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# Braddock District Supervisor The Braddock Beacon

#### Dear Neighbor,

The most important news this month is that, following additional CDC guidance, booster shots of the Pfizer vaccine are now available for eligible residents. Currently, four groups of people are eligible to receive a booster shot six months after their second dose:

- Individuals ages 65 and older and residents in long-term care settings should receive a booster shot
- Individuals ages 50-64 years with <u>underlying medical conditions</u> should receive a booster shot
- People ages 18-49 years with <u>underlying medical conditions</u> may receive a booster shot
- People ages 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of <u>occupational or institutional setting</u> may receive a booster shot

These CDC recommendations apply to individuals who have received the Pfizer vaccine. I'll pass along additional CDC and VDH guidance for the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines as soon as it's available. Please bring your vaccination card when you go to get your booster shot.

If you or a loved one would like to find nearby vaccination clinics, please visit <a href="https://www.vaccines.gov">www.vaccines.gov</a>. Walk-in appointments are also available at Health Department locations around the County, including the main Fairfax County Government Center. Find a <a href="mailto:complete list">complete list</a> of locations on the County website.

### **Suicide Prevention Walk Tomorrow**

Tomorrow, Saturday, October 2, Sully Supervisor Kathy Smith and I will lead Team Fairfax in the annual American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) Out of the Darkness Walk. This event raises support for scientific research, evidence-based resources, training, and advocacy. AFSP does life-saving work, and they invite you to register today to join Team Fairfax BOS on the Walk.

Registration starts at 11:00 a.m., and the walk kicks off at 12:30 p.m.



Watch an Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk invitation video from Supervisor Walkinshaw and Supervisor Kathy Smith

#### **Bulova Bylines Now Available**

After an exhaustive search through the archives, and with some help from former Chairman Bulova and Chairman McKay's office, I'm glad to report that we were able to locate the original hard copies of then-Supervisor Sharon Bulova's beloved **Annandale Action Line and Braddock Byline Newsletters** and they are now posted on my website. All 37 newsletters — beginning with **her very first newsletter in 1988** — are now available for you to enjoy. We now have 33 years of Braddock District newsletter archives available on our website!

Yours in service,

Supervisor James Walkinshaw



# **Walkinshaw in the Community**



Supervisor Walkinshaw providing remarks during Burke Scout Troop 1345's 9/11 Flag Ceremony at the Burke Centre Conservancy Grounds on September 11.



Supervisor Walkinshaw, Chairman Sharon Bulova, and local friends and family honoring the life of the late community leader Dick Sargent at a tribute event hosted by Friends of Lake Accotink Park on September 18.

In September, Supervisor Walkinshaw also:

- ➤ Toured the Audrey Moore RECenter with Park Authority staff on September 2.
- ➤ Recognized the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11 at a ceremony hosted by Volunteer Fairfax at the Government Center on September 11.
- > Attended a Luncheon Meeting with George Mason University President Gregory Washington to learn about Mason activities and events on September 16.
- > Joined Country Club View for their Ice Cream Social on September 19.
- ➤ Hosted a Community Strategic Plan Braddock District Meeting on September 20.
- > Held a public Shirley Gate Road Extension Meeting on September 21.
- Celebrated alongside the Fairfax County Police Department during their Meritorious Awards Ceremony on September 29.



Supervisor Walkinshaw, Congressman Gerry Connolly, Scout Troop 1966, and a Stuff the Bus worker collecting food donations during a Stuff the Bus Food donation in recognition of National Day of Service on September 11.



Supervisor Walkinshaw congratulating Robert "Bob" Cosgriff and Leeann Alberts for being named Lord and Lady Fairfax due to their commitment to volunteerism and service to the community on September 28.

# **Community News**

#### Stuff the Bus Food Drive

On Saturday, October 9, Fairfax County's Stuff the Bus Food Drive will be collecting non-perishable food donations at the Braddock District office (9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, Virginia 22105) and the Oaks Community Center (5708 Oak Leather Dr, Burke, VA 22015) and at additional locations throughout Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax, from 9:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. Help fight hunger and feed hope in the community by donating.



Watch a Stuff the Bus Message

### Car Tax Payments are Due on Tuesday, October 5 – What You Need to Know

Personal property taxes — better known as car taxes — are due on Tuesday, October 5. Bills were mailed this summer, and there are many convenient ways to pay.

- > Online
- Phone: Call (703) 222-6740 (24 Hours, 7 Days a Week)
- ➤ Mail: Make checks or money orders payable to "County of Fairfax."
  - Use the envelope provided with your bill, or mail your payment to:

Department of Tax Administration 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 223 Fairfax, VA 22035

- Do NOT send cash.
- Payments postmarked on or before the due date are on time, regardless of the date received.
- ➤ **Money Order**: (Use the links below for more information)
  - If you are paying with a check or money order, you can also put your payment in the secure, red drop boxes at the Fairfax County Government Center — or put it in the book drops at these six libraries:
    - Burke Centre
    - Dolley Madison
    - George Mason
    - Oakton Community
    - Reston Regional
    - Sherwood Regional
- > Pay in Person at the Government Center:
  - Monday, October 4, and Tuesday, October 5, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Be prepared to wait in line.)



### Bike Ride of Government Center and Fair Lakes Area Sunday, October 3 at 10:00 a.m.

Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling and the Coalition for Smarter Growth are sponsoring a 7-mile bike tour of the Government Center and Fair Lakes rea to discuss future redevelopment and existing and planned walking and bike improvements. Supervisor Walkinshaw will greet riders before the group leaves the Fairfax County Government Center. The group will meet at the front of the Government Center located at 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax, VA 22035.

This is a free event, but pre-registration is required. All riders must also show proof of vaccination, wear a helmet, and sign a liability waiver. Register today.

### Langley Residential Support Services Fall Tastings & Auction Benefit

Langley Residential Support Services (LRSS) is excited to celebrate this month's fall event. Out of an abundance of caution for the health and safety of our community, LRSS is returning to a virtual environment for the 2021 event. This year's event features an online auction with more than 40 one-of-a-kind silent and live items and packages, wine tastings from our friends at Vienna Vintner, our favorite emcee Kristen Berset-Harris from WUSA's Great Day Washington, special speakers, and more! This event ensures their residents and program participants with developmental disabilities live rich, full lives. All event proceeds benefit the LRSS mission and programs.

The auction and livestream event are FREE and open to everyone to bid and attend. Tickets for each wine package to participate in the tastings segment of the livestream event are \$125 each.

2021 Virtual LRSS

Monday, October 11 | noon

Saturday, October 16 | 7-8 pm

# Fall Tastings & Auction Benefit

Celebrating rich, full lives!





Purchase tickets here.

Important dates to note on your calendar:

- ➤ Monday, October 11, at noon online auction opens for bidding
- > Saturday, October 16, from 7:00 p.m. through 8:00 p.m. livestream program ending with the close of the auction

### New Submission Date for Barbara Varon Volunteer Nominations

The Barbara Varon award is given annually to a Fairfax County resident whose dedication to improving the community through volunteer service honors the memory of Barbara Varon, former Chairman of the Fairfax County Electoral Board. The nomination process has been extended to Friday, October 15, 2021. Nominees must:

- Live in Fairfax County
- > Demonstrate an appreciation for the diversity of our community's population
- > Exhibit patriotism by participating in the electoral process by educating others about all voters' rights and privileges and/or by performing voter registration outreach

To be considered for this award, nominees must perform all the above activities in a voluntary capacity. **Download** a fillable, PDF nomination form. Then select "save as" or "save target as." Nominations can be emailed to **Beth.Methfessel@fairfaxcounty.gov**. Please include Barbara Varon Volunteer Award in the subject line. Learn more about **how to nominate someone on** the County website.

# Final George Mason University Virtual Master Plan Engagement Session

George Mason University (GMU) will host their eighth and final virtual Master Plan Engagement Session on Thursday, October 7, from 9:00 a.m. through 10:30 a.m.

This session will mark the culmination of a nearly two-year process to develop Mason's first master plan. GMU is excited to share the outcomes with you, as their work has been inspired and informed by the robust engagement and support of the Mason community throughout the planning process: Join the Online Engagement Session.



During this session, GMU consultants will review the plan's final recommendations, and they will discuss how the plan will be implemented. GMU will share examples of how the master plan is already guiding decisions and informing important initiatives like the development of our campuses, sustainability efforts, and philanthropic programs.

GMU will also discuss ways you can continue to contribute to the decision-making about Mason's future, including participation in Mason's recently launched strategic planning effort. As always, GMU hopes to have an active discussion, to hear your thoughts, and answer any questions. If you are interested in the analysis underlying the plan, the Master Plan Phase One Progress Report is available for download, along with more information on the **master plan site**.

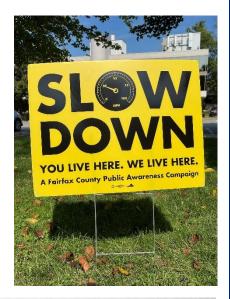
# Slow Down Signs Available at the Braddock District Office

Speeding on neighborhood streets is a perennial concern throughout the community. Fairfax County has a number of tools to address the issue, including Police enforcement, road diets, and **traffic calming**, but it doesn't hurt to give drivers a reminder. That's why the Braddock District office is happy announce that "Slow Down" yard signs are being distributed.

If you would like one for your yard, stop by the Braddock District Office (**9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, Virginia 22015**) Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Please limit one per yard.



FXVA recently released an article outlining various fun family activities that you can enjoy this October. Visit **FXVA's Things To Do This October in Fairfax County website** to find an exciting fall activity near you.





### **Canterbury Woods Trash Petition Hearing**

On the agenda for the Board meeting on Tuesday, October 5, is a 3:30 p.m. Public Hearing scheduled for the Creation of Small and Local Sanitary Districts for Refuse/Recycling Collection Services in the Canterbury Woods neighborhood. The agenda package can be found <a href="here">here</a>, as well as details on providing public comment. If this initiative is approved by the Board, the new service will begin in January 2022.

Other communities may be interested in submitting a petition for County refuse/recycling collection services. Prior to obtaining signatures for the petition process, please connect with the Braddock District Office. The trash hauler issues and delays are nationwide, and the County is facing many of the same staffing shortages that private haulers are facing.

#### **Best of Braddock**

The Best of Braddock has been an annual event for residents to honor their neighbors who have shown remarkable community spirit. Each year, the Braddock District Council and the Braddock District Supervisor's office join efforts to recognize those in the Braddock District who make the community a better place to live and work. Because of the pandemic, the annual Best of Braddock event was not held last year. It will be back this year in December as a virtual event. Please submit your nominations for the categories listed below:

- Young Person of the Year
- Organization Making a Difference in the Braddock District
- Neighborhood Enhancement or Beautification
- Neighborhood Enhancement or Beautification Community Association
- Outstanding Individual
- Braddock District Citizen of the Year

Nominations should be submitted to <a href="mailto:braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov">braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov</a> by close of business on Friday, October 29, 2021. A link to the December event will be posted closer to the event date.

### **Fairfax Water Virtual Customer Focus Group**

Supervisor Walkinshaw would like to invite you to participate in an upcoming opportunity presented by Fairfax Water. Fairfax Water is reviewing its customer service practices ensuring that Fairfax Water is supporting customers and the community effectively. As part of this effort, they are hosting virtual focus groups with residential and commercial customers in our community to understand and explore your experiences with Fairfax Water. Click here to learn more!

#### For Residential Customers:

Fairfax Water will host this 1.5-hour listening session on the evening of October 14, from 7:00 p.m. through 8:30 p.m. via Zoom. If you would like to participate, register using this link.





#### > For Commercial & Non-Residential Customers:

Fairfax Water will host this 1.5-hour listening session on the morning of **October 14, from 8:30 a.m. through 10:00 a.m. via Zoom**. If you would like to participate, <u>register using</u> this link.

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# Citizen of the Month

The October Braddock District Citizen of the Month is Cyan McLaurin. Cyan sent Supervisor Walkinshaw a thoughtful video testimonial message before the plastic bag tax hearing. She voiced her support for the plastic bag tax "to save the environment." Upon reaching out to Cyan's family, Supervisor Walkinshaw learned that Cyan is very active in the community and regularly picks up litter after school and on the weekend. At only 6 years old, Cyan has played an important role in advocating for her beliefs!



Cyan McLaurin

# **Environmental News**

### **Disposable Plastic Bag Tax in Fairfax County**

On September 14, 2021, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance enacting a five-cent tax on disposable plastic bags provided by retailers in grocery stores, convenience stores, and drugstores within its borders. The tax will take effect on January 1, 2022 and will be administered and enforced by the state in the same manner as the Retail Sales and the Use Tax.

The purpose of the tax is to curb our collective use of disposable plastic bags and to reduce the amount of plastic waste in our local waterways and the damage it causes. Plastic pollution is a serious problem for ecological and health reasons. Plastics do not biodegrade like wood or other natural materials. Instead, plastic materials photodegrade, breaking down into smaller and smaller pieces but never fully disappearing. Pieces of plastic both large and very, very small can wreak havoc on our natural resources and can find their way into our food and water.

Revenue from this tax will be collected by the Virginia Department of Taxation and will be disbursed to Fairfax County monthly. Fairfax County's **ordinance** tracks both enabling legislation passed in the 2020 session of the Virginia General Assembly, as well as **guidelines** adopted by the state Tax Commissioner, which were finalized on September 1, 2021. **The legislation** requires that the plastic bag tax be collected by the retailer at time of purchase, with revenue to be allocated toward:

- > Environmental cleanup programs
- > Pollution and litter mitigation programs
- Educational programs on environmental waste reduction
- Provision of reusable bags to recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) benefits

Affected retailers will be able to retain a twocent discount in the first year of implementation. Starting January 1, 2023, this discount will decrease to one cent.



Please email additional questions to the Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination.

### Fairfax County HomeWise Program October 2021 Demonstration Events

Join Fairfax County HomeWise volunteers and County staff from the Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination as they demonstrate how to make energy- and water-saving improvements to your home. Learn about quick and easy ways to reduce your monthly utility bills and get answers to your questions about home energy and water conservation on the spot.

The Fairfax County HomeWise program educates, empowers, and enables residents to make changes that reduce energy use, water use, and associated costs in their homes.

- October 2, 2021, from 2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. <u>HomeWise</u>
   <u>Demonstration Event at Sherwood Regional Library</u>
- October 16, 2021, from 2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.
   HomeWise Demonstration Event at George Mason
   Regional Library



The first 200 attendees at each event will receive a free HomeWise improvement kit with materials to help improve the energy and water efficiency of their homes.

Click here to learn more about HomeWise and these upcoming events.

### Night Kayaking at Lake Accotink Park

Enjoy Lake Accotink after dark in a kayak. Many nocturnal animals come out after dark, and the view from a kayak is a great way to see them. Bring flashlights, and dress for the activity. The program at Lake Accotink Park runs on Thursday, October 7, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call (703) 569-3464. **Register online today**. The fee is \$43.00 to participate in the night kayaking activity.



Residents kayaking at Lake Accotink

# **November Election Information**

Complete information about how, when, and where to vote can be found at the <u>Fairfax</u> <u>County Office of Elections website</u>.

In Virginia there are three different ways to vote:

- 1. In-Person Early voting
- 2. Mail-In Absentee voting
- 3. In-Person voting on November 2, 2021, at your local polling place.



### 1) In-Person Early Voting

Fairfax County is now offering In-Person Early Voting at many locations (see list below). Information about early voting dates, times, and locations can be found on the <u>Fairfax County</u> Office of Elections website.

#### What You Need to Know:

Any registered Fairfax County voter may vote early at any Fairfax County early-voting location.

Early in-person absentee voting is available for the November 2021 General & Special Elections at the following three locations through October 30:

- 1. Fairfax County Government Center 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Conference Rooms 2/3, Fairfax 22035
- 2. Mt. Vernon Governmental Center 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria 22306
- 3. North County Governmental Center 1801 Cameron Glen Dr, Reston 20190

# Thirteen additional early voting locations will be open daily from October 21 through October 30:

- 1. Burke Centre Library 5935 Freds Oak Rd, Burke 22015
- 2. Centreville Regional Library 14200 St. Germain Dr, Centreville 20121
- 3. Franconia Governmental Center 6121 Franconia Rd, Alexandria 22310
- 4. Gerry Hyland Government Center 8350 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria 22309
- 5. Great Falls Library 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls 22066
- 6. Herndon Fortnightly Library 768 Center St, Herndon 20170
- 7. Mason Governmental Center 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale 22003
- 8. McLean Governmental Center 1437 Balls Hill Rd, McLean 22101
- 9. Providence Community Center 3001 Vaden Dr, Fairfax 22031
- 10. Sully Governmental Center 4900 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly 20151
- 11. Thomas Jefferson Library 7415 Arlington Blvd, Falls Church 22042
- 12. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church 22043
- 13. West Springfield Governmental Center 6140 Rolling Rd, Springfield 22152

#### **Hours of operation for Early Voting Locations:**

- Weekdays
  - Fairfax County Government Center 8:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.
  - All other locations 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday (October 23 and October 30)
  - All locations 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday (October 24)
  - All locations 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.

## 2) Voting Absentee By Mail

Visit the **Vote by Mail page** at the Fairfax Office of Elections website for complete details.

You can request a mail-in absentee ballot online or submit a paper Absentee Ballot Application. After the request is submitted, an Absentee Ballot will be mailed to the address you specify.

**Online:** Use the request form at the **Virginia Department of Elections website** 

#### Paper:

- 1. Download, print, and complete -- including your handwritten signature -- a vote-by-mail application
  - En Español
  - Tiếng Viêt
  - 한국어
- -- OR --
- 2. Pick up a preprinted paper application at:
  - Fairfax County government centers
  - Fairfax County library branches (including the Braddock Supervisor's Office at 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015)

**Submit** your completed paper application using one of these methods:

- Scan, then email: <u>AbsenteeBallot@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>
- Mail: Fairfax County Office of Elections P.O. Box 10161, Fairfax, VA 22038
- **Fax:** (703) 324-3725
- Hand deliver: Fairfax County Office of Elections, 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Suite 323, Fairfax, VA 22035

#### **Returning your Absentee Ballot**

Visit the <u>Vote by Mail page</u> at the Fairfax Office of Elections website for complete details. Ballots can be returned by mail, by commercial delivery, or at Drop Boxes. Please read all instructions included with your Absentee Ballot carefully.

#### **Ballot Drop-Off Boxes**

Ballot drop-off boxes are available at all early-voting locations when locations are open for voting. The drop boxes are for voted ballots that are secured in the envelope provided to the voter. All instructions in the absentee ballot must be followed.

Voted ballots may be dropped off outside the Government Center at an attended drop box during business hours. An accessible, secure drop box is installed outside the building, permitting voters to drop off their ballots 24/7.

Voted ballots may also be dropped off at any early-voting site during hours of operation.

On Election Day, ballots may be brought to your regular **polling place** when the polls are open.

### 3) Voting on Election Day at Your Regular Polling Place

November 2, 2021, General and Special Elections:

- All registered voters may vote in this election. Not sure if you are registered? Visit the **Virginia Department of Elections website**.
- Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. If you are in line by 7:00 p.m., you will be able to vote.

#### **Preparing to Vote**

- Before you vote, check your registration status
- Find your polling place
- Make sure you bring an acceptable form of identification



# **Public Safety**

### **Emergency Preparedness Information**

The final week of National Preparedness Month (held in September) has passed, but there are still ways to help your children become emergency prepared! Reassure them by providing information about how they can get involved.

Disasters can be scary for kids, but children are much better at adapting to situations when they know what to expect. The concepts and definitions below will help youth have a good foundation:

- ➤ **Hazards:** Hazards are the events that may lead to emergencies and disasters. A hazard is a source of danger, like a flood.
- **Emergency:** An emergency is a time when something serious happens, and immediate help is needed.
- > **Disaster:** A disaster is an emergency that causes great harm to people or an area.

Did you know that **Ready.gov has free games online** to help your children prepare for disasters?

Disaster Master is a game where you help local heroes make the right decisions depending on what emergency is in front of them, such as wildfires, tornadoes, home fires, and thunderstorms! **Play now**.

### Northern Virginia Hazard Mitigation Plan Survey

Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is partnering with other Northern Virginia jurisdictions to update the 2017 Northern Virginia Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Your participation can make the community more resilient after a disaster. We truly appreciate your help in completing this survey to help sustain our collective resilience in the face of disaster. **Take the survey today**.

### Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Engagement Meeting on Tuesday, October 5

The West Springfield District Community Advisory Committee (CAC) will host a Community Engagement Meeting on Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. These meetings enhance communication between residents and the Fairfax County Police Department and offer offers residents a chance to interact with the officers of the West Springfield Station.



The meeting speaker will be Debbie Sausville. The topic will be "Mothers Against Drunk Drivers." The meeting will be held via Zoom, and you can **use this meeting link** -- please use the password: 738424. You can also dial in by calling (636) 651-3141 and using conference code: 404496. This is a free program, and all ages are welcome to attend. The meetings are generally held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. (except for July and August).

# **Older Adults**

### **Update on Tax Relief for Seniors and People with Disabilities**

The Board of Supervisors had a presentation and recommendation from the Department of Tax Administration (DTA) at the Board's Budget Policy Committee on September 21. You can view the **presentation slide show** and read the associated **legislative history** of the County's tax relief program. A full video of the meeting can be **found on the County website**.

Next steps: the Board of Supervisors will meet on October 19 and likely will authorize a public hearing on the recommendations for November 9. Supervisor Walkinshaw has asked DTA to publish materials for the public to read about the recommendations and to set up a process for public comment.

### Food Insecurity in Northern Virginia

NOVA Lifetime Learning Institute (NOVA LLI) will host a presentation by Charles Meng, CEO of Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC). Mr. Meng will discuss food insecurity in Northern Virginia (NOVA), its root causes and extent, and what the AFAC is doing to alleviate long-term food insecurity in Arlington County and nearby jurisdictions. The October Forum will be via Zoom on October 6 at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome, but you must **register by Monday, October 4, at noon**.

### **Inside the Udvar-Hazy Center**

Join <u>NOVA Lifetime Learning Institute (NOVA LLI) via Zoom</u> on Wednesday, November 3, at 10:00 a.m. as NOVA LLI welcomes Colonel Scott A. Willey (Retired) from the National Air & Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center. He will provide a brief overview of the huge NASM facility near Dulles International Airport and concentrate on the five artifacts that, over the years, have been more sought after by the visitors and have generated the most awe: the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird reconnaissance aircraft; Anglo-French Concorde supersonic airliner; Space Shuttle orbiter "Discovery"; Boeing 367-80, the technology demonstrator for the 707; and the Boeing B-29 Superfortress "Enola Gay."

# Free Transportation to COVID-19 Vaccine and Medical Appointments for Veterans in Northern Virginia

The Northern Virginia Veterans Association and the Dulles Area Transportation Association have been awarded federal funding for a joint project to provide veterans who are disabled or over age 65 transportation to COVID-19 vaccination appointments. The program offers **round-trip**, **no-cost taxi service to COVID-19 vaccination appointments for eligible veterans**, **including those who need wheelchair-accessible transportation**.

The program has expanded and now offers free transportation to medical appointments, including rides to appointments at the VA Hospital in Washington, DC.

If you qualify and need a ride, contact **NOVA Veterans** by emailing **melissa@novavets.org** or by calling (703) 659-0788.

# **Compliance Corner**

# Parking on the Grass

The Zoning Ordinance prohibits parking on the grass on some residential lots. In the R-1, R-2, R-3, and R-4 zoning Districts, on lots that are 36,000 square feet or less in size and developed with a singlefamily, detached dwelling, vehicles in the front yard must be parked on the driveway or other surfaced area, which includes asphalt, poured or precast concrete, brick, stone, gravel, or any other impervious surface, or grasscrete or other similar pervious surface.

However, an exception allows temporary parking on an unsurfaced area in the front yard for a period not to exceed 48 hours for loading, unloading, cleaning, or repair of vehicles or trailers.

If you are unsure of your zoning district, you can <u>find it on the</u> <u>County website</u>.





# **Residential Paving and Yard Coverage**

Do you know about Fairfax County's rules on paving and coverage?

#### Front Yard Regulations:

Article 6 of the Zoning Ordinance requires that parking for vehicles or trailers in a front yard be on a surfaced area. Surfaced area includes asphalt, poured or precast concrete, brick, stone, gravel or other similar impervious surface.

Further, on single-family detached dwelling lots that are 36,000 square feet or less in the R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-4 Districts, surfaced area for a driveway or vehicle or trailer parking area is limited as follows:

- R-1 and R-2 District lots may have no more than 25% of any front yard surfaced.
- R-3 and R-4 District lots may have no more than 30% of the any front yard surfaced.
- For information regarding exceptions for accessibility improvements and lots with narrow front yards, please contact the Zoning Administration Division at 703-324-1314, TTY 711.

#### **Rear Yard Regulations:**

#### Residential (R) Districts

Article 4 of the Zoning Ordinance states all uses and structures accessory to <u>single-family detached dwellings</u> in R districts may cumulatively cover no more than 30% of the minimum rear setback, with the option of filing for a special permit to allow up to 60% coverage.

#### Planned Development (P) Districts

In P districts, all uses and structures accessory to <u>single-family detached dwellings</u> may cumulatively cover no more than 75% of the minimum rear setback on lots that are 5,000 square feet or less, and no more than 50% of the minimum rear setback on lots containing more than 5,000 square feet of area, with the option of filing for a final development plan amendment for an increase in permitted rear setback coverage.



#### To report a possible violation:

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



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

### Interested to know how the Department of Code Compliance (DCC) Enforces This?

- DCC Investigators inspect and photograph the property to determine if there is a violation of the zoning regulations.
- If there is a zoning violation, a Notice of Violation (NOV) is issued directing the property owner(s) to abate the violation.
- The NOV provides the owner(s) with a specific timeline to come into compliance.
- Failure to comply with the NOV can result in the County taking legal action, such as seeking civil penalties or a court order to abate the violation.

# **Transportation Updates**

### **Shirley Gate Road Extension Project**

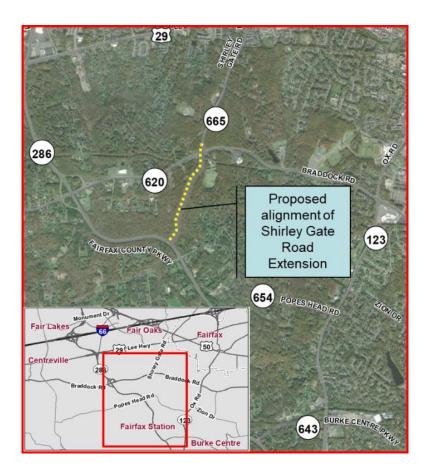
The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) held a Design Public Meeting on the Shirley Gate Road Extension Project on Tuesday, September 21, at 7:00 p.m. FCDOT presented Preliminary Design plans for the project and is seeking public input. **Comments will be accepted through Friday, October 29, 2021**. Learn more on the **project website**.

Presentation boards are currently available for viewing:

- Take the Survey The survey should take less than three minutes
- Watch: Video of the September 21 public meeting
- Shirley Gate Road Extension Proposed Alignment
- Proposed Plan for Braddock Road/Shirley Gate Road Intersection

In addition to the survey, stakeholders may submit comments via the following methods:

- Electronically please use this <u>Feedback Form</u>
- Via Mail: Shirley Gate Extension Project, FCDOT, 4050 Legato Road, Fairfax, VA 22033
- Via telephone: Call (703) 877-5607



# **Human Services Corner**

# Pfizer COVID-19 Booster Doses Widely Available in Fairfax Health District

On Tuesday, September 28, the Fairfax County Health Department began providing booster shots of the Pfizer vaccine to individuals who meet new CDC guidelines for a booster dose.

### Who is eligible for an additional booster dose now?

The CDC has outlined four groups of people who are newly eligible to receive a booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine:

- People 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings should receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series.
- People aged 50-64 years with <u>underlying medical conditions</u> should receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series.
- ➤ People aged 18-49 years with <u>underlying medical conditions</u> may receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks.
- ▶ People aged 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of <u>occupational or institutional setting</u> may receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks.

#### What if I received another brand of vaccine?

The recommendations from the CDC and VDH do not include individuals who received the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccines. Anyone who received the Moderna, or J&J COVID-19 vaccine should not seek an additional booster dose of Pfizer vaccine and should wait for future recommendations from the CDC and VDH.

Where can I get the booster vaccine now? Do I need to bring anything with me? Booster doses are available for eligible people from pharmacies, medical providers, hospitals, and the Fairfax County Health Department. Go to <a href="https://www.vaccines.gov">www.vaccines.gov</a> to make an appointment. Individuals seeking a booster dose are reminded to bring their vaccine card to confirm the date and type of vaccine they received in previous dose(s).

# Walk-in hours are available at the Fairfax County Health Department during the following days/hours:

- ➤ Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax Monday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
- Mt. Vernon District Office, 8350 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria
   Monday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
   Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
- > Find an up-to-date listing of the Health Department's pop-up clinics.

The Health Department sites will provide Pfizer-BioNTech booster shots in addition to first and second doses of Pfizer-Bio-NTech vaccine. We encourage all eligible persons to get their COVID-19 vaccine if they haven't already done so.

For a complete listing of COVID-19 vaccine providers in the Fairfax Health District, visit **www.vaccines.gov**.

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### **Health Department Deploys Mobile COVID-19 Testing Lab**

On Tuesday, September 21, the Fairfax County Health Department deployed its mobile laboratory to provide COVID-19 testing in several locations.

These mobile testing opportunities are for individuals who are experiencing **symptoms of COVID-19** or who may have been exposed to COVID-19. Dates, times, and locations of sites are posted on the Health Department's **COVID-19 Testing page** and are based on demand and resources. Additional dates and locations will be provided.

Sites were selected, based on Health Department data, to increase access to testing in areas of the County with higher numbers of cases and limited testing resources or clinics.

The mobile clinics will provide both rapid tests and PCR tests. <u>Learn more and find additional</u> locations that offer COVID-19 testing in Fairfax County.

### **Caregiving as Memories Fade**

The Northern Virginia Dementia Care Consortium has been educating caregivers since 1986. The 2021 conference will focus on the theme "Caregiving as Memories Fade." This year's conference keynote speaker is Gary Chapman, PhD, author of *Keeping Love Alive as Memories Fade: The 5 Languages and the Alzheimer's Journey*. Join to become better prepared to provide care and support at home or in a facility, learn new ways to engage individuals with dementia, and explore supportive services in the virtual exhibit hall. Conference sessions will take place virtually each day November 9-11 from 10:00 a.m. through 12:30 p.m.

This conference is open to family caregivers, volunteers working with older adults, and professionals in aging and related services. **Register today**, or for more information about the conference, call (703) 270-0043.

#### Time to Get Your Flu Shot

With the COVID-19 pandemic still underway and influenza season starting, it's more important than ever that everyone do their part to help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses.

Health experts urge everyone 6 months of age and older to get a flu shot this year and every year. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends getting a flu vaccination in September or October or before flu activity begins. Learn more about why you should **get your flu shot and where you could get it on the County's website**.

# **Land Use & Development**

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS & HEARINGS**

#### **Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting**

October 19 at 7:00 p.m. – virtual

### **Board of Supervisors Hearings**

- Kenilworth II October 5 at 3:30 p.m. Board Auditorium
- Comprehensive Plan Amendment for NW Corner of Lee Highway and Waples Mill Road
   October 19 at 4:00 p.m. Board Auditorium

# Board of Supervisors Hearing on Kenilworth II Proposal Rescheduled for October 5

On July 14, the Planning Commission recommended approval of a 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. A Board of Supervisors hearing to consider whether to approve the application is scheduled for October 5.



This property is currently developed with one single-family home built in 1955 that will continue to be occupied by the current owners and would be included in a subsequent phase of the project. The majority of the site is not developed. 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 vacated and removed. The new houses would be similar in appearance to those in the existing Kenilworth subdivision. Access to the new development would be provided by connecting Banting Drive and Caprino Court at a "T" intersection with a three-way stop. A portion of the project will be served by a private street that must be maintained by the future homeowners. 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, the Braddock District Planning Commissioner, and staff, a previously unidentified wetlands area was discovered. 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. Staff determined that the wetlands would not be avoided with an alternative layout, lower density, or even with by-right development, leading the focus to shift to mitigating for the loss of the wetlands. The applicant proffered additional green infrastructure, trees, and plantings in the buffer and amenity areas, as well as biofilters, bioretention, and bioswales.

During the Planning Commission hearing in June, residents from the Penns Crossing neighborhood stated their strong opposition to the development based on the connection of Banting Drive and Caprino Court to Braddock Road. The residents cited safety concerns, including narrow streets, increased traffic, and speeding vehicles. County staff and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) continue to emphasize the need to connect Banting Drive and Caprino Court. 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 deadend 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 original proffers for both the Penns Crossing and existing Kenilworth neighborhoods contained a requirement that if the parcels now under consideration were developed, the roads would connect. The standard road width, "T" intersection with stop signs, and additional "Children at Play" signs are intended to help reinforce slower driving speeds.

The new houses must be constructed to achieve either Energy Star® or Earth Craft green building certification. All landscaping is to be native to Fairfax County, and invasive plant species are to be removed from the tree save areas. The applicant has proffered to provide walking paths and a seating area onsite. If on-site recreational amenities do not meet the required minimum contribution of \$1,900 per dwelling unit, remaining funds may be used to provide/upgrade amenity facilities on adjacent Briarwood HOA land, provided that the new residents of the Kenilworth II development are granted the right to use those facilities. Funds would also be contributed to provide recreational features in Kenilworth I, with the same provision that the new residents of Kenilworth II must be permitted to use those amenities.

A <u>staff report</u> on the Kenilworth II rezoning application was published April 7, and an <u>addendum</u> was published June 9. The Board of Supervisors had scheduled a hearing on this application for September 14, but it was deferred to allow time to resolve issues with the proffers. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 5 at 3:30 p.m. Anyone who wishes to <u>provide testimony</u> in person, by telephone, or by pre-submitted video is encouraged to do so.

# Board of Supervisors Hearing on Comprehensive Plan Amendment for NW Corner of Lee Highway & Waples Mill Road Scheduled for October 5

In January 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved Supervisor Walkinshaw's motion to authorize consideration of a Comprehensive Plan Amendment for a portion of Fairfax Center Sub-Unit J3, the northwest corner of the intersection of Lee Highway and Waples Mill Road. This motion came about as the result of a proposal by Public Storage to expand their existing self-storage use onto the adjacent corner residential parcel, which contains a vacant house and outbuilding. Expanding self-storage would require rezoning the corner property to industrial use, which is not currently supported by the Comprehensive Plan recommendations. 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 grade-separated interchange after Shirley Gate Road is extended to the Fairfax County Parkway. Although Parcel C was included in the Board's authorization, it was excluded from further consideration in this Plan Amendment, which focuses only on Parcels 37C and 39.

On September 22, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of a proposed Plan Amendment that would add an option to allow selfstorage use on the two parcels, subject to consolidation and other conditions, in order to allow Public Storage to construct a new five-story self-storage building. While the current Plan language would generally not support the expansion of the existing industrial use, allowing it would achieve many of the Plan's goals. Consolidation of the corner lot and existing selfstorage property would limit access points on Lee Highway and Shirley Gate Road and allow removal of the small section of service drive, which is currently being used for parking of commercial vehicles, including food trucks and contractors' equipment. It would also facilitate connection of pedestrian trails across the site and offer the potential for new parkland and community amenities.



In order to integrate the self-storage, use into the vision of the mixed-use suburban center context, the proposed Plan Amendment would require that the new multi-story structure be designed with the general size and appearance of an office building. Under this proposal, expansion of the existing self-storage use may be considered under the following conditions:

- Building height would be limited to 65 feet.
- The architecture of the multi-story building should resemble an office building, using neutral or muted colors and high-quality building materials.
- Signage is to be compatible with the surrounding area and avoid adverse visual impacts.
- A minimum 40-foot setback should be provided from each street, similar to nearby residential and mixed-use buildings.
- Parking should be screened from view from the roadways.
- Extensive landscaping is recommended to screen the building, present an attractive appearance, and add visual interest.
- The property would be subject to current stormwater management regulations.
- Trail improvements and connections, lighting, and public art should be provided to create a pedestrian-friendly environment.
- A community park should be developed, which would include amenities such as a dog park or other community-serving features.
- The developer is expected to contribute to the Fairfax County Housing Trust Fund to compensate for the loss of potential affordable or workforce housing units that may have been developed under the mixed-use option.

The **staff report** on the Plan Amendment has been published and is available on the county website.

The Board of Supervisors will hold a hearing to consider this Comprehensive Plan Amendment on Tuesday, October 5 at 4:00 p.m. Anyone who wishes to **provide testimony** in person, by telephone, or by pre-submitted video is encouraged to do so.



Proposed - Waples Mill Road, looking south toward intersection with Lee Highway

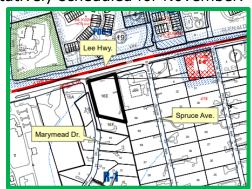
### **Public Storage Rezoning Application Under Consideration**

A concurrent application was 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. On August 31, the company resubmitted plans based on feedback from staff. Public Storage is proposing to remove the older house on the corner of Lee Highway and Waples Mill Road, 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 property (see illustration). The building would be red brick with stucco accents and spandrel glass windows to resemble the nearby multifamily residential buildings. Orange brick and an orange metal panel behind the signage would be used as corporate branding. 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.

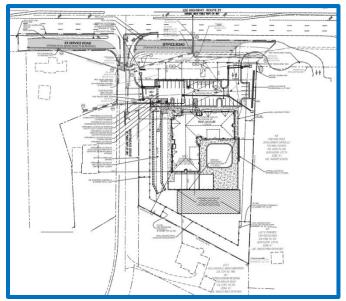
The applicant is proposing to develop a new pocket park, which would be open to the public, adjacent to the existing pocket park on the interior portion of the block. It would include a dog park with seating. The existing service road along Lee Highway, currently being used for parking of commercial vehicles, including food trucks and contractors' equipment, would be removed, and replaced with landscaping and a pedestrian pathway. Additional landscaping 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. A path with public artwork would lead from Waples Mill Road to the new park and dog park. The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will discuss the proposed rezoning at its October 19 meeting. A Planning Commission hearing on the rezoning application is tentatively scheduled for November.

# **Child Care Facility Proposed for 12019 Lee Highway**

A Special Exception application has been filed by NLD Fairfax, 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 they would have 26

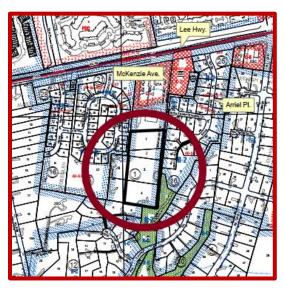


employees. Thirty-six parking spaces are proposed. Hours of operation would be from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Community members have expressed concern about traffic movement and safety at the intersection of Marymead Drive and Lee Highway. The service road along Lee Highway that would provide access to the site is now used by clients of the neighboring Sparkles! child care center. Because the intersection does not have a traffic signal, residents find it difficult to make a left turn onto Lee Highway from Marymead Drive and are concerned that the additional traffic generated by the proposed use would worsen the situation.

In late August, the applicant submitted updated plans for the site to address access and safety concerns. The revision proposes that the new child care facility and Sparkles! share access to Spruce Avenue and Marymead Drive through connected parking areas. The revision proposes removing the existing service road connection at Marymead Drive and relocating access for the new facility further south on Marymead, across from an existing drivway, and away from the intersection with Lee Highway. This plan is intended to limit vehicular conflicts at the intersection, provide space for vehicles exiting from Lee Highway to slow down before entering the parking lot, and prevent vehicles exiting the child care facilities from ending up diagonally across the intersection by giving space for them to straighten out prior to the intersection with Lee Highway. The applicant has also proposed removing the service road connection to the west of Marymead Drive and using the space to create a right-turn lane from eastbound Lee Highway onto Marymead, with the goal of slowing vehicles and reducing the likelihood of rear-end accidents with turning traffic. Additional revisions address tree preservation, landscaping, stormwater management, and green building practices. The applicant has reached out to the community, and staff, including Fairfax County and Virginia Department of Transportation staff, are reviewing this resubmission.

A Planning Commission hearing previously scheduled for November 3 has been deferred to allow time for staff review and has not yet been rescheduled.



# **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.

Supervisor Walkinshaw plans to hold a community meeting later this month. A Planning Commission hearing has been scheduled for December 1

# **Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting**

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will hold an electronic meeting on Tuesday, October 19, at 7:00 p.m. The agenda will include discussion of Public Storage's rezoning proposal 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.

#### Click here to join online

Or call in (audio only)

(571) 429-5982 Phone Conference ID: 730 922 969#

### **Update on One University Construction Schedule**

The One University project will provide 120 affordable family units, 120 affordable age-restricted units for seniors, and 333 units of purpose-built housing with up to 798 beds to serve George Mason University students at the northwest corner of the intersection of Ox Road and University Drive.

Based on the Noise Ordinance and specific proffers in the project approval, outdoor construction is limited to 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Sunday construction will only be permitted in very limited circumstances, with prior approval by the Director of Fairfax County's Department of Land Development Services and is restricted to noon to 5:00 p.m. for the student building and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the affordable housing buildings.

A six-foot security fence is being erected around the perimeter of the site for safety. A silt fence has also been put in place to control erosion. Demolition is expected to begin the first week of October and continue through the end of the year. The Department of Housing and Community Development building will be removed first, followed by the former Robinson Square townhouses. Excavation for underground parking will begin after the existing structures have been removed and will be followed by initial concrete work. The student building is planned for completion in August 2023, in time for beginning of the GMU school year. The affordable family and senior buildings are planned for completion in January 2024.

Utility work is underway. The sidewalk and parking on the north side of University Drive, west of Ox Road, along the frontage of the new building, will remain open for now. Beginning in late October, the developer anticipates work will require closure of the sidewalk. Parking along the north side of the street will also be restricted. Pedestrians are encouraged to use the south side of University Drive. The contractor will provide a path as necessary in places where no sidewalk currently exists. This work is being coordinated with George Mason University and the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Updates will be provided in future Braddock Beacons and Advisories. If you have construction-related questions, you may either contact our office at <a href="mailto:Braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov">Braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov</a> or Mike Newman, Site Superintendent for the Whiting-Turner Contracting Company at <a href="mailto:mike.newman@whiting-turner.com">mike.newman@whiting-turner.com</a>.

### **Stormwater-Wastewater Facility Project Update**

The Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) is soliciting bids for the new Stormwater-Wastewater Facility to be located at 6000 Freds Oak Road in Burke. The site is currently occupied by the County's Wastewater Collection Division facility and the abandoned concrete batch plant, which stopped operations in 2012. The bid period will continue through mid-October. Construction is anticipated to begin in late fall/early winter 2021, upon successful contract award.

This project will co-locate the Stormwater and Wastewater Divisions in one centralized location to maximize efficiencies, replace undersized and aging facilities and infrastructure, provide enclosed material storage, expand parking for county vehicles, and allow for future growth necessary to implement state and federal regulations.



Construction of the project will take place in phases and include demolition of selective site elements, including the removal of the decommissioned concrete production plant, and at a later phase the existing Wastewater Collection Division facility, all while maintaining 24/7 operations. New construction will include multiple buildings, including a two-story, multi-use office and administrative building designed to target LEED Gold Certification, meet additional county-wide energy performance improvements, highlight sustainable construction features, and display stormwater management techniques and features as a green showcase educational facility. Most importantly, the facility will support resiliency and provide stormwater and wastewater day-to-day maintenance and emergency field operational support. The new construction and site work will also include auxiliary buildings to house maintenance shops, covered material storage, enclosed parking, vehicle wash, salt and brine, equipment storage, and a fuel island. Many of the buildings will include enhanced sustainable features including green roofs, rainwater and wash water reuse, solar panels, and a geothermal system.

A community meeting to discuss construction plans will be scheduled for later this year.

### 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 are 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 will only be available in the place 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.

### Thomas Lowell Murphy & Anna Patton Murphy – 8505 Parliament Drive, Springfield SP 2021-BR-043

The applicants requested a reduction in certain yard requirements to permit addition of a one-story garage 6.2 feet from a side lot line. This application was approved by the BZA on September 22. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found on the **Land Development Services website**.

#### Young Wan Lee & Hee Yun Lee – 4807 Piney Branch Road, Fairfax SP 2021-BR-050

The applicants are seeking a reduction in setback requirements to allow an addition 11.2 feet from a side lot line and an open deck 12.9 feet from the other side lot line, and an error in building location to allow a shed to remain. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on October 6. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the **Land Development Services website**.

# > Huong Thien Inc. DBA Tinh Xa Huong Thien - 4516 Guinea Road, Fairfax SP 2021-BR-052/SP-2021-BR-00081

The applicant was seeking to establish a place of worship. The wrong application was filed and has been withdrawn.

#### Wayne J. Campagna – 8333 Chapel Lake Court, Annandale SP 2021-BR-062

The applicant is seeking approval for a reduction in setback requirements to permit an addition 13.3 feet from the rear lot line. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on December 1. 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-00088

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. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on December 1. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the **PLUS website**.

### JoAnn M. Majesky and Path for Healing, LLC – 7700 Carrleigh Parkway, Springfield SP-2021-BR-00052

The applicant is seeking a Special Permit to operate a home-based psychotherapy office. The hours of operation would be 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursdays. Fifteen to 17 patients are seen a week, with some expected to continue virtual visits. The office would be located in the basement, with entry would be from the rear of the house. Parking would be in the driveway. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on December 1. 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 from 40 feet to 20 feet on the Ox Road side of this corner property to allow construction of a 6,000-square foot house. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on December 8. 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 <a href="mailto:braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov">braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov</a> or call the Braddock District office at (703) 425-9300.