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Dear Neighbor,

Back in May, the Braddock District stepped up in a big way. When we put out the word that many of our neighbors were struggling with food insecurity due to the economic disruption caused by the pandemic, hundreds of you turned out to our Braddock District Stuff the Bus food drive and helped us collect 15,685.2 pounds of food to help our friends at ECHO support local families during a difficult time. But now we need to do it again.

While we have suppressed the virus here in Fairfax, we're far from out of the woods, thousands in our community are still struggling, and local food pantries are running low. That's why we have planned another Stuff the Bus food drive across the county. On Saturday, September 12 and Saturday, September 26, Fastran buses will be parked at 21 locations from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to collect food donations. In the Braddock District, we'll be at the following locations.

- Braddock District Office ([9002 Burke Lake Rd. Burke, VA](#))
- Oaks Community Center ([5708 Oak Leather Dr. Burke, VA](#))
- Fairfax County Government Center ([12000 Government Center Parkway Fairfax, VA](#))

Visit the [Stuff the Bus website](#) to see the full list of locations and the list of most requested items. We set a very high bar in May, but I'm confident we can come together again and do even more!

The Board of Supervisors will meet on September 15 and September 29. We will also hold committee meetings on September 22. Meeting agendas and materials will be available [here](#).

On a sad note, long-time Braddock community leader Chet McLaren passed away recently at the age of 98. I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Chet, so I thought I would share a few words from former Braddock District Supervisor and Chairman Sharon Bulova.

Chet McLaren served on the Fairfax County Park Authority during its early years, helping it grow into the premier organization it is today. He was a dedicated environmentalist, serving on several County advisory boards. I worked with Chet most closely in his work with the North Springfield Civic Association, the Braddock District Council, my Braddock Land Use Committee and in his capacity as MC at Braddock Nights Concerts in the Parks at Lake Accotink Park, where he and his wife Fran were a formidable team. Chet set the example for A Life Well Lived.

Yours in service,



Supervisor James Walkinshaw



5 Reasons to Stuff the Bus *Virtually*

To donate to the Stuff the Bus food drive, visit <http://bit.ly/FfxStufftheBus>.



2 Feeding Diverse Communities

Monetary donations allow pantries to purchase culturally appropriate foods, which better meets the needs of the diverse communities they serve.



3 Fresh Food

Canned and dry food are a vital part of food pantries, but a healthy diet also requires foods such as fresh fruit and vegetables, low-fat dairy products and lean proteins – items that can't be collected through food drives.

1 More Meals
nonprofits can turn a donated dollar into more meals by purchasing food in bulk or through special discounts from retailers.



4 Less Labor
Nonprofits often rely on the work of volunteers to sort and shelf donations. The COVID-19 virus has greatly impacted volunteers' ability to serve, especially older adults or those with pre-existing conditions.



5 Hunger Never Takes a Break

Having cash on hand helps food pantries keep their shelves stocked during times of the year when donations drop off.



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For more information on Stuff the Bus, inclement weather arrangements or to request this information in an alternate format, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov, and search "Stuff the Bus," or call 703-222-9764, TTY 711.



Walkinshaw in the Community



Supervisor Walkinshaw greeted Walk the Walk 2020 as their racial justice walk from Charlottesville to DC. took them through Braddock on August 26.



Supervisor Walkinshaw spoke at the Rally for Healthy Airports on August 27.



Supervisor Walkinshaw distributed school supplies to Braddock Elementary students before the start of the school year on September 3.

In August Supervisor Walkinshaw also:

- Hosted the Braddock Road Multimodal Corridor Improvement Meeting on August 3.
- Participated in a conference call with Governor Northam's Office on August 5.
- Joined the Fairfax County Police Academy's virtual graduation on August 27.

Citizen of the Month

This month's Braddock District Citizen of the Month is Kelley Traver. Kelley, a Kings Park West resident, works with the Fairfax County Department of Family Services Foster Care and Adoption Department, the agency tasked with finding permanent homes for children in care through reunification. She was recently recognized by the American Bar Association as a Reunification hero, a prestigious national award for individuals passionate about helping families stick together. For the last 30 years, Kelley has devoted her career to the foster children and families who live in Fairfax County and has strived to ensure all children and families can remain together.

According to a recent article released by the Department of Family Services, "Kelley wholeheartedly believes that every child should have a relationship with their parents, and that while children may need to spend time in foster care, they don't have to grow up in foster care."

People like Kelley Traver go above and beyond every day to improve the lives of struggling community members. On behalf of the Braddock District, thank you for your years of commitment to ensuring children have a safe and healthy lifestyle, Kelley.



Community News

Stuff the Bus Food Drive Returns

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused a dramatic rise in the demand for food from area nonprofits. To help meet this demand, the frequency of Stuff the Bus food drives is increasing. In May, drives were held on two days at 21 locations throughout the county, and the response was immense, with 33.6 tons of food collected for area nonprofits.

- On Saturday, September 12, and Saturday, September 26, Fastran buses will again be parked at 21 locations from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to collect food donations. The locations will allow donors to comply with social distancing recommendations. In the Braddock District, buses will be located at the Braddock District office at 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015, at the Government Center at 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax, VA 22035, and at the Oaks Community Center, 5708 Oak Leather Drive, Burke, VA 22015.
- For more information, including donation sites, a list of most-wanted items and information about donating virtually, visit the [Stuff the Bus website](#).

September Braddock District Council Meeting: "An Insurance Primer for Community Associations"

The Braddock District Council will hold their September 16 meeting at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom and will feature Douglas Henken as their guest speaker.

- All community associations need to have the right kind of insurance for their board members and for any common property they may own. Mr. Henken is a certified Community Insurance Risk Management Specialist (CIRMS) and is a frequent speaker, educator, and writer on the subject of community association insurance and risk management. The BDC is very excited to have him as their guest for the September meeting.

Meeting information below:

- **Topic:** Braddock District Council (BDC) September 2020 Meeting
 - **Time:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 7:00 p.m.
 - [Join the meeting on Zoom here.](#)
 - **Call into meeting:** (301) 715-8592 , **Passcode:** 443744
- The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. There will be a pre-meeting call-in period from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for first-time Zoom users to confirm their audio and video settings.

Supporting Return to School (SRS)

Supporting Return to School (SRS) is a new Fairfax County program developed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and this year's virtual return to school. The program will provide full-day on-site programming for children in Kindergarten through sixth grade, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

- The SRS program, located in 37 Fairfax County Public Schools, will serve children of families residing in Fairfax County or the City of Fairfax. A sliding fee scale will be available for income-eligible families. Each classroom will have a group of no more than 10 children who will stay together each day, along with consistent staff to support their online learning and in-person connections. Current CDC health and safety guidelines will be implemented.
- Enrollment for the SRS program began on August 24, 2020. Space is limited, and we will accept enrollment on a limited basis. Limited transportation may be available. Additional information on fees and enrollment, including an [online registration option](#), is available, or you may call (703) 449-8989.

Message from Clerk John T. Frey of the Fairfax Circuit Court

The Fairfax Circuit Court Clerk's office has been open for business throughout the pandemic. We have installed glass partitions at our public counters, made hand sanitizers available to staff and the public, instituted temperature checks at the entrances to the courthouse, and implemented other safety precautions.

Marriage license issuance and probate appointments are now exclusively conducted using WebEx for a virtual customer experience. Electronic recording has offered buyers and sellers an uninterrupted summer buying season! We also offer a WebEx Concealed Handgun Permit application process, using the same secure technology for those who prefer doing court business from home. In other words, despite the pandemic, you are still able to easily obtain a marriage license, probate a loved one's estate, or buy, sell, or refinance real estate in Fairfax County.

While most civil and criminal cases, including all jury trials, have been suspended by the Virginia Supreme Court during the pandemic, the Fairfax Circuit Court Judges have been using WebEx to conduct remote hearings on urgent matters, such as emergency custody matters and protective orders.

The Judges have recently expanded remote hearings to include routine civil motions and important criminal pre-trial matters.

A plan is in place for Virginia courts to assess when, and how, it will be safe to resume full operations, including jury trials.

Each fall, approximately 60,000 jury questionnaires are sent out to Fairfax County and Fairfax City residents. The jury questionnaires help citizen jury commissioners determine who will be eligible for jury duty in 2021. Questionnaires were sent out over the last couple weeks. If you received a questionnaire, please complete the questionnaire, and return it to the Clerk's office. For your convenience, you may complete the questionnaire on-line. Receiving a questionnaire does not mean you will be automatically called upon to serve as a juror next year.

Thank you, Supervisor Walkinshaw, for providing me with this opportunity to share how the Fairfax Circuit Court Clerk's office is adapting to the pandemic to serve the residents of Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax.

John T. Frey, Clerk Fairfax Circuit Court



Extended Moratorium on Virginia Utilities

The Virginia State Corporation Commission (Virginia SCC) has extended its [moratorium on utility](#) shutoffs. On August 19, the Virginia SCC stated their shutoff ban would be from August 31 through September 16.

Nationwide ban on Evictions

This eviction ban is enacted through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. CDC Director Dr. Robert Redfield signed a declaration determining that the evictions of tenants could be detrimental to public health control measures to slow the spread of SARS-Cov-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. For more information on the ban, visit the [Federal Register](#).

A Special Thanks to Ann Zuvekas

Thank you to Ann Zuvekas for ten years of service on the Health Care Advisory Board! Ann served ably from 2010 to her retirement this year, providing her expertise and putting in the long hours to help increase access to health care for our most vulnerable residents. As a member of the Community Health Care Network's Community Advisory Committee, Ann helped guide the program through its transition so that it could continue to provide affordable, consistent, and excellent care to thousands of Fairfax County residents. The Fairfax Health Department and our greater community are stronger today thanks to the great work of Ann Zuvekas.

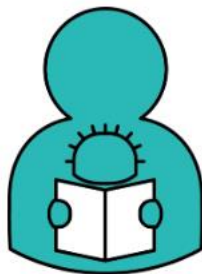


Metro SmarTrip now available on iPhone and Apple Watch

SmarTrip® — the way to pay for Metro and all regional transit providers in the Washington, DC area — is launching on iPhone and Apple Watch, giving riders new and unparalleled convenience. Riders can now add a SmarTrip card to iPhone and Apple Watch, and simply hold their device near the card reader to pay anywhere SmarTrip is accepted -- all 91 Metrorail stations in DC, Maryland, and Virginia! Learn more by reading [Metro's full press release](#).

Volunteers Needed for Tutoring Fairfax County's Most Vulnerable Students

GrandInvolve has partnered with Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) since 2014 to place their active older adult volunteers in Title 1 classrooms as tutors. The decision from FCPS to provide distance learning has significantly increased the need for virtual tutors. If you are interested in exploring virtual volunteer opportunities, or if you would be willing to use your knowledge and experience in a leadership capacity, write to them at info@grandinvolve.org, visit their website at www.grandinvolve.org, or follow them on [Facebook](#)!



GrandInvolve

Partial Closure of Government Center Parkway

Beginning September 4, a short segment of **one eastbound lane of Government Center Parkway will be temporarily closed** for dedicated pedestrian and bicyclist use. This temporary closure provides Fairfax County residents another improved and safer option for outdoor recreation while maintaining social distancing practices during the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The duration of the closure will depend on the rate of continued reopening following the reductions of COVID-19 related restrictions.

As seen below, the eastbound right-turn lane of the Government Center Parkway will be closed between a driveway past Ridge Top Road and a driveway prior to Waples Mill Road. The closure creates a connection to existing sidewalks on both ends along Government Center Parkway bridging a gap where no sidewalk currently exists.



Animal Shelter Announces Curbside Rabies Vaccinations

The Department of Animal Sheltering is pleased to announce the dates for the next three curbside, no contact, low-cost rabies vaccination clinics:

- Sunday, September 13
- Sunday, October 18
- Sunday, December 6

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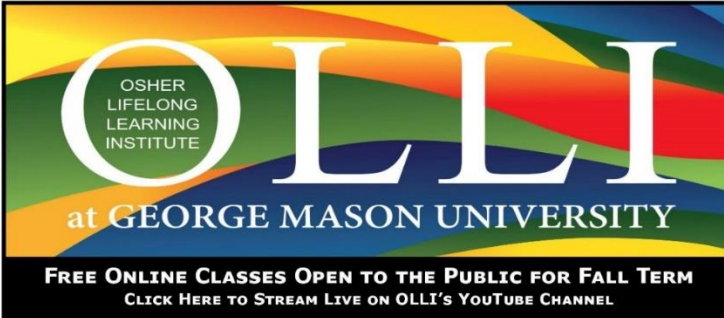
Pre-registration is required for these drive-through and curbside clinics.
For details and to sign up:
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/animalshelter/communityassistance/rabiesclinics

Dogs, cats, and ferrets will be able to be vaccinated on each of these clinic dates. Pre-registration is required so shelter staff can be sure that everything is ready in advance. Appointments for the first clinic in June filled up within just a few days. All details, including how to sign up, can be found on the **animal shelter's website**.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) Upcoming Fall Term

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute is a non-profit affiliate of George Mason University that offers courses, socials, and clubs each year to retirees/older residents of Northern Virginia. Their classes, socials, and clubs have all gone online during the pandemic, providing a great lifeline to a vulnerable population during a time of social distancing. For general information about OLLI Mason, visit their [website](#).

Visit the [fall online catalog](#) of classes for more information on courses. The OLLI fall term runs September 21 through November 13.



FREE ONLINE CLASSES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR FALL TERM
CLICK HERE TO STREAM LIVE ON OLLI'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL

The State of the 2020 Presidential Election Wed. September 23, 2:15–3:40 p.m. (1 session) Richard Benedetto is a retired USA Today White House correspondent and columnist. Taught by a veteran reporter who has covered every presidential campaign since 1984, the class will analyze and assess the 2020 presidential race less than two months before the actual vote. It will touch on major issues such as the economy, health care, coronavirus pandemic, foreign policy, immigration, race relations, voter mood, and the pluses and minuses of the candidates themselves. It also will examine the volatile role the media play in elections.	Virtual Tour of the National Portrait Gallery Mon., Sept. 21–Sept. 28, 2:15–3:40 p.m. (2 sessions) Barbara Nelson taught for over 30 years at the secondary level, the last 20 at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. Sept. 21: Presidential Gallery, the only complete collection of presidential portraits outside of the White House. Discussion will begin with Gilbert Stuart's portrait of George Washington and end with Kehinde Wiley's portrait of Barack Obama. Sept. 28: Alexander Gardner: Photographer, Innovator, and Artist. This presentation will begin with an examination of early photography and then discuss Gardner's career.	Happiness Thurs. November 19, 2:15–3:40 p.m. (1 session) Heather Dudley taught history, economics, and psychology at Gonzaga High School for 20 years. The most popular class in the history of Yale University is "The Science of Well Being," which teaches you how to be happier. A search for "happiness" on Amazon produced over 100,000 results. In this lecture we will look at one of the greatest thinkers on the human condition—Aristotle—to discover what he thought was necessary for the happy life.
"Please Sir, Can I Have Some More?" Charles Dickens's <i>Oliver Twist</i> Wed. Sept. 23–Nov. 4, 9:40–11:05 a.m. No class Oct. 14 (6 sessions) Kay Menchel is a lawyer who also holds an MA in English literature from George Mason University. <i>Oliver Twist</i> presents readers with a panoramic view of London's underworld in the early part of the 19th century. Dickens' work contains a deep and dark satirical vision. Dickens' historical context and his political aims in writing this book will be discussed.	** Special ** Fall 2020 Promotion! OLLI is offering a low fee of \$300 for those new to OLLI who purchase an annual membership fall term. (Available to those who have never been OLLI members, are returning to OLLI after more than a year's hiatus, or have previously been introductory members and haven't converted to an annual membership.)	The Black Death Tues. Oct. 27–Nov. 10, 9:40–11:05 a.m. (3 sessions) Stephanie Campbell attended the College of William and Mary, earning BAs in history and in medieval and renaissance studies. The 14th century saw one of history's deadliest pandemics unleashed on mankind. The Black Death likely killed a higher percentage of the global population than any other single plague outbreak. We will explore the history of epidemics, including plague outbreaks prior to the Black Death, the 14th-century plague's beginnings in central Asia to its culmination in Western Europe, and finally, post-Black Death outbreaks, which are still occurring today.

Classes Are Designed for Older Adults.
Questions? Contact: olli@gmu.edu.
Visit OLLI Mason at olli.gmu.edu or follow OLLI Mason on Facebook!

Spotlight on a Nonprofit

[NPC Soccer](#) was established in 2000 by Coach Paul Ngend. NPC Fútbol & Futsal, a 501c (3) non-profit, offers year-round soccer and futsal coaching and programming at a low cost for all ages and skill levels. NPC Soccer provides year-round training starting in July with league and tournament play in the fall and spring. Through the generosity of its donors they can serve local young athletes who could not otherwise afford a soccer or futsal program. NPC believes every child should have the opportunity to succeed and follow their passion. Their professional team has trained some of the top soccer players in the world. To find out more about this organization visit their [website](#).

Human Services Corner

Virginia's New COVID-19 APP Launched on Wednesday, August 5

Virginia's new COVID-19 app offers alerts if you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Called [COVIDWISE](#), the free app uses Bluetooth low Energy technology developed by Apple and Google, and it does not use or store personal information or location data.

Information on Local Stores Hosting Flu Shot Clinics

The Burke Safeway is having an outdoor flu shot clinic on September 9 from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., September 25 from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., and October 17 from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. The Twinbrook Safeway will host an outdoor clinic on October 9 from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. They will have the regular flu shot and the 65+ flu shot available. Giant Pharmacies also have the flu shot available and are open for seniors on Mondays & Thursdays from 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

September is Emergency Preparedness Month – Be Disaster Ready

Virginia State Corporation Insurance Commissioner Scott White encourages all Virginians to be prepared for storms and natural disasters. Make sure your home, business, and/or automobile are properly insured and know how to file an insurance claim in the event of property damage. The best time to prepare for a natural disaster is before a storm strikes.

Before the Storm

- Create a detailed inventory of your belongings. Include photos and receipts of your property purchases if you have them. You can use the [Inventory Checklist](#) as a guide.
- Review your insurance policy, and contact your insurance company if you have any questions about your coverage. You can find your insurance company's phone number using our Company Lookup.
- Store your home inventory checklist and insurance policy information in a secure, waterproof location.
- Most homeowner's and renter's insurance policies do not cover losses due to flooding. Talk with your insurance agent about flood insurance, or visit the [National Flood Insurance Program website](#).

After the Storm

- If your home or other insured property was damaged during a storm, contact your insurance company or agent as soon as possible.
- Take photos of your damaged property once it is safe to do so.
- Save the receipts of any emergency repairs that are needed to prevent your property from becoming further damaged.
- If you feel you are treated unfairly, please contact the Commission's Property & Casualty Consumer Services team at (804) 371-9185, or file a [complaint](#).

County Presentation on Accessing Aging Services

On September 16, via Zoom at 1:00 p.m., there will be a presentation on Aging Services in Fairfax County called "What Are They and How Do I Access them?" The county will inform you what happens when you call (703) 324-7948, the Aging, Disability & Caregiver Resources Line.

The presentation will be given by Karen Hannigan, Fairfax County Department of Family Services. This virtual meeting is sponsored by the Braddock District Supervisor and Braddock District Council Aging in Place Committee.

NCS Connects: virtual resource for youth, teens, parents, and guardians

Each weekday at NCS Connects, you'll find live, pre-recorded or self-guided activities to [keep students engaged and entertained](#). Neighborhood & Community Services is keeping the learning going from home for students in grades 1-6 and 7-12! Parental permission is required to use this site. Designed to emulate the experience of visiting a Community or Teen Center, the platform features original programming such as self-directed activities and videos led by familiar staff members, as well as on-demand resources for youth and parents in five categories: adapted virtual learning (provided by [Therapeutic Recreation Services](#)), culture, academics, health and wellness, and STEAM. Visit often for weekly updates and share photos on Twitter with #NCSCnects.

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Walk

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) is having their "Out of the Darkness Walk" on October 3, 2020. Instead of gathering in Fairfax City, AFSP is asking participants to gather, socially distancing yourselves, in your local neighborhoods with signs, using sidewalk chalk to write messages of inspiration and to put it all on social media with the hashtag #StopSuicideNCAC. Your hash-tagged post will be shared on their website. If you are interested in participating, register your team on their [website](#).

Virtual Center for Active Adults

The goal of the Virtual Center for Active Adults is to enrich the lives of adults in Fairfax County while combatting isolation. Here you can connect with your peers, engage in a variety of activities, and discover useful resources. Join live, interactive programs, and engage with other adults. You can also watch programs on-demand on your own schedule. They have provided a curated [list of virtual activities and useful services](#) and resources available to residents of Fairfax County.

Virginia Career Works

Virginia Career Works, which is part of the County's Department of Family Services, has some upcoming dates for jobseekers through their webinars. Register using the links below. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email about joining the webinar. On the day of the webinar, make sure you have access to Zoom either on your phone, computer, or tablet. Go to the confirmation email that you received. Follow the instructions to access the webinar. When you click on the link, you will be prompted to put in the password included in the email invitation. You must type in the password to enter the meeting. Copying and pasting may result in an incorrect password.

➤ **How to Write an Effective Resume**

- Wednesday, September 9, at 11:00 a.m. [Register now](#).

➤ **The Art of Interviewing**

- Wednesday, September 16, at 11:00 a.m. [Register now](#).

➤ **A Job Seeker's Guide to Managing Your Career**

- Wednesday, September 23, at 11:00 a.m. [Register now](#).

Environmental News

Climate Energy Community Action Plan (CECAP) Update

Fairfax County is in the process of developing a community-driven climate mitigation plan to reduce our overall greenhouse gas emissions.

Your input is very important because this plan will determine how we move forward as a community to address the role we play in global climate change. Take the CECAP public survey to share your opinions and suggestions. Your input will be considered by the CECAP Task Force as they make decisions about climate change mitigation goals, strategies, and actions we can take in the years to come. If you would like to learn more, visit the county's climate planning and action [web page](#) or the new climate and energy [Facebook page](#).



Fairfax County Park Authority Seeks an Ecologist

The Fairfax County Park Authority seeks an experienced ecologist to manage its non-native invasive vegetation management activities comprised of the Invasive Management Area (IMA), Early Detection Rapid Response (EDRR), Non-Native Invasive Assessment Prioritization (NNIAP), and contractor support components. Fairfax County is large and diverse and contains many rare species as well as habitat types. Typical habitats in the region include upland and riparian forests, wetlands, open meadows, disturbed, and successional areas. The position will have both office and field responsibilities and will supervise personnel. [Apply today](#).

Braddock District Resident Named One of the Winners of the 2020 Environmental Excellence Awards

The Fairfax County Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination has announced [the winners of the 2020 Environmental Excellence Awards](#). Each year, the Environmental Excellence Awards recognize individual county residents, county employees, and organizations/businesses who:

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

This year, five awardees were named by the Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council. Collectively, these awardees have devoted countless hours improving the natural environment in the county through public advocacy, volunteerism, and mentorship.

The 2020 Environmental Excellence Awardees are:

- Vickie Anglin (County Employee)
- Sara Holtz (Individual County Resident)
- Delegate Mark Keam (Individual County Resident)
- Freddie Mac (Business)
- Meghan Walker (Individual County Resident) * **Braddock District Resident**

Message from Friends of Lake Accotink (FLAP) on Meghan Walker's Award

Meghan has served the community and Friends of Lake Accotink Park for well over a decade as a steadfast, committed environmental volunteer. Meghan has held many positions within the Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP) including President, Treasurer, and Communications Director; leading, planning, and participating in numerous impactful projects to the community, watershed, and grounds of Lake Accotink Park. The time and effort necessary in any volunteer organization for a President, Treasurer, or Communications Director to plan, organize, coordinate, monitor and track, direct, schedule, re-schedule, integrate, provide feedback, and capture lessons learned for any one of these tasks can be significant. Considering she and a myriad of FLAP volunteers accomplished so many general advocacy, cultural, and environmental support tasks is commendable, noteworthy, and truly deserving of recognition. And during this time she also served as the Treasurer of the Danbury Forrest Community Association (DFCA) – no small feat in and of itself – where she helped to secure DFCA approval of an easement for the Park Authority to construct a switchback trail that spanned both DFCA and FCPA property to rectify an unsafe trail access to Lake Accotink Park. She spoke on behalf of the community association at the ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by both Chairman Sharon Bulova and Supervisor John Cook. She has volunteered and judged cardboard boats and dog costumes and many other activities for Park Authority events. She has provided significant input to the master plan process; and she has been a substitute host/master of ceremonies during the Park Authority's Summer Entertainment Series Braddock Nights at Lake Accotink Park. Megan will be missed as a FLAP Board member, but rest assured she will continue to serve her community and participate in FLAP projects and activities. Thank you, Meghan, from the FLAP Board.

[Click here to read the full press release on this year's awardees.](#)



2020 Environmental Excellence Award Winner

MEGHAN WALKER

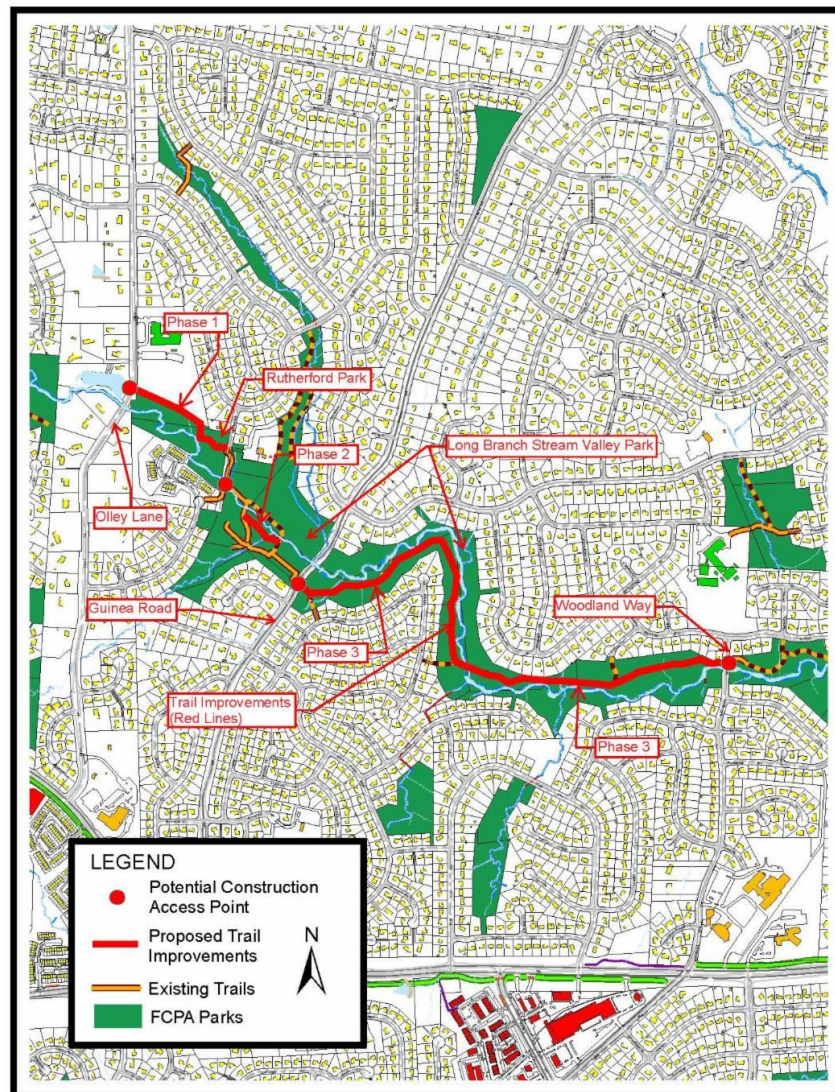
Individual County Resident Category

Long Branch Stream Valley Park Project Virtual Public Meeting

The Fairfax County Park Authority will hold a virtual information meeting regarding the proposed Long Branch Stream Valley Trail Maintenance project on Thursday, Sept. 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will provide a community update on this project, which includes reconstruction of approximately 5,200 feet of trail in Long Branch Stream Valley Park. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information regarding the trail project, hear community input, and answer questions.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be held as a [virtual meeting using Zoom](#) and can be accessed with the **password LBSVTP!910**; or you may listen in by calling (602) 333-0032 and entering **access code 719976**. Speakers are asked to [sign up in advance](#). You may ask written questions via the Zoom chat feature during the meeting. Speakers are limited to three minutes each.

Long Branch Stream Valley Park - Trail Improvements



SCALE: 1:12,000

George Mason University's Climate Future Panel

Join Supervisor Walkinshaw and others on September 24 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss how ambitious state and local efforts will put Virginia on the path to addressing climate change and what you can do to help. Event resources will be available soon at George Mason University's Institute for a Sustainable Earth. The event will be [live streamed](#). [Register](#) and send your questions!



VIRGINIA'S CLIMATE FUTURE

A discussion about the path forward in the face of Covid-19, economic crisis, and inequity

FEATURED PANELISTS

- **DEL. RIP SULLIVAN**
Lead Sponsor, Virginia Clean Economy Act
- **KAREN CAMPBLIN**
Co-director, Green New Deal Virginia
- **SUPERVISOR JAMES WALKINSHAW**
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
- **COLIN NACKERMAN**
Founder, Sunrise NoVA & Mason student

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

- VA's plan to address the climate crisis
- What you can do to help
- How to get involved

IN DISCUSSION WITH

- **PROF. ALONSO AGUIRRE**
Chair, Department of Environmental Science & Policy
- **PROF. JIM KINTER**
Director, Center for Ocean-Land-Atmosphere Studies
- **BIRUK HAREGU**
Doctoral student, Schar School; Institute for a Sustainable Earth
- **DASHA MASLYUKOVA**
President, Mason Environmental Justice Alliance



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Land Use and Development

Upcoming Meetings and Hearings

- **Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee Meeting** - September 15
- **Planning Commission Hearings**
 - Monument Drive Commuter Parking Garage and Transit Center – September 16
 - Trinity Christian School boundary adjustment – October 14
 - Proposal for Second Phase of Kenilworth Development – December 3
- **Board of Supervisors Hearings**
 - Monument Drive Commuter Parking Garage and Transit Center – September 29

Commuter Parking Garage and Transit Center Proposed at Government Center Parkway and Monument Drive

Fairfax County's Building Design and Construction Division has proposed constructing a commuter parking garage and transit center on county-owned land located at the intersection of Government Center Parkway and Monument Drive, adjacent to the HOV exit from I-66. The site currently contains approximately 300 surface parking spaces on the side next to Fairfax Corner and a vacant undeveloped parcel on the west. This facility would provide parking for a new express lane commuter bus service to DC and Arlington that will be implemented as part of Transform I-66. It would also serve carpooling commuters.

The proposed parking garage would have an open first floor area for slug lines ([ADHOC casual carpooling](#)) and seven levels of parking with 820 parking spaces. It would also house a Connector Store, restrooms for bus drivers, a Capital Bikeshare facility, secure bicycle storage, and bike racks. The transit area would consist of a bus pavilion with eight bus bays and a kiss-and-ride area. The garage would be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Access to the site would be from Random Hills Road for commuter buses and from an existing entrance on Government Center Parkway for commuter, kiss-and-ride, and slug vehicles. The building is designed to achieve Parksmart certification and would feature solar panels surrounded by green roof features, 40 spaces with electric vehicle infrastructure, stormwater enhancements, and natural landscaping.

This application is scheduled for a Planning Commission hearing on September 16. It is scheduled to go before the Board of Supervisors on September 29.

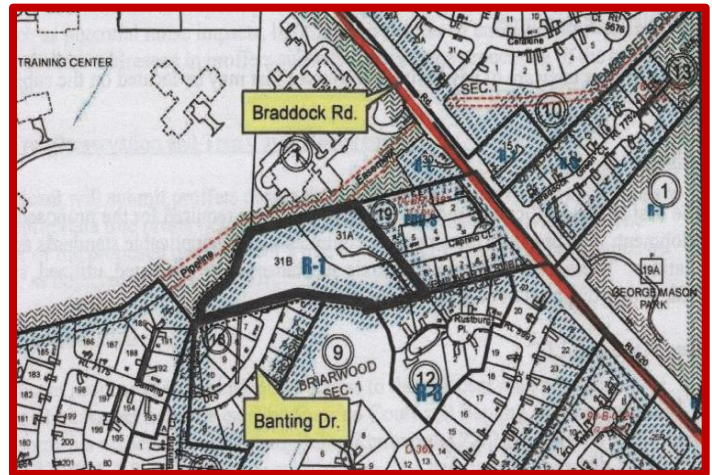


View of proposed garage and bus bays from Monument Drive

Proposal for Second Phase of Kenilworth Development

Earlier this year, Christopher Land, LLC filed a rezoning application 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. Access would be provided by connecting Banting Drive and Caprino Court.

Connection of these streets has been a primary topic of discussion with the neighboring communities. Banting Drive and Caprino Court were intended to connect when both the Penns Crossing and original Kenilworth developments were planned and approved. The accepted proffers providing for future interparcel access are nearly identical: "In the event the property to the [north/west] is subdivided, rezoned, or otherwise developed, the Applicant (or successor HOA) shall permit an extension of [Banting Drive/Caprino Court] in the location shown..." When Caprino Court was accepted into the public street system earlier this year, it was done with the understanding that it would connect to Banting Drive if this adjacent site were developed.



VDOT adopted a connectivity policy more than a decade ago to provide a network of local streets and to address concerns with cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets. Street connectivity requirements are included in the *Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan Transportation Plan* and *Public Facilities Manual* as well as in the State Code. These connections provide flow for both vehicles and pedestrians within local developments rather than requiring people to go out onto a larger collector road to access a neighboring house. Connectivity is vital in providing timely access for emergency vehicles. It is also important for street maintenance and snow plowing.

County staff review of this application is on hold while the applicants consider design options. Any revisions will be circulated to the nearby HOAs. Supervisor Walkinshaw plans to hold a community meeting after an updated plan has been submitted to the county. A hearing before the Planning Commission has been rescheduled for December 3.

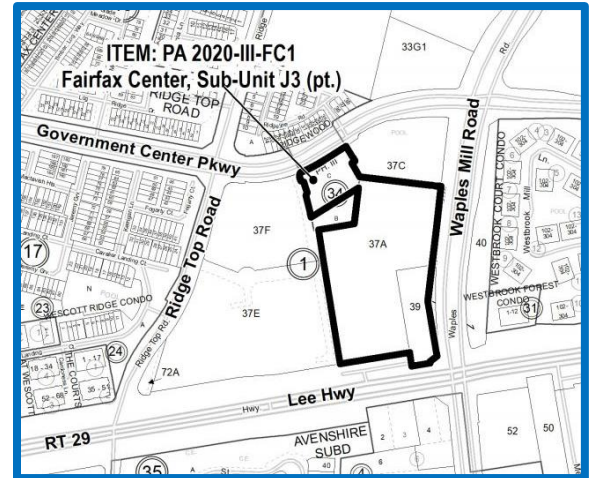
Trinity Christian School Boundary Adjustment

The Trinity Christian School (TCS) is a 25.27-acre private school of general education located on the north side of Braddock Road between Ox Road and Shirley Gate Road. Jonathan Meisner is the owner of property directly adjacent to TCS on the northern side. Mr. Meisner has filed a Special Exception Amendment to adjust the limits of the school's approved Special Exception area to permit a lot line adjustment between his and TCS's properties. The land swap of approximately 21,000 square feet would allow both parties to use the land more efficiently and optimize space. No additional square footage or operational changes are being requested for the school. This application is scheduled for a Planning Commission hearing on October 14. No date has been set for a hearing before the Board of Supervisors.

Comprehensive Plan for NW Corner of Lee Highway and 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 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.

At Supervisor Walkinshaw's request, county planning staff are 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 and the recent developments around these sites. During this review, consideration is being given to what options might be appropriate for the site, whether self-storage or alternative uses, factoring in land use, architecture and design, landscaping, park space, and pedestrian and transportation improvements. A report is expected this fall.



A concurrent rezoning application has been filed by Public Storage Southeast One, Inc. to consolidate the corner parcel with their existing self-storage property. Public Storage is proposing to demolish one row of its existing single-story, self-storage bays and construct a climate-controlled, five-story self-storage facility of approximately 149,050 square feet on the southeast corner of the property. To do this, the applicant is seeking to rezone both parcels to the Planned Development Commercial District. The proposed new self-storage building would feature office-like architecture. Access to the site would be provided through a modified and improved entrance along Lee Highway designed per VDOT standards. The existing service drive being used for parking of commercial vehicles, including food trucks, would be removed. Consideration of this rezoning application has been deferred until the Comprehensive Plan review has been completed.

Update on Erickson Living's Braddock Road Development

Work is moving forward on Woodley Chase; the continuing care community being developed by Erickson Living at the site of the former Northern Virginia Training Center on Braddock Road. Demolition of the existing buildings is expected to begin soon and be completed by the end of the year. Construction of the first phase of the development is anticipated to begin in early 2021, subject to permitting. This will include the first three independent living buildings with approximately 220 units. The target opening date for the first building is approximately 30 months after the start of construction. A temporary sales center is anticipated to open in the summer of 2021. Our office will continue to work with Erickson Living to communicate any updates. 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 and Environment Committee

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will be holding an electronic meeting on Tuesday, September 15, at 7:00 p.m. Details on how to connect will be posted on the Braddock District website three days in advance. Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee meetings are open to the public, and interested residents are encouraged to participate.

Cases Filed with the Board of Zoning Appeals

The Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) hears and makes decisions on requests for variances (relief from specific zoning regulations such as lot width, building height, or minimum yard requirements) and Special Use Permits. It meets on Wednesdays beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Auditorium of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. BZA meetings are also aired live on the county government's cable TV Channel 16. Residents who have concerns about an application are encouraged to submit a letter for the record or to testify at the hearing on the case. You may register to testify on 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 two weeks before the scheduled hearing.

➤ **Calvary Hill Baptist Church – 9301 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax**
SP 2020-BR-039

The applicant is seeking to operate a childcare center within the church building. The childcare center would provide both day care and preschool for up to 60 children from 3 months to 5 years of age. Hours of operation would be from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on September 16. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [county website](#).

➤ **Ayesha Sheikh – 9610 Braddock Road, Fairfax**
SP 2020-BR-043

The applicant is seeking to expand a home childcare facility. The applicant currently cares for 7 children and would like to expand to care for up to 12 children at any one time with one full-time assistant. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on October 7. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [county website](#).

➤ **Thu Thi Pham – 9249 Kristin Lane, Fairfax**
SP 2020-BR-056

The applicant is seeking modifications to the limitations on the keeping of animals to keep 8 to 10 chickens, and a reduction in the minimum yard requirements based on error in building location to allow an addition to remain 6 feet from a side lot line. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on November 4. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [county website](#).

➤ **Derek and Yongxia Cosby – 4819 Ponderosa Drive, Annandale**
SP 2020-BR-063

The applicants are seeking to add an accessory dwelling unit and are requesting a reduction to minimum yard requirements based on error in building location to allow an accessory storage structure to remain 2.6 feet from the rear lot line. The entrance for the accessory dwelling unit would be located at the rear of the structure, and the application states that parking for the tenant would be on the street in front of the house. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on November 18. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, 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.