

Conversely, as of January 1, commercial customers will experience slightly shorter hours of business at these facilities as follows:

	I-66 Transfer Station	I-95 Landfill Complex
Commercial Bill (Invoiced Companies)		
Monday-Friday	5am - 5pm	7am - 5pm
Saturday	5am - 2pm	7am - 4pm
Sunday	closed	closed
Commercial Pay (Pay-As-You-Go)		
Monday-Friday	7am - 5pm	7am - 5pm
Saturday	7am - 4pm	7am - 4pm
Sunday	closed	closed
Residential		
Monday-Friday	7am - 5pm	7am - 5pm
Saturday	7am - 4pm	7am - 4pm
Sunday	7am - 4pm	7am - 4pm
Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) / E-Waste		
	7 days per week	4 days per week
Monday-Friday	7am-5pm	7am-5pm Friday & Monday
Saturday	7am-4pm	7am-4pm Saturday
Sunday	7am-4pm	7am-4pm Sunday

Christmas Tree Disposal

*Residents with collection services provided by Fairfax County will receive Christmas Tree Disposal services until Friday, January 14. Lights, decorations, and stands must be removed to ensure collection. After January 14, please schedule a brush [Special Pickup](#) to have the Christmas tree removed.

If you have questions, contact Customer Service at (703) 802-3322 or email DPWESSWMPTrashCS@fairfaxcounty.gov

Fairfax County residents can self-haul and drop off their trees at the [I-66 Transfer Station](#) or the [I-95 Landfill Complex](#). There is a \$7 fee to recycle your tree. All ornaments, decorations (including tinsel), and stands must be removed before disposal.

*If you don't receive collection services from Fairfax County, check collection policies with your private hauler.

Your Input Welcome: New Joint City/County Facility for Health and Wellness Planned for Fairfax

Fairfax City and Fairfax County are redeveloping the Joseph Willard Health Center and Sherwood Community Center sites into a single destination for health, wellness, fitness, child care and performing arts in downtown Fairfax. Located at the corner of Layton Hall Drive and Old Lee Highway, the new recreation and health service facility will be built in place of the current Willard Health Center and include a campus redesign that connects to the Sherwood Center. You are invited to offer input on various aspects of the design. You can do so either virtually or in-person. Visit the [Willard-Sherwood Health and Community Center website](#) for more information.

FAQs: More information about the background and feasibility studies for Joseph Willard Health Center (JWHC) and Green Acres can be found in the [Willard-Sherwood Health and Community Center FAQs](#).

Provide Your Input: The City of Fairfax will set up a special website to receive input from City and County residents. The link to this site will be provided on this webpage once it is active.

Virtual "Drop-In" events to be held Jan. 26 and 29

- January 26, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. Register here: [First Virtual Zoom Session Registration Link](#)
- January 29, 9:00 am – 10:30 am. Registration link coming soon.

In-Person: A "Drop-In" events will be held at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center in February. Check back here February 1, for a date and time. "Drop-In" events are opportunities for the public to learn about the project, ask questions, and provide input on the planning and design of the project. Spanish speakers will be available to interpret information but if you need an interpreter for another language, please send an email with that request for which date to Willard-SherwoodProject@fairfaxcounty.gov.



Joseph Willard Health Center



Green Acres Community Center



Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center

Renew or Get Your 2022 Dog License by Feb. 1

Did you get a pandemic pooch this past year? Then you should know that **every dog four months or older must be licensed with Fairfax County**.

Get your [annual dog license or renew it](#) by Tuesday, Feb. 1. The fee is \$10 per dog, except for service dogs which are given licenses for free

Visit the [County News site](#) for more information.

Environmental News

Annual Soil and Water Conservation District Seedling Sale Offers Low-Cost Native Trees and Shrubs to Residents

The annual Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District seedling sale will open Tuesday, March 1, 2022! These species were selected because of their value to native bees, but they also serve as valuable food sources for wildlife. All species are native to Virginia.

- **TREE-mendous Flowers** (\$15) includes two each of the following species: American Hornbeam, Canadian Serviceberry, and Winterberry Holly.
- **Un-BEE-lievable Blooms** (\$15) include two each of the following: False Indigobush, Eastern Redbud, and Silky willow.

Visit [Northern Virginia Soil & Water Conservation District](#) to learn more about these plants and view photographs of the selections.

Using native plants in your home landscape can attract wildlife, protect water and air quality, conserve energy, and reduce carbon emissions. The program is offered in partnership with Fairfax County's Urban Forestry Management Division and the Virginia Department of Forestry's Potomac Work Area.

Payment can be made by credit card to the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District. Pre-payment is required. To order online, visit the [Northern Virginia Soil & Water Conservation District](#). Orders must be picked up on Friday, April 1, or Saturday, April 2, 2022, at the Sleepy Hollow Bath and Racquet Club in Falls Church, or they will be donated to a reforestation project in Fairfax County.

For more information, contact the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District at conservationdistrict@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Plastic Bag Tax Began January 1, 2022

Beginning Saturday, January 1, 2022, the 5-cent plastic bag tax took effect in Fairfax County, Arlington County, and the City of Alexandria. [Studies have demonstrated that plastic bag fees are effective](#) in reducing plastic bag usage and the resulting pollution to our water sources.

The modest funds collected will be reinvested into litter prevention and to providing reusable bags for low-income community members. If you'd like to learn more, [visit the Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination's website](#).



Compliance Corner



Vehicle Storage

Do you know Fairfax County's rules for storing vehicles on residential property?

Fairfax County regulates the storage of inoperative vehicles, vehicles under tarps, and vehicles that are covered with fitted car covers.

Inoperative Vehicles:

- Chapter 110 of the Fairfax County Code and Article 4 of the Zoning Ordinance regulate inoperative vehicle storage in residential areas.
- An inoperative vehicle is any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer that is not in operating condition, does not display valid license plates, or does not display an inspection decal that is valid or does display an inspection decal that has been expired for more than 60 days.
- On residential properties, inoperative vehicles must be kept within a fully enclosed structure or completely screened from view in accordance with the County Code.
- To make a complaint about more than five inoperative vehicles located on private property, call the **Department of Code Compliance** at 703-324-1300, TTY 711 or report online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code.
- To make a complaint about five or fewer inoperative vehicles located on private property, please contact the Fairfax County Police Department's Impound Office at 703-280-0716 or report online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/report-inoperable-vehicle.
- To report an inoperative vehicle on a public street, please call the Police Department's non-emergency number at 703-691-2131.

Vehicles under Tarps: Any vehicle covered by a tarp is subject to the outdoor storage regulations of Article 4 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Vehicles under Fitted Car Covers: On a residential lot, up to two vehicles may kept under fitted car covers specifically designed for this purpose.



To report a possible violation OR for more information contact:

Fairfax County Department of Code Compliance
12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035

Phone: 703-324-1300, TTY 711

Web: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code



To request this information in an alternate format, call the Department of Code Compliance.

This Fairfax County, VA Publication (published July 2021) summarizes a few regulations. See relevant codes for specific requirements.

Transportation Updates

Virtual Public Meeting for Braddock Road Multimodal Improvement Project

Mark your calendar for the Virginia Department of Transportation's Virtual Braddock Road Multimodal information meeting taking place Thursday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m. Alternative concepts will be presented for three intersections along the Braddock Road corridor: Rolling Road, Wakefield Chapel Road/Danbury Forest Drive, and Burke Lake Road.

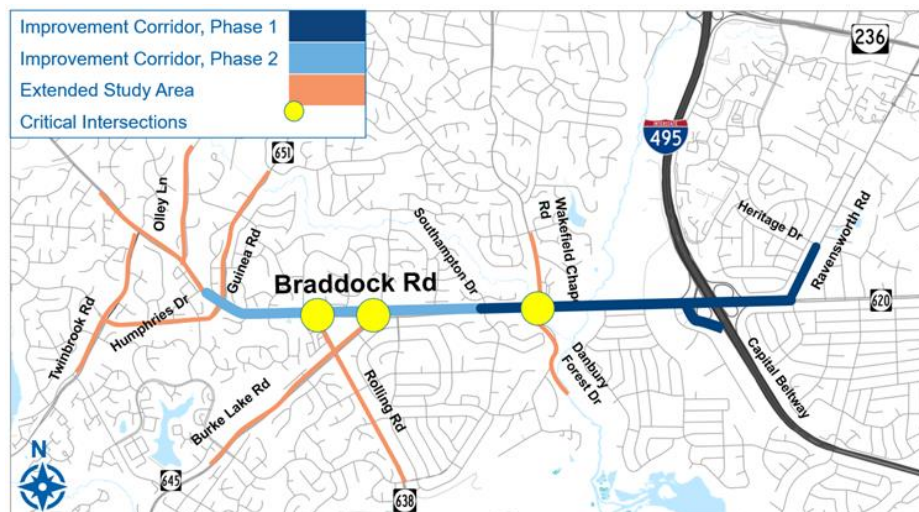
This project will construct multimodal and access management improvements along three miles of Braddock Road (Route 620) between Humphries Drive in Burke and Ravensworth Road in Annandale, including eastbound and westbound Braddock Road, ramps to southbound I-495 (Capital Beltway Outer Loop), and a half-mile of Ravensworth Road between Braddock Road and Heritage Drive.

The improvements include:

- Intersection enhancements, including at Rolling Road, Wakefield Chapel Road/Danbury Forest Drive, and Burke Lake Road
- New and upgraded shared-use paths along both sides of Braddock Road
- A pedestrian overpass just west of Burke Lake Road

The project's right of way and construction will be done in two phases: Southampton Drive to Ravensworth Road (Phase 1) and Humphries Drive to Southampton Drive (Phase 2). Within the project limits, Braddock Road averages about 71,000 vehicles a day, and Ravensworth Road averages 14,000 based on 2019 data.

Phase 1 is fully funded, and Phase 2 is partially funded. The project is financed with federal, state (including Smart Scale), and local funding. Estimated project costs continue to be developed as the proposed improvements and preliminary design are refined. [Learn more about the project](#) by visiting VDOT's website. Join the meeting on Thursday, January 13, at 7:00 p.m. by [using this meeting link](#).



Older Adults

Navigating Alzheimer's, Dementia, and Memory Loss Community Forum

Join Fairfax County Family Services, Alzheimer's Association, and Regional Older Adults Facility Team (RAFT) in this virtual community forum to learn about Alzheimer's, dementia, and memory loss. Invite a friend who has been affected by the disease. Share your thoughts about how someone can help people in your community. Please register to receive the Zoom link. Call 800-272-3900, or [register online using this link](#).



CAREGIVER COMPASS:

Navigating Alzheimer's, Dementia and Memory Loss

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13 | 5:30 P.M.

Join us in this virtual community forum to learn about Alzheimer's, dementia and memory loss. Invite a friend who has been affected by the disease. Share your thoughts about how we can help people in your community.

Please register to receive the Zoom link.
Call 800.272.3900 or click [HERE](#) to register.



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Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University (OLLI Mason)

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University (OLLI Mason) has a robust level of class offerings and recruits wonderful teachers from all walks of life, including George Mason University, OLLI membership, and outside experts.



Despite the challenges brought by the pandemic, OLLI Mason thrived as an organization. In 2021, we continued to program and deliver over 500 classes on a broad spectrum of subjects. Over 20 clubs continued to meet online, giving members the ability to stay connected. We plan to resume field trips and in-person classes during our spring term (March 28—May 20).

Currently, OLLI Mason membership is available to new members at an incredible value. We are offering a \$300 special promotion rate for those who purchase an annual membership during our winter 2022 term (January 24—February 18), **so act now!** Curious about our class offerings or want free information about our organization? Visit their **OLLI George Mason University YouTube channel**. You can view a sample of their class offerings. Find more information about OLLI Mason on their **website** or by emailing their administrator at **olli@gmu.edu**.

Free Virtual Support Call for Family Caregivers of Older Adults Maintaining Relationships While Caregiving

Being a caregiver for an older adult can be a very demanding role. It can sometimes leave caregivers with little time or energy to maintain relationships with others who are also important



in their lives. However, it is essential to keep these relationships healthy for many reasons, including the fact that friends and family can help in times of struggle by providing relief from the stresses of caregiving. Please join the Fairfax County Department of Family Services' Commission on Aging for this invaluable and empowering caregiving discussion. **Learn more and register today.**

Beacon Virtual 50+ Expo Event is Open Until January 31

The Beacon Newspaper (not to be confused with this Braddock Beacon newsletter) free virtual event provides useful information from government agencies, nonprofits, and area businesses offering products and services to older adults and their families. Join online (computer, tablet, smartphone), and check out the speakers, classes, entertainment, and informative exhibitors available. Learn more and **join the event now!**



Public Safety

Who to Contact About Downed Trees and Wires

Winter storms often cause trees and power lines to fall due to the heavy weight of the snow. If that happens, you can use these contacts to get help:

1.) Life-Threatening

- If there's an immediate life-safety issue, call or text 9-1-1.
- If a tree falls into your home:
 1. Get everyone safely out of your house. Use your cellphone or go to a neighbor's house and call 9-1-1.
 2. Stay away from the home until public safety employees can access your home for structural safety (as well as ensuring your utilities are OK or should be turned off.)
 3. Only after all these safety measures should you then call your insurance company.

2.) Power Lines

- NEVER touch a downed wire.
- Dominion Power: 1-866-366-4357 or [online using their website](#).
- NOVEC: 1-888-335-0500 or contact them [online using their website](#)

3.) Roads

- Call the Virginia Department of Transportation at 1-800-367-7623, TTY 711, or use [VDOT's online reporting form](#).

4.) Sidewalks

- Check out our [online map of who maintains sidewalks](#) to find out who's responsible to remove trees/tree limbs. Most sidewalks are VDOT's responsibility, so call 1-800-367-7623, TTY 711, or use [VDOT's online reporting form](#).

5.) Fairfax County Government/Parks/Schools

- County Government buildings: (703) 324-2055, TTY 711
- Fairfax County Park Authority property: (703) 324-8594, TTY 711 or [report online](#)
- Fairfax County Public Schools property: (703) 764-2429, TTY 711

6.) Private Property

- Removal is the property owner's responsibility. We suggest direct communication with your neighbor, then we recommend contacting a professional, licensed arborist to inspect the tree. The County has no authority over civil issues like downed trees.

7.) Posing Hazard to Public Areas

- Contact Fairfax County Urban Forestry at (703) 324-1770, TTY 703-324-1877.



Fairfax County Reports Drop in Total Crime for 2021

The Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) saw reductions in most major crime categories in 2021, fueled by a focus on community partnership and data-driven policing. The reductions came in many categories including robbery, burglary, auto theft, and malicious wounding. Following the national trend, homicide was a rare category that saw an increase in 2021. This numerical increase of 6 homicide victims is driven by an unusually high number of indoor domestic violence incidents involving adult children killing parents and other family members. FCPD recorded 21 murders in 2021, compared with 15 in 2020. The Major Crimes Bureau solved a total of 399 cases of violent crime, including 16 of the 21 murders. Our homicide detectives continue to pursue leads for the unsolved cases. Our clearance rate is 76.2 percent in 2021, which exceeds the national average rate of 61.4 percent of homicide closures.



"The national rise in violence touched every major urban center in 2021, including Fairfax County," said Chief of Police Kevin Davis.

"Despite this, we remain one of the safest jurisdictions of our size in the country because our patrol officers, detectives, and professional staff work tirelessly for our victims and their families. As we look ahead, FCPD will continue to engage with our community on the important work of public safety."

2021 Crime Highlights:

- Overall crime fell by 9.6 percent in 2021, compared to 2020
- The drop in crime resulted in 3,187 fewer victims, compared to 2020
- Robbery fell by 1 percent in 2021, compared to 2020.
- Domestic Assaults fell by 4 percent in 2021, compared to 2020.
- Burglary fell by 11 percent in 2021, compared to 2020.
- Auto theft fell by 8 percent in 2021, compared to 2020.
- Larcenies from automobiles fell by 17 percent in 2021, compared to 2020.

Newly Launched Community Initiative (iPAC) Shows Initial Progress:

In the fall, FCPD started a community engagement program called iPAC (Integrating Police and Community) that requires patrol officers to spend a minimum of 30 minutes on foot patrol per shift. The goal of these foot patrols is to interact with residents and business owners in areas where dispatchers receive the highest call volume. The iPAC initiative is different, because officers are not responding to a call for service. Thus, the non-enforcement community engagement is meant to generate more natural conversations about public safety. Police officers know these interactions build greater police legitimacy and strengthen trust. In addition to iPAC being a daily responsibility for patrol officers, FCPD commanders are also required to perform 30 minutes of weekly iPAC engagement. Since the launch, FCPD has recorded hundreds of community interactions.

The department also launched a community feedback measurement tool, which uses a survey linked to a QR code. Community members are asked for their input on the quality of service provided by the department and the professionalism of our police officers during an interaction.

Read FCPD's full 2021 Crime Summary by visiting their [Department News website](#).

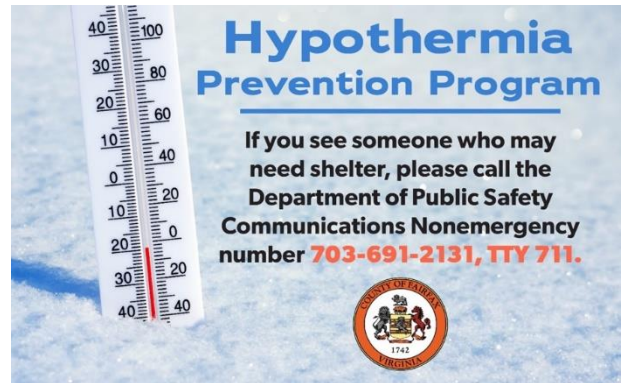
Human Services Corner

Hypothermia Prevention Program

The Fairfax County [Hypothermia Prevention Program](#) for people experiencing homelessness begins on December 1, 2021. Since 2005, the program has prevented death and serious injuries among our most vulnerable residents by ensuring that no one must sleep outside during the winter months. This program – available to any adult in need of immediate shelter – provides warm shelter, food, and other supportive services to help connect guests to a variety of basic needs such as clothing, employment, housing, and more. It remains a highly effective partnership between government, nonprofits, and the faith community.

All Neighborhood and Community Services [Community](#), [Teen](#), and [Senior Centers](#) are warming centers. Center staff are prepared to accommodate any community walk-in needs during our operating hours.

For more information on the program and hypothermia, see the [Office to Prevent and End Homelessness website](#).



Crisis Assistance

The Crisis Assistance Program is designed to help households overcome energy emergencies that cannot be met by other resources. An energy emergency is determined when a household has no heat or is in imminent danger of being without heat. Crisis Assistance offers assistance with one or more of the following:

- Payment of primary heat source utility bills (begins Monday, Jan. 3, 2022)
- Payment of security deposits for primary heat utility
- Purchase of primary home heating fuel when the fuel supply is low
- Repair of inoperable or unsafe heating equipment
- Replacement of heating equipment for homeowners only (when repair is not possible).
- Provision of supplemental heating equipment/maintenance



Applications for the Crisis Assistance Program are accepted until Tuesday March 15, 2022.

Apply for Fuel Assistance and Crisis Assistance:

- [Online](#)
- Phone: Enterprise Call Center at 833-5-CALL-VA (833-522-5582).
- Fax: Send your completed the application to (703) 653-1355.
- In Person: Applications for Energy Assistance are available at the [Fairfax County Human Services Centers](#) (Lake Anne in Reston).

Children's Corner

Body Safety Program

The Body Safety Program is taught free of charge in elementary schools, childcare centers, community centers, and other group settings for children in Pre-K to sixth grade. It is a school-based program that focuses on building safety skills within the child, preparing them to identify risks such as:

- Child abuse
- Bullying
- Internet safety



The curriculum, Childhelp® Speak Up Be Safe, gives children a comfortable, non-alarming way to talk about the sensitive and complex problem of child abuse:

- Children learn how to prevent or interrupt abuse, empowering them to act if they are threatened or victimized.
- Trained facilitators lead the interactive presentation that takes about two hours including an age-appropriate video.
- Handouts and online resources reinforce learning and engage families in discussion about personal safety and abuse.

The Body Safety Program Offers Virtual Classes

The Body Safety Program is now offering virtual classes to any Pre-K through sixth grade students living in Fairfax County. If you are interested in learning more or scheduling a virtual class(es), contact Francesca Watson by [email](#), call (703) 324-7459, or you can [submit a referral](#).

Virtual Classes

- Are available virtually via a preferred platform
- Are shorter sessions (30-60 minutes)
- Emphasis on online safety
- Include an interactive component via chat or video chime in from students

5 key body safety rules children will learn:



Land Use & Development

UPCOMING MEETINGS & HEARINGS

Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting

- January 18 at 7:00 p.m. – virtual

Community Meeting on Day Property Rezoning Proposal

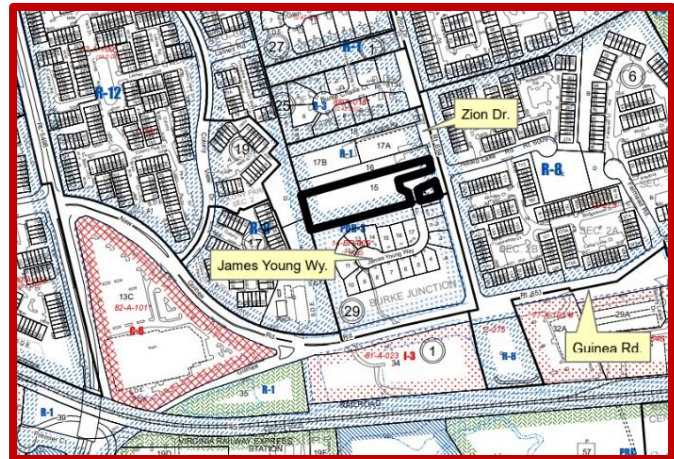
- January 31 at 7:00 p.m. – virtual

Planning Commission Hearings

- Public Storage – February 2 at 7:30 p.m. – Board Auditorium
- Sekas Homes – February 2 at 7:30 p.m. – Board Auditorium

Community Meeting Set for January 31 on Proposal to Develop Day Property on Zion Drive

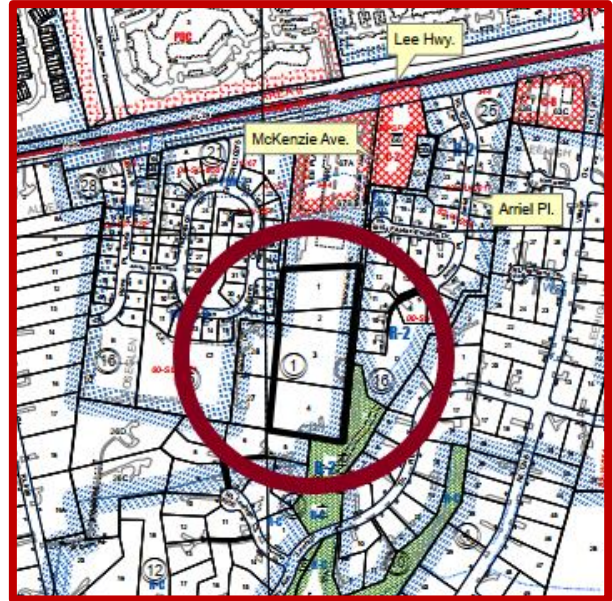
A rezoning proposal has been filed for 10121 Zion Drive, a wooded undeveloped site known as the Day property. This 2.51-acre site is located on the west side of Zion Drive, just north of its intersection with Guinea Road and adjacent to the Burke Junction community. The applicant has proposed rezoning the property from the R-1 District to the PDH-3 District to permit the development of seven single-family detached homes. Access to the property would be provided from James Young Way, which connects to Zion Drive opposite Hillard Lake Road and links to the Burke Junction neighborhood to the south. A new private street would connect to the public road. Although the property to the north is not part of this rezoning, the applicant has proposed reserving an area for future interparcel access.



Application to Redevelop McKenzie Avenue Properties Scheduled for February 2 Planning Commission Hearing

Sekas Homes, Ltd. has filed an application to rezone 6.51 acres of land located along McKenzie Avenue, south of its intersection with Lee Highway in Fairfax. The land consists of four properties developed with three vacant single-family homes and several outbuildings.

The applicant has proposed rezoning the property from R-1 to R-2 Cluster to allow 11 new lots developed with single-family dwellings. The development is being called Marshall Hills. Access would be provided through a new public street extending from an existing stub off Robertson Farm Circle. The development would also connect to Lee Plaza Center just west of KinderCare, which would provide a second access point through the shopping center parking lot. McKenzie Avenue would be closed and revegetated south of the private cemetery entrance. Stormwater management is proposed to be handled through installation of an underground vault facility.



At a meeting held by Supervisor Walkinshaw on October 25, community members raised questions about removal of trees, on-street parking, additional traffic through Robertson Farm, and access through Lee Plaza Center. The applicant responded that they are just short of meeting the tree preservation target. Because it is narrower in width, no on-street parking would be permitted in the area of the existing stub from Robertson Farm Circle. Future interparcel access to Lee Plaza Center was provided as a condition associated with approval of the KinderCare facility.

The Planning Commission hearing in this case is scheduled for February 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Auditorium at the Government Center. Community groups or individuals who are interested in providing testimony on this application are encouraged to do so. Information on how to testify may be found on the [Planning Commission website](#). The application number is RZ 2021-BR-009. No date has been set for a hearing of the Board of Supervisors.



Waples Mill Road, looking south toward intersection with Lee Highway, showing proposed new Public Storage building at top left

Public Storage Rezoning Application Scheduled for Planning Commission Hearing on February 2

On October 25, the Board of Supervisors approved a Plan Amendment which would allow self-storage use at the northwest corner of Lee Highway and Waples Mill Road. This paved the way for consideration of an application filed by Public Storage Southeast One, Inc. to consolidate the corner parcel with their existing self-storage property and rezone the corner lot into the I-5 District.

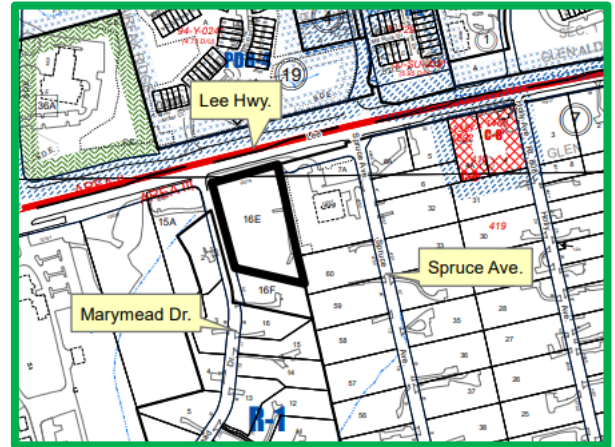
Public Storage is proposing to remove the vacant house and contractor's yard on the corner property, demolish one row of its existing single-story self-storage bays, and construct a climate-controlled five-story, 63-foot tall self-storage facility of approximately 150,000 square feet on the southeast corner of the site (see illustration). The building would be red brick with stucco accents and spandrel glass windows to resemble the nearby residential and office buildings. A subdued, darker-colored brick and white lettering would be used for signage. The area near the existing office and lighthouse at the south end of one of the existing single-story buildings would also be demolished and a new office with up to 1,500 square feet and reconfigured parking area would be constructed.

The applicant is proposing to develop a new pocket park, which would be open to the public, adjacent to the existing pocket park on the interior portion of the block. It would include a dog park with seating and a children's play area. Trails on the site would be upgraded. The existing service road along Lee Highway, currently being used for parking of commercial vehicles, including food trucks and contractors' equipment, would be removed and replaced with landscaping and a pedestrian pathway. Additional landscaping, including natural landscape features, would be provided around the new building. The doors of the existing single-story building along Waples Mill Road would be painted a brick color, with alternating decorative art panels along the façade. The stormwater management system for the site would be upgraded and would include an underground storage facility.

A Planning Commission hearing on the rezoning application is scheduled for February 2, 2022. Information on how to testify may be found on the [Planning Commission website](#). The application number is RZ 2020-BR-003. No date has been set for a hearing of the Board of Supervisors.

Application Indefinitely Deferred for Child Care Facility at 12019 Lee Highway

NLD Fairfax, LLC has requested indefinite deferral of its Special Exception application to permit a child care center at 12019 Lee Highway. Although it has not been formally withdrawn, it is no longer under consideration. Thank you to the community members who participated in meetings and provided comments during consideration of this application.



Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will hold an electronic meeting on Tuesday, January 18, at 7:00 p.m. The agenda will include discussion and updates on pending Braddock District cases. Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee meetings are open to the public and interested residents are encouraged to participate. Join [online](#) or by phone: (571) 429-5982, Phone Conference ID: 730 922 969#.

Upcoming Outreach and Education on Sign Regulations

Are you interested in learning more about the current sign regulations and sharing how these regulations should be amended? Join county staff to learn about the regulations and enforcement of complaints, and to provide ideas for what changes should be considered by the county in the Signs Part II Zoning Ordinance Amendment.

Virtual community information sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, January 18 at 12:00 noon and Thursday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m. More information about the upcoming sign meetings is included on the [Sign Regulations Phase II webpage](#). Please contact the Zoning Administration Division at 703-324-1314, TTY 711, or by [email](#) with any questions, feedback, and requests for reasonable accommodations.

County staff will also make a presentation at the February 15 meeting of the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee (look for details in the February Braddock Beacon). As with the January meetings, part will be educational on the current regulations and part will be to solicit feedback on what is or isn't working. Consider taking part in one of these meetings to learn more and share your thoughts.

Community Open Houses Scheduled on Airport Noise Policy

On July 28, 2020, the Board of Supervisors authorized a Comprehensive Plan amendment to consider locating residential uses between the 60 and 65 DNL airport noise contours with commitments to noise mitigation measures, notification requirements, and construction techniques for any such uses. An [Issues Paper](#) providing background information regarding aircraft operations and aircraft noise in Fairfax County, as well as potential considerations and noise mitigations to be considered as part of the amendment, was published in November.

Virtual Community Open Houses for this Plan Amendment are scheduled for **Thursday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m.** and **Saturday January 29 at 11:00 a.m.** Visit the **Airport Noise Policy Plan Amendment website** for additional information.

Cases Filed with the Board of Zoning Appeals

The Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) hears and makes decisions on requests for variances (relief from specific zoning regulations such as lot width, building height, or minimum yard requirements) and Special Use Permits. It meets on Wednesdays beginning at 9:00 a.m. BZA meetings are aired live on the county government's cable TV Channel 16. Residents who have concerns about an application are encouraged to submit a letter for the record or testify at the hearing on the case in person, by telephone, or by pre-submitted video. For information on how to submit comments or testify, please visit the **Board of Zoning Appeals website**. These matters will not come before the Board of Supervisors but will be decided by the BZA. Staff reports are normally available online a week before the scheduled hearing.

Please note that in some cases, two application numbers may be listed. The first one is the number that was assigned in the old system and the second is the number in the new Planning and Land Use System, or PLUS, which came online for zoning applications on July 1, 2021. Applications submitted before July 1 continue to be available in the old system, but many have been assigned a new number, as well. Applications submitted after July 1, 2021 will only be available in the PLUS system. The new system allows users to create and submit applications online, pay fees, track the status of applications, and receive electronic notifications. It also offers more information to the public and does so in real time. Visit the **PLUS Information and Support website** for more information on this new land use platform.

➤ **Erwan Dapoigny & Sandra P. Lukic-Dapoigny – 4217 Holborn Avenue, Annandale
VC 2021-BR-007**

The applicants are seeking a Variance to allow an accessory structure (treehouse) to remain in a front yard, located 13.9 feet from the lot line. A BZA hearing was held on January 5 and the BZA voted to defer their decision on the application until February 2. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found on the **PLUS website**.

➤ **Donald T. Stemetzki & Kathleen M. Stemetzki – 7813 Glenister Drive, Springfield
SP 2021-BR-058**

The applicants are seeking a reduction in setback requirements to allow a carport located 2.4 feet from the side lot line to remain. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on January 26. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the **PLUS website**.

➤ **Laurie Hyde Boulden – 7522 Inzer Street, Springfield
SP 2021-BR-079**

The applicant is seeking a reduction in setback requirements based on error in building location to permit an accessory structure (shed) that is 15'9" in height to remain 1.1 feet from the side lot line, for a deck to remain 0.5 feet from the east side lot line, and for a second deck to remain 0.75 feet from the west side lot line. This application has been

scheduled for a BZA hearing on February 2. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

➤ **Alberto Gonzalo Acha – 7517 Hamlet Street, Springfield
SP 2021-BR-063/SP-2021-BR-088**

The applicant is seeking a reduction in setback requirements based on errors in building location to permit an addition 6.6 feet from the side lot line, a 7.2-foot high deck that is 6.6 feet from the side lot line, and an accessory structure (shed) that is 1.7 feet from the side lot line and 5.7 feet from the rear lot line. The BZA hearing on this application has been deferred until February 9, 2022. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

➤ **Bhardwaj Tushar – 4700 Ox Road, Fairfax
VC-2021-BR-00010**

The applicant is seeking a Variance to reduce the setback requirements to allow construction of a 6,000-square foot single-family house 18.4 feet from the western front lot line (40-foot setback required), 18.9 feet from the rear lot line (20-foot setback required), and 17.2 feet from the western lot line (20-foot setback required). The BZA hearing on this application has been deferred until February 9. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

➤ **Daniel Forlai – 12219 Rowan Tree Drive, Fairfax
SP 2021-BR-00132**

The applicant is seeking a reduction in setback requirements to permit an addition 20.1 feet from the front lot line adjacent to Pheasant Ridge Road and 37.7 feet from the front lot line adjacent to Rowan Tree Drive. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on February 9. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

➤ **Daniel Forlai – 12219 Rowan Tree Drive, Fairfax
VC 2021-BR-008**

The applicant is seeking a Variance to allow a freestanding accessory structure (shed) to remain in a front yard on a lot less than 36,000 square feet in area. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on February 9. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

➤ **Robert E. Fenneman & Christine L. Fenneman – 5110 Kings Grove Court, Burke
SP 2021-BR-00109**

The applicants are seeking a reduction in setback requirements to permit an addition (screened-in patio) 12.8 feet from the rear lot line. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on March 2. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

➤ **Carrie Lee Ward – 5631 Southampton Drive, Springfield
SP 2021-BR-087**

The applicant is seeking an increase in fence height to allow a 6-foot fence in a front yard. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on March 16. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

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