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# James R. Walkinshaw

## Braddock District Supervisor

# The Braddock Beacon

Dear Neighbor,

As we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic and approach the end of my first 18 months representing you, it's a good time to check in and get your feedback. To that end, I hope you'll take five minutes to complete [this survey](#).

The Braddock District Office operates on a set of seven values – respect, accountability, discipline, inclusion, growth, responsiveness, and joy. Providing clear, consistent communication and responsiveness to each of our 125,000 constituents is one of the most important ways that we seek to reflect those values. Over the last 18 months, we've sent 18 editions of the Braddock Beacon and 74 Walkinshaw Advisory updates. We've hosted dozens of virtual community meetings and utilized Nextdoor, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to keep you up to date.

When constituents contact us, we follow responsiveness standards requiring that phone calls are returned within one business day and emails receive at least an interim response within two business days. At several points in the pandemic, we were inundated with inquiries and missed meeting those standards as we worked around the clock to help hundreds with vaccine-related questions. All told, our average response time to email inquiries was 2.3 days.

While I'm proud of the work we've done, we are always seeking to improve and hope that you'll take a few minutes to [complete the survey](#) and help us do just that!

Tomorrow, Saturday, June 5, is National Trails Day, and I hope you'll join us for a ribbon cutting for the new Smokewood Park Pedestrian Bridge at 10:00 a.m. This replacement of an aging pedestrian bridge was inspired by community members who worked with my office and the Park Authority to ensure that local communities will continue to have connectivity to the stream valley. Learn more by visiting the [Park Authority's website](#). I hope to see you and your family there!

Remember that tomorrow, Saturday, June 5, is the last day to [vote early for the June 8 Democratic Primary](#). Any registered Fairfax County voter can cast their ballot early. There are 16 locations around the County, and all of them will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You can view [sample ballots](#) and find additional information by visiting the [Office of Elections' website](#).

Yours in service,

Supervisor James Walkinshaw



## Smokewood Bridge Ribbon Cutting National Trails Day June 5, 2021

### **The Smokewood Bridge Ribbon Cutting Program will include:**

- A welcome and introduction by Fairfax County Park Authority's Acting Executive Director Sara Baldwin starting at 10:00 a.m.
- Opening Remarks by:
  - Sue Murray, Community Organizer
  - Melissa H. Miller, Olde Creek Elementary Principal
  - Megan McLaughlin, Braddock School Board Member
  - James Walkinshaw, Braddock District Supervisor
- Smokewood Park Pedestrian Bridge Ribbon Cutting

**You can enter:** [\*\*N38.83357 W77.27830\*\*](#) into your GPS/Maps App/Google Maps for directions.



# Walkinshaw in the Community



Supervisor Walkinshaw speaking at the Country Club View Memorial Day picnic on May 31.



Supervisor Walkinshaw celebrating the graduation of the Fairfax Country Mental Health Docket on May 21.



Image by LLI NOVA

Supervisor Walkinshaw recognizing NOVA Lifetime Learning Institute's 25 years of service with past, present, and future members of their Institute's Board of Directors on May 6.



Supervisor Walkinshaw commending the Health Department workers for ensuring the Braddock Hall Vaccine Equity Clinic was efficient, convenient, and safe on May 27.

In May, Supervisor Walkinshaw also:

- Joined the Fairfax Fire & Rescue Academy's Graduation Ceremony on May 21.
- Met with two Boy Scouts from Troop 50 on May 20.
- Attended Truro Community's HOA meeting and provided an overview of Braddock District topics on May 19.
- Gave general district updates and answered community questions at the Little Run Citizen's Association Meeting on May 6 and the Canterbury Woods Civic Association meeting on May 18.
- Hosted a Community Pools meeting with local swimming pool leaders on May 11.

# Citizen of the Month

June's Braddock District Citizen of the Month is Robert Blizzard! Robert enjoys working on local history and has spent hours creating detailed profiles of original owners in his neighborhood Ravensworth Farm. Through his diligent reporting, he has been able to get the scoop on local neighborhood lore and tell the stories of local families who have made the Braddock District their home. His column in the Ravensworth Farmer newsletter gives readers the opportunity to learn about their neighbors and their neighborhood.

Robert also works for Langley Residential Support Services, a nonprofit that serves adults with developmental disabilities and their families and serves as their Development Director/Assistant. Langley Residential believes everyone deserves a chance to live a rich and full life!



**Robert Blizzard**

# Community News

## June is Pride Month

Early this year, the Virginia state legislature passed [11 pro-equality bills](#) including protections for LGBTQ elders and people living with HIV, affirming the right to marry, repealing harmful legal loopholes, and recognizing diverse family structures.

Here in Fairfax County, the Board of Supervisors has also affirmed their commitment to promoting a culture of openness, inclusiveness, and acceptance for all persons in Fairfax County. On May 18, 2021, the Board of Supervisors proclaimed June 2021 as "LGBTQ+ Pride Month" in Fairfax County.



## Braddock District Council Meeting

The Braddock District Council (BDC) will hold its June meeting on Wednesday, June 16 at 7:00 p.m. The main topic for the evening will be Fairfax County's GIS capabilities. Ms. Sandy Woiak of the County's GIS and Mapping Services Division will discuss how her division assists residents and HOAs/Associations, followed by a Q&A session.

The BDC is accepting applications for next year's officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer). Please send a small write-up detailing your interest, including a brief qualification statement to [chair@bdcfx.org](mailto:chair@bdcfx.org) by Friday, June 11. The BDC will vote on next year's officers at their June 16th meeting.

- **Braddock District Council June 16 Monthly Meeting**
- Click to [join meeting](#)
- Meeting ID: 873 0026 1583
- Passcode: 630525
- Dial In: (301) 715 – 8592

## Fairfax County Public Library to Resume Normal Services & Introduce New Hours on June 5

Fairfax County Public Library (FCPL) will resume normal services and introduce new hours on Saturday, June 5.

Patrons will once again be able to visit FCPL branches without time or capacity limits to enjoy the full range of library services and resources.

Under the new expanded hours, regional branches will be open 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, and 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Community branches will be open 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, and 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Community branches will not be open on Sundays.





Curbside services will remain available to patrons 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on days branches are open. [Learn more about curbside service at the library.](#)

Public PCs will be available for use at pre-pandemic levels: 30-minute sessions, with unlimited sessions per card per day.

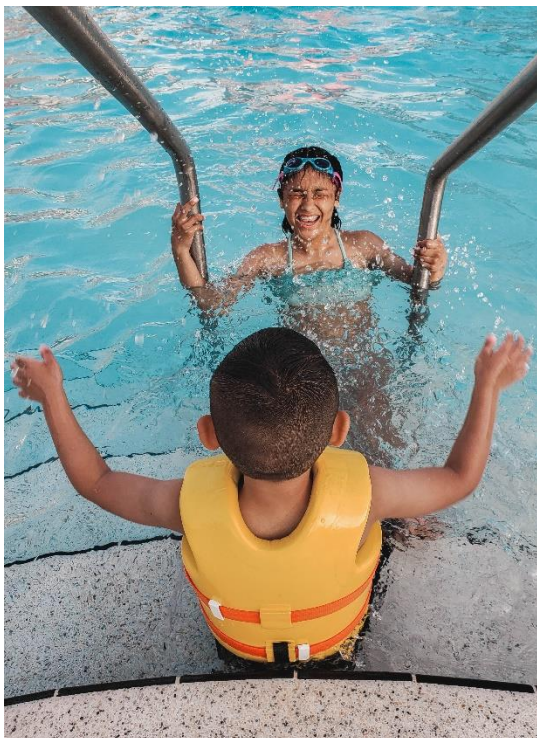
## **COVID-19 Social Distancing and Capacity Restrictions Have Now Ended in Virginia; Unvaccinated People Should Still Wear Masks**

Beginning Friday, May 28, Governor Ralph Northam's [Executive Order 79](#) took effect, which **lifts all remaining capacity limits for gatherings and social distancing requirements** in previous executive orders.

In addition, [earlier in May the governor lifted the state's indoor mask mandate for fully vaccinated individuals](#). However, fully vaccinated people may still choose to wear face coverings for many reasons, including protecting unvaccinated children. A person is considered fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving the second dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or two weeks after receiving the single-dose vaccine from Johnson & Johnson.

### **For Those Not Vaccinated**

People who are not vaccinated should wear a face covering in all public settings in accordance with Executive Order 79. Those not vaccinated are encouraged to take precautions in accordance with CDC guidance for unvaccinated people.



Additionally, the Virginia Department of Health [still recommends that people who are not fully vaccinated continue to practice physical distancing](#).

### **Healthy and Safe Swimming**

Swimming is a fun activity that offers many health benefits. Whenever you are near water, it is important to take steps to prevent swimming-related injuries (like sunburns, slips, and falls), drowning, and waterborne illnesses.

According to the CDC, about 10 people die each day from unintentional drowning. Of these deaths, two will be children aged 14 or younger. Learn about [preventing recreational water injuries](#), and visit [PoolSafely.gov](https://www.poolsafely.gov) for simple steps to reduce childhood drownings and pool injuries.

Learn more on the [Fairfax County Emergency Blog website](#).

**MAY 28**  
**All remaining  
COVID-19 mitigation  
measures related to  
distancing and capacity  
are lifted.**



## What is Juneteenth?

On June 19, 1865, the last enslaved Black people living in Galveston, Texas, were told the Civil War had ended; the Emancipation Proclamation had been signed in 1863 by President Abraham Lincoln; and all Black people were now free from the bondage of slavery.

This date came to be known as Juneteenth, and in modern times it became a day to celebrate freedom and resiliency after 246 years of enslavement; appreciate African American history and culture; and encourage continuous self-development.

Fairfax County declared Juneteenth a county holiday for the first time in 2020, following Virginia's declaration that a state holiday be observed.

"Please use this day to reflect on and to take actions that promote the unity we embrace here in Fairfax County," County Executive Bryan Hill said on observing the county holiday. "We are on this One Fairfax journey together."



Want to learn more about Juneteenth and why this day is special?

- [Juneteenth World Wide Celebration](https://www.juneteenth.com) (Juneteenth.com)
- [Juneteenth \(1865\): June 19, 2020](https://www.census.gov) (Census.gov)
- [Juneteenth](https://www.britannica.com) (Encyclopedia Britannica)
- [What to know about Juneteenth and why people are talking about it now?](https://www.cnn.com) (CNN)



**Watch the Juneteenth Video Above**



# Summer Concerts & Children's Series



## FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY Summer Entertainment Series 2021 Braddock Nights



Wednesday and Friday Evenings • Saturday Mornings

I am excited to welcome you back to this year's Braddock Nights summer series! These free concerts present a wide array of performances from classical to bluegrass, with something for every music lover. I hope you'll bring a picnic dinner, blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy this fun-filled series. Come relax with friends, family and neighbors in a safe, socially distant atmosphere. Volunteers are always welcomed. For more information, please contact my office at 703-425-9300 or [braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov). I look forward to seeing you this summer.

Sincerely,

James Walkinshaw, Supervisor, Braddock District

### Royal Lake Park

5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax

Friday Evenings • 7:30 p.m.

#### JULY

- 9 Paul Reisler & Three Good Reasons (Folk Jazz)
- 16 Little Red & The Renegades (Zydeco)
- 23 Kadencia Orchestra (Bomba, Plena, Salsa)
- 30 Lesson Zero (Roots Rock)

#### AUGUST

- 6 Mark Puryear and friends (Blues)
- 13 The Hillbilly Gypsies (Bluegrass)
- 20 Mars Rodeo (Rock)

### Rutherford Park

4743 Guinea Road, Fairfax

Wednesday Evenings • 7:30 p.m.

#### JULY

- 7 Karl Stoll & The Danger Zone (Rock, Blues)
- 14 Linwood Taylor (Blues, Rock)
- 21 Soul Crackers (Motown, Soul)
- 28 TBD

#### AUGUST

- 4 City of Fairfax Band - Alte Kameraden German Band (Music of Germany)
- 11 Karen Collins & The Backroads Band (Honky Tonk Country Band)
- 18 Common Ground (Smooth Jazz)



## ARTS in the PARKS

A Free Children's Entertainment Series

Saturday Mornings • 10 a.m.

### Wakefield Park

8100 Braddock Road, Annandale

#### JULY

- 10 Blue Sky Puppet Theater (Puppets)
- 17 Marsha and the Positrons (Children's Songs)
- 24 Ray Owen (Children's Songs)
- 31 The Great Zucchini (Comedy, Magic)

#### AUGUST

- 7 Rocknoceros (Children's Songs)
- 14 Mr. Gabe & the Circle Time All-Stars (Children's Songs)



Braddock Nights is presented in partnership with the supporters of Braddock Nights and generous contributions from the following sponsors:



Kings Park West Civic Association

Canterbury Woods Civic Association

The Summer Entertainment Series is made possible through corporate and private donations. To donate, visit [www.fairfaxparkfoundation.org/projects](http://www.fairfaxparkfoundation.org/projects).

Scan to donate!



Performances are subject to change due to pandemic-related issues. For schedule updates and COVID safety information prior to attending, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance). Call 703-324-SHOW (7469) before leaving home for inclement weather updates.

FCPA's Summer Entertainment Series follows current CDC and Health Department COVID guidelines for events and the Governor's mandates for entertainment venues.



703-324-8563 TTY Va. Relay 711



# Environmental News

All residents of Fairfax County and other county stakeholders with an interest in climate adaptation and resilience planning are invited to attend a virtual public meeting on June 15, 2021, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. This meeting will be held online and is the first public engagement opportunity in connection with the Resilient Fairfax initiative, a county-wide effort to increase the community's overall resilience to climate impacts.

Input gathered from meeting attendees will help provide the Resilient Fairfax planning team with a complete picture of public preparedness and opinions around climate readiness within Fairfax County. Public input will help to inform the development of the county's first-ever Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan.



For more information on Resilient Fairfax and the Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan, visit the [Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination's website](#).

To pre-register for the Resilient Fairfax public meeting on June 15, [visit the registration website](#).

## Increased Reports of Sick and Dead Birds

The Fairfax County Animal Protection Police and the Wildlife Management Office have received an increased number of reports for sick and dead birds throughout Fairfax County. Other agencies and localities across the region and state are reporting similar issues.

Many reports have included common grackles and blue jays, but other species have been documented within Fairfax County as well. Most of the affected birds appear to be juveniles. Symptoms have included neurological impairment, weakness, and eye infections (discharge, crusting, and swelling of the eyes). Many other birds have been reported after being found dead.

The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources is actively investigating this issue and has worked with local partners, local veterinarians, and wildlife rehabilitator to submit samples of dead birds to a wildlife health diagnostic lab for examination. The Fairfax County Animal Protection Police and Wildlife Management Office are awaiting these diagnostic results that will hopefully shed more light on the current situation.

If you find a sick or injured bird on your property, please contact the Animal Protection Police through the police non-emergency number at (703) 691-2131.

We ask residents who find **dead** birds on their property to dispose of the birds promptly using the following guidance:

- Wear gloves and avoid direct contact with the birds.
- Invert a bag over your hand, pick up the bird, and then pull the bag over the bird, tying a knot at the top of the bag.
- Place this bag in a second bag (double bag), and seal it for disposal.
- Dispose of the bird in a trash receptacle outside your home.
- Trash receptacles should be secured so children, pets, and wild animals do not have access to them.
- Wash hands thoroughly after disposal.

We know that these incidents are alarming, and we share your concern for the health and welfare of our bird communities in Fairfax County and across the region. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work with the state wildlife agency to better understand and address the issue. We will keep you updated as we learn more from the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources investigation.

## Your Guide to Snakes in Fairfax County

Fairfax County is home to an array of snake species, **most of which are non-venomous and pose no threat to people**. Among the most frequently observed resident snakes are the Eastern rat snake, Eastern garter snake, Dekay's brown snake, Northern water snake, and Northern ring-necked snake. All these are snakes common and important predators in our ecosystems.

These snakes are beneficial and provide a valuable pest control service in our communities.

### Take Note of the Venomous Northern Copperhead Snake

The Northern copperhead is the only venomous snake species commonly found in Fairfax County. Copperheads may be basking in the sun on trails, in rocky areas, and in stream valleys. They are most active between April and October. Copperheads can be identified by their:

- Triangular head shape
- Vertical pupil
- Hourglass scale pattern that runs the length of their body
- Copper, light brown, or tan color
- Yellow-tip tails on juveniles



***Watch the video above.***

Many of our non-venomous snakes are unnecessarily killed each year because they are misidentified as copperheads. For information on identifying the Northern copperhead and harmless look-a-like species, please visit the [Virginia Herpetological Society](#).

### When You're Most Likely to Encounter Snakes

- When they are crossing roads
- When they are moving through your backyard or through other transient habitats
- During breeding season (spring or fall) when they are moving to look for mates
- When they are basking near habitat edges (e.g., water bodies, forest lines)

## Join Supervisor Walkinshaw on July 1 for a Tour of the Lake Barton Dredging Project

Join Supervisor Walkinshaw and staff from the Maintenance and Stormwater Management Division of the county's Department of Public Works and Environmental Services at 10:00 a.m. on July 1 for a tour of the Lake Barton Dredging, Restoration, and Riser Modification project. The scope of work includes dredging and removal of 12,580 cubic yards of sediment as well as restoring and modifying the existing riser. A new sediment forebay for the southern tributary is being installed. A portion of the shoreline and upstream dam bench is also being rehabilitated. This project began last fall and is expected to be completed in October. Community members are encouraged to join Supervisor Walkinshaw to learn more about this project. The group will meet on the dam embankment near Summit Oak Way. Parking is available along Burke Centre Parkway (see map).



Map of Lake Barton

## Long Branch Central Watershed Management Area Project Update

The Long Branch Central Watershed Management Area Project is a collaborative effort of the county's Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, the Fairfax County Park Authority, and the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District. Long Branch Central was declared an impaired water by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality in 2017. This project will help reduce the sediment load to meet the reduction targets. By reducing the sediment load going to Lake Accotink the County's investment in dredging will be protected.

A watershed study and community outreach were conducted through March of this year. Study results were then evaluated with the project team, including community stakeholders. A list of project recommendations is being developed, and a draft project implementation plan will be available to share with the community for review and comment this fall. There will be field studies, plan development, and public meetings through 2022. Construction will occur in phases, likely beginning in 2023.

The restoration work plan should be completed in Winter 2022, with construction anticipated to start in Summer 2023. Each phase will be outlined once the implementation plan is completed. When construction occurs, residents should expect truck traffic to the project sites, including periodic deliveries of material using dump trucks. Those trips will begin after 7:00 a.m. on weekdays. At some periods during construction, work may occur on weekends. Deliveries on those days will be made after 9:00 a.m.

For more information, visit the [project website](#).



# Human Services Corner

## **Last Month's The Impact of COVID-19 on Women in the Workforce Survey**

Last month, Supervisor Walkinshaw sent out a survey to learn more about the impact that COVID-19 has had on local women in the workforce. Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond. Many of you share that, due to the pandemic, you had challenges managing being a full-time parent and a full-time worker at the same time. You shared that COVID-19 has not only had an impact on your family's financial well-being but also your mental well-being due to extra stress, less energy to manage additional tasks, and concerns around keeping you family safe and healthy. Even though the number of cases is going down, we know that the pandemic will have a lasting impact on our community and on women in general. We wanted to include a few resources that might be helpful.

- Coordinated Services Planning – (703) 222-0880 for financial assistance, housing assistance, food/clothing
- Community Services Board – (703) 383-8500 for mental health needs
- Parent Support Line – (703) 324-7720 for parenting advice, a listening ear, and parenting resources
- Re-Employing Virginians (REV) Initiative – (703) 533-5341 for an employment program to help Virginia residents who lost their job due to COVID-19.

If you have additional needs, please contact my office so we can connect you with county resources.

## **Scam Alert: Calls "From" (703) 324-1000**

Multiple residents have received calls from (703) 324-1000 (our MyFairfax online portal help line) that claim their Fairfax County data has been compromised and they need to call another number to set up fraud protection.

**This is a scam, or better known as a phone spoofing scam.**

Do not call any secondary number and give them personal or county information if you receive this or any similar call. This number is being spoofed. Below is some helpful information when dealing with phone spoofing. If you are supposed to receive a call from MyFairfax, once received, please hang up and call MyFairfax directly.

## **Pohick Regional Library Update**

As Fairfax County Public Libraries resume normal services, a new video buzzer for building access which was installed on December 3, 2020, will be fully operational for use by people with disabilities. Previously, this video buzzer was not operational - first, due to the pandemic and second, because the meeting room connected to the door was occupied for book storage. We are glad to see that, along with back-to-normal operation, the video buzzer will now serve its purpose except for times when the meeting room is occupied. Many thanks to former Walkinshaw Senior Legislative Assistant Linda Bufano who heard the concerns from residents and worked with county staff on the installation of this device.

# Transportation Updates

## **NEW Continuous Right Turn Lane at Guinea and 236 (Little River Turnpike) Will Lessen Commute Time**

Commuters now using this intersection will soon have a safer and faster right turn to go east on Little River Turnpike. The new right-turn lane is expected to be effective by late summer. More than 1,000 cars are now cutting through Truro on Elizabeth Lane and Old Hickory Road during morning rush hour to get to 236, endangering the safety of pedestrians, and school children and causing noise and pollution for Truro residents.

## **Fairfax Connector to Assume Operations of Select Metrobus Routes, Announces Changes to Existing Bus Service Effective July 10, 2021**

To continue to improve transit service in Fairfax County, effective Saturday, July 10, 2021, Fairfax Connector will assume operations of five (5) Metrobus routes from the [Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority](#) (WMATA) and make minor service changes to five (5) existing Fairfax Connector routes, as approved by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Members of the public provided input on these proposed service changes in the fall of 2020 at virtual community meetings and through an online survey.

On July 10, 2021, Fairfax Connector will assume operations of five Metrobus routes, four of which are currently not operating due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Fairfax Connector will restore and provide enhanced service on these routes serving key areas in Fairfax County with connections to the McLean, East Falls Church, West Falls Church, and the Pentagon Metrorail stations. These routes serve approximately 69,000 residents and provide access to more than 36,000 jobs within the County. The Metrobus routes being converted to Fairfax Connector routes are:

Old Metrobus Route	New Fairfax Connector Route
3T	<a href="#"><u>703</u></a>
15K	<a href="#"><u>715</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>3A</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>803</u></a>
29C	<a href="#"><u>834</u></a>
29W	<a href="#"><u>835</u></a>

## Rolling Road VRE Parking Lot Expansion Project Virtual Meeting Set for June 10, 2021

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) will hold a virtual meeting on the Rolling Road VRE Parking Lot Expansion project on Thursday, June 10, at 7:00 p.m. The project seeks to add 38 new parking spaces and will include planned sidewalk, curb, and stormwater upgrades. In addition, a representative from the Virginia Railway Express will be at the meeting to discuss the platform expansion project for the Rolling Road VRE station.

To attend the meeting:

- [Register](#) online
- **Dial In:** 844-621-3956; **Access Code** 173 009 0254
- First time Webex user? See our [Virtual Meeting Instructions](#)

Commuters, residents, and stakeholders may also submit feedback to the project team:

- Online via the red [feedback form](#) link at the bottom of the project webpage
- In writing to: FCDOT, Attn: Rolling Road VRE Lot Expansion Project Feedback, 4050 Legato Road, Suite 400, Fairfax, VA 22033
- By phone: (703) 877-5600; TTY 711

Comments will be accepted until June 24, 2021. For more information, visit the [project webpage](#).



VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS



# Land Use & Development

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & HEARINGS

**Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting** – June 15 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Planning Commission Hearings**

- Annandale United Methodist Church Rezoning Proposal – June 16 at 7:30 p.m.
- Kenilworth II Rezoning Proposal – June 23 at 7:30 p.m.

**Community Meeting on Child Care Facility at 12019 Lee Highway** – June 28 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Hearing on Kenilworth II Proposal Scheduled for June 23**

Following several deferrals, the Planning Commission hearing on the zoning application submitted by Christopher Land, LLC for approximately 4.43 acres of land located just south of the Kenilworth community at Caprino Court and Braddock Road has been rescheduled for Wednesday, June 23. This property is currently developed with one single-family home built in 1955 that will continue to be occupied by the current owner and would be included in a subsequent phase of the project. The applicant is requesting to rezone this land from the R-1 District to the PDH-3 District to build 12 single-family detached dwelling units at a density of 2.71 dwelling units per acre. Nine houses would be constructed in phase one, and an additional three houses would be part of phase two, when the existing house is removed. The application shows that access would be provided by connecting Banting Drive and Caprino Court at a “T” intersection with a three-way stop. An underground stormwater management system would handle stormwater runoff.

During a site visit in late April by members of the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee and the Braddock District Planning Commissioner, a previously unidentified wet area was seen on the site. The applicant’s engineer evaluated the area and identified wetlands and an ephemeral stream. A wetlands and waters boundary confirmation will be conducted by the Army Corps of Engineers. The wetlands are located near the center of the site on the eastern side, in an area the developer plans to fill to build the road connection and use for the underground stormwater detention facility. In response to questions about the proposed tree save, the applicant submitted slightly revised plans in mid-May that provide a bit more tree preservation than previously shown. County staff is reviewing this information and is expected to issue a supplemental staff report prior to the Planning Commission hearing.

In meetings on the proposal, residents have continued to express their concern about connecting Banting Drive and Caprino Court. The Virginia Department of Transportation adopted a connectivity policy over a decade ago in order to provide for a network of publicly maintained streets and to address concerns with cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets. The State Code requires that when new streets are dedicated, they must be connected to road and pedestrian networks with the existing and future transportation network. Connections provide flow for both vehicles and pedestrians within local developments rather than requiring people to go onto a larger collector road to access neighboring houses. Connectivity is vital in providing timely access for

emergency vehicles. It is also important for school buses, trash collection, street maintenance, and snow plowing.

The April 7 staff report on this application is available on the [County website](#). An addendum is expected to be published next week and will be available on the [County website](#). Look on the left side under "Imaged Documents." The applicant will present their revised proposal to the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee at their June 15 meeting. For information on how to testify at the June 23 Planning Commission hearing, visit the [Planning Commission's website](#). A Board of Supervisors hearing date will be scheduled following the Planning Commission's consideration of this application.

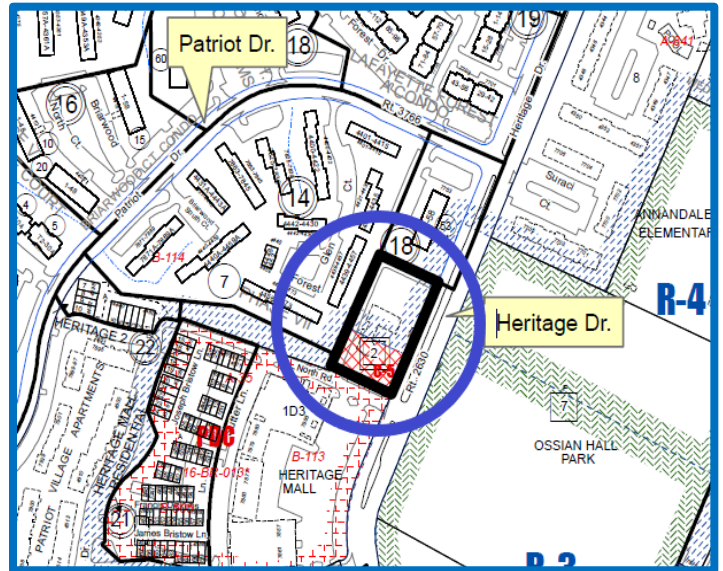


## **Annandale United Methodist Church Rezoning Hearing Scheduled for June 16**

The Trustees of Annandale United Methodist Church have requested approval to rezone their 1.77-acre property located on the west side of Heritage Drive and adjacent to Heritage Mall from the C-5 (Neighborhood Retail Commercial) District and R-20 (Residential, 20 Dwelling Units/Acre) Districts to be entirely in the C-5 District to allow a public benefit association, or community resource center, associated with an existing place of worship.

The existing building was constructed and originally used solely as a place of worship. However, more recently, the church has increasingly used the site to provide social services to address significant unmet needs in the surrounding community. Residents in the area walk to the church property to access a food pantry and clothes closet operated by church volunteers. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the church collaborated with Chef Jose Andres of the World Central Kitchen to coordinate and distribute over 18,000 meals in the Annandale community. Many of these meals were targeted to families who were unable to access free and reduced meals from Fairfax County Public Schools.

The church now proposes to formalize this operation and, in addition to the place of worship, to create a community resource center that will provide a range of supportive educational and healthcare services, including a robust food distribution program, health and wellness screenings, and a mobile dental clinic, among other initiatives. They intend to expand existing collaborations with the Fairfax County Health Department, Department of Family Services, and Neighborhood and Community Services; Food for Others, George Mason University, Northern Virginia Community College; Medical Care for Children Partnership Foundation; and other public and charitable organizations.



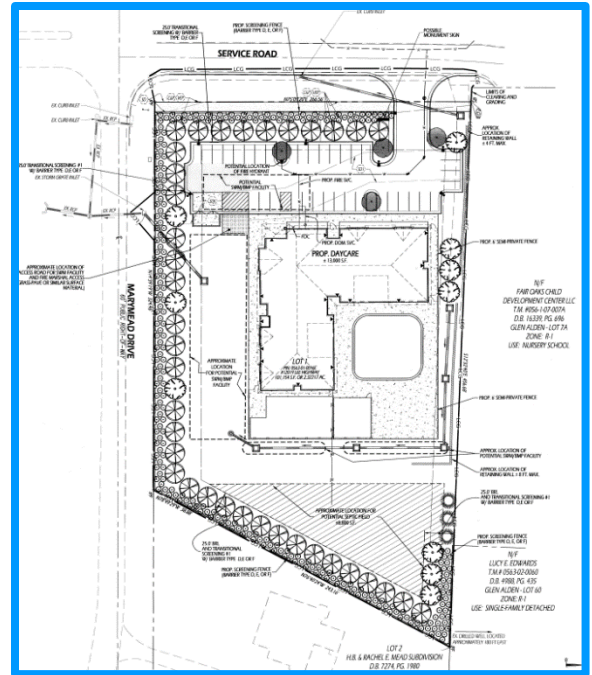
Under the county's Zoning Ordinance, this operation would be considered a Public Benefit Association. However, the site is currently split zoned to the C-5 and R-20 Districts. Given this unique split zoning, such a use is not permitted on the residential, or R-20, portion of the property, which encompasses nearly half of the building. For that reason, the church has filed an application to rezone the property to entirely C-5, which would allow the public benefit use to legally operate and expand the valuable work and services it provides to the community. No construction or physical changes to the existing site or buildings are planned. The church will re-stripe the existing travel aisle and parking spaces in accordance with recommendations from the Fairfax County Fire Marshal.

The applicant received positive comments when this project was presented to the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee in April. A hearing of the Planning Commission is scheduled for June 16, and the application is scheduled for a Board hearing on July 13. If you would like to testify, please visit the [County website](#).



## Virtual Community Meeting on June 28 to Discuss Child Care Facility Proposed for 12019 Lee Highway

On June 28, Supervisor Walkinshaw will hold a virtual community meeting to discuss a Special Exception application filed by NLD Facilities, LLC to permit a child care center at 12019 Lee Highway. This 2.32-acre site is located south of Lee Highway between Spruce Avenue and Marymead Drive. It is currently developed with a single-family dwelling, with the remainder of the property as open space. The applicant has proposed an Everbrook Academy, operated by child care provider Learning Care Group, Inc. The facility would be approximately 13,000 square feet with a 12,500-square foot play area to the rear of the building. Access would be provided from the Lee Highway service road. Enrollment would be up to 151 children at any one time, and the facility would have 26 employees. Thirty-six parking spaces are proposed. Hours of operation would be from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



The virtual community meeting on June 28 at 7:00 p.m. will provide an opportunity for the applicant to present the details of the project and for the community to get information, ask questions, and provide comments. We hope that those who live nearby are able to participate. To join, please use this link:

**[Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android](#)**

Password: 050471

Or Telephone:

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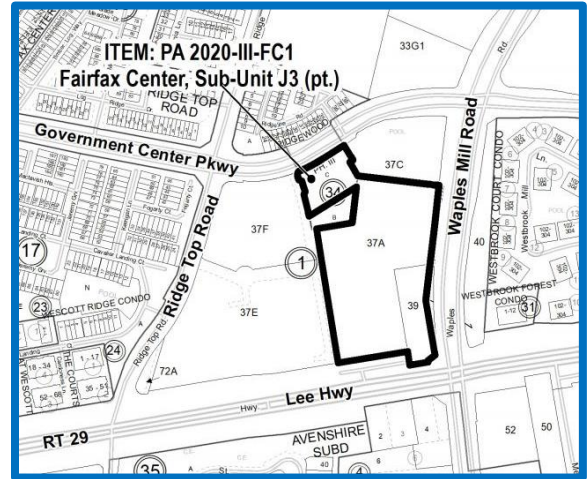
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Conference code: 194172

A Planning Commission hearing has been scheduled for November 3. The Board of Supervisors hearing has not yet been scheduled.

## Comprehensive Plan and Rezoning for NW Corner of Lee Highway & Waples Mill Road

The northwest corner of the intersection of Lee Highway and Waples Mill Road contains an older house and an outbuilding that was formerly used as a contractor's office and workshop. An existing Public Storage facility surrounds the property on the north and west. The corner lot is for sale, and Public Storage has expressed interest in expanding its self-storage use onto that property. This area is planned for office use with an option for office/mixed use should it be redeveloped. The intersection is also planned for a potential interchange after Shirley Gate Road is extended to the Fairfax County Parkway.



For the past year, county planning staff has been considering a Comprehensive Plan Amendment for both the corner lot and the surrounding Public Storage property to ensure that the plan for this corner remains in line with the vision for Fairfax Center. During this review, consideration is being given to what options might be appropriate for the site, whether self-storage or alternative uses. Particular attention is being paid to architecture and design, landscaping, pedestrian improvements, and park/recreational space. County planning staff and representatives of Public Storage have been meeting regularly to try to come to agreement on general concepts. We expect that draft Comprehensive Plan language consistent with these discussions will soon be developed. A Planning Commission hearing on the Comprehensive Plan Amendment is tentatively scheduled for September 15.

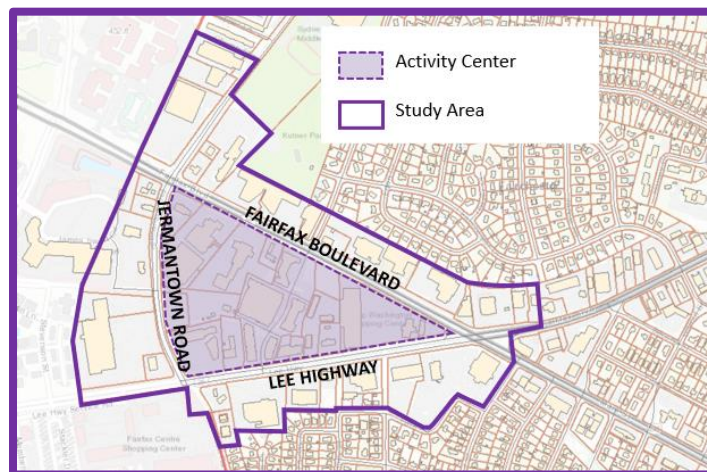
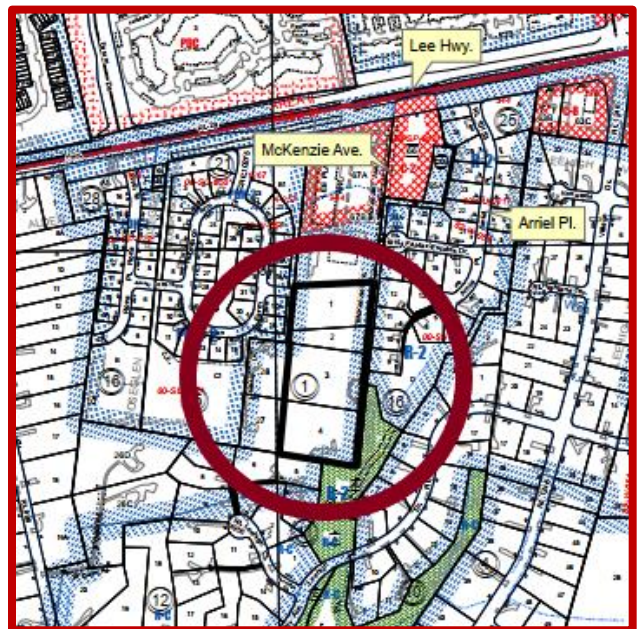




A concurrent rezoning application was filed by Public Storage Southeast One, Inc. to consolidate the corner parcel with their existing self-storage property. Based on feedback from meetings with staff and input from the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee, Public Storage recently resubmitted their plans to reflect modifications to their original proposal. Public Storage is proposing to remove the existing house, demolish one row of its existing, single-story, self-storage bays, and construct a climate-controlled five-story self-storage facility of approximately 150,000 square feet on the southeast corner of the property (see illustration). They would develop a public park, including a dog park, adjacent to the existing public park on the interior portion of the block. The existing service drive now being used for parking of commercial vehicles, including food trucks, would be removed and replaced with landscaping and a pedestrian pathway. Additional landscaping would be provided around the new building. A path with public artwork would lead from Waples Mill Road to the new park and dog park. The details of this revised application are being reviewed by county staff. A Planning Commission hearing on the rezoning application is tentatively scheduled for November.

## Application Filed to Redevelop McKenzie Avenue Properties

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 single-family homes, two of which are not currently occupied. The applicant has proposed rezoning the property from R-1 to R-2 Cluster to allow 11 new lots developed with single-family dwellings. Access would be provided through a public street extending from an existing stub off Robertson Farm Circle. Stormwater management is proposed to be handled through installation of an underground vault facility. A Planning Commission hearing has been scheduled for December 1. No date has been set for a hearing of the Board of Supervisors.



## Fairfax City to Begin Discussion of Changes to Kamp Washington Activity Center at June 9 Meeting

The City of Fairfax is beginning a community dialogue about the future of the Kamp Washington Activity Center, a triangular slice of land located in the west end of the city and bounded by Fairfax Boulevard, Lee Highway, and Jermantown Road. The study area borders portions of the Braddock District and includes the city's portion of the Fairfax Court shopping center.

Fairfax City's small area plans are neighborhood-level plans intended to provide the city with guidance on each of its five activity centers defined in the 2035 Comprehensive Plan. They provide specific guidance for a desired mix of uses, residential density, building density, design aesthetic, street locations, multimodal connections, infrastructure improvements, parking, and open space. Kamp Washington has the potential to become an exciting mixed-use destination, and city planners want to hear your ideas. You are invited to participate in their first public



meeting, which will be held at 7:00 p.m. on June 9. For more meeting details and information about the Kamp Washington Small Area Plan, please visit the [City of Fairfax's website](#).

## **BRADDOCK DISTRICT LAND USE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will be holding an electronic meeting on Tuesday, June 15, at 7:00 p.m. The agenda will include updates on the pending Braddock District cases. Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee meetings are open to the public, and interested residents are encouraged to participate.

### **Microsoft Teams meeting**

**Join on your computer or mobile app**

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

**Or call in (audio only)**

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## **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. Meetings are currently being held electronically with distance participation due to the State of Emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. 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 by phone or video at the hearing on the case. For information on how to submit comments or testify, please visit [Planning Development 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.

**There are no BZA zoning cases currently pending in the Braddock District.**

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