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# James R. Walkinshaw

## Braddock District Supervisor

# The Braddock Beacon

Dear Neighbor,

The CDC estimates that there is a death by suicide every eleven minutes in the United States.

September is Suicide Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness of the issue and promote prevention methods. It's a time to spread messages of hope and compassion to those suffering and to reassure them that we are here to help. My office will share resources and information throughout the month of September via our newsletters and social media.

On October 2, Supervisor 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 I invite you to **register today**. If you or someone you know is in an emergency, call **The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** at 800-273-TALK (8255) or call 911 immediately. There are resources available to help.

### **COVID-19 Cases in Schools**

I've heard from a number of families concerned about the volume of COVID-19 cases identified in schools, the safety protocols in place, and the process for placing and releasing a child from "pause" or "quarantine."

There has been some frustration regarding communication to families whose children have been "paused" and the amount of time it is taking to conduct contact investigations and allow children to return to school. Braddock School Board Member Megan McLaughlin and I have been working with FCPS officials and the Fairfax County Health Department to find ways to improve the process and I hope you'll take a few minutes to review the following updates.

- **[Health Department Update on COVID-19 Investigations and Guidance for Parents of School-Aged Children](#)**
- **[Updated FAQs About Schools and COVID-19](#)**
- **[FCPS Letter to Parents on New Process](#)**
- **[FCPS COVID-19 Case Dashboard](#)**

I want to thank our teachers, FCPS support staff, Fairfax County Health Department staff, families, and students who are working to make this unprecedented school year as safe and productive as possible. While there have been frustrations and will almost certainly be more as the year progresses, I'm inspired by the way so many have come together to make this school year happen.

## Yard Waste Delays and Modification

The national shortage of CDL drivers continues and has, unfortunately, made it impossible for both private haulers and Fairfax County to collect yard waste consistently and on schedule. For the handful of neighborhoods in the Braddock District who are serviced by Fairfax County, **we are experiencing delays that may continue into the foreseeable future**. Please leave your yard waste at the curb and it will be collected as soon as possible.

For the vast majority of neighborhoods serviced by private haulers, Fairfax County has instituted a temporary change allowing haulers to collect yard waste with refuse collections. In other words, they are allowed to mix refuse and yard waste. This decision will be revisited in mid-October. As always, please consider **alternative methods to minimize and manage your yard waste**.

Yours in service,



Supervisor James Walkinshaw



# Walkinshaw in the Community



Supervisor Walkinshaw celebrating [National Night Out](#) alongside community members and the Fairfax County Police Department by visiting seven neighborhoods, enjoying great food, and meeting a few new puppies on August 3.



Supervisor Walkinshaw greeting residents during the Children's Arts in the Parks Summer Concert Series while holding his son on August 7.



Supervisor Walkinshaw welcoming a resident during a Braddock Nights Summer Concert at Royal Lake Park on August 20.

In August, Supervisor Walkinshaw:

- Hosted a Virtual Lake Accotink Dredging Public Meeting on August 5
- Helped Shred Documents at the Document Shred Event at Lake Braddock High School on August 7
- Held a One University Community Meeting on August 10
- Provided a Braddock District Overview at Chestnut Hills West's Annual HOA Meeting on August 12
- Attended Fairfax County's Criminal Justice Academy Graduation Ceremony on August 12
- Joined Fairfax County Police Department's Juice Box with a Cop Event on August 14
- Met with the Virginia Association of Counties (VACO) for the Elected Officials Summit on August 19
- Hosted a Post Forest/Random Hills Public Information Meeting regarding a proposed path on August 26
- Met with new Police Station Commanders Captain James E. Krause of the Franconia District and Captain Camille Stewart of the Fair Oaks District, on August 30



# New Staff Aide Irma Mejia-Lewis

Supervisor Walkinshaw is excited to welcome new Staff Aide, Irma Mejia-Lewis. Irma is covering human services issues. Irma was born in El Salvador and grew up in Falls Church. She is a veteran of the Air Force. Irma spent the past several years working in different corporate and nonprofit organizations throughout Northern Virginia and the District of Columbia. Most recently, she worked as a Community Care Manager with Cornerstones helping the Opportunity Neighborhood community residents by promoting empowerment and hope for better lives. She has a Bachelor of Science in International Business with a background in case management, community outreach forging relationships with community and faith-based organizations and recruitment. Irma has served as a member of the City of Manassas Community Services Board, volunteered with the City of Manassas - Community Emergency Response Team, volunteered as a Parent Educator with Virginia Cooperative Extension, and serves as an Adult Youth Leader and Greeter at Grace Covenant Church in Chantilly.

Irma and her husband live in Manassas where they enjoy spending time with their nieces and nephews, traveling, and going to the movies. When she is not working, Irma enjoys crocheting, cooking, and the beach. She is excited to serve the residents of Braddock District.

Irma will handle the following portfolio items for the office: • Diversion First • Human Services • Mental Health • Suicide Prevention • Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention • Tax Issues • Community Non-Profit Organizations • Disability Services • Seniors • Aging in Place and Older Adults Committee • Braddock Nights and Arts in the Parks Concert Series • Taste of Braddock • Community events



**Irma Mejia-Lewis, Braddock District Staff Aide**

# Community News

## Stuff the Bus Food Drive

On Saturday, September 11, 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](#)), the Oaks Community Center ([5708 Oak Leather Dr, Burke, VA 22015](#)), and at 19 additional locations throughout Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax, from 10:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. Help fight hunger and feed hope in the community by donating.



For updates, [including donation locations, most requested food items, and more](#), visit the Stuff the Bus website. For additional questions email the Braddock office at [Braddock@Fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Braddock@Fairfaxcounty.gov).

## Active & Thriving Community Grants Program

The Active and Thriving Community Grants Program, funded through the Federal American Rescue Plan Act, helps small businesses and nonprofit organizations negatively impacted by COVID-19 to remain in business and retain employees. The program will also help vulnerable residents by supporting programs and services that provide a social safety net and promote positive childhood environments.

The total amount available for the grant program is \$10 million.

A webinar for prospective applicants was held on August 19 and August 24, and [the recording](#) and [transcript](#) are posted online.

The FAQs below provide additional details about the grant program:

### Which business sectors are eligible for the grants?

To be eligible, an applicant **must be a small business or 501(c)(3) non-profit organization** operating in one or more of the following sectors:

1. Childcare, which includes regulated centers and family childcare homes.
2. Community-based organizations providing safety net services in one or more of the categories outlined in the Consolidated Community Funding Pool.
3. Youth athletic programs within County-based organizations.
4. Out-of-school-time programs for youth grades K-12.
5. Outdoor community pools located in HOAs and apartments/condominiums, as well as at community membership-based pools.

### What is the application period for the grants?

Grant applications will be accepted from August 31 through September 14, 2021. The application portal is now open and will close at 11:59 p.m. on September 14. Applications will be available in English and Spanish, and translation support will be provided. Learn more about the [Active and Thriving Community Grants Program](#).

## Countywide Strategic Plan Braddock District Meeting

Please join Supervisor James Walkinshaw for a virtual Community Update and Feedback Forum for the Braddock community on the future of Fairfax County on Monday, September 20, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. [To register, click here](#). The meeting will be held on Zoom, and registration is encouraged. Those who do not pre-register may use the meeting ID: **822 5069 8876** and the password **Braddock2@** on the time/day of the event.

County staff will provide a brief overview of the process used to develop the proposed [Countywide Strategic Plan](#). Participants will engage in an interactive survey and can ask questions.

Through extensive community engagement prior to the pandemic and throughout 2021, the plan charts a path for the future of Fairfax County focused on the following nine priority areas:

- Cultural and Recreational Opportunities
- Economic Opportunity
- Effective and Efficient Government
- Empowerment and Support for Residents Facing Vulnerability
- Health and Environment
- Housing and Neighborhood Livability
- Lifelong Education and Learning
- Mobility and Transportation
- Safety and Security

If you are unable to attend the meeting, [view a copy of the presentation online](#). Be sure to also check out the short YouTube video on the nine priority areas and take the [fourth community survey](#). Your feedback will be combined with previous input, analyzed for trends, and shared with the Board of Supervisors this fall.

For all other information on the strategic plan, visit the [Strategic Plan's website](#).



For detailed background and an overview of the planning timeline, watch the YouTube video above.

## **Congratulations to Lord and Lady Fairfax!**

We'd like to congratulate Bob Cosgriff and Leeann Alberts, this year's Lord and Lady Fairfax honorees from Braddock District.

Bob Cosgriff is the incumbent Braddock District representative and Vice-Chair on the Trails, Sidewalks and Bikeways Committee. He is very active in his community and is currently serving in the Fairfax County Medical Reserve Corps. Previously he has been a part of the Laurel Hill Task Force, Laurel Hill Citizens Project Advisory Committee, Braddock District Council, Hickory Farms Community Association, and served as the President for the Board of Directors for Residential Youth Services, Inc.

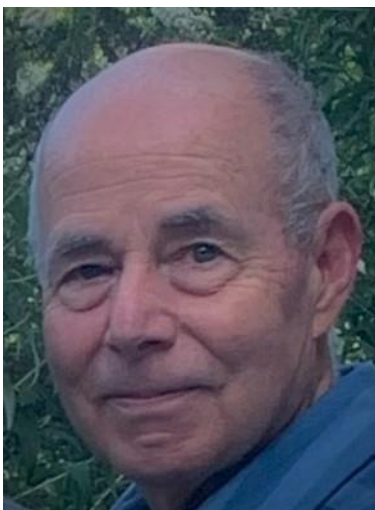
Bob is a graduate of Villanova University (BA, Honors Program—Humanities, magna cum laude) and earned an MA in Education from Pepperdine University. He served on active duty in the U.S. Navy for 24 years, retiring as a commander, and subsequently worked in higher educational administration and defense contracting.

Leeann Alberts is the Braddock District Representative for the Fairfax County Health Care Advisory Board, and the immediate past Chair of the Fairfax Area Disability Services Board. She is serving on the Board of the ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia, as well as the Kings Park Civic Association Board. She has served on the Northern Virginia Training Center Task Force, the Long-Term Care Coordinating Council, and the Community Consolidated Funding Pool evaluation team for Fairfax County.

Leeann holds a JD from Suffolk University Law School, an MBA from Western New England College and a BA from Boston College.

Bob and Leeann will join the over 700 past honorees whose collective efforts are truly the fabric of our county. They are leaders and an inspiration to all of us and have spent much of their lives putting the greater interests of their neighbors and friends before their own.

The Lord and Lady Fairfax recognition event will take place Tuesday, September 28 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Details on how to participate will be shared as soon as they are available.



**Bob Cosgriff**



**Leeann Alberts**



## Three Elly Doyle Winners Announced by Park Authority Board

Despite the constraints of the pandemic, volunteers across Fairfax County found a way to keep giving and to support the Fairfax County Park Authority. Volunteers working at Observatory Park at Turner Farm, Lake Accotink Park and Accotink Creek will be honored for their outstanding service contributions as recipients of the Fairfax County Park Authority's 2021 Elly Doyle Park Service Awards.



Since 2012, Dr. Jeffrey Kretsch has logged more than 1,784 hours as a volunteer on duty at Observatory Park at Turner Farm. As part of the volunteer group from The Analemma Society, an organization devoted to promoting the study of science through astronomy, Kretsch and the team host regular observation programs at the park's observatory that are free to the public most Friday nights. During the pandemic, he helped the Park Authority transition to virtual programming and personally led virtual lectures and encouraged other volunteers to do the same. He also spent considerable time helping the Park Authority prepare an application to become an international Urban Dark Sky place.

Over the course of the past year, volunteers from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints D.C. South Mission have cleared an area at Lake Accotink Park in Springfield of invasive plant species, and then planted native plants. The group worked every Saturday morning, painstakingly removing invasive plants that have overrun the area, sometimes working square-foot-by-square-foot to remove intricate root systems. In addition, the numerous volunteers have done everything from cutting back invasives to making protective wire "cages" to prevent deer browse to ensure the success of the young trees. With the group's assistance, more than 360 native plants were planted over two fall plantings.

The Friends of Accotink Creek has utilized a variety of means to protect the watershed, educate future environmental stewards and make positive change in the natural world. One of several things The Friends of Accotink Creek has recently done is sponsor a speaker to visit the area and monitor the local vernal pools where frogs and salamanders breed. The group filmed the event to distribute short videos to local teachers. The group addresses climate change at a grassroots level by removing invasive plants and planting dozens of native trees, which supports Fairfax County's commitment to reduce carbon emissions. Volunteers have removed more than 1,500 bags of trash from the local watershed. The group aims to protect environmental and recreational areas, while ensuring that there is also an educational component.

The award winners will be honored at a virtual ceremony in November.

The Elly Doyle Park Service Award was established by the Park Authority in 1988 in recognition of former Park Authority Board Chairman and member Ellamae Doyle's years of outstanding service toward the preservation of parkland and establishment of natural and recreational areas for the benefit of Fairfax County residents. The purpose of the award is to publicly recognize a volunteer or group of volunteers for outstanding contributions to Fairfax County parks.

For more information, contact the Public Information Office at (703) 324-8662 or send an email at [parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov).



## Korean and Vietnamese Speaking Election Officers Needed

The Fairfax County Office of Elections is looking for election officers who can speak Korean or Vietnamese, as well as English.

Officers will serve in the general election on Tuesday, November 2, as well as in future elections. The Office of Elections is especially looking for officers for the Annandale, Centreville, Chantilly, and Falls Church areas.

**Apply today!** Please apply by September 13 for the best chance to work on November 2.

Not only will you be paid for your service (starting at \$175 for the day), but you'll also enjoy the pride that comes from playing a critical role in making our democracy work. The Office of Elections can't run elections without thousands of dedicated election officers like you.



Learn more about [becoming an election officer](#). You can also call the Fairfax County Office of Elections with questions at (703) 323-4735, TTY 711.

## Election Day High School Student Program

Are you at least 16 years old, live in Virginia, and enrolled in a high school civics class? Would you like to learn more about the electoral process and earn service-learning hours?

The Office of Elections is offering you the opportunity to serve inside a Fairfax County polling place as a volunteer [election page](#) for the upcoming November election.

The Office of Elections also encourage students fluent in Spanish, Korean, and Vietnamese to apply. If you are under the age of 18, you must have the approval of your parent/guardian to participate in the election page program. Please note the High School Page Program only applies to November elections.

### As an Election Page, You Will

- Complete the required online training class and pass the quiz.
- Serve an 8-hour shift inside a Fairfax County polling place under the direct supervision of the Chief Election Officer.
- Arrive on time and remain at the polling place during your assigned shift.
- Maintain impartiality while serving--not discussing politics, candidates, or issues.
- Dress appropriately: no shorts, sweats, or t-shirts.
- Use appropriate language and behavior at all times.
- Not receive compensation for serving.

In recognition of service provided, you will be sent a "Certificate of Appreciation" following the election.

Please note: If you will be 18 on or before November 2, 2021 (Election Day), and if you register no later than Monday, October 11, 2021, you may work as an Election Officer. Additional election officer information and applications can be found at Working at the Polls.

## What is Redistricting?

Redistricting is the process of drawing new electoral boundaries to ensure that election districts have roughly the same number of people. Redistricting is required by law, and it takes place every 10 years after the Census.



## What Districts Are Affected?

Fairfax County will draw new electoral districts that will apply to both the:

- **Board of Supervisors**
- **School Board Representatives**

Learn about the [legal and policy requirements for redistricting](#).

Redistricting does not change school boundaries. The County also will not draw new election districts for lawmakers in the Virginia General Assembly and U.S. Congress. The state's [Virginia Redistricting Commission](#) is currently redrawing these electoral maps.

## How Will New Lines Be Drawn?

The County appointed a community advisory group to draw proposed new districts with input from the public. The group will send its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. The board will then hold a public hearing this year on the proposed new district boundaries and ultimately vote on the new electoral maps to be adopted.

## How Can You Participate?

Your input is critical! There are four ways to be part of the process:

1. Draw your own proposed election boundaries using Fairfax County's online mapping tool that will be available soon.
2. Comment on proposed district maps created by the committee or the public.
3. Tell the Redistricting Advisory Committee [what you think](#), including where lines should be drawn, how many districts there should be, and what's important to your community.
4. Testify at the public hearing that the Board of Supervisors have currently scheduled on November 9 on the proposed new districts.

## September is National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. The 2021 theme is "Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love."

Each week in September, the campaign will focus on a different aspect of preparedness for individuals, families, and communities. Additional information on this campaign will be sent in future Advisories.



## Temporary Change to Yard Waste Collection

Please be advised that Fairfax County will allow solid waste service providers to collect trash and yard waste together if they are experiencing labor shortages that prevent them from completing their routes in a timely manner. This means that some providers may not pick up yard waste separately beginning on August 31, 2021. As a result, you may observe your service provider collecting yard waste and trash together. The temporary change is in response to national labor shortages adversely affecting our region.

## Refuse and recycling will continue to be collected separately

The requirement to separately collect yard waste for recycling will be reassessed in mid-October depending on workforce conditions. Thank you for your patience.

## Putting for Pets

The Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter (FFCAS) helps support the shelter with thousands of volunteer hours and much-needed funding for the shelter and adoption of dogs, cats, small animals, and poultry. FFCAS invites you to join them for their fundraiser, Putting for Pets, on September 27.

[Register online](#) or [download the flyers](#) from the FFCAS website.



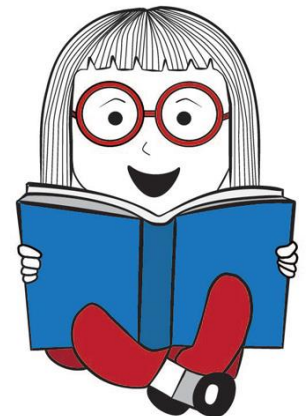
## Library Equity Access Pass (LEAP)

All students (PreK-12) in Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) have [LEAP accounts at the Fairfax County Public Library](#). These public library virtual accounts allow students to check out up to three items at a time for six weeks each (no renewals).

# Leap

### Why is Leap Awesome?

- A student only needs their name, not a physical library card, to check out materials.
- LEAP accounts never charge fines or fees.
- A student can have a LEAP account as well as a standard library account (application online and in library branches). Standard accounts allow users to place holds on materials and access FCPL digital resources such as eBooks and databases.



### How did Leap Happen?

LEAP began as a pilot in one school pyramid in 2019. FCPL and FCPS launched this program as a partnership to ensure that students would have access to library materials even if they don't have a traditional library card, or if that card has been blocked due to fines.

## FACETS Virtual Charity Poker Tournament

Please join FACETS on Saturday, September 25, for an evening of **No Limit Hold 'Em**! This is a virtual poker tournament for a great cause. All proceeds benefit [FACETS' programs](#).

Invite your friends, family, and colleagues to test their skill (or luck) to win one of three top prizes! Beginners are very welcome and are invited to join a complimentary skills session on Friday, September 24. Learn more about [entry donations & sponsorship opportunities](#) Questions? Please contact Tessa at [trobINETTE@facetscares.org](mailto:trobINETTE@facetscares.org) or (703) 352-3268.

# November Election Information

## Important Notice

### Absentee Ballots Mailer

Many concerns have been brought to the attention of the Braddock District office regarding absentee ballot applications that were received in the mail. These mailers are from third-party organizations that are not associated with Fairfax County. The application to request an absentee ballot is an official request form and may be used.

If you'd like to vote by mail, you may request an absentee ballot online through the [Virginia Department of Elections website](#). Or, if you'd like to submit a paper absentee ballot application, here are the ways you can obtain one:



1. **Download, print, and complete**--including your handwritten signature--a **vote-by-mail application**
  - [En Español](#)
  - [Tiếng Việt](#)
  - [한국어](#)

-- OR --

2. **Pick up** a preprinted paper application at:
  - [Fairfax County governmental centers](#)
  - [Fairfax County library branches](#) (including the Braddock Supervisor's Office at 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015)

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.

### In Person Early Voting

Fairfax County will be offering In-Person Early Voting at numerous locations starting September 17 (please see list below). Information about early voting dates, times and locations can be found on the [Fairfax 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 from September 17 through October 30:

- Fairfax County Government Center - 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Conference Rooms 2/3, Fairfax 22035
- Mt. Vernon Governmental Center - 2511 Parkers Ln, Alexandria 22306
- 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:

- Burke Centre Library - 5935 Freds Oak Rd, Burke 22015
- Centreville Regional Library - 14200 St. Germain Dr, Centreville 20121
- Franconia Governmental Center - 6121 Franconia Rd, Alexandria 22310
- Gerry Hyland Government Center - 8350 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria 22309
- Great Falls Library - 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls 22066
- Herndon Fortnightly Library - 768 Center St, Herndon 20170
- Mason Governmental Center - 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale 22003
- McLean Governmental Center - 1437 Balls Hill Rd, McLean 22101
- Providence Community Center - 3001 Vaden Dr, Fairfax 22031
- Sully Governmental Center - 4900 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly 20151
- Thomas Jefferson Library - 7415 Arlington Blvd, Falls Church 22042
- Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library - 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church 22043
- 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** (September 18)
  - Fairfax County Government Center, Mt. Vernon Governmental Center, and North County Governmental Center ONLY
  - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 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.

## 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? Please visit the [Virginia Department of Elections](https://www.elections.virginia.gov) website.
- **Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.** If you are in line by 7 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](#)

## Ballot Drop-Off Boxes

**November 2, 2021, General and Special Elections:** Ballot drop-off boxes are available at all early voting locations when locations are open for voting. The drop boxes are for voted ballots which 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.



**Ballot Drop Box**

# Opportunity to Serve on Advisory Board

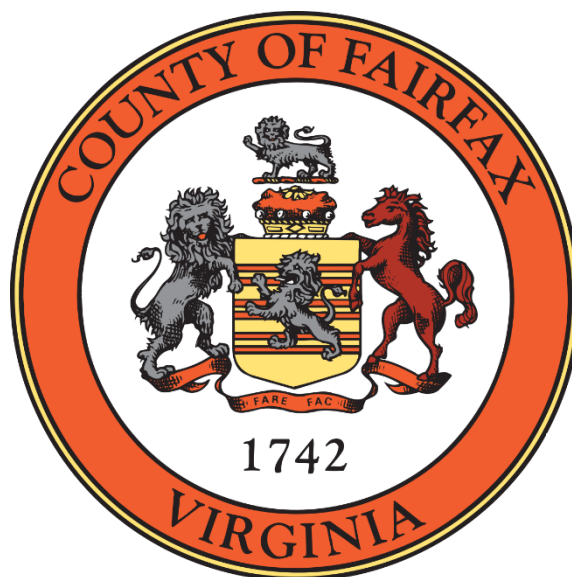
Supervisor Walkinshaw is seeking a health care provider in the community to serve on the Health Systems Agency Board, one of Fairfax County's Board's Authorities and Commissions. Its purpose is to improve quality of the health services provided them, both private and public, while restraining increases in the cost of providing health services.

According to the [Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia](#), the Provider positions shall be filled by individuals who are residents of, or have their principal place of business in, the health service area served by the Agency who are providers of health care and who represent:

1. Physicians (particularly practicing physicians, dentists, psychologists, nurses, optometrists, podiatrists, physician assistants, and other health professionals.
2. Health care institutions (particularly hospitals, long-term care facilities, rehabilitation facilities, alcohol and drug abuse treatment facilities, and health maintenance organizations,
3. Health care insurers,
4. Health professional schools,
5. The allied health professions, and
6. Other providers of health care.

Visit Supervisor Walkinshaw's website to [learn more and find additional details](#).

If you are interested, please submit a resume and 500-word statement of interest to [braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov).



# Environmental News

## Disposable Plastic Bag Tax in Fairfax County

Enabling legislation passed in the 2020 session of the Virginia General Assembly allows Fairfax County and other counties or cities in the state to adopt an ordinance imposing a five-cent tax on disposable plastic bags provided by retailers in grocery stores, convenience stores, or drugstores within its borders. [The legislation](#) requires that the tax be collected by the retailer at the 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



The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will hold a **public hearing on a proposed plastic bag tax ordinance, on September 14, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center**. Fairfax County's proposed ordinance tracks the enabling legislation passed in the 2020 Virginia General Assembly, as well as any guidelines to be adopted by the state Tax Commissioner. Those guidelines are being finalized now, following the release of [draft guidelines](#) in June 2021.

Members of the public are encouraged to provide testimony on the proposed ordinance at the September 14 hearing. To find out more about ways to testify, or to register to speak, visit the Department of Clerk Services' [website](#) or call (703) 324-3151, TTY 711.

## Plant NOVA Trees

Plant NOVA Natives is proud to announce the September launch of Plant NOVA Trees, a five-year, collaborative effort to encourage residents and businesses across Northern Virginia to plant more native trees and preserve the ones we already have. Organizations across the region will be putting on "Celebration of Trees" events to highlight the many benefits of native Virginia trees, including:

- Cooling our environment and reduce air-conditioning costs
- Providing a wind break in the winter
- Capturing stormwater and protect our streams and the Chesapeake Bay
- Cleaning our air and water
- Promoting human health

The campaign's success rests on the action of many individuals who live in the Northern Virginia region. Check out [Plant NOVA Trees' website](#) for more information about "Celebration of Trees" planting events, resources for free and low-cost trees, and materials to help homeowners, HOAs, and Citizens Associations, businesses, faith communities, and everyone be able to join the campaign to plant and protect native trees.



# Public Safety

## Community Engagement Meeting on Mail Theft Prevention

The West Springfield District Community Advisory Committee will be hosting a Community Engagement Meeting on September 7 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting enhances communication between the residents and police department of Fairfax County. It also offers residents a chance to talk with the officers of the West Springfield Station.

The event speaker will be Inspector Stephen Donaghey of the United States Postal Service. The topic will be "Mail Theft Prevention." The meeting will be held via Zoom. The link is below. This is a free program, and all ages are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, contact PFC Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363.

**Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or  
Android:**

Password: 083601

Or Dial Using Your Phone:

USA 636 651 3141

USA 877 402 9753 (US Toll Free)

Conference code: 404496

## Chief Kevin Davis Announces Appointment of Executive Deputy Police Chief

Brian J. Reilly, formerly of the Prince George's County Police Department, started a new chapter on Monday, August 30, as the Fairfax County Police Department's (FCPD) Executive Deputy Police Chief. In this new role, Reilly is responsible for the coordination of FCPD's crime control strategies, policy and legislative initiatives, and the implementation of a new data and evidence-based policing strategy that prioritizes community interaction with police officers throughout Fairfax County. Read [FCPD's press release](#).



## Coffee with a Cop

Join officers from the West Springfield District Station on September 10, 2021, for some coffee and conversation. The Police Department will be at the Starbucks located at 8408-A Old Keene Mill Road from 8:00 a.m. through 10:00 a.m. They are looking forward to some good conversations and questions from the community. They hope to see you there. If you have any questions before the event, contact the Crime Prevention Officer at the West Springfield Station at (703) 277-2363. Wearing a face covering is highly recommended.



# Older Adults

## Aging in Place: A Panel Conversation

Fairfax County's Department of Family Services (DFS) wants family caregivers to become aware of the different aspects of aging in place and learn about resources and services needed at home and in the community to support daily living. Join DFS for this conversation on Friday, October 1, 2021, from 2:00 p.m. through 3:00 p.m. [Register online](#) today.



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**FAMILY  
SERVICES**

### Panelists include:

- Dianne Duke, MSW, Case Manager, ElderLink
- Don Ryan, Director of Partnerships, Rebuilding Together Arlington/Fairfax/Falls Church
- Lea M. Thies, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nurse Practitioner- Certified, Inova Medical House Calls

## AARP Community Event

Join AARP Virginia and the [Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University](#) (OLLI Mason) for the Boomers and Beyond Academy -- a special three-day virtual event designed to help you make plans for better living!

Learn about the positive powers of lifelong learning, tips for determining if you are on track for a secure financial retirement, practical strategies to help you achieve retirement peace of mind, and more. You will get information about important life matters that you are faced with today or may face tomorrow. These tips and tools will help you make decisions about how you want to live.



Get more [information and register](#) today.

### Boomers and Beyond Academy Event Times:

[Register for Day 1](#) - Saturday, September 18

[Register for Day 2](#) - Tuesday, September 21

[Register for Day 3](#) - Thursday, September 23

(You can register for any, or all event days)

## 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 presentation will also provide an overview of the Food Bank/Food Pantry in the nation and in NOVA. The October Forum will be via Zoom on October 6 at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome. Please [register by October 4 at noon](#).



# Compliance Corner

## September Code Compliance Corner: Keeping of Animals

The Zoning Ordinance regulates the keeping of animals, such as pets, as an accessory use to a dwelling. Certain types of animals are limited in number based on the size of the lot. There are also regulations for the structures that shelter animals. In some cases, property owners can seek Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) approval of a special permit to increase the number of animals or a modification to location regulations of the structure(s) sheltering animals.

Common complaints to the Department of Code Compliance (DCC) on the keeping of animals are about dogs and chickens. All lots may have up to two dogs, with additional dogs permitted based on the size of the lot. To keep chickens, at least two acres are required, and the total number of chickens permitted is based on the size of the lot. However, roosters are not permitted unless in association with an agricultural use.

For more information, visit the [DCC website](#), or see [the Department of Planning and Development's complete flyer](#).



### Keeping of Animals

The Zoning Ordinance regulates what types of animals are permitted, how many are allowed, lot size, and setbacks for associated structures.

**KEEPING OF ANIMALS**  
Per subsection 4102.7.J, the keeping of animals is allowed as an accessory use on any lot if the animals are not for commercial purposes such as breeding, boarding, or any other activity that meets the definition of a kennel. Up to four companion animals not owned by the resident are also permitted to be sheltered, fed, and watered, subject to the animal unit limitations. This standard allows for pet sitting such as Rover, DogVacay, and Fetch, without the need for a special exception for a kennel.

Dogs six months and older have lot size and number regulations. There are no lot sizes or maximum numbers for other types of companion animals, such as cats, rabbits, or other animals not listed.


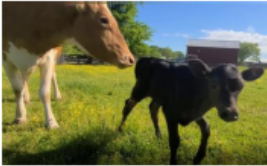
Maximum Number	Minimum Lot Size
2	No requirement
3	10,000 square feet
4	12,500 square feet
6	20,000 square feet
More than 6	25,000 square feet plus 5,000 square feet for each dog above 7

**LIVESTOCK OR FOWL**  
The keeping of livestock or fowl is also permitted on lots containing at least two acres. Horses (which also includes ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys) less than six months old, livestock less than one year old, and fowl less than two months old are excluded from this count. One animal unit is permitted per acre.

The following numbers are equal to one animal/bird unit:

Animal	Number
Alpacas	5
Cattle	2
Chickens*	32
Ducks	16
Geese	8
Goats	5
Horses	3
Llamas	5
Ostriches or emus	2
Sheep	5
Swine	5
Turkeys	8

\* Roosters are only permitted in conjunction with agriculture on lots five acres or larger



# Transportation Updates

**Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT)** has joined the **Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)** in providing free transfers between Metrorail and Fairfax Connector buses. When transferring, bus rides will now be free for all routes except Fairfax Connector Express Service, which will be discounted \$2 from the total fare when using a SmarTrip card or the SmarTrip App. Through this new program beginning September 5, WMATA and Fairfax Connector are making it easier for people to return to transit as they resume their commutes and travel.

For additional information about Metro's discount fare program and other service changes, visit [WMATA's website](#).

Fairfax Connector would like to remind passengers that they must wear a mask or a face covering, as now mandated by federal law, when taking public transit or visiting an indoor transit hub in Fairfax County. If a passenger is not wearing a mask or a face covering when entering a Fairfax Connector bus, one will be provided, if available.



## Fairfax Connector Will Participate in Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's Free Bus Transfer Program

### Get Ready for METRO Discounts and More Service Starting September 5

Starting September 5, 2021, Metro will add more buses and trains and offer discounts to make it easier for you to return to work, school, and wherever else you want to be.

#### Metrorail

- Metrorail will stay open until 1:00 a.m. instead of midnight on Friday and Saturday. That's one hour more to be out and about. Metrorail is open until midnight Sunday through Thursday.
- Metrorail will open at 7:00 a.m. instead of 8:00 a.m. on Sunday. That's one hour earlier to get you where you need to be.
- Metro will be running more frequent rail service all day, not just during rush hours. You can expect the average wait time for a train to be 2-7 minutes.

#### Metrobus

You'll find more buses on 36 lines providing more frequent service from 7:00 a.m. through 9:00 p.m., 7 days a week. Check out the map below to see which routes are getting more frequent service.

Maps: [Regional](#) | [District of Columbia](#) | [Virginia](#)

Metro is also improving and restoring bus service on many routes.

For a detailed line-by-line overview of bus changes, visit the [Metrobus service changes page](#). Learn more by [visiting Metro's website](#).





## Help Develop a Roadmap for Better Walkways, Bikeways, and Trails in Fairfax County

Fairfax County Department of Transportation has developed a draft vision and goals for future Active Transportation in Fairfax County. The [ActiveFairfax Transportation Plan](#) introduces a framework for advancing active transportation that includes an overarching vision statement, goals, and objectives rooted in the public feedback received in Spring 2021, previous planning efforts and initiatives, and best practices.



- The **Vision Statement** will be used as a guide to help Fairfax County make decisions that align with its philosophy and declared goals.
- **Goals** reflect the desired result that Fairfax County and its partners envision, plan, and commit to achieve.
  - [View the proposed vision statement, goals, and objectives](#)

### Attend a Virtual Meeting to Discuss the Draft Vision Statement and Goals

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation is hosting a virtual community information meeting on September 15, 2021, at 6.30 p.m. to discuss the draft vision, goals, and objectives.

- Join the meeting [online](#)
- Join the meeting by phone 1-844-621-3956, access code:179-373-0026

### Share Your Thoughts

Public input is critical to the success of this planning effort. The public is invited to [review the proposed roadmap and share feedback](#). Public comments will be accepted until September 19, 2021.



The ActiveFairfax Transportation Plan and the public outreach conducted this year was an integral component of the development of the vision, goals and objectives of the plan. Visit the [project webpage](#) for detailed information.

## Continuous Right Turn Lane at Guinea Rd. & 236 (Little River Turnpike) Complete

VDOT has completed the construction of a continuous right-turn lane from Guinea Rd. to 236 that will significantly reduce backups at the intersection and reduce rush hour cut through traffic through the Truro neighborhood. Drivers can now proceed through the intersection and on to 236 **without stopping, unless pedestrians are present**. An ADA compliant pedestrian island and new signage were also installed.

According to VDOT data, the previous intersection design of two right turn lanes resulted in an average wait time of 195 seconds for drivers making the right turn onto 236. This new design should result in an average wait time of 4 seconds. We encourage morning rush-hour drivers to use this new lane rather than cutting through the Truro neighborhood.



# Human Services Corner

## **CDC Extends Eviction Moratorium Through October 3, 2021**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced on August 3 a **limited eviction moratorium** for renters living in communities experiencing substantial or high transmission of COVID-19, covering an estimated 80% of all U.S. counties and 90% of all renters. The new moratorium protects renters for up to two months, through October 3.

According to the new eviction protections in Virginia, landlords may not take action to get possession or evict for nonpayment of rent – if the household has had financial hardship directly or indirectly due to COVID-19 – unless the landlord:

- Gives the tenant a 14-day nonpayment notice informing the tenant about the Rent Relief Program (RRP)
- During the 14-day period, applies for RRP is on the tenant's behalf unless the tenant pays in full, enters a payment plan, or the tenant already has applied for RRP

**Landlords and tenants can apply for relief. Landlords are not able to evict tenants unless:**

- Tenant is found not eligible for RRP
- Tenant refuses to cooperate with RRP application
- RRP is not approved in writing within 45 days of a completed application
- For any subsequent application, RRP not approved in writing within 14 days of a completed application, or RRP runs out of money
- If a tenant is complying with a written payment plan, landlord may take no action to get possession or evict for nonpayment of rent

### **Basic Eligibility Requirements:**

- Household income at or below 80% of the Area Median Income
- Rent amount at or below 150% of the Fair Market Rent
- Loss of income related directly or indirectly to COVID-19, or increase in expenses related directly or indirectly to COVID-19

### **Required documentation:**

- Rental Agreement (valid lease or alternative lease documentation)
- Tenant/Landlord Ledger
- Tenant Income Documentation
- Landlord's Virginia W-9
- RRP Landlord/Tenant Agreement

Fairfax County is administering relief for renters experiencing a negative financial impact due to the COVID-19 pandemic through the new **Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance** (ERA) program. Through this program you can apply to receive funds to pay delinquent rent or utility payments back to March 13, 2020, and up to three months of future payments to maintain housing stability.

## How to Access Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance

All residents experiencing financial hardship should call **Coordinated Services Planning** at (703) 222-0880. Specialists provide assistance in multiple languages and can help link residents to basic needs assistance, including housing payments (rent, mortgage, fees, security deposits) and utilities, including electric, natural gas, and water. Landlords can also apply on behalf of their tenants through the **Landlord Portal**.

## Edu-Futuro Emerging Leaders Program

Edu-Futuro, a local nonprofit dedicated to empowering immigrant and underserved youth and families, believes the students of today are the leaders of tomorrow. In this first track of the three-part **Emerging Leaders Program** (ELP), Edu-Futuro provides students in grades 9-11 with a toolkit of integrative, interdisciplinary, and transferable skills and strategies to support them in their path towards becoming leaders of their own futures. Interested in learning more? Visit **Edu-Futuro's website**.

### Staying on The College Track



## Emerging Leaders (Part I)

Free virtual program for students in High School  
Apply today to participate in the fall!

Students are matched with mentors that support them through their journey in High School as well as prepare them for their future. They learn skills for life, have mock interviews, practice public speaking, learn about colleges and can apply for their first scholarship.

Workshops are twice a week for one month via Zoom.

**Thursdays & Saturdays**  
**October, 2021**  
6:00 to 7:30 pm

**Scholarships:**  
First place: **\$2,000**  
Second place: **\$1,500**  
Third place: **\$500**

Apply using this link: <https://bit.ly/3k53W1D>  
or scanning the QR code above (then look for ELP I)

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## Continue Testing for COVID-19

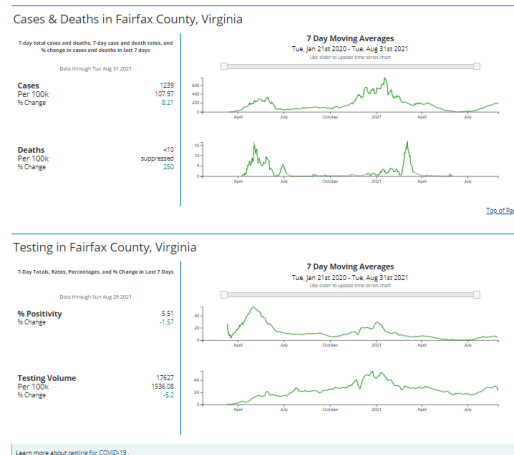
It's important to continue testing for COVID-19 if you display any [listed symptoms](#), or if you have been in close contact with someone who may have been infected. Testing remains paramount in identifying who is infected, performing a case investigation, and identify close contacts, steps that will ultimately help slow the spread of illness.

Throughout the pandemic, the Health Department has focused on making COVID-19 testing readily available and equitable. In addition to [the 80+ clinics and health care providers offering testing](#), the agency provides community testing in neighborhoods where socioeconomic factors and transportation make it difficult to access testing. The [Health Department's testing sites](#) are open Monday through Friday in locations based on epidemiology (disease) data and input from community leaders.

Learn more about testing options in Fairfax County by visiting [Fairfax County's website](#).

## Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's COVID-19 Integrated County View Tracker

This Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) site provides an integrated, county view of key data for monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States. Residents can view trends by visiting the [CDC's website](#).



## Continue to Monitor the COVID-19 Case Data Dashboard

The Fairfax County Health Department (FCHD) continues to respond to the pandemic caused by COVID-19. This report gives the information on cases of COVID-19 in the Fairfax Health District. The district is composed of Fairfax County, Fairfax City, and Falls Church City. All data are subject to change, and this information should not be used to determine your individual level of risk or to self-diagnose. See the [COVID-19 Case Data Dashboard](#) by visiting FCHD's website.





# Land Use & Development

## Upcoming and Meetings & Hearings

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

- September 21 at 7:00 p.m. – virtual

### **Board of Supervisors Hearing**

- Kenilworth II – September 14 at 3:30 p.m. – Board Auditorium

### **Planning Commission Hearing**

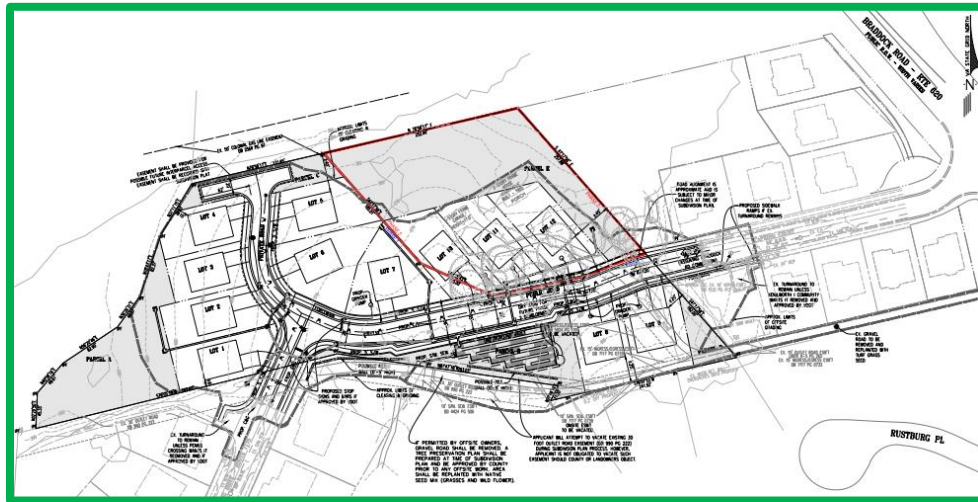
- Comprehensive Plan Amendment for NW Corner of Lee Highway and Waples Mill Road – September 22 at 7:30 p.m. – Board Auditorium

## **Board Of Supervisors Hearing on Kenilworth II Proposal Scheduled for September 14**

On July 14, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the zoning application submitted by Christopher Land, LLC for approximately 4.43 acres of land located just south of the Kenilworth community at Caprino Court and Braddock Road.

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 vacated and removed. The 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 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 dead-end streets. The State Code requires that when new streets are dedicated, they must be connected to road and pedestrian networks with the existing and future transportation network. Connections provide flow for both vehicles and pedestrians within local developments rather than requiring people to go onto a larger collector road to access neighboring houses. Connectivity is vital in providing timely access for emergency vehicles. It is also important for school buses, trash collection, street maintenance, and snow plowing. The 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 recreational facilities on adjacent HOA land, including benches or a fire pit and seating area in Penns Crossing or playground equipment in Briarwood, provided that the new homeowners will have the right to use those facilities. Funds would also be contributed to provide recreational features in Kenilworth I.

A staff report on this application was published April 7 and is available at the County's [Land Development Website](#). An addendum was published June 9 and is also at the [County website](#). The Board of Supervisors will hold a hearing on the Kenilworth II rezoning application on September 14 at 3:30 p.m. Groups and individuals who are interested in providing testimony for the hearing are encouraged to do so. Information on how to testify may be found on the website of the [Clerk of the Board of Supervisors](#).

## Planning Commission Hearing on Comprehensive Plan Amendment for NW Corner of Lee Highway & Waples Mill Road Scheduled for September 22

On January 28, 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 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.

The proposed Plan Amendment would add an option that would allow self-storage 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 self-storage 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, staff has proposed that the new multi-story structure be designed with the general size and appearance of an office building. Under this proposed Plan Amendment, 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 Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will discuss the proposed Plan Amendment at its September 21 meeting.

The Planning Commission will hold a hearing on the proposal on September 22 at 7:30 p.m. To testify, visit the [Planning Commission's website](#). A hearing before the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for October 19.



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

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 submitted slightly modified plans based on feedback from staff. Public Storage is proposing to remove the older house, 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 will 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 details of this revised application are being reviewed by county staff. A Planning Commission hearing on the rezoning application is tentatively scheduled for November.

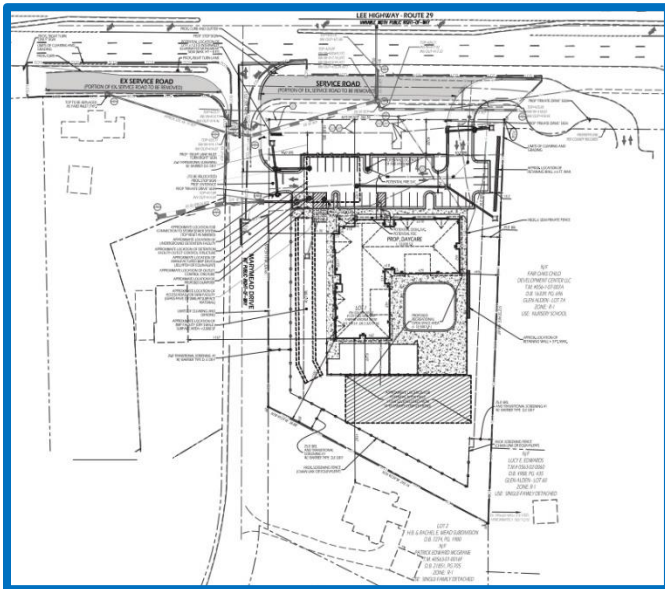
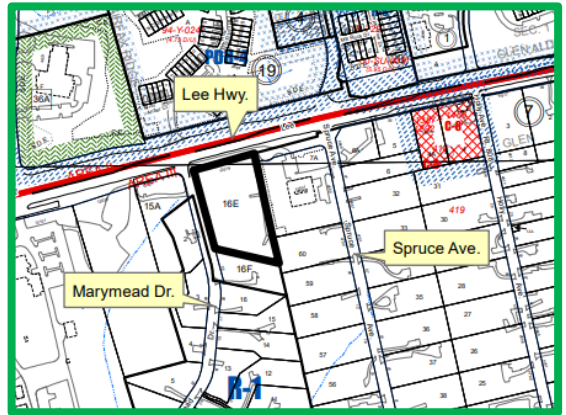


## Child Care Facility Proposed for 12019 Lee Highway

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.

During a community meeting in June and again at a meeting of the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee in July, community members 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 they 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 driveway, and away from the intersection with Lee Highway. This would 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 diagonal across the intersection by giving space for them to straighten out prior to

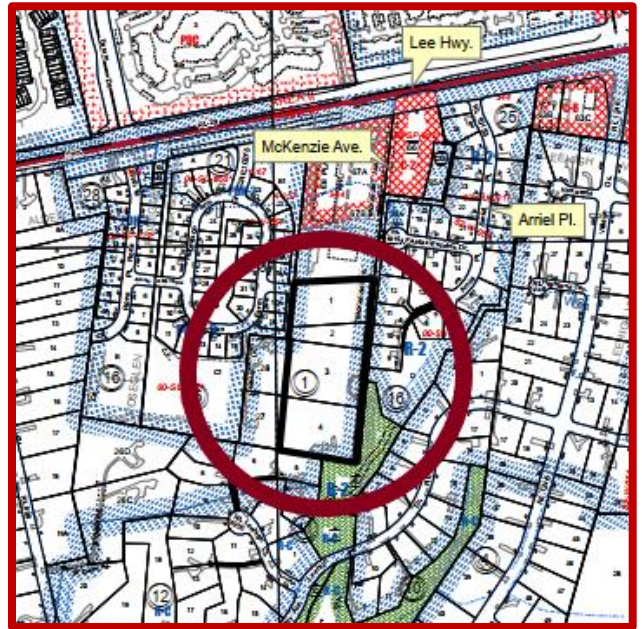
the intersection with Lee Highway. The applicant has also proposed removing the service road connection to the west of Marymead Drive and using the space to create a right turn lane from eastbound Lee Highway onto Marymead, with the goal of slowing vehicles and reducing the likelihood of rear-end accidents 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 until December. The Board of Supervisors hearing has not yet been scheduled.

## Application Filed to Redevelop McKenzie Avenue Properties

Sekas Homes, Ltd. has filed an application to rezone 6.51 acres of land located along McKenzie Avenue, south of its intersection with Lee Highway in Fairfax. The land consists of four properties developed with three single-family homes, two of which are not currently occupied. The applicant has proposed rezoning the property from R-1 to R-2 Cluster to allow 11 new lots developed with single-family dwellings. Access would be provided through a public street extending from an existing stub off Robertson Farm Circle. Stormwater management is proposed to be handled through installation of an underground vault facility.

A Planning Commission hearing has been scheduled for December 1. No date has been set for a hearing of the Board of Supervisors.



### Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will hold an electronic meeting on Tuesday, September 21, at 7:00 p.m. The agenda will include discussion of the proposed Plan Amendment for the Fairfax Center area, an update on PLUS (the county's Planning and Land Use System), 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.

**Microsoft Teams meeting**  
**Join on your computer or mobile app**  
**[Click here to join the meeting](#)**  
**Or call in (audio only)**  
(571) 429-5982  
Phone Conference ID: 730 922 969#

## Update on One University Construction Schedule

On August 10, Supervisor Walkinshaw held a virtual "Pardon the Dust" community meeting to discuss construction plans for the One University project, which 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 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 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 p.m. for the student building and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the affordable housing buildings.

Demolition is expected to begin later this month and continue through the end of the year. The Housing building will be removed first, followed by the old Robinson Square townhouses. Excavation for underground parking will begin after the existing structures have been removed and be followed by initial concrete work, anticipated to start in October. The student building is planned for completion in August 2023, in time for beginning of the school year. The affordable family and senior buildings are planned for completing in January 2024.

Utility work is beginning this week. This will be done in phases and includes stormwater pipes, extension of sanitary sewer lines, and work to extend Washington Gas and Fairfax Water lines. The work will require closure of the sidewalk on the north side of University Drive, west of Ox Road, along the frontage of the new building. Street parking along the north side of the street will also be temporarily 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. A six-foot security fence will be erected around the perimeter of the site for safety.

Updates will be provided in future Braddock Beacons and Advisories. If you have construction-related questions, you may either contact our office at [Braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov) or direct them to Mike Newman, Site Superintendent for the Whiting-Turner Contracting Company at [mike.newman@whiting-turner.com](mailto:mike.newman@whiting-turner.com).

## Interested in Learning About the County's New Zoning Ordinance?

The new Zoning Ordinance was highlighted on this month's [County Conversation podcast](#). Tune in to hear a discussion of the modernization effort, including changes to the regulations on accessory living units, home-based businesses, and freestanding accessory structures. In addition, Department of Planning and Development staff will be hosting a series of Lunch and Learn sessions on Accessory Structures and Other Residential Changes, and Commercial and Industrial Changes. The meeting information is listed below and on the [zMOD Outreach Page](#). Join the sessions to learn more.

Lunch and Learn Topic	Date and Time	Login Information
Accessory Structures and Other Residential Changes	September 8, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.	Location: <a href="#">Virtual – GoToMeeting</a> Call-In Number: 1 (877) 309-2073 Access Code: 788-491-837
Commercial and Industrial Changes	September 15, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.	Location: <a href="#">Virtual – GoToMeeting</a> Call-In Number: 1 (877) 309-2073 Access Code: 660-761-869

## 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. 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.

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

The applicants are seeking a reduction in certain yard requirements to permit addition of a one-story garage 6.2 feet from a side lot line. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on September 22. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [Land Development System website](#).

➤ **Chang Jik Lee & Young Wan 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 not yet been scheduled for a BZA hearing. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [Land Development System website](#).

➤ **Huong Thien Inc. DBA Tinh Xa Huong Thien – 4516 Guinea Road, Fairfax  
SP 2021-BR-052**

The applicant is seeking to establish a place of worship. This application has not yet been scheduled for a BZA hearing. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [Land Development System website](#).

➤ **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 not yet been scheduled for a BZA hearing. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [Land Development System website](#).

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

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 and deck 6.6 feet from the side lot line, and an accessory structure 1.7 feet from the side lot line and 5.7 feet from the rear lot line. This application has not yet been scheduled for a BZA hearing. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [Land Development System 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](mailto:braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call us at (703) 425-9300.