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Braddock District Supervisor

The Braddock Beacon

Dear Neighbor,

While we can't declare victory over COVID-19 quite yet, we have [made tremendous progress](#) and it looks likely that we'll be able to enjoy something close to a normal summer. The University of Virginia's Biocomplexity Institute recently said that if vaccine administration continues at its current pace [the Northern Virginia region could reach "community immunity,"](#) or localized herd immunity, by mid-summer. Vaccines are the best tool to protect our community and loved ones. Now that everyone 16 years and older is eligible to receive a vaccine and supply is plentiful, addressing vaccine equity and hesitancy is our biggest priority.

To make getting the vaccine as easy and streamlined as possible, the [Tysons Community Vaccination Center](#) is offering walk-in service, Monday through Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. You can also schedule an [appointment at Tysons or another nearby clinic](#)! Giant pharmacies are now offering [walk-in vaccine appointments](#) at all 25 locations in Fairfax County on Monday and Tuesday mornings. [VaccineFinder](#) continues to function and has helped thousands of residents schedule their appointments at various locations.

If you or someone you know needs help with transportation to and from a vaccine appointment, Fairfax County and community providers have options to get residents to appointments. Read [the County Emergency Blog](#) to find safe, reliable, no-cost transportation options to your appointment. If you or someone you know would like accurate information to help with the decision to get vaccinated, visit [StayWellNova](#). You can also visit [MantenteSanoVA](#) for information en español.

Finally, I want to express my appreciation for the dedicated work of the entire Braddock District Office staff throughout the pandemic. Like so many public servants here in Fairfax County and across the country, they have truly gone above and beyond to serve our community. I could spend all 19 pages of this Braddock Beacon recounting specific instances of their compassion and professionalism coming together under the most difficult circumstances to help the people I represent. But suffice to say, they have touched a lot of lives and made a real difference over the course of this pandemic. I'm deeply proud of the work done by Frank Anderson, Ann Sharp (retired), Linda Bufano (retired), Marcia Pape, Brian Garcia, Joon Park, Sally Kidalov, and Rebecca Thompson. Thank you!

Yours in service,

Supervisor James Walkinshaw

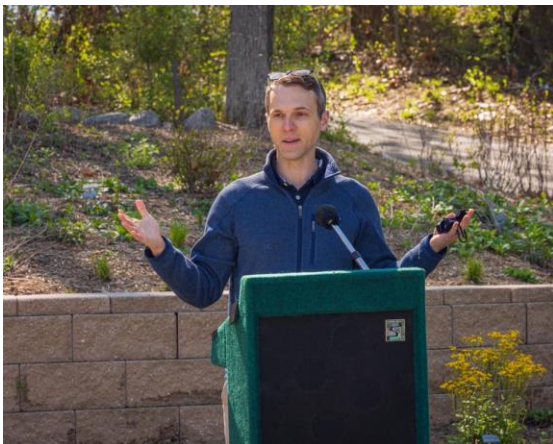
Walkinshaw in the Community



Supervisor Walkinshaw discussing Braddock road improvements, rec center renovations, the county budget, and more at the Willow Woods Community Association annual meeting on April 27.



Supervisor Walkinshaw helping a neighbor safely dispose of their documents at a document shredding event hosted by Marian Homes on April 10.



Supervisor Walkinshaw giving opening remarks during the official unveiling of the Margaret Kinder Educational Pollinator Garden hosted by Friends of Lake Accotink Park and the Fairfax County Park Authority on April 17.



Supervisor Walkinshaw met with the co-owner of the soon-to-open Bunnyman Brewing on April 1.

In April, Supervisor Walkinshaw also:

- Co-hosted a meeting with the DMV Commissioner to discuss a planned Braddock Road service center on April 6.
- Hosted and gave remarks at the Braddock ActiveFairfax Transportation Plan Community Conversation meeting on April 26.

Citizens of the Month

This month's Braddock District Citizens of the Month are the neighborhood volunteers of the Fairfax Villa Neighborhood Association (FVNA). FVNA has been working to clean up the historic Haley Family Cemetery. According to the Fairfax County [Library's Cemetery Survey](#), this cemetery is the burial place for Sergeant James Haley, a Revolutionary War soldier.

Volunteers Pat Tarasek, Bill Muras, and Allen Kriskowski are pitching in to clean up the site, further research the history, and restore this historic cemetery that dates back to the late 1700s. Currently, the volunteers are primarily clearing brush and foliage assisted by members of the local community pool, Villa Aquatic Club, as well as volunteers from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). They are also raising funds to remove several large trees that are in danger of falling and injuring bystanders or property and have been further endangered during the recent windstorms. The volunteers are working to develop a landscape plan to plant native species next Spring. Additionally, the FVNA is working with the DAR and the Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association to research the history of the plot and to draw more attention to its significance in local history. Volunteers are also working to have a new headstone placed for Sgt. Haley.

Special thanks to Pat Tarasek, Bill Muras, and Allen Kriskowski for leading this effort. The Board of Supervisors recently adopted a Board Matter directing and encouraging support for the Commonwealth of Virginia's celebration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. We are very proud of these volunteers for stepping up to take care of a local history site in their community in time for the upcoming 250th anniversary of our Nation in 2026. They have spent countless hours researching the records of this cemetery and getting their hands dirty working on the grounds.

If you are able to contribute to their work by offering professional tree removal services or to contribute financially to pay for the tree removal, please visit their [Go Fund Me page](#) or contact them directly at halleycemetery22030@gmail.com.



Community News

Braddock School Board Member Megan McLaughlin's Invitation

Braddock School Board Member Megan McLaughlin would like to invite interested community members (with business and/or auditing expertise) to apply for an upcoming vacancy (Citizen Appointee) on the School Board Audit Committee. The deadline to apply is Sunday, May 16.



Megan McLaughlin

The Audit Committee serves as the School Board's formal liaison to the Office of Auditor General by:

- Reviewing the annual audit plan prepared by the Office of Auditor General and submitting its recommendation to the School Board for approval
- Reviewing audit reports and management responses, and reporting to the Board monthly
- Following up on the implementation of internal audit recommendations
- Monitoring progress against the approved annual audit plan

Learn more and apply by visiting [Megan McLaughlin's website](#).

Upcoming Braddock District Council Meeting

The Braddock District Council (BDC) will hold its May meeting on Wednesday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. The main topic for the evening will be a presentation on crime in the Braddock District area by Police Officer First Class Anthony Capizzi of the West Springfield District Police Station. As the council winds down another BDC year, they are 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 by Friday, June 4. The BDC will vote in their next officers at their June 16 meeting.

The Impact of COVID-19 on Women in the Workforce Survey

It is well known that the pandemic has had a significant impact on the US economy and especially on women. According to a recent [survey](#) on Women's Health by the Kaiser Family Foundation, 1 in 10 women reported quitting a job due to a pandemic-related reason. This could have been because they felt unsafe at work, they lost their childcare, or had increased family caregiving responsibilities that impacted their ability to work full time outside of the home. If you identify as a woman and have experienced a job loss or decline in hours due to the pandemic, please share your story with us using this survey [The Impact of COVID-19 on Women in the Workforce](#). Supervisor Walkinshaw will use this information to share county resources and advocate for additional support.

Governor Northam Announces Changes to COVID Related Restrictions Will Start on May 15

As you may have heard, Governor Northam recently announced that beginning Saturday, May 15, the cap on social gatherings and venues capacity limits will expand. The mask requirements and social distancing will still be in place. A few of the changes include:

- Social gatherings: Indoor social gatherings will be capped at 100 people. Outdoor social gatherings will be capped at 250 people.
- Entertainment venues: Indoor entertainment and amusement venues can operate at 50 percent capacity or 1,000 people, whichever is less. Outdoor venues can operate at 50 percent capacity regardless of capacity limits.
- Recreational sporting events: Indoor recreational sporting events will allow 250 fans or 50 percent capacity, whichever is less. Outdoor events will allow 1,000 people or 50 percent capacity, whichever is less.
- Alcohol sales: Restaurants can return to selling alcohol after midnight. Dining room closures will no longer be required between midnight and 5 a.m.

One Community, Many Stories: Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage in Fairfax County

This Fairfax County Public Library project aims to gather stories from people of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) heritage who live or work in Fairfax County. Please consider contributing your story to help others understand the history, experiences, and contributions of people of AAPI heritage living or working in Fairfax County.



Here are some prompts to get you started:

- Do you have a story to share about moving to Fairfax; either your own story or that of a family member?
- What do you like about living in Fairfax County, and/or what have been some of the challenges?
- What do you wish more people understood about your community?

Submission Rules:

- You may submit almost any type of digital content, such as written content (stories, recipes, poems); visual content (photographs, drawings, etc.); or audio/video content (oral history or reporting).
- **Submit your work.** The process only takes a few minutes. Please make sure what you are submitting is your own original work.

Walk-In Appointments at Tysons Community Vaccination Center

After months of waiting, Fairfax County residents 16 years and older are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, and **there is enough vaccine for everyone who wants to be vaccinated!** The Tysons Community Vaccination Center (CVC) now offers walk-in appointments! Appointments may still be scheduled ahead of time, but the Tysons CVC is offering first-come, first-served walk-in appointments Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The CVC is located in the former Lord & Taylor at **7950 Tysons Corner Center, McLean, VA, 22102.**

Please note: You can also still find appointments via **VaccineFinder**.



Kings Glen Students Win Statewide Contest

Governor Northam recently announced five new state historical highway markers that address topics of national, state, and regional significance to African American history in the Commonwealth. These markers were submitted by Virginia students through the second annual Black History Month Historical Marker Contest.

Kings Glen students' submissions were three out of five of the winning selections from the 100 submissions entered statewide. The selected submissions of **Harriet & Dangerfield Newby**, **Mary Richards Bowser**, and **Edwin Bancroft Henderson** will have historical markers placed in locations such as Culpeper County and Falls Church City. Winning students will receive prize packages in the mail, and the selected markers will be installed on the Commonwealth's roads in the coming year. Congratulations!

Learn About Award-Winning Philately Exhibitions...From the Curator

Lifetime Learning Institute invites you to join them on June 2 for a rare opportunity to learn the "stories behind the stamps" along with the rich long-term history of the Smithsonian's museum collection and philately (study of postage stamps and postal history). Daniel A. Piazza is the Smithsonian National Postal Museum's Chief Curator of Philately. He is responsible for exhibitions, research, and acquisitions related to the museum's collection of six million postage stamps and postal artifacts. These objects form one of the largest philatelic and postal collections in the world and the second largest collection at the Smithsonian Institution.

For information on how to register for this June 2 Forum, click on this link: **Curator Piazza at LLINOVA June 2, 2021.**

Community Pool Board Members Meeting

Are you a member of a local community pool board? Be sure to join Supervisor Walkinshaw and other community pool leaders for a virtual meeting on Monday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m.

The agenda will include COVID-19 guidance and a best practices roundtable discussion. Please email Sally Kidalov at sally.kidalov@fairfaxcounty.gov for the meeting invitation and Zoom link.



Ribbon Cut on New Pollinator Garden at Lake Accotink Park

Members of the community and local leaders gathered at Lake Accotink Park on Saturday, April 17, 2021, to celebrate the official opening and ribbon-cutting of the Margaret Kinder Education and Pollinator Garden. The ribbon was cut on the new garden following remarks by members of the Board of Supervisors and Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP). Ms. Kinder's plaque was previously installed to recognize her decades of service as an educator, naturalist, gardener and volunteer at Lake Accotink Park and the Ravensworth Farm community.



Pictured from left to right are: Jim Hickey, FLAP Secretary and Past President; Jeff McKay, Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; Karen Roos, FCPA Land Program Supervisor; Megan Walker, FLAP Past President; Mary Keeser, FLAP President; Margaret Kinder, honoree; Yasmine L. Marrero, Young FLAPers Committee Director; and James Walkinshaw, Braddock District Representative, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

Environmental News

SolarizeNOVA is Back!

The [Solarize Fairfax County program](#) is back for a fifth year, providing county residents and businesses the chance to install solar arrays at a discount. From now until June 30, Solarize reduced rates will be available through a pre-qualified solar installer, Solar Energy World.

All county residents and business owners are eligible for a free, remote assessment to evaluate if solar is appropriate for their home or commercial building. Those who decide to pursue solar through the program receive a 10%-15% discount off current consumer rates for solar arrays and systems.



Play Testimonial Video Above

In 2021, for the first time, the Solarize program is offering participants the opportunity to install battery storage systems in connection with their arrays. Residential Solarize participants are also eligible for a complimentary, virtual home energy assessment to help improve their home energy performance holistically. Solarize participants can also bundle electric vehicle charging stations with their solar system purchase at a discount.

If you are curious about Solarize, attend one of these remaining [virtual information sessions](#):

- May 11 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- June 3 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.



APPLY TO BE AN EQAC STUDENT MEMBER

Join the Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council

Applications due by May 14

2021-2022 Environmental Quality Advisory Council Student Member Call for Applications

Fairfax County's Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination (OEEC) is calling all high school rising juniors and seniors interested in environmental science or environmental policy. Fairfax County's Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC) is seeking a student representative for the 2021-2022 school year! Any current sophomore or junior in good standing who is interested is encouraged to apply. [The application is available online.](#)

EQAC makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding county environmental protection and enhancement. Monthly meetings address issues on a range of topics including water quality, air quality, land use, transportation, solid waste, climate change, energy, hazardous materials, and noise, light, and visual pollution. More information about EQAC [is available online](#). [Please see this short video](#) prepared by the 2020 EQAC Student Representative, Clare Sparling, for information about the student member position.

Applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on Friday, May 14, via email to eqac@fairfaxcounty.gov.

2021 Environmental Excellence Awards

Each year, the Fairfax County Environmental Excellence Awards recognize individuals, organizations, businesses, and county employees who:

- Advance or support the county's environmental goals and policy statements
- Dedicate personal time and expertise beyond normal fiscal or civic responsibilities
- Demonstrate leadership as a role model for others

The awards are administered by the Environmental Quality Advisory Council with support from the Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination.

The 2021 Environmental Excellence Award nomination period is now open and will remain open until 11:59 p.m. on June 1, 2021. All nominations must be submitted via email to eqac@fairfaxcounty.gov.

- [Download a PDF](#) of the nomination form that can be filled in by hand, scanned, and emailed.
- [Download a PDF](#) of the nomination form that is fillable using a computer.



The Cicadas are Here

After 17 years of living under our feet, billions of cicadas will be emerging and blanketing our area over the next six to eight weeks. Residents who were here in 2004 will remember, but if this is your first time, you are in for quite an experience.

Do not worry -- cicadas are harmless. They won't be eating anything. They do not bite or sting either. Animals from birds to dogs (and even some people) will enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet until they get tired of cicadas. That is how the cicadas survive – by emerging in such large numbers that predators who eat them become satiated, and enough cicadas remain to perpetuate the species.

Visit the county's [Cicada page](#) for more cicada facts and resources.

Download the [Cicada Safari app](#) to track cicada sightings and enter your own photos! (Developed by Mount St. Joseph University, Cincinnati Ohio)

Human Services Corner



Temporary Expanded Child Care Eligibility Available Now!

The **Child Care Assistance and Referral Program** may be able to help with your child care expenses.

Applications received **through July 31, 2021** are eligible for the following expanded eligibility criteria:

- Families with at least one child under the age of five (kindergarten eligible age) with an income that is at or below the 85% of the State Median.

Maximum Yearly Income up to:

Family Size	Yearly Income
2	\$60,480
3	\$74,712
4	\$88,944

- Families currently looking for work may also qualify during this expanded period.

Families must live in Fairfax County, City of Fairfax or City of Falls Church.

Additional eligibility requirements may apply.

Apply for assistance

Online: www.commonhelp.virginia.gov

Download: Child Care Service Application and Redetermination form at: fairfaxcounty.gov/OFC (Search: CCAR)

Submit application and verification documents

Email: OFCCCARinfo@fairfaxcounty.gov

Fax: 703-324-3917

Mail: Office for Children/CCAR
12011 Government Center Pkwy., 8th Floor
Fairfax, VA 22035

For additional information

Visit: fairfaxcounty.gov/OFC (Search: CCAR)

Call: 703-449-8484 or

Email: OFCCCARinfo@FairfaxCounty.gov

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Where a TTY number is not indicated, use 711/Virginia Relay. Reasonable accommodations made upon request; call 703-324-8000.

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¡Elegibilidad de Cuidado de Niños Expandida Temporalmente esta Disponible Ahora!

El Programa de Asistencia y Referido para Cuidado de Niños puede ayudar con sus gastos de cuidado de niños.

Las solicitudes recibidas hasta el 31 de julio de 2021 serán elegibles para los siguientes criterios de elegibilidad expandidos.

- Familias que tienen al menos un niño menor de cinco años (edad elegible para kindergarten) cuyos ingresos son iguales o menos del 85% de la mediana estatal

Ingreso anual máximo hasta:

Número de miembros del hogar	Ingresos Anual
2	\$60,480
3	\$74,712
4	\$88,944

- Familias que están buscando trabajo también pueden calificar durante este tiempo expandido.

Las familias deben vivir en el condado de Fairfax, la ciudad de Fairfax o la ciudad de Falls Church.

Pueden aplicarse requisitos de elegibilidad adicionales.

Aplique para ayuda

En línea: www.commonhelp.virginia.gov

Descargar: Forma de aplicación y redeterminación en: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/OFC (Busque: CCAR)

Envíe aplicación o documentos de verificación

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Para obtener información adicional

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Transportation Updates

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation Feasibility Study

[Complete this brief 10-minute survey](#) and have your voice heard about the potential future transit enhancements in Fairfax and Prince William counties.

- The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) is conducting a feasibility study of enhanced public transportation services between the Franconia-Springfield Metro station in Fairfax County and the Quantico Marine Base in Prince William County. Enhanced transit could include options such as additional express bus services, increased VRE commuter rail expansion, Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), or an extension of Metrorail.
- [This survey](#) closes May 15, so don't wait. Share your thoughts today!



Overnight Full Closure of I-66 East and West at Route 123 (Chain Bridge Road) Planned This Weekend, May 7-8, for Bridge Beam Installation

All lanes of I-66 East and West approaching Route 123 (Chain Bridge Road) are scheduled to be closed during the overnight hours May 7-8 to allow for installation of bridge beams for the new Route 123 South Bridge over I-66 as part of the Transform 66 Outside the Beltway Project. I-66 traffic will be detoured around the closure using the ramps at the Route 123 Interchange. Route 123 will remain open during these operations, but drivers should expect possible delays crossing over I-66. Police will be on scene to direct traffic.

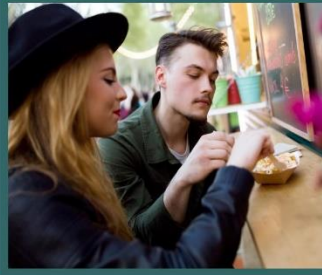
Drivers traveling on I-66 during this time should expect delays and should consider using alternate routes.

Friday, May 7, and Saturday, May 8:

- I-66 East and West travel lanes will be closed at Route 123 from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. each night.
- All eastbound I-66 drivers will be directed to exit the interstate at Route 123. At the traffic signal, follow police direction to continue across Route 123 to the ramp back to I-66 East.
- All westbound I-66 drivers will be directed to exit the interstate at Route 123. At the traffic signal, follow police direction to continue across Route 123 to the ramp back to I-66 West.
- Route 123 North and South will remain open with police direction.

All lanes will reopen by 6:00 a.m.

Code Compliance Corner



Food Trucks

Do you know Fairfax County's rules for Food Trucks?

FOOD TRUCK: Any readily movable mobile food service establishment, to include vehicles that are self-propelled, pushed or pulled to a specific location.

General Food Truck Regulations:

- ♦ Section 2-510 of the Zoning Ordinance regulates the sale of food from vehicles.
- ♦ Chapter 82-1-30 of the Fairfax County Code regulates the sale of food from vending trucks on Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) roadways. VDOT allows Food Trucks to operate along designated streets. Contact the Health Department to learn where street sales are currently allowed.

Permits required for opening a Food Truck Business:

- ♦ Business, Professional, and Occupational License (BPOL) from the Fairfax County, Department of Tax Administration (DTA) – only needed if the Food Truck is headquartered in Fairfax County with an annual revenue in excess of \$10,000. Contact DTA at 703-222-8234, TTY: 711.
- ♦ Food Establishment Permit from the Fairfax County Health Department. Contact the Health Department at 703-246-2444, TTY: 711.
- ♦ Food Truck Operation Permit from the Department of Planning and Development (DPD), if the truck will operate on private property. Contact the Ordinance Administration Branch in DPD, at 703-324-1314, TTY: 711.
- ♦ Solicitors License from the Fairfax County Department of Cable and Consumer Services, Regulation and Licensing Branch, 703-324-5966, TTY: 711.

Permits to vend on an approved property:

- ♦ To vend in selected Fairfax County Parks, a Mobile Food Vendor Permit must be obtained from the Fairfax County Park Authority. Contact the Park Authority at 703-324-8702, TTY: 711.

Turn Over 

Land Use & Development

Upcoming Meetings and Hearings

Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting – May 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Hearing

- Kenilworth II Rezoning Proposal – May 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Planning Commission Hearing on Kenilworth II Development Proposal Rescheduled for May 19

In March, Supervisor Walkinshaw held a community meeting to discuss the revised 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. 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 the community meeting, residents expressed their continuing concern about connecting Banting Drive and Caprino Court. Representatives from the Virginia Department of Transportation stated that VDOT 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. Questions were also raised about tree save, future traffic calming measures, and a potential deceleration lane on eastbound Braddock Road prior to Caprino Court.

Members of the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee and the Braddock District Planning Commissioner visited the site in late April. In walking the property, they raised questions about the quality of tree save being proposed and a previously unidentified wet area which should be evaluated. To allow time to gather additional information and for county staff to review it, the developers asked to defer their Planning Commission hearing.

The staff report on this application is available on the [County website](#). A hearing before the Planning Commission has been rescheduled for May 19 at 7:30 p.m. For [information on how to testify](#), please visit the County website.

Update on Construction of Braddock Road DMV Customer Service Center

On April 6, Supervisor Walkinshaw and the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) held a virtual community meeting on construction of a new DMV Customer Service Center at 9911 Braddock Road. The 3.9-acre DMV site is just east of Burke Station Road, across from the entrance to Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home, and is currently being used for motorcycle training. The DMV purchased this property in August 2015 with the intent to build a new facility to replace the Fair Oaks Mall Customer Service Center. Because this is a state facility being built on state property, it follows the procedures required by the state, not county procedures which require notice and provide for community input. The DMV has developed plans and specifications and presented them to the Virginia Department of General Services for review. The next step is for them to present their proposed final plans to the State Art and Architectural Review Board (AARB).

The new customer service center will be 15,435 square feet, with 20 teller windows, one overflow/testing window, and three information windows. All windows will be outfitted with clear plastic partitions, and lobby seating will be arranged to allow for adequate social distancing. The DMV will continue to use the appointment system that has been in place since May 2020, allowing control over customer flow. When it opens, the office will staff nine windows to accommodate 350-400 appointments per day on weekdays and half that on Saturdays. When it is appropriate to increase the number of open windows, the DMV anticipates operating at 75 percent capacity, which would result in 600 appointments per day on weekdays and 300 on Saturdays. The parking lot will accommodate not only customers and employees, but also road skills testing. That will avoid sending cars onto Braddock Road for that purpose.

Meeting participants had numerous questions for Virginia DMV Commissioner Richard Holcomb. Many of them focused on an increase in traffic on Braddock Road, which the DMV predicts will be limited because appointments will be spread out during the day. Commissioner Holcomb offered to engage VDOT to evaluate the concerns and see what potential mitigation may be done. Other questions were raised about green building practices, including solar panels, tree save, and landscaping. Commissioner Holcomb responded that the DMV is pursuing the installation of electric vehicle fast-charging stations, but he said they found solar panels to be cost prohibitive. The new facility will comply with state LEED requirements. He committed to removing only those trees necessary to create enough space for the facility and preserving as many as

possible. AARB will be reviewing the proposed plantings, which call for plants native to Fairfax County.

The final plans for design and construction will be presented at the June 4 meeting of the AARB. Those who wish to submit comments may do so at aarb@dgs.virginia.gov. Traffic-related questions or comments on this project may be sent to Claudia.Llana@VDOT.virginia.gov. Because this is a state facility and state decision, community members with questions or concerns are also encouraged to contact their state representatives.



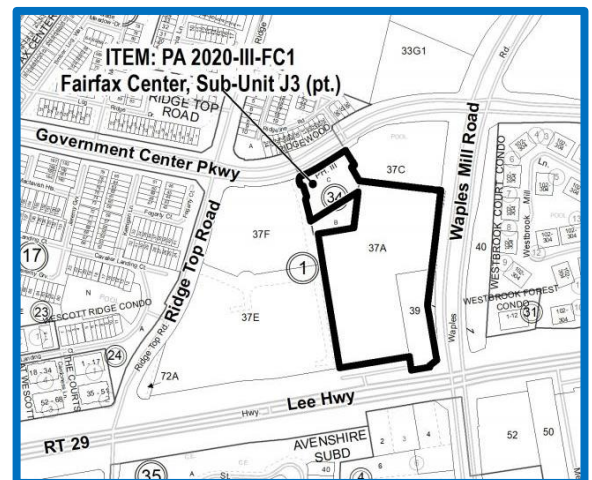
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Comprehensive Plan and Rezoning for NW Corner of Lee Highway & Waples Mill Road

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 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 that is 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 will be reviewed by county staff. Look for an updated schedule in next month's Braddock Beacon.



Rezoning for Annandale United Methodist Church

The Trustees of Annandale United Methodist Church have filed a rezoning application for their 1.77-acre property located on the west side of Heritage Drive and adjacent to Heritage Mall. 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, 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 is 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 21.

Child Care Facility Proposed for 12019 Lee Highway

NLD Facilities, LLC has filed a Special Exception application 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 they 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. A Planning Commission hearing has been scheduled for November 3. It is still very early in the review process, so look for more information in coming months.

Update on Erickson Living's Woodleigh Chase Project

Demolition of the former Northern Virginia Training Center buildings on Braddock Road is well underway and should be completed this summer. Building plans for the temporary marketing center and first phase of the new Woodleigh Chase continuing-care facility are being reviewed by the county and Erickson is in the process of soliciting bids and awarding the contract. They anticipate construction will begin this summer on this portion of the project. For specific questions about the new facility or the reservation list for apartments, please contact the Greenspring Village sales office at (703) 923-3187.

BRADDOCK DISTRICT LAND USE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will be holding an electronic meeting on Tuesday, May 18, 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.

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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 the County 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.

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The applicant requested a reduction in certain yard requirements to permit an addition 19.5 feet from the rear lot line and a reduction to minimum yard requirements based on error in building location to allow a deck with steps to remain 2.6 feet from a rear lot line. This application was approved by the BZA on April 7. Information, including a [map of the site and staff report](#), may be found on the County website.

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