

# The Braddock Beacon



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Dear Neighbor,

Happy 4th of July weekend! 246 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Americans continue to come together on July 4th to celebrate our nation's independence and rededicate ourselves to the ideals laid out in our founding documents. I'm looking forward to participating in the City of Fairfax Independence Day parade and other neighborhood events! I'm looking forward to participating in the City of Fairfax Independence Day parade and other neighborhood events!

Please be safe while celebrating this weekend. The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department has [released its annual guidance regarding firework safety](#), which I hope all Braddock residents will take a moment to read. I also hope that you will take the proper precautions against heat exhaustion and remember to [Look Before You Lock](#) to make sure no children or pets are still in the car as you exit your vehicle. Also, remember not to drink and drive. If you do not have a designated driver, the [Washington Regional Alcohol Program is offering free rides to prevent drunk driving](#).

## **Board of Supervisors Actions**

The Board of Supervisors met this week and took a number of important actions. First, we passed a [Board Matter](#) directing staff to compile information on reproductive health resources, services, and facilities that are available to our residents. With consideration for privacy and safety, the Health Department will develop a webpage ensuring that our community has accurate information regarding their rights and access to reproductive health services in Fairfax County and Virginia. Additionally, the Board directed the Legislative Committee to monitor any legislation in Richmond aimed at weakening or strengthening abortion rights or access to contraception. As Chairman of our Legislative Committee, I intend to vigorously oppose any effort to involve the government in what should be private healthcare decisions.

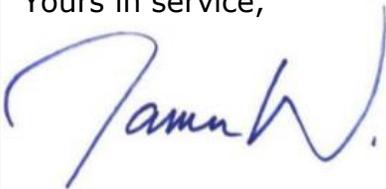
After a lengthy and exhaustive public outreach process led by Supervisor Rodney Lusk, the Board voted 10-0 to rename the Lee District to the Franconia District. The name Franconia better represents the vibrant communities that make up the district. The County Executive will now begin the process to formally change the name and conduct community outreach to support any organizations that may be affected by the name change.

Finally, the Board of Supervisors adopted changes to our County Code to reflect legislation passed by the General Assembly allowing us to more effectively enforce laws against loud vehicle exhausts by making it a primary offense. Loud exhausts are a quality of life of issue that has negatively impacted a number of communities in the Braddock District. As Legislative Committee Chairman, I spent months working with our General Assembly delegation to address this issue. While the legislation doesn't do everything I had hoped, it is a step in the right direction and I want to specifically thank Delegate Vivian Watts, Delegate David Bulova, and Senator Dave Marsden for working with us to craft the legislation.

### **Vaccines Now Available for Everyone Older than 6 Months**

The Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 mRNA vaccines have been authorized for emergency use in children aged 6 months and older. Both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are available to Fairfax County residents from the Fairfax County Health Department (FCHD). Although there are walk-in opportunities, demand has been high, and some sites have experienced long wait times. To avoid a long wait, you can schedule an appointment. Visit the [FCHD appointment scheduling site](#) to find walk-in opportunities or schedule an appointment with the Health Department. Pharmacies and private health care providers also offer the vaccine. You can find a vaccine location and make an appointment [here](#).

Yours in service,



Supervisor James Walkinshaw

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# Citizens of the Month

## Melissa and Jarrett Stark of Hickory Farms Community Association

Melissa and Jarrett Stark took over stewardship of the Hickory Farms Community Association common areas in 2015. They have contributed untold volunteer hours picking up fallen branches, removing invasive plants, cutting down dead trees, and managing a mowing contract for the association. Their first step was to undertake the removal of about  $\frac{3}{4}$ -acre of invasive bamboo in the upper common area. They researched the best methods to use, coordinated with the Fairfax County Urban Forester and various landscaping companies, and then developed a plan and cost estimate. They gained approval and funding from the Hickory Farms Community Association board and began a three-year project of eradication.



As this project was underway, Melissa and Jarrett developed a plan to plant a wildflower garden and a variety of native trees in the cleared area as well as other portions of the common areas that had become overgrown with invasive plants. Once again, they developed a plan and cost estimate and made the case to the HOA board. Under the Starks' stewardship of the common areas, Hickory Farms received a Best of Braddock Award in the category "Neighborhood Enhancement or Beautification – Community Association" (2019) and the Fairfax County "Friends of Trees Award" (2021). Both awards are a direct reflection of Melissa's and Jarrett's long-term and ongoing dedication to improving the natural environment of their neighborhood.

In view of their unwavering spirit of volunteerism, leadership by example, and their success in transforming Hickory Farms' common areas into a beautiful and more useable neighborhood resource, Melissa and Jarrett richly merit recognition as Braddock District Citizens of the Month.

If you would like to nominate someone you know for citizen of the month, please email [orlando.cabrera@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:orlando.cabrera@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call (703) 425-9300.

# Walkinshaw in the Community



Supervisor Walkinshaw joined the Braddock Community and the family of Pvt. Anthony B. Evans at the rededication of the Soldiers' Memorial at Howrey Field Park on June 1



Supervisor Walkinshaw attended the Robinson Secondary School Graduation Ceremony on June 2



Supervisor Walkinshaw attended Lake Braddock Secondary School's Graduation on June 6



Supervisor Walkinshaw celebrated the promotion of Fifth Graders at Braddock Elementary School on June 8



Supervisor Walkinshaw hosted the first annual Braddock Bark at Lake Accotink Park on June 12 (See below for more photos)



Supervisor Walkinshaw hosted the dedication of two benches for former Chairman Sharon Bulova and former Braddock District Supervisor John Cook on June 18



Supervisor Walkinshaw kicked off the opening concert of the Braddock District Arts in the Parks Series on June 18



Supervisor Walkinshaw joined the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority for the Virginia Railway Express 30th Anniversary Ride on June 22



Supervisor Walkinshaw cut the ribbon at the new Wakefield Park Pickleball Courts on June 25



Supervisor Walkinshaw joined the Hickory Farms Community Association for their annual garden tour on June 25

# Feature: Braddock Bark

**Thank you Braddock Residents for Making the First Braddock Bark Amazing!**

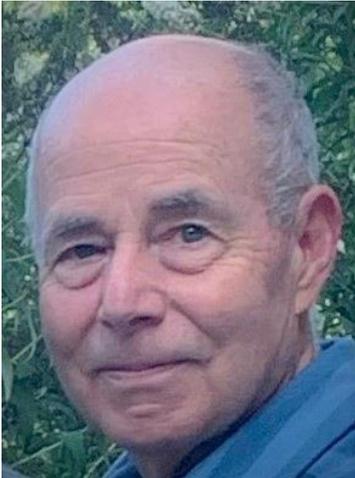
*Also special thanks to Celebrate Fairfax, Inc., Fairfax County Park Authority, Fairfax County Police, exhibitors, and volunteers.*



**We can't wait to see you next year for Braddock Bark 2023!**

# Community News

## New Leadership for the Braddock District Council of Community Associations



Braddock District Council (BDC) is a committee of the Homeowners and Community Association Representatives in the Braddock District of Fairfax County. Last month, BDC held its elections for executive officers. At the June 15 virtual meeting of the Braddock District Council, the following officers were elected to serve for a one-year term:

Chair: Bob Cosgriff (pictured left) of Hickory Farms  
Vice-Chair: Sarah Lennon of Kings Park West  
Treasurer: Kevin Morse of Woodwalk/Burke Centre  
Secretary: Vacant (nominations are solicited)

As stated in its By-laws, the purpose of the Braddock District Council, an independent corporate entity registered with the State Corporation Commission, is to collectively represent the interests of community associations that are members in good standing, to facilitate cooperation and coordination among community associations, and to provide a path of communications between associations and officials/elected representatives.

Membership in the Council (which is voluntary) offers a clear "value-added" to the boards of community associations. It ensures that your association can stay up-to-date on important issues in Fairfax County by hearing directly from County officials. Further, membership offers the opportunity to learn "best practices" from other associations that can help improve your association's management. The BDC also provides the opportunity for member associations to take an active role in supporting the Supervisor's initiatives, such as the Summer Concert Series, Braddock Bark, Best of Braddock, Taste of Braddock, Stuff the Bus food drives, and other programs. In other words, the Braddock District Council can be an important driver in improving the quality of life for all District residents. But this will happen only if more associations join the Council.

Although Council meetings are open to all associations, voting rights require paid-up membership; dues are nominal, ranging from \$25 to \$100 per year, based on association size. Dues notices will be sent during the summer to the e-mail address of record for each association. The new BDC officers have a goal to increase the membership to make the Council more vibrant and effective. BDC encourages existing members to renew their membership. If your community association is not currently a member, when you receive the dues notice, please take action to become a member.

The next BDC meeting will be Wednesday, September 21, in person, in Braddock Hall. This meeting serves as the Council's required annual meeting and will be the forum for Supervisor Walkinshaw's annual Town Hall meeting. Please circle the date now and plan on attending!

## HOA Contact Updates

Has your Civic Association (CA) or Homeowners Association (HOA) had a change in leadership recently? Please make sure the Braddock District Office has the current contact information for your CA/HOA. Email [braddockbos@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:braddockbos@fairfaxcounty.gov) with new names and email addresses for your CA/HOA leadership so the Braddock District Office can update its records accordingly. This information is helpful if our office needs to reach out to your community on a specific issue.

## Walk With AFSP in the Fairfax Independence Day Parade



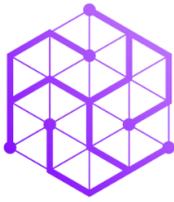
Supervisors James Walkinshaw, Kathy Smith, and colleagues on the Board are proud to recognize September as Suicide Awareness Month and to be sponsors of Americans for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)'s annual Out of the Darkness community walk (coming on October 1). In support of AFSP's mission, you are invited to join the [Americans for Suicide Prevention National Capital Area Chapter \(AFSP-NCAC\)](#) to celebrate

Independence Day and raise awareness for their mission to save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide! AFSP will march in Division III which will line up near the Fairfax County Courthouse. For details, [sign up on their volunteer form](#) and visit the City of [Fairfax's parade website](#).

## Events on July 4

- [City of Fairfax Independence Day Parade](#) (4100 Chain Bridge Rd, Fairfax), 10:00 a.m.
- Chapel Square Civic Association Parade (Quarter Charge Dr and Tollhouse Rd), 9:30 a.m.
- Kings Park Civic Association Parade (Kings Park Elementary School), 10:00 a.m.
- [Little Run Civic Association Parade and Festival](#) (Willet Dr & Maurice Ln), 11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- [Olde Forge/Surrey Square Civic Association Parade and Picnic](#) (Brandywine Swim Club), 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- [An American Celebration](#) at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## Fairfax Founders Fund



### FAIRFAX FOUNDERS FUND

The Fairfax Founders Fund, a Grant and Technical Assistance Program (the Fund), will provide early, pre-Series A capital, via grants, to start-up companies on a trajectory to apply for and access Series A institutional investment or a Small Business Administration Small Business Innovation Research or Small Business Technology Transfer award. The Fund's goals are:

- To bolster economic development in Fairfax County by growing innovation-based businesses and jobs and by preparing young companies for local angel investment, commercialization grants, and later stage investment.
- To promote the resources and advantages of Fairfax County by establishing a program that will connect startup businesses with area partnerships and developing competitive technology clusters in the County.
- To foster economic mobility by providing a new source of early-stage capital to small Fairfax County businesses with high growth potential and ensuring that these funds are broadly accessible to entrepreneurs of all backgrounds.

Find more information on this grant initiative [here](#).

## Fairfax Water's 2022 Annual Water Quality Report

As required by the [Safe Drinking Water Act's Consumer Confidence Report Rule](#), customers were notified of the annual [Fairfax Water Quality Report](#). Residents who prefer a paper copy of the report may request a paper copy [here](#).



# Environment & Parks News



## **Award Nominees wanted for this year's Friends of Trees Awards** **A Friends of Trees award recognizes efforts made for exceptional, outstanding, and innovative conservation-based tree actions in Fairfax County that meet one or more of the following criteria:**

- a. Protect and preserve existing trees and associated habitats.
- b. Increase Fairfax County's tree canopy and their related habitats.
- c. Educate and inspire people to plant more trees and properly maintain them, and convey an understanding of both the value and benefits of trees.
- d. Developers who go 'above and beyond' Fairfax County requirements to preserve and protect trees and associated habitats.

### **Nominee Categories:**

**Individual Volunteer:** An individual who has provided extraordinary unpaid leadership in conceiving and implementing a tree-related project.

**Non-profit Group or Business:** Examples include Scouts or other youth groups or clubs, "Friends of" groups, faith community properties, HOAs and Citizens Associations, county agencies and/or facilities.

**For-profit Company:** Examples include large corporations or other businesses, HOA management companies, commercial nurseries, landscaping contractors, office park and property managers.

**Development Community:** Must have demonstrated, during planning and implementation, a strong commitment to conservation-based actions to both preserve and plant trees **above and beyond** Fairfax County requirements.



Forms and supplemental information must be submitted to  
[TreeCommission@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:TreeCommission@fairfaxcounty.gov) by July 31.

Forms are available for download here:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/tree-commission/friends-trees-awards>

Nominations are reviewed by Tree Commission and Urban Forest Management Division staff.

Award recipients will be announced and honored publicly in the fall.

Questions? Email [TreeCommission@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:TreeCommission@fairfaxcounty.gov)

# REDUCE PESTICIDES FOR HUMAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH



A healthy environment composed of native plants and wildlife is in balance and provides the components needed for healthy human life: clean air, water, and a variety of healthy food. Pesticides are sometimes necessary to prevent diseases and ensure human health, but improper use of pesticides can have health and environmental risks. Use an Integrated Pest Management approach to help determine whether pesticides are necessary and reduce the risks associated with improper use or overuse of pesticides.



## Reduce pesticide exposure

Before using a pesticide, try preventative and less toxic pest management first. If a pesticide is necessary, read the product label for precautions and safety instructions. Environmental exposure may pose a greater risk to children and pregnant women. To reduce risks, hire a licensed professional to apply the pesticide.

[Protecting Kids from Environmental Exposure](#), CDC Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

## Reduce water pollution

Many pesticides are water soluble for application. This means pesticides can leach into streams and rivers when it rains. Stormwater runoff carries pesticides and other pollutants to streams via storm drains. Much of the drinking water in Northern Virginia comes from the Potomac River.

[Water's Journey](#), Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services



## Avoid harming beneficial insects

Broad spectrum insecticides not only kill targeted pests, they also kill beneficial insects including bees, butterflies and ladybugs.

Bees and butterflies are important pollinators that aid food production. Birds and other animals that eat insects suffer when insect populations decline.

[Smarter Pest Management: Protecting Pollinators at Home](#), Xerces Society

## Reduce the costs of unnecessary spraying

Just as antibiotics are not the cure for every illness, pesticides are not always the appropriate solution and can lead to pesticide resistance. Use Integrated Pest Management to identify problems and determine whether pesticides are necessary. Choose an appropriate solution with minimal risks to human and environmental health.

[Introduction to Integrated Pest Management](#), Environmental Protection Agency



## Reduce harm to fish and other aquatic wildlife

Insecticidal sprays that end up in bodies of water can directly harm fish and other aquatic wildlife. To reduce the harm to non-target animals, try alternatives first and choose less toxic pesticides such as larvicides. Avoid applications on wet or windy days to prevent drift to streams or other habitats.

[Pesticides and Aquatic Animals: A Guide to Reducing Impacts on Aquatic Systems](#), Virginia Cooperative Extension

Find more information on eco-friendly landscape maintenance at Watch the Green Grow [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/nature-history/watch-green-grow](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/nature-history/watch-green-grow). Share your progress reducing pesticide usage by recording it on the map.



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# CONTROL MOSQUITOES AND TICKS WITH INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT



## Identification

- Identify the pest and whether it is a problem or an annoyance. Contact a local [VCE extension agent](#) for assistance identifying the pest.
- Not all mosquitoes and ticks carry disease. [Fairfax County Health Department](#) sprays for mosquitoes when there is evidence of disease transmission.

## Prevention



- Dump stagnant water to reduce mosquito habitat. Organize a community clean-up day to remove standing water sources.
- Grow deer-resistant native plants and remove invasives such as English Ivy and Japanese Barberry, that harbor mosquitoes and ticks.
- Consider adding a deer fence or using deer repellent.
- Position playgrounds and other high-use areas away from woodland.
- [Tick Management Handbook](#), CDC and Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station

## Targeted use of larvicide

- If standing water cannot be dumped and pesticides are necessary, use a targeted pesticide that has fewer risks to other species. Insecticide options include larvicides such as Bti that kill mosquito larvae in water and adulticides that are sprayed to kill adult insects. Larvicidal mosquito dunks are more targeted than adulticidal sprays and pose less risk to fish and bees.
- Use larvicides to treat water that will not be used for drinking.
- Mosquito Control: [What you need to know about Using Larvicides](#), CDC

## Use insecticide carefully



- If an adulticidal spray is necessary, look for a qualified, licensed pest management professional to apply it safely. Find tips for selecting a pest management professional from the [National Pest Management Association](#).
- Insecticides should be applied between March and May and targeted to areas of mosquito and tick habitat such as ivy, bamboo, and brush. Avoid spraying around fruit and vegetable gardens or flowers in bloom. Do not apply products in wet or windy weather.
- People and pets should stay away from treated areas for an hour or until the product has dried. Adulticides are less targeted to the pest than larvicides and may be toxic to non-target animals. Adulticides should be used as a last resort, not as a preventative measure.
- [Mosquito Control: What you need to know about Using Adulticides](#), CDC

## Monitor results

- Monitor treatment results and update the pest control plan based on the results.

**Do more:** Visit [www.audubonva.org/audubon-at-home](http://www.audubonva.org/audubon-at-home) for information on the Healthy Yard Pledge and Wildlife Sanctuary Certification. Audubon at Home Ambassadors provide complimentary, personalized advice to homeowners and communities on choosing native plants, removing invasive plants, and other actions to create wildlife habitat.

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## **Vaccine Bait Drop Information Following the Rabid Coyote Attacks at Lake Accotink Park**

The recent events involving a rabid coyote at Lake Accotink Park have generated concern about public health and safety related to rabies in wildlife within Fairfax County. Oral rabies vaccine programs for animals are used primarily by state and federal agencies and only rarely at a County level. These programs are intended to prevent the spread of rabies to new geographical areas or to control an outbreak in non-endemic regions.

In Virginia, the oral rabies vaccine program aimed at the animal population is currently only implemented within an established vaccination zone along the Blue Ridge and Appalachian Mountains in Southwest Virginia to prevent the westward expansion of raccoon rabies as part of a USDA program. Rabies is endemic on the East Coast, in Fairfax County, and its surrounding counties. Raccoons are the primary rabies-vector species in the County, but they account for fewer human cases that require treatment than exposures from pets or bats.

Fairfax County conducted a pilot program on the oral rabies vaccine from FY 2000-2002. Over the course of the pilot program, 58,140 vaccine baits (pellets and tabs that appear to be food but contain a vaccine) were distributed in the target area. Program results indicated that distribution did not sufficiently reduce the number of persons exposed to rabies to proceed.

Fairfax County adheres to the standards and guidelines recommended by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) for rabies prevention and control. Based on VDH guidelines, rabies-vector species in vaccine-baited areas would still be considered unvaccinated because ingestion of the baits and the immunization status of individual animals cannot be determined. As a result, distribution would not change to the response protocols for exposure or the need for persons to receive post-exposure treatment in Fairfax County. Given that the cases of rabies in animals are widespread and not localized, any distribution would also have little impact on caseloads in Fairfax County because there are few barriers to prevent animal migration in the region.

Administration of vaccines to wildlife may also give the public a false sense of security because animals may be viewed as being vaccinated even though an animal may not have eaten a vaccine bait or may have no level of immunity. This misperception of vaccine protection may result in relaxed adherence to domestic vaccination laws or could result in increased human exposures associated with rabies-vector species encounters that are not perceived as a threat.

The County's current rabies program includes active, daily surveillance for potential exposures, oversight of vaccination treatments to patients, close coordination between the Fairfax County Health Department and Police Department's Animal Services Division to review exposure reports, preventative strategies such as low-cost rabies clinics, and extensive outreach with veterinarians, doctors, and other health-care professionals on rabies prevention and control.

For questions or additional information, please contact the Fairfax County Health Department Office of Epidemiology and Population Health at (703) 246-2433.

## NOVA Parks 5-Year Strategic Plan Survey

NOVA Parks (Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority) has been a unique organization for over sixty years. The only regional park authority in Virginia, NOVA Parks has 34 parks and 12,335 acres in six jurisdictions—the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, and the Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, and Loudoun. Conservation

and entrepreneurship are two of the defining and unique characteristics that make NOVA Parks different. NOVA Parks creates exceptional value to their member jurisdictions by generating the revenue required to support and grow this dynamic agency and serve the public from enterprise operations such as holiday light shows, golf, event venues, waterparks, campgrounds, and more. Innovative approaches are how NOVA Parks looks at conserving natural and historic resources, making parks more central to the community's life, and funding all of these vital community needs.



NOVA Parks has a bold vision for 2027. Parkland will increase, and park amenities and services will be developed and improved. Their land management will help to offset carbon. Their programs will attract new and growing interest in their historic and natural resources and their unique recreational opportunities. The brand of NOVA Parks will be known both locally and nationally. The next five years will be critical for their environment. NOVA Parks will work to set a national example of how public park agencies can reduce their impacts through energy conservation, growth in parkland, and thoughtful land management. Visitors to NOVA Parks' many facilities will feel at home and welcome.

Please take a moment to provide feedback on [NOVA Parks' Draft 2023-2027 Strategic Plan](#) by answering 2 questions about each of the 5 pillars and 2 overall questions at the bottom of the linked page. Your feedback will take only a few minutes and will help inform NOVA Parks' upcoming priorities.

# Compliance Corner

## **Loud Exhausts From Your Car Can Get You Pulled Over**

Effective July 1, Virginia law requires owners and drivers to operate their vehicles with an exhaust system in good working order and in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual levels of noise. For motor vehicles, such exhaust systems must be the type installed as standard factory equipment or a comparable design. A police officer can stop you and enforce this law as a primary offense. The fine for violating this ordinance can be up to \$250.

Loud cars have created a quality-of-life issue for many community members and have been identified as a public nuisance. Officers will rely on their training and experience to determine if a vehicle's exhaust system fails to prevent such excessive noise, when compared to a standard factory design on such vehicle. Virginia Code sections [82-1-6\(46.2-1049\)](#) and [82-6-26](#) (Exhaust system in good working order required) have been amended to allow enforcement.

## **Running Bamboo Ordinance**

On January 1, 2023, an ordinance regulating running bamboo will go into effect in Fairfax County. Although the Department of Code Compliance (DCC) will not be accepting running bamboo complaints until the effective date of the ordinance, this month DCC will preview the new ordinance for constituents.

Property owners who have running bamboo, or allow running bamboo to grow, on their property, are considered bamboo owners. The ordinance will not prohibit them planting or having running bamboo on their property, but spread to the property of any other person(s) or to a public right-of-way will constitute a violation. The ordinance will direct property owners in violation to take measures to contain all running bamboo originating from their property to prevent further spread. Residents wishing to submit a complaint may do so online or over the phone when the ordinance takes effect. More information is available on the [Code Compliance website](#) and in the flyer below.

## **Running Bamboo**

### **What is Running Bamboo?**

- Running bamboo is a fast-growing, invasive grass with a complex, horizontal root system called rhizomes that aggressively spread underground, as much as 15 feet per year. Once planted, running bamboo can eventually take over yards and travel across property lines, creating issues for adjacent property owners and local jurisdictions.
- Running bamboo can be destructive to the natural environment and suppress native plant species.
- Roots can push through brickwork, drains, cavity walls, patios, and exploit cracks or weaknesses in concrete.



### **Property Owner Responsibilities**

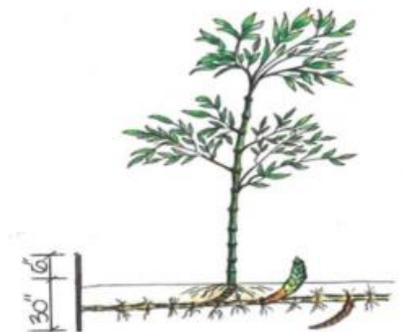
- In March of 2022, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors passed a new Bamboo Ordinance that goes into effect on January 1, 2023, to be enforced by the Department of Code Compliance on an individual complaint basis. Fairfax County Code § 119-3-2 provides that:
  1. A bamboo owner must not allow running bamboo to spread from the bamboo owner's property to any public right-of-way or any adjoining property not owned by the bamboo owner.

**-and-**

2. A bamboo owner must contain the running bamboo to keep it from spreading onto any public right-of-way or adjoining property not owned by the bamboo owner.
- The new ordinance requires property owners to contain running bamboo on their property and prevent it from spreading beyond their property line.
  - After the issuance of a Notice of Violation, each day that running bamboo remains uncontained may result in a fine of \$50, up to a maximum of \$2,000 in a 12-month period.
  - Property owners may incur additional penalties if they allow bamboo to spread to another adjacent property.

### **Containing Running Bamboo with a Root Barrier**

- Bamboo root barriers made of polypropylene, metal, or high-density polyethylene (plastic) may be effective to contain running bamboo.
- The root barrier should be 36" in height, with approximately 30" below ground, and 6" above ground.
- The root barrier should be installed in the ground vertically so that any shoots or rhizomes hitting the barrier will be deflected toward the bamboo owner's property and away from adjacent properties, making the rhizomes more visible to identify and cut.



### **Containment by Mowing and Herbicide Application**

Another option to contain running bamboo is to cut the bamboo as low to the ground as possible and immediately apply a non-selective herbicide. A brush killer containing a high concentration (20-25%) of glyphosate or triclopyr should be applied to the cut tops of the bamboo within one minute of cutting. Subsequent herbicide applications to the leaves with a 5% concentration of glyphosate or triclopyr will be necessary to contain the bamboo growth for approximately 2-5 years. Herbicides should always be used in strict accordance with the label's instructions. Regular mowing (weekly or as needed depending on the season) may help reduce growth. When mowing, use the lowest deck setting on the mower. If using herbicide, mow after the leaves die.

## **Removing Running Bamboo**

- The quick and early removal of bamboo can reduce the long-term impacts to surrounding trees and vegetation.
- Digging out bamboo requires heavy equipment and coordination with Virginia 811 ([va811.com](http://va811.com)).
- Continued removal of new plants and sprouts will be necessary to limit new bamboo growth.
- Various herbicides are available to kill bamboo but should always be used in strict accordance with the label's instructions, which is the law. Treated areas should be monitored regularly to control new seedlings or regrowth.



Before Removal



During Removal



After Removal

**Note: Effectively containing running bamboo may require a combination of the above listed options.**

## **Disposal of Running Bamboo**

- All cut bamboo (roots and stems) should be collected and processed as trash and not as yard waste at Fairfax County Solid Waste facilities. Residents should include bamboo debris with trash pickup and not with yard waste.
- Cut stems can be dried and used as plant stakes, vine supports, or for an array of craft projects.

## **Important Things to Remember**

- It is illegal to allow running bamboo to spread onto other people's property. This applies to property owners and tenants, whether they planted the bamboo or not.
- It is legal to have and maintain bamboo on a property if the bamboo is contained to the bamboo owner's property.
- Beginning January 1, 2023, if you would like to file a complaint about uncontained running bamboo spreading to an adjacent property or right-of-way, please contact the Department of Code Compliance at (703) 324-1300, TTY 711, or file an on-line complaint at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code>.

## **Still Need Help?**

- Visit: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/topics/running-bamboo>.
- Find more info at 'Gardening Know How: How to Kill Bamboo Plants and Control Bamboo Spread' <https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/ornamental/foilage/bamboo/kill-bamboo.htm>.
- Free gardening advice is available through the Fairfax Master Gardeners: <https://fairfaxgardening.org/>, via email [mgfairfax@vt.edu](mailto:mgfairfax@vt.edu) or call the Volunteer Help Desk (703) 324-8556.
- For questions about bamboo that do not relate to enforcement, please contact the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District at (703) 324-1460.

# Transportation Updates

## **I-66 Outside the Beltway Project Lane Closures and Traffic Changes**

[Transform I-66 Outside the Beltway Project](#) construction continues throughout the corridor during [daytime and overnight hours](#) as weather conditions allow. The following projects will resume following the July 4 holiday weekend.

### **Ramp from I-66 West to Route 50 West**

*Continuously through August 1*

The right lane will be closed for ramp construction.

### **Right Turn Lane from Monument Drive North to I-66 East**

*Ongoing through August 1*

The right-turn lane from Monument Drive North to I-66 East will be closed for bridge work. Traffic will be directed farther north to Fair Lakes Parkway, make a U-turn at the traffic signal to head south on Monument Drive. Drivers will then turn left at the traffic signal onto the I-66 East ramp.

### **Random Hills Road West from Fairfax Hills Way to Monument Drive**

*Ongoing*

The left lane will be closed for retaining wall and bridge construction.

### **Random Hills Road East at Monument Drive**

*Ongoing*

The right lane will be closed for bridge construction.

### **Route 50 East from Fair Oaks Mall to I-66**

*Ongoing*

The left lane will be closed for bridge construction.

# Public Safety

## Let's Make Our Streets Safer For Walking and Biking!

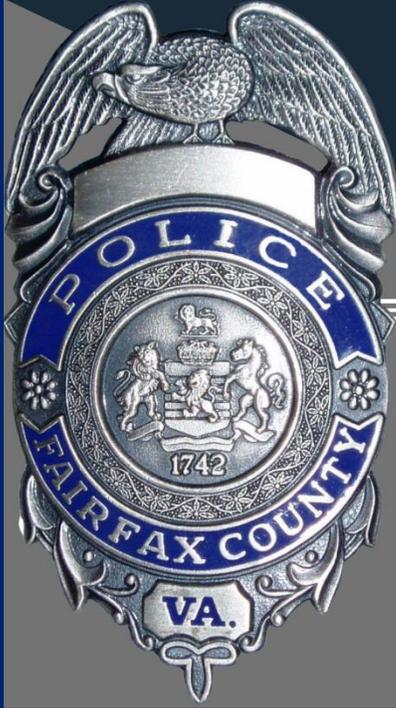
Have you almost been hit by a car when walking or cycling, or observed others in a similar situation? Now, you can report those "near misses" and help make your streets safer! Just go to the [Near Miss / Dangerous Location Survey](#) and report what, where, and when it happened.

Developed with support from Virginia Tech's Master's in Urban and Regional Planning Program, Northern Virginia Families for Safe Streets (NoVA FSS) is collecting, analyzing, and sharing the data with police and relevant transportation jurisdictional staff to advocate for and help inform decisions to:

- Improve road infrastructure,
- Increase police vigilance at specific locations,
- Develop better traffic safety regulations,
- Accomplish the Vision Zero goal of zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries in Fairfax, Alexandria, and Arlington.

Based on incident reports logged in the Near Miss survey since it was launched on June 17, 2021, 54% of the incidents involve pedestrians and 17% involve cyclists. Notably, 57% of the reported incidents occur when drivers fail to yield to people in a crosswalk. In addition, speeding and stop sign running contribute to nearly half of the reported near-miss incidents. Time of day is a significant factor as over 50% of the incidents occur during the morning and evening rush hours, particularly between 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.





# FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE

## Events & Updates

Braddock District

### West Springfield District Station

Address: 6140 Rolling Rd, Springfield, VA 22152

Phone: (703) 644 7377

E-Mail: [Anthony.Capizzi@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Anthony.Capizzi@fairfaxcounty.gov)

In the event of an emergency, call 911



## Car Seat Inspections

The West Springfield District Station offers child seat inspections every Tuesday from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. You must schedule your installation/inspection by calling the station at (703) 644-7377, then press 0 for the front desk. The address for the station is: 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA 22152.

## Neighborhood Watch Training

The West Springfield District Station will be hosting Neighborhood Watch training on Thursday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held via Zoom. You will need to [sign up through Eventbrite](#) to obtain the Zoom information. If you have any questions, contact MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363 or [Anthony.Capizzi@FairfaxCounty.gov](mailto:Anthony.Capizzi@FairfaxCounty.gov)

## Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events with STOP THE BLEED

Although it should never be the case, an active gun violence event can take place anywhere in the world. The community needs to be prepared to respond, and the West Springfield District Station is here to help with that training. This 90-minute lecture will help participants learn about attackers, disaster response, and how to prepare for and respond to being trapped in a building during an active violence event. They will review past events and the steps law enforcement will take to assist and limit casualties. Experts will be there to answer your questions. This training is open to anyone in the community, but some of the material may be disturbing.

Officers will also teach the STOP THE BLEED program with this class. A bleeding injury can happen anywhere. Life threatening bleeding can happen to people injured in serious accidents or disasters. Instead of being a witness, you can become an immediate responder because you know how to STOP THE BLEED.

By learning how to STOP THE BLEED, you'll gain the ability to recognize life-threatening bleeding and to act quickly and effectively to control bleeding once you learn three quick techniques. Take the STOP THE BLEED training course and become empowered to make a life-or-death difference when a bleeding emergency happens. The life you save could be yours or someone you love.

This class will be held on Saturday, July 16 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The location will be the community room of the West Springfield Government Center, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA. If you have any questions about the training, feel free to contact MPO Tony Capizzi at the West Springfield District Station at (703) 277-2363. [Please register on Eventbrite](#). Space is limited.

## Let's Talk

Did you know the West Springfield District Station covers over 66 square miles, has over 200,000 community members, 40 public schools, 70 houses of worship, about 110 police officers, and ten different patrol areas? If you would like to know more about the district, crime prevention, or just have questions, join MPO Tony Capizzi on Tuesday, July 19, at 6:30 p.m. for a virtual community meeting. Please use the link below to join. If you have questions before the meeting, contact MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363.

[Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS, or Android:](#)

Password: 792744

Or

By Telephone: USA +1 (636) 651 3141

Conference Code: 404496

# National Night Out



**Come join your neighbors, officers, staff and volunteers of the Fairfax County Police Department for a night of engagement and fun!!!**

National Night Out is back! This will be an in-person event on August 2. The Fairfax County Police Department is looking forward to seeing everyone again!

Whether your community hosts a simple ice cream party or an all-out festival, National Night Out is an opportunity to gather with your neighbors, get better acquainted, and talk about issues of common concern.

It's an opportunity:

- To have fun, food, and fellowship in your community
- To get to know your Police and Public Safety Team
- To heighten crime prevention awareness
- To send the message that your neighborhood is organized against crime

[Complete the NNO form](#) to register for the event (if you registered with the NNO organization directly, you still need to register with this form. They do not share your personal information). If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the Crime Prevention Officer of your local police station.



# Human Services Corner

## Braddock Nights 2022 and Arts in the Parks Children's Series

Supervisor Walkinshaw is excited to be hosting the annual Braddock Nights Concert Series and Children's Arts in the Parks Series! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Braddock District office at (703) 425-9300 or [Irma.Mejia-Lewis@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Irma.Mejia-Lewis@fairfaxcounty.gov). Last-minute performance cancellations due to inclement weather sometimes happen. If it rains in the hours before an event, call the HOTLINE at (703) 324-SHOW (7469) one hour prior to start.



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY  
**Summer Entertainment Series**  
**Braddock Nights** 2022  
 Friday Evenings and Saturday Mornings

**FREE!**

I am excited to welcome you back to this year's Braddock Nights summer concert series and Children's Arts in the Parks series! This series of free concerts and children's fun event series will present a wide array of performances from classical, to bluegrass to comedy, with something for every music lover. I hope you'll bring a picnic dinner, snacks, blankets, and lawn chairs to enjoy this fun-filled series. Come relax with friends, family, and neighbors. Volunteers are always welcome. For more information, please contact my office at (703) 425-9300 or [braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov). I look forward to seeing you this summer.

Sincerely,  
 James R. Walkinshaw, Supervisor, Braddock District

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**A R T S in the P A R K S**  
 A Free Children's Entertainment Series  
 Saturday Mornings • 10 - 10:45 a.m.

**Wakefield Park in front of the Audrey Moore Rec Center**  
 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale

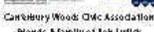
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Braddock Nights is presented in partnership with the supporters of Braddock Nights and generous contributions from the following sponsors:






The Summer Entertainment Series is made possible through corporate and private donations. To donate, visit [www.fairfaxparkfoundation.org/projects](http://www.fairfaxparkfoundation.org/projects).


Performances are held outdoors, bring lawn chairs. In case of inclement weather call the concert hotline at 703-324-7469 before leaving home. Cancellations are posted one hour prior to the show time.





FCPA's Summer Entertainment Series follows current CDC and Health Department COVID guidelines for events and the Governor's mandates for entertainment venues.

703-324-8563 TTY Va. Relay 711

## **Intergenerational Workshop Series from Neighborhood Community Services**

### **You Are My Sunshine Intergenerational Music Workshop**

The [You Are My Sunshine Intergenerational Music Workshop](#) on July 9 from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. will include vocal warm-ups, a cool down, and four familiar and well-loved pieces of music to engage the whole family. Each song will invoke feelings, memories, be set in context, and have a separate activity attached. The premise of the workshop is that anyone can sing and use a song to reach, teach, and share an idea.

### **Creating Memory & Engagement at Home Intergenerational Workshop**

In the [Creating Memory & Engagement at Home Intergenerational Workshop](#) session on July 23 from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., participants can join for a positive experience when memory loss is a part of the dynamic. Discover exercises together with common household items, use sensory engagement to spice up together time, identify obstacles that may be interfering with engagement, and create something together for enjoyment and purpose.

### **Summer Reading Adventure**

Fairfax residents from preschool to adulthood can dive into the Fairfax County Public Library's Oceans of Possibilities with the Summer Reading Adventure! The activities-based summer reading fun runs through August 12. Participants can participate online or with paper logs available for download from [FCPL's website](#) and at all branches. Everyone who finishes the program will receive coupon sheets for summer treats and activities, including outings at Fairfax County Park Authority facilities. Branches are offering summer reading-related events both virtually and in person this year. The Library has events for preschoolers, school-age children, teens, and adults.



### **Summer Cooling Assistance for Needy Families**

Are you in need of a little help to keep cool this summer? Then [apply online](#), in person, via mail, or over the phone at 1(833) 522-5582 for the [Cooling Assistance Program](#) for low-income households. At least one household member must be 60 years old or older, 5 or younger, or disabled according to Social Security or Medicaid, or have a recorded Veterans Administration disability rating of 100% to be eligible.

Cooling assistance can help with:

- Payment of electric bills to operate cooling equipment.
- Payment of security deposits for electricity to operate cooling equipment for accounts in danger of being disconnected.
- Repair of a central air conditioning system or heat pump.
- Purchase of a whole-house fan, including ceiling or attic fans when there is no other working cooling equipment in the home.
- Purchase and installation or self-pick-up of one air conditioning unit (window or portable) for households when there is no other working cooling equipment in the home.

# Land Use & Development

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & HEARINGS

### Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting

- July 19 at 7:00 p.m. – virtual

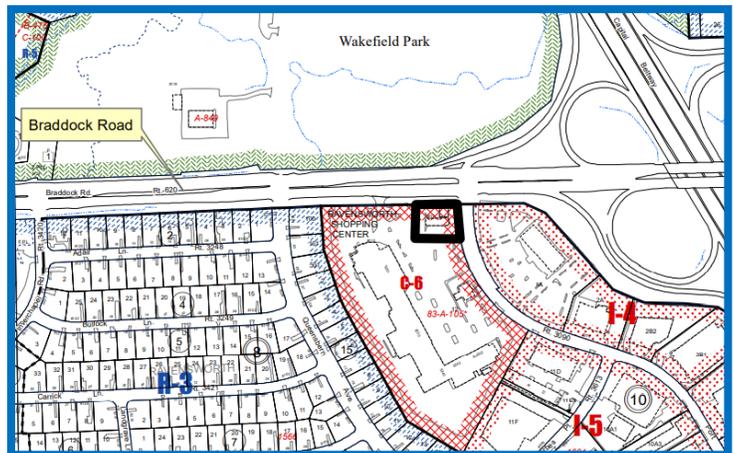
### Planning Commission Hearing

- Ravensworth Shell – July 27 at 7:30 p.m. – Board Auditorium

## Application to Convert Ravensworth Shell Repair Shop into Convenience Store – Planning Commission Hearing Rescheduled for July 27

Capital Services, Inc. has filed an application to modify Ravensworth Shell's existing vehicle fueling station by replacing the light vehicle repair and maintenance component with a convenience store. The gas station is located in Ravensworth Shopping Center on Braddock Road, just west of the I-495 interchange.

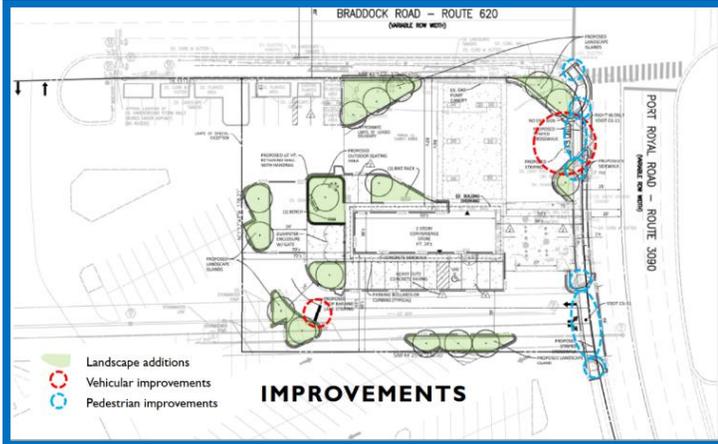
This site contains a 2,600 square foot building housing four vehicle service bays, associated office and storage space, an exterior vehicle lift, and six fuel pumps with 12 fueling positions under a canopy. The current building was constructed in 1967 and renovated in 1984. The service bays and exterior vehicle lift are located along the south side of the building. To the east of the building is a large paved area where fuel trucks access the underground fuel tanks. The building entrance is located on the north side, adjacent to the fuel pumps.



The applicant intends to retain the existing fuel pumps and canopy, replace the four-bay vehicle service area with a convenience store, and add a small second floor office. There would be two entrances to the convenience store, one on the north and the other on the south side of the building. Both the fuel pumps and convenience store would operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. A number of site and architectural improvements would be included as part of the project. The building architecture would be upgraded and be in harmony with the shopping center. This would include brick veneer, glass windows and doors, and a gabled metal roof with a small tower.

Vehicular access is currently provided from both Braddock Road and Port Royal Road. The access from Braddock Road, with right-in and right-out movements, is proposed to remain the same. Port Royal Road includes two curb cuts serving the station along with a traffic signal

further south providing full access for the shopping center. The northernmost curb cut on Port Royal Road (closest to Braddock Road) is proposed to remain and become right-in only to allow fuel trucks to access the station's underground tanks without having to back up. The second curb cut further south is proposed to continue to permit full movements. Overall daily trips are expected to increase from the current 3,128 trips to 4,033 trips and would be spread out throughout the day and evening hours. Landscaped islands and outdoor seating would be added, the sidewalk along Port Royal Road would be widened to five feet, speed bumps would be removed and a stop bar would be added along the southern side of the building. The existing signage would remain.



In response to a question about the reason for the change, the applicant stated that customers expect that a gas station will have an associated convenience store, and that there is less need for auto service. There are other facilities on Port Royal Road and in the broader area that provide service and inspections. In addition, service has become more complicated as vehicles have become increasingly computerized.

At its April meeting, Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee members asked a series of questions regarding traffic patterns and how the current vehicular conflicts in the area around the gas station would be handled. Many of the inquiries related to a proposed restriping of the second entrance to try to provide visual clues to improve traffic flow while still allowing delivery trucks to navigate the movements. Committee members also asked about the lack of designated loading and air compressor use spaces and the proposed location of the dumpster. Additional conversations about the design of the second entrance have taken place in the past two months. Capital Services is expected to resubmit their plans July 1, and will provide additional information on this proposal at the July 19 meeting of the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee. Detailed plans may be found on the [PLUS website](#) when available. Enter the application number, SEA 83-A-026, on the right side. Use the "Record Information" arrow on the left and click on "Attachments." The most recent documents should be at the end of the list.

A Planning Commission hearing on this application is scheduled for July 27 at 7:30 p.m. Information on how to testify may be found on the [Planning Commission website](#). A hearing before the Board of Supervisors has not yet been scheduled.

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

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will hold a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, July 19**, at 7:00 p.m. The agenda will include a discussion of the application from Capital Services, and updates and discussion on other pending Braddock District land use cases. Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee meetings are open to the public and interested residents are encouraged to participate. Join [online](#) or by phone: (571) 429-5982, Phone Conference ID: 730 922 969#.

## Government Center Campus Revisioning

On June 28, the Board of Supervisors approved Supervisor Walkinshaw's motion to authorize a revisioning study for the Fairfax County Government Center campus. In April 2022, the Board authorized consideration of the next phase for the Government Center campus, a Comprehensive Plan amendment to increase the planned intensity on the campus to allow construction of additional affordable/workforce housing. The new development, which is being referred to as Residences at the Government Center II, would be built on the approximately 4.5-acre portion of the site identified as Parking Lots G and H, which was conveyed to the Redevelopment and Housing Authority in January 2021. This Comprehensive Plan amendment is under review.

Pending approval of the additional residential uses, the Government Center campus will be built out according to its 1987 development plan. The campus and surrounding areas have become a vibrant, mixed-use place with government and private offices, housing, thriving retail destinations, natural green areas, trails, and public facilities, as envisioned in the Fairfax Center Area plan. The core area of Fairfax Center, which includes the Government Center, is developing into an interconnected, urban-style, transit and pedestrian-friendly place, and recommendations related to this area will be reviewed as part of the upcoming Phase III Fairfax Center Area planning study.

County policies have evolved since 1987, with the adoption of the One Fairfax policy and the Countywide Strategic Plan, which is positioning our local government to better and more equitably serve our residents through its public lands and facilities. As a result, it is time that the County reexamine the long-range plan for the Government Center campus to determine if there are additional ways to advance County goals while maintaining the important role of the Government Center campus as the County seat of governance.

Specifically, Supervisor Walkinshaw's motion asked that the revisioning study focus on the capacity for existing surface parking lots to be repurposed for other public/institutional and community-serving uses, with needed surface parking replaced by structured parking. The motion also indicated that it should focus on how the campus can expand services and better address the County's strategic priorities. Staff was directed to report back to the Board by the end of 2022 with a proposal for how this effort should be undertaken, including details for a community engagement strategy and the approach for reviewing public facility needs. Further, ongoing planning efforts, such as the Comprehensive Plan amendment for the Residences at the Government Center II proposal, Phase III of the Fairfax Center Area study, and Parking Reimagined, should be considered in this visioning.



## Update on Construction at Erickson Living's Woodleigh Chase Project

The buildings in the first phase of Erickson Living's Woodleigh Chase Project are beginning to take shape. As you can see from Braddock Road, exterior framing has started on Community Building 1, on the left in the photo below. Inside the Community Building, the mechanical and electrical rough-ins are continuing. Although it does not show from the street, the contractor has started setting the steel for the natatorium/pool at the rear of the Community Building. The last deck slab has been poured for Residential Building 1, and the concrete masonry walls for the stair towers are being put in place (on the right in the photo). The slab has been poured for the garage of Residential Building 2 and formwork is being set to pour the slab for the first level. (Residential Building 2 is not yet visible from the street, but will be on the other side of the Community Building.) Additional site work is underway and the internal roadways are being prepped for paving.



Erickson Living will open the marketing center once their license is approved, which they hope will be this fall. If you have specific questions about Woodleigh Chase in the meantime, please contact the Greenspring Village sales office at (703) 923-3187.



## Update on One University Project Construction

The tower crane has been installed for construction of the two affordable housing buildings on the west side of the property. Excavation is approximately 75 percent complete. Soil disposal should be finished in the next month. Building and column footings are approximately 25 percent installed. Parking garage walls are being formed and poured beginning in the northeastern corner and working south and west.

On the eastern portion of the site, foundation slabs are being poured for the student-oriented housing building. Installation of water and sanitary sewer lines will continue along University Drive through the month of July. A temporary sidewalk will be installed along the northern side of University Drive the first part of the month. This will remain in place until the permanent sidewalk can be completed.



Thanks to the George Mason UAS Unit for these new drone photos of the One University site.

FAIRFAX COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## Learn PLUS at Webinar Wednesdays!

FAIRFAX COUNTY VIRGINIA

## Webinar Wednesdays are back for the summer!

Attend a 30- or 45-minute lesson on how to use PLUS, the new Planning and Land Use System from the comfort of your home or office. The one stop shop online portal unites multiple agency online applications into one customer service platform. Using

PLUS, residents and businesses can conduct online transactions under the Health Department, Land Development Services, Fire and Rescue, Code Compliance and Planning and Development. Bring your questions and learn how this centralized platform helps streamline the customer experience.

- July 13 – 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. [Register online](#). Learn about “DPOR” (Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation) and “BPOL” (Business Professional and Occupational License) and why you need related information when applying for certain permits and conducting searches in PLUS.
- July 27 – 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. [Register online](#). Learn the basics of PLUS, the county’s new Planning Land Use System. Can’t attend the session? If you register for the webinar, GoToWebinar will email you a link to the recording.

## 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 Information and Support website](#) for more information on this land use platform.

➤ **Carey S. Ramirez – 5243 Dunleigh Drive, Burke  
SP-2022-BR-00006**

The applicant requested a reduction in setback requirements to permit an addition 14.3 feet from the rear lot line. This application was approved by the BZA on June 8. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

➤ **SZII-VA, LLC – 5325 Port Royal Road, Springfield  
SPA 2017-BR-102**

The applicant is seeking to amend the Special Permit previously approved for an indoor commercial recreation use (trampoline facility) to allow for a change in permittee. No other changes are proposed. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on July 27. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

➤ **Tushar Bhardwaj – 4700 Ox Road, Fairfax  
VC-2021-BR-00010**

The applicant is seeking a Variance to reduce the setback requirements to allow construction of a 6,000-square foot single-family house 18.4 feet from the western front lot line (40-foot setback required), 18.9 feet from the rear lot line (20-foot setback required), and 17.2 feet from the western lot line (20-foot setback required). The BZA hearing on this application has been deferred until September 14. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

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If you have 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 the Braddock District office at 703-425-9300.