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# The BRADDOCK BEACON

A Monthly Newsletter from Braddock  
District Supervisor John C. Cook

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## David Curtis Named Braddock District Community Champion

David Curtis, a dedicated volunteer with the Truro Homes Association Stream Team, was selected by Supervisor Cook as the Braddock District's 2017 Community Champion! Dave was recognized at the Fairfax County [Volunteer Service Awards](#) on April 21 for his dedication and commitment to the Turkey Run Stream Restoration Project. This award is given annually by [Volunteer Fairfax](#) and recognizes volunteers from across the county who make a real difference in the lives of their neighbors.

The Turkey Run Stream, which flows through the heart of the community, has suffered from serious stormwater runoff problems, leading to eroded stream banks, loss of natural habitat, poor water quality, exposed public utility infrastructure, and unstable trees that create a safety concern. There have also been a few cases that have threatened homeowner lots. Dave's continued efforts leading the "Stream Team" ultimately led to development of a project to restore 3,500 linear feet of the stream channel, including re-grading and stabilizing eroded stream banks, modifying the stream channel, and replacing seven pedestrian bridges that are part of the heavily-used



Supervisor Cook congratulated this year's Community Champion, David Curtis, for his incredible accomplishments and dedication to the Braddock District.



Supervisor Cook has served on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors since 2009 and lives in Kings Park with his wife and six children. This project is an outstanding example of how a publicly-funded stream restoration project can be done on private property, and it could not have happened without Dave's hard work, dedication, and leadership. His work will result in long-lasting improvements that not only make the community a better place to live, but also protect the environment. We are grateful for his hard work and look forward to completion of this project.

## Supervisor Cook to Host Braddock District “Battle of the Bands”

Supervisor Cook will host the Braddock District “Battle of the Bands” Festival this summer on Sunday, July 16 at 3 p.m. This event will take place at Lakeside Park by Royal Lake (5216 Pommeroy Dr. Fairfax, VA 22032). Supervisor Cook’s office is looking for amateur and professional bands to compete! If you are interested, or if you know of musicians who would be, call Supervisor Cook’s office at 703 – 425 - 9300 or email [braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov). A flyer for this event can be found at the [end of this issue](#) of the Braddock Beacon, or [online](#).

## Fairfax County’s 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Fairfax County was founded in 1742, and to mark this historic occasion, a signature celebration will be held on the Historic Fairfax Courthouse grounds (4000 Chain Bridge Rd., Fairfax, VA 22030) on Saturday, June 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entertainment will include family-friendly activities, history exhibits, performances, and more! More information about this event can be found [online](#), and a [flyer](#) can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

## I-66 Toll Lane Ramps Design Community Meeting Scheduled

On May 9, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) presented outlines of new designs for toll lane ramps to and from Interstate 66 to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. A proposal of interest to residents of the Random Hills area introduced access from the regular I-66 lanes to the toll lanes near U.S. 50. Supervisor Cook would like all Braddock residents to know that they have the opportunity to [learn more](#) about these designs at a public meeting in the cafeteria of Oakton High School (2900 Sutton Road, Vienna) on June 12. The meeting will take place from 6-8:30 p.m. A brief presentation will begin at 7 p.m., followed by a question and answer session. The final formal public hearing will be scheduled this fall after design plans are refined.

## Braddock Road Community Meeting June 26

There will be a Braddock Road community meeting on June 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lake Braddock Secondary School cafeteria. At 6:30, there will be an open house, with Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) staff available for questions. At 7:30 p.m., there will be a presentation on the Braddock Road Study and a review of options for transit parking.

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# Braddock Neighborhood News

Supervisor Cook hosts a monthly television show, [Braddock Neighborhood News](#), on Fairfax County Channel 16, which is available on most cable networks. Supervisor Cook invites topical guests to share pertinent and informative items with the viewers.

Domestic violence effects everyone in the community, and many of us may not realize the many ways that it can alter our lives. The Domestic Violence Prevention, Policy and Coordinating Council, or DVPPCC, was established to develop policies to combat domestic violence. Supervisor Cook was named Chair of the DVPPCC last year, and is working to help the Council be as effective as possible in meeting the challenges of domestic violence.



**Supervisor Cook invited Tom Goodwin, member of the DVPPCC, as well as Gretchen Soto and Yolanda Thompson, both Program Managers at the County Office for Women and Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, to talk about how to eliminate domestic violence in the County.**

To discuss the DVPPCC, Supervisor Cook invited Tom Goodwin, member of the DVPPCC, as well as Gretchen Soto and Yolanda Thompson, both Program Managers at the County Office for Women and Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, to come on BNN and tell us about their mission of eliminating domestic violence in the County. The shows air throughout the month and can be seen Sundays at 5 p.m., Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Fridays at 5 p.m.

## Cook in the Community

On March 31, Supervisor Cook held his Senior Safety Summit in Braddock Hall, and helped teach attendees the proper response to various emergency situations.

On April 4, Supervisor Cook joined community leaders at the Government Center to present the “Make the Call” campaign, a year-long effort to encourage victims and witnesses of domestic violence to call the County’s 24/7 hotline.

On April 12, Supervisor Cook joined the Braddock District Council (BDC) at their annual “Legislators Forum” and heard from Braddock’s state delegation on what legislative activity is occurring in Richmond.



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On April 18, Supervisor Cook took part in a Diversion First Stakeholder's meeting, where participants collaborated on the future of Diversion First.

On April 19, Supervisor Cook attended the Unified Prevention Coalition Youth Council Meeting, where he presented the "[Parents who Host Lose the Most](#)" proclamation.

On April 20, Supervisor Cook held a meeting of the Domestic Violence Prevention Council in his role as Chair, and led members in a productive discussion about domestic violence awareness and prevention strategies.

On April 21, Supervisor Cook attended the Volunteer Fairfax [Volunteer Service Awards](#), where his selection for the Braddock District Community Champion, Dave Curtis, was honored for his outstanding dedication and service to the community.

On April 22, Supervisor Cook attended the Annandale - North Springfield Little League Opening Day, and joined his sponsored team, the Mud Hens, and wished them the best of luck in the upcoming season.



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On April 23, Supervisor Cook attended the 2017 Holocaust Commemoration at the JCCNV, where participants observed original readings, dance, music, a candle lighting by survivors, Holocaust Mourners' Kaddish, and a recognition of our community's survivors.

On April 24, Supervisor Cook attended the Lake Accotink Master Plan Community Meeting on Park Resources, and discussed the future of Lake Accotink.

On April 25, Supervisor Cook took part in the Inova Heart Transplant Anniversary at the Heart and Vascular Institute.

On April 27, Supervisor Cook joined his neighbors and constituents at the Kings Park Senior Luncheon, where delicious food was served and enjoyed.

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# Community Information

## Code Compliance Corner

May's topic for Code Compliance Corner is multiple occupancy. Section 2-502 of the Zoning Ordinance establishes rules related to limitations on the occupancy of a single family dwelling unit. If you notice an excessive number of vehicles in the driveway or street, multiple people entering or leaving the residence at different hours of the day, or generally what seems like an overcrowding situation, you may contact DCC to file a complaint. For more information, visit the [DCC website](#) or see the online [Multiple Occupancy Flyer](#).

## High School Graduation Dates Available

High School graduation dates for Fairfax County are available [online](#). All Braddock high school and secondary school graduation ceremonies will take place at Eagle Bank Arena (4500 Patriot Cir, Fairfax, VA 22030). The Braddock District school graduation dates are as follows: Lake Braddock Secondary School will have its graduation on June 19 at 9:30 a.m., Robinson Secondary School will host its on June 15 at 9:30 a.m., and W.T. Woodson High School will host its on Tuesday, June 20 at 2 p.m.

## Fairfax County Launches Bike Month Celebration

To encourage local participation during National Bike Month, the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) [Bicycle Program](#) has planned numerous activities throughout May, including special events, themed rides, and contests. To kick off the month, the County invites residents to register for the [National Bike Challenge](#), which encourages individual results and allows participants to challenge others for rewards, prizes, and most importantly, bragging rights. The National Bike Challenge runs through September 30.

Fairfax County's [Bike Map](#) can help riders find designated bike lanes, paths, and trails, while also identifying routes by comfort and skill level. [National Bike to Work Day](#) is celebrated throughout the National Capital Area on Friday, May 19. There are 13 pit stops located in Fairfax County, where bicyclists can stop on their way to work for a morning refreshment, learn about bike services and resources in the community, get a bike tune-up (select locations) and free giveaways. The first 16,000 to register at [www.biketoworkdaymetrodc.org](http://www.biketoworkdaymetrodc.org) will receive a free t-shirt. Other themed rides are planned throughout the month of May:

- May 5-7: Bike to Worship Days
- May 10: [National Bike to School Day](#)
- May 14: [CycloFemme/Global Women's Cycling Day](#)
- May 24-8: [Bike to Market Days](#)
- May 29: Bike to BBQ

For more information on Fairfax County Bike Month, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/bike](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/bike) or contact the Bicycle Program at 703-877-5600, TTY 711.

# Fairfax County Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association's Officer of the Year Award

Our very own PFC Matt Dannemann, a fourteen-year FCPD officer assigned to the West Springfield District Office, won the Fairfax County Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association's Officer of the Year Award. This award is a recognition of his tremendous efforts in policing and communication with the community. PFC Danneman is a member of the FCPD Search and Rescue Team (SAR), the Technical Response Unit (TRU) and Crisis Intervention Team (CIT). PFC Dannemann consistently makes good decisions on the job and in high-stress situations. The Braddock District is clearly well served with PFC Danneman on the force. Good job Matt!

## Braddock Nights Schedule Posted

Supervisor Cook invites you to mark your summer calendar for the return of the free Braddock Nights Concert Series at Lake Accotink and Rutherford Parks on Friday evenings from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Braddock Nights has always been about bringing the community together with music- so come out with friends, family, and neighbors to enjoy some great summer tunes. Please bring your own blankets and lawn chairs. Concert information is subject to change. For updates, visit the Summer Entertainment Series' [webpage](#). A flyer can be found at the [end](#) of this edition of the Braddock Beacon.



**PFC Matt Dannemann, from the West Springfield District Office, won the Fairfax County Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association's (FCCPAAA) Officer of the Year Award**

## Braddock Neighbor of the Month

Mark Griffin, resident and President of the Park West Community Association (PWCA), is the May Braddock Neighbor of the Month! Mark has been PWCA President for over a year, and has spent his time in that role working diligently to make our community more attractive, safer, and more fiscally responsible to the owners.

Mark goes above and beyond the call of duty by reaching out to neighboring HOAs to build better relationships. As a community leader, Mark understands that building relationships with neighbors and other communities pays dividends in the long run. Mark is continually trying to attract volunteers from the PWCA neighborhood to help with neighborhood cleanups. This beautifies the Braddock District and helps make it the wonderful place to live that it is today. As President, he is very "hands on", and often goes door-to-door to chat with neighbors about the various topics of the day. This helps foster a better sense of community and neighborhood strength. Thank you Mark for all your hard work!



**Mark Griffin, resident and President of the Park West Community Association (PWCA), is the May Braddock Neighbor of the Month!**

**If you would like to nominate one of your neighbors for their service to the community, contact Supervisor Cook's Office at 703-425-9300 or email [braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov).**

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# Human Services Corner

## Second Story Open-Door Information Sessions

Second Story, formerly Alternative House, a 45 year old organization that transforms the lives of children, youth, and their families by providing safe havens and opportunities for them to grow and thrive, welcomes volunteers to assist with their programs. These include a number of programs: Second Story Teens in Crisis, a program that gives safe haven to teens who are homeless, leaving an abusive situation, or experiencing crisis; Second Story Young Mothers, a comprehensive program that includes housing, food, clothing, financial advising, and a path to stability for young mothers and their children; Second Story Homeless Youth, a program which offers services and support to enable homeless young people to finish high school, start college, recover from trauma, and enter empowered adulthood; and Second Story in the Community, which helps low-income, disadvantaged youth connect to schools and their community. Open-door information sessions are held every second Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. at their 2100 Gallows Road, Vienna, VA 22182 Emergency Shelter for Teenagers location. For additional information, and to RSVP online, please go [online](#).

## Environmental Update

### Stream Restoration Projects

As land around us becomes increasingly developed, impervious surfaces such as rooftops, asphalt roads, and concrete replace the trees, shrubs, groundcover, and soil that retain and filter stormwater. As a result, surface water runoff increases and often overwhelms our streams. In order to make more room in the channel, the stream banks and beds erode, creating a wider, deeper channel. This erosion means sediment and attached nutrients wash downstream, ending up in our lakes, rivers, and eventually the Chesapeake Bay. Habitat is damaged, recreational value is diminished, and private properties are sometimes endangered.

We are fortunate to have been able to restore a number of stream segments in the Braddock District. A significant project is currently underway on the Turkey Run Stream in the Truro neighborhood. Supervisor Cook is pleased to have been able to secure a commitment for construction funding for two additional projects, in Long Branch and Southport/Signal Hill, which are scheduled to begin later this year. These projects will help reduce sediment loads being transported downstream by stabilizing channel beds and banks, resulting in improved water quality, protection of private property and public utility infrastructure, and increasing in-stream and riparian habitat.

**Turkey Run Stream Restoration** – Work is progressing on this complicated restoration, which involves restoring approximately 3,850 linear feet of stream channel in the Truro neighborhood which had become deeply incised, separating it from the natural floodplain, undercutting banks, toppling trees, and in a few cases threatening homeowner lots. This major project includes re-grading and stabilizing eroded stream banks, modifying the stream channel, and replacing seven pedestrian bridges that are part of the heavily-used trail. The project began in October, and progress has been slower than expected due to on-site conditions that have required adjustments to be made during construction. We expect work to be completed in early July.

**Long Branch Tributary at Long Branch Falls Park Stream Restoration** – Supervisor Cook has secured a commitment for construction funding for a 620 linear feet segment of stream extending from a storm drain outfall at King David Boulevard to a culvert under Windflower Lane. The upstream portion of this channel is stable, as it lies over bedrock, but the stream has meandered and several segments of the channel have become over-widened. One area, in particular, is encroaching upon a resident's property. This project focuses on narrowing

the channel dimensions, redirecting flows away from eroded areas, and installing grade controls to dissipate stream energy and prevent further over-widening and destabilization. Construction is expected to begin within the next three months. After the starting date has been determined, a “Pardon the Dust” meeting will be scheduled with the community to review the project and answer any questions.

**Pohick Creek Tributary at Queen Victoria Court Stream Restoration** – A construction funding commitment has also been obtained for restoration of 3,353 linear feet of the Pohick Creek Tributary in the Southport and Signal Hill neighborhoods. The Pohick Creek tributary stream that flows parallel to Queen Victoria Court and Parliament Drive (under Lake Braddock Drive) is seriously eroded and the trails and foot bridges have been impacted. Stream stabilization will reduce sediment loads while maintaining capacity and controlling meander. It will also improve safety of a path/trail heavily used by Lake Braddock Secondary School Students, as well as for recreation and use by community residents. It is expected that this project will go out for bid soon, with construction to begin in approximately six months.

## Royal Lake Update

The Royal Lake dredging project is nearing completion. Work to repair the forebay berms, which were damaged by the late spring storms, has been completed. The two gates controlling the water leaving the lake are now closed and the lake is filling back up. The length of time it will take to reach its normal level will depend upon the amount of rainfall we receive. A few additional items remain before the contractor can close out the project. A failing stormwater culvert which runs under the paved maintenance road near the Pomeroy Drive entrance parking lot will be replaced. The entire access road and parking lots which were within the project limits of disturbance will be repaved. The remainder of the parking lot off Gainsborough Drive, although outside of the project limits, will also be repaved. Wetland plants will be installed along the shoreline in various areas around the lake. Tree planting will be done in the fall to help improve the trees’ chances of survival.

## Community Meeting May 23 on Stormwater/Wastewater Consolidated Facility at Freds Oak Road

A proposal has been submitted to consolidate Fairfax County’s Stormwater Planning Division, Maintenance and Stormwater Management Division, and Wastewater Collection Division on land currently occupied by the Wastewater Collection Division and adjacent property owned by Virginia Concrete at Freds Oak Road and the Fairfax County Parkway in Fairfax Station. The proposed new Stormwater/Wastewater consolidated facility would house administrative offices and storage, not actual treatment operations. It would involve construction of a new building on the properties for offices, conference space, locker rooms, and testing and analysis labs, plus maintenance shops, industrial shops, warehousing space, service vehicle parking, fuel dispensing, and equipment and material storage yards. Access would be via Freds Oak Road, with potential emergency or small vehicle access from Clara Barton Drive.

Because this is a proposed county government facility, the proposal has been filed and will be considered under the 2232 Review Process. Under this process, a public hearing will be held before the Planning Commission. Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission will determine if the proposal is in substantial accord with the county’s Comprehensive Plan and approve, deny, or defer decision.

Although this proposal will not go before the Board of Supervisors for consideration, Supervisor Cook will hold a community meeting on Tuesday, May 23, at the Burke Centre Conservancy’s Ponds Community Center, 9837 Burke Pond Lane, Burke, at 7:30 p.m. The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will also be studying the proposal at its regular monthly meetings, held in Braddock Hall on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.



# Land Use Update

## Kings Park Shopping Center Sign - SE 2017-BR-007

The owners of Kings Park Shopping Center have submitted a Special Exception Application to allow the updating of the existing pylon sign. The replacement would be consistent with the design and colors used in the façade renovation that was completed in 2015. The size of the new sign would be slightly lower in height and area and would continue to be internally lit. This proposal will be examined by the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee. It is tentatively scheduled to be considered by the Planning Commission in September.

## Saint Bernadette Catholic Church

Saint Bernadette Catholic Church, located on Old Keene Mill Road in Springfield, has filed a Special Permit Amendment to modify development conditions, construct improvements, and make site modifications to their church and school. These proposed changes would not increase the number of sanctuary seats or children in the nursery school and private school of education.

The applicant proposes to modify the development conditions to change the hours of operation for the nursery school from two sessions per day, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., to one session from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The application also proposes a building addition containing 1,520 square feet to support one additional classroom and administrative facilities for the nursery school; a two-story building addition containing 980 square feet to support a storage room and an elevator associated with the administrative offices, and modifications to an existing fenced playground resulting from the building additions.

In addition to the modifications associated with the nursery school, the applicant proposes a second floor addition on top of an existing building that would be used as a multi-purpose room and a one-story addition of 1,350 square feet to support administrative facilities for the existing private school of general education. The proposal includes plans to construct two one-story additions to the existing sanctuary building, which would contain a total of 250 square feet and be used for two confessionals. These two additions were previously approved but not constructed.

This Special Permit Amendment will not come before the Board of Supervisors, but will be decided by the Board of Zoning Appeals. A hearing date has not yet been set. You can find more information on the Board of Zoning Appeals and check their schedule at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/bza/>.

## Community Council on Land Use Engagement

At its April 17 meeting, the Community Council used breakout sessions to delve into the topics of how the county could improve outreach efforts and how the county might more effectively engage citizens. Council members and guests engaged in robust discussion, after which each focus group presented its top recommendations to the full group. These suggestions will form the basis for the Council's report to the Board of Supervisors. A draft report will be discussed at the final meetings of the Community Council this month.

Community members are welcome to attend meetings. For the updated meeting schedule, agendas, handouts, and a link to video of past meetings (for logistical reasons, the breakout sessions are not available on video), please visit the Council's website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman/communitycouncil.htm>. Written comments may also be submitted to Chairman Bulova's Chief of Staff at [Clayton.Medford@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Clayton.Medford@fairfaxcounty.gov). All comments will be shared with Chairman Bulova and Council Chair Walter Acorn.

HISTORIC FAIRFAX COUNTY COURTHOUSE



# Celebrate FAIRFAX COUNTY'S 275<sup>TH</sup> Birthday!

Saturday, June 17, 2017

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Historic Fairfax Courthouse**

The day's events, which are free and open to the public, will include:

- Family-friendly activities
- Entertainment
- History Exhibits
- Living History
- Performances

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# Braddock Nights Summer 2017 Schedule

## Lake Accotink Park

(7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield, VA 22152)

### July

- 7 Shenandoah Run (Folk)
- 14 The NOVA Annandale Symphony Orchestra (Summer Pops)
- 21 City of Fairfax "Concert Band" (Concert Band)
- 28 Linwood Taylor (Texas Swing Blues)

### August

- 4 Kings Park Band (Concert Band)
- 11 The Nitehawks Swing (Big Band)
- 18 City of Fairfax Band "Alte Kameraden German Band" (German)

## Rutherford Park

(4710 Guinea Road, Fairfax, VA 22032)

### July

- 7 Orquesta Tropikiimba (Latin)
- 14 David Bach Consort (Jazz)
- 21 Cool McFinn (Irish/Folk)
- 28 Little Red & The Renegades (Zydeco)

### August

- 4 Gina DeSimone and the Moaners (Blues/Swing)
- 11 Barefoot Movement (Bluegrass)
- 18 King Teddy (Swing)

# Supervisor John C. Cook

Invites you to the Braddock District



**Sunday, July 16, 2017**  
**3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**  
**Lakeside Park – Royal Lake**  
**5216 Pommeroy Dr.**  
**Fairfax, VA 22032**



Join friends, family, and neighbors at the Braddock District Battle of the Bands Festival on Sunday, July 16 starting at 3 p.m. This free event is sponsored by Braddock Supervisor John C. Cook and is open to everyone.

We are pitting the bands from all across the District and the County against each other to showcase their incredible musical talents. We are looking for amateur and professional bands to compete! For more information, please call 703 – 425 - 9300 or email [braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov).

**Food carts, music, and neighbors!**

**This event is sponsored by Braddock District Supervisor John C. Cook**