



The Braddock Beacon

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Dear Neighbor,

With the new school year approaching, I wanted to share highlights from a recent study of education funding in Virginia that provides important context for Fairfax County's budget and highlights the challenges we face in continuing to provide the high-quality education that every child deserves. The State's Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission's (JLARC) 18-month study on [Virginia's K-12 Funding Formula](#) found that Virginia:

- Severely underfunds education relative to other states, best practices, and an expert workgroup's model.
- Systemically underestimates compensation needs, especially in high-cost-of-living communities like Fairfax.
- Has failed to restore more than \$500 million of cuts imposed during the Great Recession, when today's high schoolers were in pre-school.

Across much of the Commonwealth, this failure to invest in our most valuable resource – our kids – means that children attend crumbling schools and teacher pay is far below the national average. In fact, in 2021, Virginia ranked 41st of 50 states in per-pupil state spending on education, just barely above Mississippi.



Here in Fairfax County, we're able to maintain high-quality schools by providing additional local funding. 69% of the Fairfax County Public Schools budget is funded by Fairfax County, with the remainder provided by the state and federal governments. While we will always make investing in schools our top priority, shouldering the additional burden created by state underfunding limits our ability to invest in other areas, including public safety, mental health and substance abuse treatment,

economic development, environmental initiatives, and more.

The JLARC study recommends that Virginia increase state funding for education by \$3.5 billion to bring us into line with other states and to better reflect the realities of what it costs for the General Assembly to meet its constitutional obligation to establish and maintain a high-quality public school system.

As Chairman of our Board's Legislative Committee, I've been working closely with our delegation to the General Assembly and, thanks to their efforts, we have made some small progress in recent years. But this new study should be a wake-up call that much more is needed.

The good news is that Virginia recently reported a \$5.1 billion surplus, providing an opportunity to make real progress that could bring Virginia's education funding to the top of the nation, where it belongs. I hope that Governor Youngkin and General Assembly leaders will make this a priority during their ongoing budget negotiations.

Back to School

Children's Safety

As the beginning of the new school year approaches, here are a few safety reminders from the County's Department of Emergency Management and Security (DEMS):

- Stop and wait for school buses to safely load and unload children
- Slow down and take extra care in school zones and in neighborhoods
- Make eye contact with drivers and pedestrians at stoplights and intersections before proceeding
- Make sure children know who to call in case of an emergency, their home address, and a parent/guardian's phone number



Earlier this week, DEMS hosted a webinar on Preparing Youth for Emergencies: Back to School Safety. You can [watch a recording](#) of the presentation on preparing to go back to school, how to best talk to children about preparing, and practicing for an emergency.

Supplies

Several local non-profits host supply drives and distribute school supplies for students and families that may not be able to afford them without these organizations.

You can find out more about how to donate supplies and supply list needs, how to receive supplies, sponsoring supply drives, or volunteering to organize supplies for the following non-profit organizations:

- ECHO - [Donate](#) | [Volunteer](#)
- FACETS - [Donate/Sponsor/Lists](#)
- Educate Fairfax - [Sponsorships](#)
- Britepaths - [Sponsorships](#)

Health

The Health Department is offering free childhood and school required immunizations for children during the month of August and is offering additional clinic appointments and expanded clinic hours. Call (703) 246-7100 to make an appointment.

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, August 8	2-6:30pm	All Clinics
Friday, August 11	1-4pm	Herndon-Reston & Annandale District
Saturday, August 12	8am-12pm	Joseph Willard Health Center & Mt. Vernon District
Monday, August 14	2-6:30pm	All Clinics
Tuesday, August 15	2-6:30pm	All Clinics
Wednesday, August 16	2-6:30pm	All Clinics
Friday, August 18 <i>*Last one before FCPS' 1st Day of School</i>	1-4pm	All Clinics
Tuesday, August 22	2-6:30pm	All Clinics
Friday, August 25	1-4pm	Springfield District

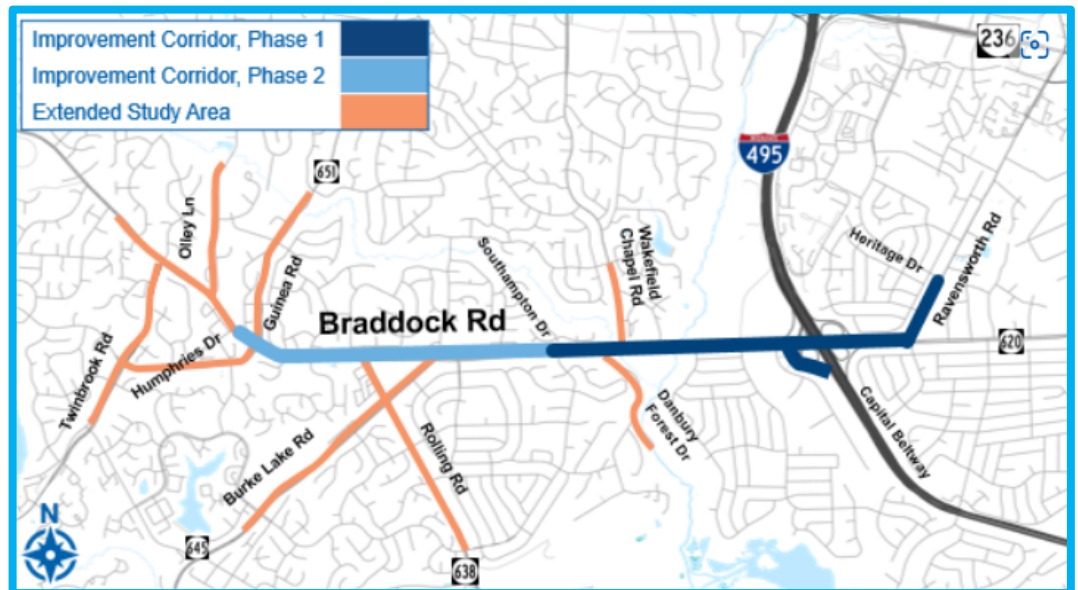
[View a quick guide](#) for school and daycare minimum immunization requirements in Virginia with breakdowns for each grade or learn more about school required immunizations from the [Virginia Department of Health](#).

Check out the [Health Department's website](#) for more information on their free immunizations for children.

Braddock Road Multimodal Improvements Meeting

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) recently hosted a public information meeting on the Braddock Road Multimodal Improvements Project during which they shared updates on changes they have made in response to community feedback. If you weren't able to attend or would like to review what was presented, please go to the [project webpage](#). It hosts the presentation in several formats, including [voice-over](#) and [PDF](#), and is also available in [Spanish](#) and [Vietnamese](#).

At both previous meetings and in written comments, residents raised concerns about the amount of tree loss that would result from earlier plans. I encouraged VDOT to be flexible and creative in the design to minimize impacts on trees and surrounding neighborhoods. I was pleased to see that they have made significant progress in preserving trees by:



- Incorporating segments of the existing trail into the new shared-use paths
- Consolidating stormwater management facilities into fewer locations (10 as opposed to 21 in the November 2022 design)
- Using retaining walls in key locations to reduce the need for grading and preserve tree buffers for adjacent neighborhoods
- Committing to provide new/replacement landscaping, including street trees

These changes will increase tree preservation by 68% (from 28% to 47%) within VDOT right-of-way.

I was glad that VDOT made large [display boards](#) available at the meeting so residents could take a closer look at some of the project details, including the locations of stormwater management facilities, retaining walls, existing and relocated bus stops, limits of construction, and the proposed shared use paths. If you are unable to view these online or would just like to see a larger version, there is a set of boards from the meeting available for review in my office.

I want to thank all the community members who have participated in the process and helped improve this project. If you were not able to attend the meeting, if you have a specific question that wasn't addressed, or if you would like to provide comments, the public comment period will be open until **Monday, August 7**. There are several ways you can provide feedback:

- Submit comments to meetingcomments@vdot.virginia.gov - use "Braddock Road Multimodal Improvements" in the subject line
- Fill out the [online comment form](#)
- Mail the [comment form](#) to:
W. Calvin Britt
VDOT's Northern Virginia District
4975 Alliance Drive
Fairfax, VA 22030

Yours in service,



Supervisor James R. Walkinshaw

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Upcoming Events

Details on these events and more can be found in this edition of the Beacon or by contacting braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov.

- **Until August 6** Fairfax County 4-H Fair and Carnival
- **August 4** *Lyuti Chushki* at Lake Accotink Park
HFS at Royal Lake Park
- **August 5** *the grandsons, jr.* at Arts in the Park at Wakefield Park
"Workout with a Friend Day" at Audrey Moore REC Center
[Pinn Community Center's 50th Anniversary Celebration](#)
- **August 7** Task Force on the Future of Lake Accotink Meeting
- **August 10** FLAP General Membership Meeting
- **August 11** *Swingology* at Lake Accotink Park
Memphis Gold at Royal Lake Park
- **August 12** *Rocknoceros* at Arts in the Park at Wakefield Park
- **August 13** FLAP Monthly Clean-up
- **August 15** [Land Development Services' Deck Details Boot Camp](#)
- **August 18** *The Reunion Music Society Jazz Ensemble* at Lake Accotink Park
Lua Project at Royal Lake Park
- **August 19** *Geoff Marsh* at Arts in the Park at Wakefield Park
- **August 21** First Day of School for FCPS
- **August 26** FLAP Lake Accotink Park Community Appreciation Day

Walkinshaw in the Community



Supervisor Walkinshaw at the Braddock Road Multimodal Improvements Project meeting on July 26

Supervisor Walkinshaw at the City of Fairfax's Independence Day Parade on July 4



Supervisor Walkinshaw joined the Pinn Center for Community Day on July 22



Supervisor Walkinshaw at the Old Firehouse Center with SPARC program participants on July 12

(L-R)
 Delegate David Bulova, Congressman Gerry Connolly and Supervisor Walkinshaw at the City of Fairfax's Independence Day Celebration on July 2



(Below)
 Supervisor Walkinshaw recognized Dylan Nguyen, a member of Boy Scout Troop 904, on July 15 for building the stage at Audrey Moore Rec Center



In July, Supervisor Walkinshaw also:

- Joined the Little Run Civic Association's 4th of July Parade on July 4
- Met with constituents at Brentwood Civic Association's BBQ on July 8
- Attended FCPD's Meritorious Awards Ceremony on July 13
- Visited the Lamb Center on July 14
- Dined with community members for the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax's "Lunch N' Life" on July 20
- Attended the SEVA Truck Foundation's First Annual Gala on July 20
- Visited the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America on July 22

August Citizens of the Month

Monica and Dale Johnson

Braddock District's August Citizens of the Month are Monica and Dale Johnson!

Both Monica and Dale have been heavily involved with their community in Canterbury Woods since their arrival in 2011. Together, they serve on the Canterbury Woods Civic Association (CWCA) board. Monica helps coordinate events like National Night Out and the Canterbury Woods Fall Festival, while Dale is retired from the U.S. Navy and has been the CWCA President since 2015. As President, Dale has coordinated several community events over the years, including the annual Holiday Party, Fall Festival, National Night Out, a Cornhole Tournament, and a Chili Cookoff!



Along with her work for the CWCA, Monica has served as a Canterbury Woods C-Serpent (CWCS) swim team representative and was trained by the Northern Virginia Swimming League to judge stroke-and-turn. Volunteering on the CWSC pool board since 2018, she now serves as Social & Fundraising Chair. Her work with the pool doesn't stop there; Monica is a founding member of the Restrooms and Doors (RAD) Team that works to secure both support and funds for an ADA-compliant restroom at the Canterbury Woods pool. She is also a certified Zumba instructor who taught classes at the pool and donated a portion of her profits to the pool!

Dale's work as the President of CWCA has helped hundreds of community members. His most recent achievement was rallying the Canterbury Woods neighborhood (over 500 homes) to successfully petition for trash service during the pandemic. Throughout the Braddock Road Multi-Modal Improvement Project, Dale has kept Canterbury Woods residents informed of important developments.

For their commitment to the Canterbury Woods neighborhood, and for their efforts in ensuring community awareness and engagement, Supervisor Walkinshaw is proud to recognize Monica and Dale as August's Braddock District Citizens of the Month.

Congratulations Monica and Dale and thank you for your service!

Know a Braddock District resident who should be recognized as a Citizen of the Month? **[Nominate them here.](#)**

Community News

Workout with a Friend Day at Audrey Moore Rec Center

Tomorrow, August 5, Audrey Moore Rec Center membership holders can bring a friend to explore the Rec Center for free. Visitors can participate in drop-in fitness classes, use gym equipment, and take part in specials at the center!



Members who bring a friend will receive a complimentary pass for a carousel ride, a small bucket of golf balls, or a minigolf pass! Friends can choose either a free, 7-day trial membership or purchase a 30-day pass for \$30 to the Rec Center! Find out more on the Fairfax County Park Authority [website!](#)

County 4-H Fair and Carnival is here!

Fairfax County's 4-H Fair and Carnival is happening until Sunday, August 6, at Frying Pan Farm Park in Herndon.

The Fair and Carnival has:

- Carnival Games
- Rides
- Shows
- Fair Food
- Live Farm Animals



More information, including ticket prices and schedule, is on [FCPA's website.](#)

Free Dog Friday

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter is offering fee-waived dog adoptions every Friday this summer. The Animal Shelter (4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax) is open on Fridays from 12:00 – 7:00 p.m. Use the [online pet database](#) to see dogs and other pets available for adoption at the facility or visit the [Animal Shelter's website.](#)

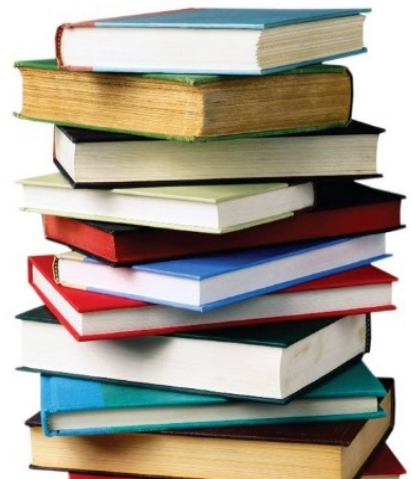
Library Events

Fairfax County Public Libraries host a variety of events throughout the year! Upcoming events in Braddock District Libraries include language conversation groups, plant clinics, magic shows, and book sales!

As a reminder, effective Sunday, August 27, all library branches will resume their normal schedule of public service hours.

Regional library location hours:

- Monday-Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Thursday-Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.



Community library location hours:

- Monday-Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Wednesday-Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Check events at Kings Park Library [here](#) and events at Burke Centre Library [here](#)!

Donations Needed for Department of Family Services



The Fairfax County Department of Family Services (DFS) needs help with donations requests to support families.

DFS is currently taking donations for a variety of brand-new goods, including diapers and strollers.

A full list and donation sign up is available [here](#).

Volunteer Leadership Positions on The Council to End Domestic Violence (CEDV) Open

The Fairfax County Council to End Domestic Violence (CEDV) is seeking three volunteer leadership positions: a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson, and a Community Leader and Organizer to serve a three-year term. Nominations are open until September 8.

The mission of the CEDV is to unite senior-level public officials and community leaders; to advise the Board of Supervisors on a range of domestic violence policy, legislative, and program issues; and to guide the development of a coordinated and collaborative community response to domestic violence in Fairfax County. [Learn more about the Council.](#)



The 50-member council is comprised of nonprofit leaders, elected officials, leaders of County public safety, public schools, judiciary, human service agencies, and community members representing the faith community, the survivor community, the immigrant community, the LGBTQ+ community, and local universities.

The Goals of the CEDV are to:

- Engage the community in a collective response to the prevention and intervention of domestic violence
- Support victim safety and autonomy
- Promote accountability and an opportunity for those who use violence to eliminate violent behavior in all forms
- Increase coordination and consistency of system and community interventions and service provision
- Advise the Board of Supervisors on policy and legislative priorities for improving the county's response to domestic violence

Find more information about the positions and submission procedures on the Department of Family Services [webpage](#).

Apply for the Fairfax Food Council Steering Committee

FCPS Rising Juniors! Do you want to advocate for young people who reside and attend schools in Fairfax County, Fairfax City, and Falls Church? The Fairfax Food Council is seeking two youth representatives to serve on the Fairfax Food Council Steering Committee. Youth representatives will be granted monthly stipends in the amount of \$25 per hour of service, with about a 6-hour time commitment each month. [Applications are due by September 15.](#)



Seasonal Items

Braddock Summer Entertainment Series Ends This Month!

The free [Arts in the Parks](#) children's concerts on Saturday mornings and Braddock Nights concerts on Friday nights at [Royal Lake Park](#) and [Lake Accotink Park](#) wrap up this month!

August's schedule includes:

Arts in the Parks

- August 5 - the grandsons, jr.
- August 12 - Rocknoceros
- August 19 - Geoff Marsh

Braddock Nights at Lake Accotink Park

- August 4 - Lyuti Chushki
- August 11 - Swingology DC
- August 18 - The Reunion Music Society Jazz Ensemble

Braddock Nights at Royal Lake Park

- August 4 - HFS
- August 11 - Memphis Gold
- August 18 - Lua Project

Read more about the Summer Entertainment Series – including the entire County's schedule – on the County's [Summer Entertainment Series webpage.](#)

BRADDOCK DISTRICT'S AUGUST CONCERTS

ARTS IN THE PARK
CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT SERIES
Saturdays (10-10:45am) at Wakefield Park in front of the Audrey Moore Rec Center

- 5 • the grandsons, jr.
- 12 • Rocknoceros
- 19 • Geoff Marsh

LAKE ACCOTINK PARK
Fridays 7:30-8:30 pm
7500 Accotink Park Road Springfield, VA

- 4 • Lyuti Chushki
Bulgarian Folk
- 11 • Swingology
Gypsy Swing
- 18 • The Reunion Music Society Jazz Ensemble
American Popular Music

ROYAL LAKE PARK
Fridays 7:30-8:30 pm
5344 Gainsborough Drive Fairfax, VA

- 4 • HFS
Alternative Rock
- 11 • Memphis Gold
Blues
- 18 • Lua Project
Mexilachian

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All performances are held outdoors, bring lawn chairs. For information about weather-related cancellations, call the concert hotline at (703) 324-7469 one hour prior to the scheduled start time of a show.

Sign Up for Parktakes Online



Registration for the Fall Parktakes classes is now open. Register by August 11 to save \$8 on each class (some restrictions apply)!

Parktakes include a wide variety of family friendly activities in Fairfax County Parks. These include the Eclipse Extravaganza, Family Fall Festival, Campfire Night Hike, and more! Browse the offerings on the Parktakes [website](#)!

Environment & Parks News

Upcoming Deer Management Season

Each fall, the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA), Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD), and other regional public landowners conduct a white-tail deer management program in select Fairfax County parks. The goal of the program is to protect human health and safety, reduce damage to the environment, and to conserve healthy, sustainable deer herds. More details can be found on the [County's website](#).



If you live adjacent to one of the deer management zones, you either have or will soon receive a letter explaining the program. It provides contact information you can use to contact FCPD if there are any issues or violations occurring in or around your home. Please be cautious during this season and be sure to keep your dogs on leash per county code and park rules. If you need to enter a deer management zone, be sure to make yourself seen.

Solar Webinars & Information Sessions

Fairfax County Solar Switch 101

Join Solar United Neighbors and Fairfax County's Office of Environmental and Energy

Coordination for a virtual information session about Fairfax County Solar Switch on August 9 at 6:00 p.m.



Attend to learn more about the advantages of harnessing solar energy for your residence or small business, including the basics of the technology, economic aspects, financing options, and more. You'll also learn about the Solar Switch program launched earlier this summer which invites

participants to join at no cost, with no obligation to purchase solar panels.

This live presentation begins at 6:00 p.m. and is expected to last 90 minutes. A question-and-answer session will follow at the end of the session.

Solarize Virginia Afternoon Webinar

Fairfax County and Solarize NoVA are making it easy for homeowners to lower energy costs by switching to solar. Managed by the nonprofit partner Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP), Solarize NoVA connects homeowners with vetted installers who have agreed to offer discounted rates. Participants also receive expert advice from Solarize throughout the process.



Solarize is hosting an informational webinar on August 17 at 3:00 p.m. Learn how the program works, what to expect as a participant, the basics of the installation process, the nuts and bolts of how a residential solar system functions, and the pricing structure. If you're not sure if solar is for you, this is the place to start!

Register at [Solarize VA's website](#) to get started.

Remember to Follow Park Rules

As you and your families enjoy the parks and trails this summer, please remember to follow the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) rules. Lists of all the rules can be found on the FCPA [website](#).

In general, remember:

- Deposit trash in trash receptacles
- Alcohol is not permitted on park grounds or in Park Authority buildings without a pre-approved permit
- Remove all private property from park land when you leave
- Pedestrians have the right-of-way on trails
- Do not disturb vegetation or wildlife
- Trails and parks close at dark



FLAP Events

The Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP) host several events each month and invite the community to join. In August, you can join FLAP for their General Membership Meeting on August 10 from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Lake Accotink Park Large Pavilion and the FLAP Annual [Community Day Celebration](#) from 11:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. on August 26.



You can view all volunteer opportunities for FLAP on their [event page, website](#), or by texting FLAP to 22828 to receive monthly updates.

Task Force on the Future of Lake Accotink Update

On July 10 and 24, the Task Force on the Future of Lake Accotink held their second and third meetings at the Fairfax County Government Center. Over the course of these meetings, County staff have given presentations outlining the engineering studies and research that had been undertaken regarding dredging, alongside their consultant, Arcadis, as well as comparing the Accotink Creek Watershed with other watersheds in the region that have had successful dredging operations. Task Force members were given opportunities to ask questions and discuss the



issues. Subcommittees have been proposed to partake in more in-depth investigations in three areas: the value of Lake Accotink and Lake Accotink Park to the County; impacts of and issues with the County staff recommendation to not dredge, allow the lake and wetlands to return to nature, and proceed with a replanning of Lake Accotink Park; and options to consider other than traditional full dredging.

The next meeting of the Task Force will be held on Monday, August 7 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 11 at the Government Center. It will include presentations on the Lake Barcroft Watershed Improvement Project and on managed wetlands. Toward the end of the meeting, the Task Force will break into subcommittees to begin their work.

The biweekly meetings are open to the public and interested community members are welcome to attend to observe the Task Force's work or live stream the meetings on [Channel 16](#). Recordings of previous meetings can be found on Channel 16's [Video On Demand](#) webpage as well as the Task Force on the Future of Lake Accotink [webpage](#), which includes meeting materials.

Fairfax County Adopts Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (C-PACE)

In early July, Fairfax County was the latest locality to adopt the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) program. C-PACE is administered by the Virginia PACE Authority with support from the Virginia Department of Energy (Virginia Energy).

The program allows for energy efficiency improvements to be made to commercial and industrial properties by having access to low-cost, long-term financing.

Property owners may invest in energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water efficiency improvements. By passing ordinances for C-PACE, Fairfax County can use the program as an economic development tool for new construction, as well.



Read the full release on the Virginia PACE Authority [website](#).

Compliance Corner

Sign Removal from the Right-of-Way (ROW) – Are you seeing more signs along major roads, such as in medians and near sidewalks? If so, relief is coming. The County started its Illegal Sign Removal Program in 2013, under an agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). We remove signs placed along roads for advertising, realtors, political campaigns, and more. The program covers ninety-nine (99) roads, most of which are major routes, like Richmond Highway. Removal of signs from other roads doesn't happen as part of the program.

Due to staff shortages, sign removal stopped in Summer 2022. Fortunately, the County was successful in supporting a new Virginia law passed to allow contractors to remove signs from the roads in the program. It took effect July 1, 2023. As of mid-July, a contractor has begun removing these signs. The Department of Code Compliance (DCC) continues to administer the program and issue fines to repeat violators.

Additional information is available in an [informational flyer](#) and on [DCC's website](#).

How does DCC administer this program?

- Our signs team drives the designated roads and documents all illegal signs. Unlike other issues we handle, we don't respond to complaints or concerns related to signs in the ROW, but please be assured roads are checked several times each month.
- We coordinate our inspection schedules with the contractor. The day after our inspection, the contractor will remove all signs.
- First time offenders will receive a courtesy letter instead of a fine. After the courtesy letter, there are fines of \$110 for each sign.

Additional information about DCC, including other issues we are responsible for, can be found on the [DCC's website](#).



Transportation Updates

Metro Lift Reduced Fare Program

Metro Lift is a reduced fare program for DC, Maryland, and Virginia customers enrolled in SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). The program is designed to expand access, increase affordability, and advance equity for people across the region. SNAP enrollees can receive 50% off all Metrobus/Metrorail trips. [Enroll today.](#)



Public Safety

College Bound Personal Safety Class on August 10

This lecture, on Thursday, August 10, from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. at 6140 Rolling Rd, will help college bound students learn how to focus awareness, prevent criminal confrontations, and develop personal safety. [Register here](#) or contact MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363 with further questions.

Public Safety Day is August 26!

Join Fairfax County's Department of Public Safety Communications (9-1-1) on August 26 for Public Safety Day! Meet first responders, learn about fire safety and emergency procedures, and get hands-on experience with emergency equipment.

Public Safety Day is a collaboration with other Fairfax County public safety agencies including Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, Fairfax County Police Department and Animal Protection Police, Fairfax County Department of Emergency Management and Security, Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, Fairfax County Animal Shelter, Virginia State Police, Virginia Department of Transportation, United States Park Police, and more!



There will be games, food trucks, tours, demos, information booths, and take-home freebies:

- Child ID – get an identification card made for your kids that you can take home
- Emergency Preparedness kits – take home a kit with emergency supplies to start your emergency preparedness journey
- Mock 9-1-1 calls and tour – listen to what 9-1-1 calls sound like so you can be prepared if you need to call & do a window tour of the 9-1-1 floor
- K9 and dogs – visit with a K9 therapy dog, police dogs, and adoptable dogs from the animal shelter
- Vehicle display – check out police cruisers (current and antique), fire trucks, and more
- Food – popcorn, snow cones, and food trucks
- Games – win prizes by playing Plink-o and a lollipop ring toss; hang out with family and friends with cornhole and other yard games

- Careers – Looking for a rewarding career in Public Safety? Talk with the ones doing the job right now and visit the recruitment van that will be onsite

More information is [available here](#).

FCPD Launches Final Wave Against Reckless “Road Sharks”

The Fairfax County Police Department began their fourth and final wave of the successful “Road Shark” campaign on Monday, July 31, and it will continue through Sunday, August 6. During this high-visibility and coordinated enforcement, FCPD will continue to deter aggressive driving, reduce crashes, and change driving behavior. Throughout the Road Shark campaign, the efforts of FCPD and Virginia State Police have been commendable due to their yielding of promising results. Through increased patrolling, traffic stops, and public awareness initiatives, officers have successfully ticketed and warned thousands of individuals engaging in speeding, hands-free violations, and highway sign violations.



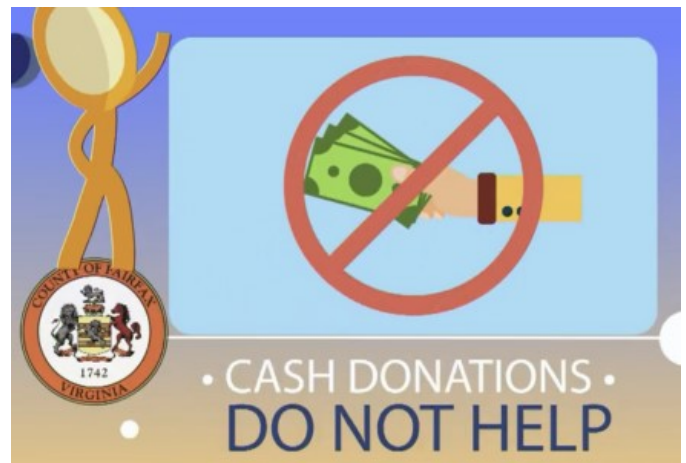
During wave 3, officers issued over 5,800 citations and warnings. This campaign has resulted in over a total of 14,600 citations and warnings being issued, with 650 having been for reckless driving on our roadways.

Panhandling in Fairfax County

Every year, Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) receives hundreds of calls related to panhandling. The calls range from traffic issues to concerns about the person who is panhandling to fears about a suspicious person at an intersection.

Here are some important things to know about the FCPD approach to this issue:

- Panhandling is a protected act under the First Amendment in public areas.
- Police officers will intervene when people who panhandling commit traffic offenses or engage in criminal activity.
- If you witness someone breaking the law, contact the FCPD. The emergency number is 911 and the non-emergency number is (703) 691-2131.
- Police officers can refer people who panhandle to available county human services but cannot force them to receive services.



What can you do?

- Refer people who are panhandling, or others in need, to Fairfax County’s social services programs. The human services hotline phone number is (703) 222-0880,
- Consider donating or volunteering for one of the county’s [nonprofit community partners](#) dedicated to assisting our residents in need.

- Connect with [Volunteer Fairfax](#), as it mobilizes people and resources to meet regional community needs.

Human Services Corner

REVIVE! Naloxone Training

The [Community Services Board](#) has partnered with the [Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services](#) to launch REVIVE!, a program that makes naloxone available to lay rescuers to reverse opioid overdoses.



REVIVE! trains individuals on what to do and not do in an overdose situation, how to administer naloxone, and what to do afterwards. Each attendee also receives a free REVIVE! kit that includes all the supplies needed to administer naloxone. The medication itself can be acquired at a pharmacy after completing the training. Attendees also receive [a safety plan](#) to help individuals prevent overdose if they relapse.

More details about these training sessions [can be found here](#). The August schedule for virtual trainings is:

- [August 5 at 9:00 a.m.](#)
- [August 7 at 10:00 a.m.](#)
- [August 15 at 11:00 a.m.](#)
- [August 21 \(Spanish\) at 11:00 a.m.](#)
- [August 24 at 1:00 p.m.](#)
- [August 31 at 6:00 p.m.](#)

Neighborhood and Community Services Activities

The three community centers in the Braddock District have many offerings for community members! These include after school care programs, art workshops for seniors, and nature walks. The activity calendars are linked below:

- [David R. Pinn Community Center](#)
- [Little River Glen Senior Center](#)
- [Wakefield Senior Center](#)

If you would like to volunteer and help run activities at these facilities, check the eligibility requirements and more details [here](#)! As a reminder, students can often receive credit for volunteer hours completed over the summer.

Virginia Energy Assistance Program Open until August 15

The Virginia Energy Assistance Program (EAP) assists low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs. To be eligible, households must have a heating or cooling expense and gross monthly income may not exceed 150 percent of the federal poverty level. Information about the U.S. federal poverty guidelines used to determine financial eligibility can be found [here](#).



Applications for Fuel, Crisis, and Cooling assistance are accepted at the local departments of social services until August 15. The EAP consists of four components: Fuel Assistance, Crisis Assistance, Cooling Assistance, and Weatherization Assistance. For application information about each specific program, please click [here](#).

Resources for Older Adults

Virtual Webinars and Panels for Caregivers

Dementia Friendly Information Session *Wednesday, August 9 | 12:00 – 1:15 p.m.*

Learn how to become a dementia friend and turn your new understanding of dementia into a practical action that can help someone living in your community.

After participating in a Dementia Friends Session, participants can:

- Describe dementia and know the most common type of dementia,
- State the five key messages about dementia,
- Explain one approach to effectively communicate with a person with dementia,
- Commit to an action as a Dementia Friend in your community.

[Register to participate](#) in this free, virtual webinar on Wednesday, August 9 from 12:00 – 1:15 p.m.

How to Support a Loved One Living with Brain Injury *Tuesday, August 15 | 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.*

This session will educate caregivers on understanding brain injury and its effects on their loved one, as well as how to cope with a sudden and sometimes life-altering injury where caregiving is unexpected and can affect their relationships, finances, living environment and overall wellness.

[Register to participate](#) in this free, virtual webinar on Tuesday, August 15 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Creating Support Systems for Family Caregivers *Friday, August 25 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.*

According to The National Alliance for Caregiving (NAC) and AARP, an estimated 53 million family caregivers are providing care to a loved one. Their care and assistance enable their loved ones to live with dignity and remain in their communities. While many family caregivers find purpose and meaning in their journey; often, they experience isolation and feelings of stress and burnout. In this panel conversation, we will explore the importance of creating and finding systems of support that will help them in the journey. In addition, we will learn about the different resources available to them.

[Register to participate](#) in this free, virtual panel on Friday, August 25 from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) – Medicaid After the Public Health Emergency
Wednesday, August 30 | 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

The Public Health Emergency (PHE) placed a temporary “pause” on “normal” Medicaid requirements for Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) - Medicaid recipients. Now that the PHE has ended, the flexibilities are over. “Normal” processes resume such as the return of Medicaid renewals, on-going services, and month to month spenddowns. Join Joan Irwin, Fairfax County DFS PAES LTSS Intake Supervisor, as she explains what happens next and how you can help your family member prepare for the new “normal”. This presentation will provide some clarity on why some adults may no longer qualify for Medicaid (or Medicaid services) now that the PHE has ended and explain what other resources exist for those who will no longer qualify for Medicaid or Medicaid services.

[Register to participate](#) in this free, virtual webinar on Wednesday, August 30 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

For questions, contact [Tammi Cave](#) or call (703) 481-4036. Learn more about programs and services for family caregivers on the Department of Family Services Family Caregiver Support Programs [website](#).

Senior Cool Care Program



Are you in need of additional cooling during the summer? The [Senior Cool Care Program](#) is a public-private partnership sponsored by Dominion Energy and administered by the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services through the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging that helps low-income older citizens in the Fairfax County jurisdiction keep cool during the summer months. The program runs until October 31.

The program provides additional cooling at home for eligible older adults aged 60 and older. If you are interested in learning more about the program, contact [Allegra Joffe](#) or call (703) 324-2019.

Free Community Events at the Wellness Center for Older Adults, August 2023

4027B Olley Lane, Fairfax, VA | Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

	31	August 1	August 2	August 3	August 4
	10:00-2:00 Memory Screenings 10:15 VCAA: T.H.A.Y Yoga	10:00-2:00 'Brown Bag' Medication Safety Event 1:00 Chair Zumba*	10:30 Creativity Leads to Wellness	1:00 Chair Yoga*	
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Program Descriptions (listed alphabetically)

Birthday Celebration

Happy Birthday, August babies! Watch a movie and play Bingo at 1:00 p.m. on August 25.

Blood Pressure Screenings

[American Health Care Professionals](#) offer free Blood Pressure checks and nurse consultations. Appointments are in 30-minute increments. 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., and walk-ins are welcome. You can also call or email to reserve an appointment.

Chair Zumba

Grab a chair at the wellness center! Move to music in this low-impact exercise. **This class is streamed with in-person adaptations**

Chair Yoga

Chair yoga is a beneficial form of yoga for any fitness level, from active seniors to those recovering from an injury. **This class is streamed with in-person adaptations**

Creativity Leads to Wellness

Join creative art sessions led by local artist, Sharon Fishel, from [McLean Project for the Arts](#). This class will focus on individuals discovering their creativity working in the mediums of drawings, paintings, and mixed-media collages. All materials will be provided.

Memory Screenings

[Insight Memory Care Center](#) offers free, confidential memory screenings and educational materials to people with concerns about their memory or who want to check their memory now for future comparison. Call to reserve a 30-minute appointment at (703) 970-3601.

VCAA – Virtual Center for Active Adults Programs

Join live, interactive programs and engage with other adults. **These activities are streamed for in-person adaptations.*

- S.A.I.L. = Stay Active and Independent for Life exercise

Land Use & Development

Deck Detail Boot Camp

Fairfax County Land Development Services (LDS) will offer an in-person [Deck Details Boot Camp](#) on August 15 from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. at the Herry Building (12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax). [Register here.](#)



The session will walk contractors and homeowners through the [Typical Deck Details](#), a document that serves as a pre-approved architectural plan for building decks in Fairfax County. Use of the county's Typical Deck Details expedites the permitting process.

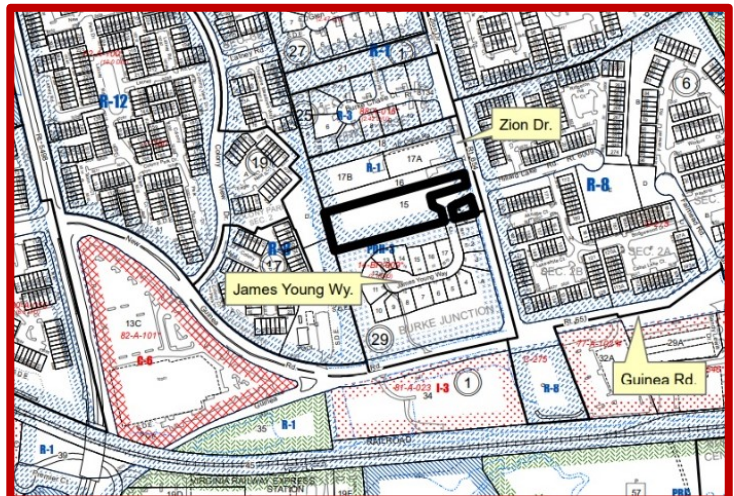
This training, presented by Residential Building Plan Reviewer Kyle Kratzer, will take participants through the Typical Deck Details document. Deck details are now available in seven additional languages: [Amharic](#), [Arabic](#), [Chinese](#), [Korean](#), [Spanish](#), [Urdu](#) and [Vietnamese](#).

If you have questions about this training or would like to request an interpreter, please [email](#) or call Mary Mulrenan at (703) 324-2743 TTY 711 or visit [LDS' website](#).

Planning Commission Recommends Approval of Rezoning the Mary Day Property on Zion Drive

On July 27, the Planning Commission voted 9-0-1 to recommend approval of a rezoning proposal for 10121 Zion Drive, a wooded, undeveloped site known as the Mary Day property. This 2.8-acre site is located on the west side of Zion Drive, just north of its intersection with Guinea Road and adjacent to the Burke Junction community.

The applicant has proposed rezoning the property from the R-1 District to the PDH-3 District to build six single-family detached homes. Access to the property would be provided through an extension of James Young Way, a private street that connects to Zion Drive opposite Hillard Lake Road and links to the Burke Junction neighborhood to the south.



The applicant has stated that they intend to make this development compatible with Burke Junction.

The Planning Commission held a hearing on this rezoning application on June 21 and deferred its decision to give the applicant additional time to address concerns that were raised on issues including landscaping, tree preservation, and details on the establishment of a Homeowners Association (HOA). The applicant revised the development plan to more clearly identify the widths of the proposed landscape buffer along the southern border of Lots 1, 2, 3, and 5 and easement at the rear of Lot 4, which range from 5 to 8 feet. Specific language was included to clarify that construction activities on the property will not cut into the critical root zones or damage any off-site trees. This was a major concern of the residents of the Burke Junction community.

Although the proposed houses are of similar height to those in Burke Junction, they are higher in elevation due to the topography. The applicant revised the proffers to require the basements on Lots 1 through 4 to be buried a minimum of 6 feet, as opposed to at ground level or buried 2 feet, below the existing grade to lower the height of the proposed dwellings and decks and make them more comparable in appearance. The floor height of rear decks has also been limited from a maximum of 11 feet from ground level to a maximum of 5 feet above grade on Lots 1 through 4. Decks on Lots 1 and 2, which are adjacent to the Burke Junction pergola and open space, will only be permitted to extend 12 feet into the minimum rear yard as opposed to 14 feet.

Regarding HOA membership, an interpretation request submitted by the applicant determined that the current owner or future owners of the application property are not precluded from joining the Burke Junction HOA subject to the provisions in the Burke Junction HOA governing documents. Based on that, the proffers for the Mary Day property have been written to allow for either annexation of the new development into Burke Junction or establishment of a separate and independent HOA. The applicant will contribute money for either the relocation of the existing Burke Junction monument sign to Zion Drive or installation of a new sign for the new community if they do not merge.



At the July 27 hearing, community members continued to express concerns about the timeliness of receiving information from the applicant, how the new houses relate to the existing Burke Junction community, elevation and the grading plan, preservation of the existing treed buffer, privacy, and suggested reducing the number of houses to provide better flexibility in the layout.

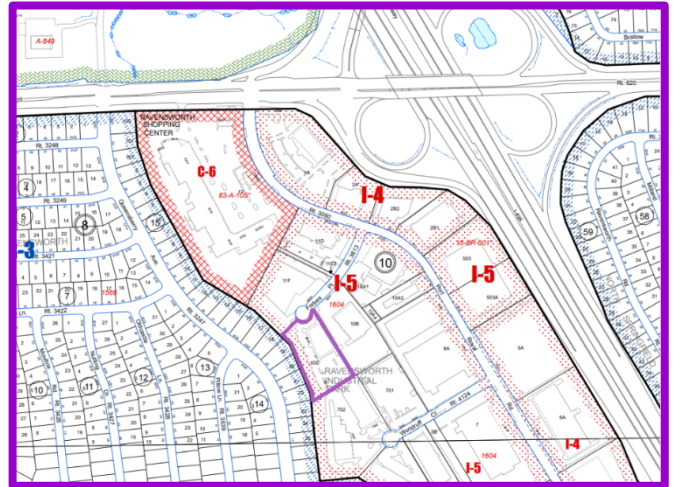
A Staff Report analyzing the previous proposal was published on February 1, and memos updating the Planning Commission on subsequent revisions were issued on May 17, June 14, July 20, and July 26. Reports and project plans are available on the [PLUS website](#). Select the "Zoning" tab and enter the application number, RZ-2021-BR-00018, in the search box on the right side. Click on the "Record Information" arrow on the left and then click on "Attachments" in the drop-down menu. The most recent documents should be at the end of the list. The PLUS website is updated in real time, so any revised information will be available when submitted.

A hearing before the Board of Supervisors has not yet been scheduled.

Application Filed for Adult Day Care Facility at 8003 Forbes Place

Friends Adult Day Care has filed an application for a Special Exception to operate an adult day care facility on the third floor of an existing office building at 8003 Forbes Place in Springfield, near the intersection of Forbes Place and Port Royal Road and south of the Ravensworth Shopping Center. The property is zoned to the I-5 District.

The applicant had operated an adult day care within the Calvary Church of the Nazarene in Annandale and now proposes to relocate and enlarge its operation. They are proposing to convert the third floor, or approximately 15,329 square feet, of the office building to adult day care use for up to 200 adults, with the first two floors of the building remaining occupied by office uses. A grassy area measuring approximately 20 feet by 170 feet would be used for outdoor recreation, consisting primarily of walking. Four standard picnic tables would be located in that area. Approximately 40 employees will be on site at any one time. Operating hours would be 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays. The applicant has stated that there would be minimal traffic impact because the majority of clients will arrive by buses or minivans. The daily impact is estimated at 100 trips, primarily at 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.



A hearing before the Planning Commission has been tentatively scheduled for November 15. A Board of Supervisors hearing has not yet been scheduled.

Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will not meet in August. Their next meeting will be held in person on Tuesday, September 19, at 7:00 p.m. in Braddock Hall. Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee meetings are open to the public and interested residents are encouraged to participate.

Update on Construction at Erickson Living's Woodleigh Chase Project

Much of the current work at Erickson Living's Woodleigh Chase campus on Braddock Road is in the interior of the buildings. At Emerson Square, the community building at the center of the three current buildings, the contractor is completing "punch list" items in both residential units

and the common areas. Balcony screens are also being installed. You may see site landscaping underway around the buildings.

At Fulton Landing, the residential building connected to Emerson Square, flooring is being installed in second floor units and countertops and cabinets are being installed in units on the upper floors. At Stafford Glen, the residential building to the east, subflooring is being laid and floor tile is being installed for showers and bathrooms. The final exterior stairs are being framed and will be poured in the coming weeks.

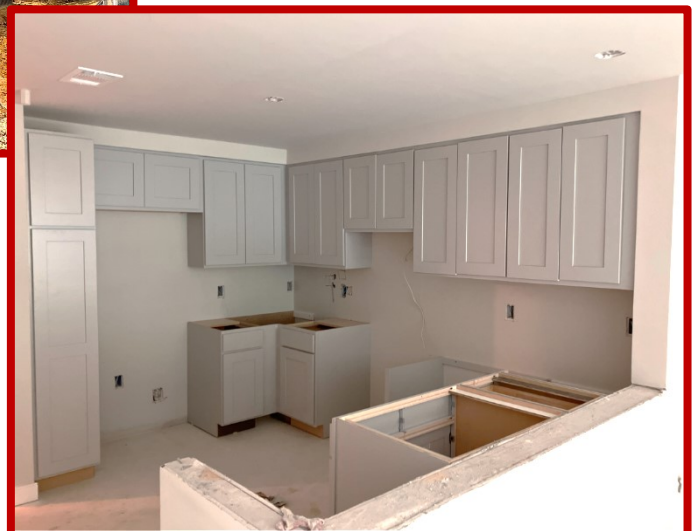


Update on Ilda’s Overlook Senior Residences on Braddock Road

The Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing has chosen the name “Ilda’s Overlook Senior Residences” for its affordable senior project on Braddock Road. This name was selected to recognize some of Fairfax County’s Black history. Matilda Gibson Parker was the daughter of Horace Gibson, who folklore claims he affectionately called Ilda. Horace and fellow blacksmith, Moses Parker founded Ilda, a community located along Little River Turnpike. For more

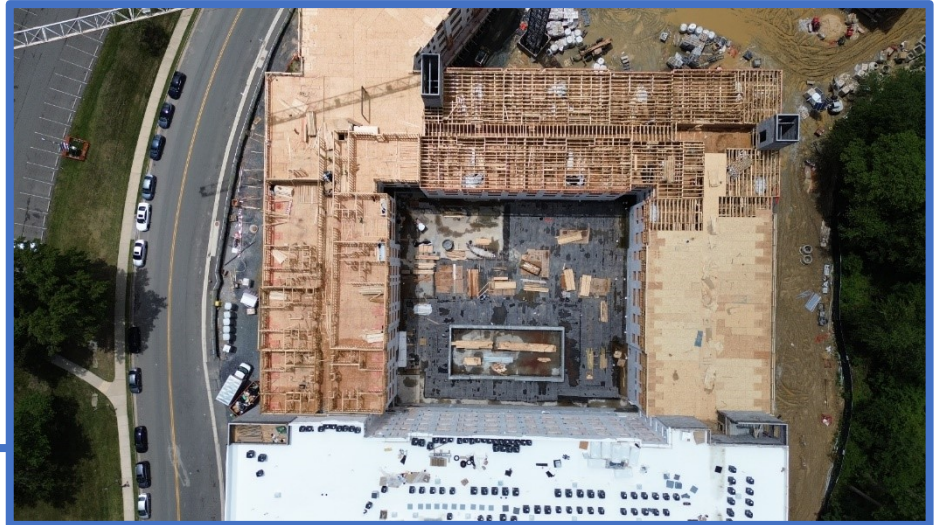
information about the history, see [Ilda Historical Marker](#) and [The Plantation and the Pizza Hut: A Suburban County Reconsiders Its History.](#)

This week, the contractor completed masonry work for the monument sign in front of the building, began pouring concrete walks, and continued installing siding. The first-floor corridor and common space drywall was hung. On the second floor, drywall in the units and doors have been installed, along with water heaters. Shelving was installed on the third floor, and cabinets and interior door hardware were installed on the third and fourth floors. As you can see from the interior photo below, the units are really beginning to take shape. In the next few weeks, the contractor will continue placing countertops, install ceramic tile tub and shower surrounds, and begin installing toilet and bathroom accessories.



Update on The Main at One University Student Housing Development

The developer has made a good deal of progress in the last month on The Main at One University, the student housing development at the northwest corner of Ox Road and University Drive. They are currently hanging drywall in some areas while installing trusses for roof framing in other areas. Windows are being installed around the building, and they have also started hanging exterior finishes. Below are bird's eye views of the two interior courtyards, which provide unique perspectives of the project.



Update on One University Affordable Housing Development

Masonry and siding on the senior affordable housing building masonry is approximately 75 percent complete. Units have been drywalled and primed for painting, and tile work is ongoing while corridors are being finished. In the family building, drywall work is ongoing on the third floor, mechanical-electric-and-plumbing rough-in work is ongoing on the second floor, and exterior masonry is approximately 40 percent complete. Masonry work on the single-story community building between the senior and family buildings is complete and mechanical-electric-and-plumbing rough-in work is ongoing. The delivery of electrical switchgear remains impacted by supply chain delays.



Cases Filed with the Board of Zoning Appeals

The Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) hears and makes decisions on requests for variances (relief from specific zoning regulations such as lot width, building height, or minimum yard requirements) and Special Use Permits. It meets on Wednesdays beginning at 9:00 a.m. BZA meetings are aired live on the county government's cable TV Channel 16. Residents who have concerns about an application are encouraged to submit a letter for the record or testify at the hearing on the case in person, by telephone, or by pre-submitted video. For information on how to submit comments or testify, please visit the [Board of Zoning Appeals website](#). These matters will not come before the Board of Supervisors but will be decided by the BZA. Staff reports are normally available online a week before the scheduled hearing.

Access to information on BZA cases is available through the Planning and Land Use System, or PLUS. This system allows users to create and submit applications online, pay fees, track the status of applications, and receive electronic notifications. It also offers more information to the public than the previous system and does so in real time. Visit the [PLUS website](#) for more information on this land use platform.

- **Nandor Szuprics & Erika B. Szuprics – 4800 Treasure Court, Fairfax
SP-2022-BR-00184**
The applicants are seeking a reduction in setback requirements to permit an open deck to remain 4.8 feet from the rear lot line. The BZA hearing on this application has been administratively moved to September 20. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).
- **Sara Marie Burke – 6709 Caneel Court, Springfield
SP-2023-BR-00013**
The applicant is requesting approval to expand a home childcare facility to care for 12 children. Arrival times would be between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m. School-age children would be transported to school via the daycare van at 8:40 a.m. and returned to the site after school at 3:30 p.m. Pick-up times would be between 4:45 and 6:00 p.m. The BZA hearing on this application has been scheduled for September 20. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).
- **Farzaneh Hajiaghazorgi and Nini Daycare LLC – 5002 Wheatstone Drive,
Fairfax
SP-2022-BR-00177**
The applicant is requesting a Special Permit to expand a home childcare facility to care for 12 children and a reduction in setback requirements based on errors in building location for an accessory structure to remain 0.0 feet from a side lot line. The childcare is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Arrival times would be between 7:30 and 9:15 a.m. Pick-up times would be between 2:45 and 5:00 p.m. There would be four employees, two for the morning shift and two for the afternoon shift. Parking would be in the driveway and along the street. The BZA hearing on this application has been scheduled for September 20. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).
- **Ste. Bernadette Catholic Church and School – 7600 Old Keene Mill Road,
Springfield
SP-78-S-276**

The applicant is requesting to amend their Special Permit previously approved for a Place of Worship, Private School of General Education, and Child Care Center to allow for modifications to site and development conditions to permit construction of a fellowship hall, and to make condition modifications. A new two-story building with 13,500 square feet of gross floor area would be added to a portion of the existing parking lot and connect to an existing church building. The first floor would include meeting rooms, classrooms for church programs, and administrative facilities. The second floor would include a fellowship hall. Although the number of parking spaces would be reduced, the total would exceed the requirement under the previously granted parking reduction. The BZA hearing on this application has been scheduled for September 13. Additional information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

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