



# The Braddock Beacon

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Braddock District Supervisor

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Dear Neighbor,

November is [Military Family Appreciation Month](#) and Fairfax County is home to more than 45,000 active-duty military, selected reserve members, and an estimated 65,000 veterans. More than 14,500 students in Fairfax County Public Schools are connected to the military, and 18 Fairfax County schools have been recognized as [Purple Star Schools](#).

Fairfax County is proud to have such an active military family community. In the past year, the County created a [Veterans Coordinator](#) position to connect Fairfax County Veterans, Active Duty Service Members (ADSM), retirees, and their families with Fairfax County resources and military service providers to assist with eliminating barriers to services and improve care connections for our military community. Fairfax County also offers [various services](#) for military families and veterans:



## ■ Health and Wellbeing

- The General District Court provides the [Veterans Treatment Docket](#), a voluntary, court-supervised treatment program to help veterans who have been arrested and have substance use issues and/or have other diagnosed mental health conditions.
- Every month, an estimated dozen or more veterans are identified in our County as being homeless. We work closely with our community partners including nonprofits and faith organizations to provide [housing and support services](#).
- The Community Services Board offers [free suicide prevention information and resources](#) for military members, veterans, and their families even if you are not registered with the VA or enrolled in VA healthcare.

## ■ Taxes

- Any motor vehicle normally garaged, stored, or parked in the County whose owner is on [full-time active duty in the military service](#) absent from his or her state of residence may be exempted from local taxation.
- For Personal Property and Real Estate taxes, state law allows an extension for payment while a service member is deployed outside of the United States.
- [Personal property](#) (car) and [real estate](#) tax relief is available to disabled veterans and spouses of veterans killed in action who meet qualifications.

## ■ Workforce

- Veteran preference for [Fairfax County Government jobs](#). Fairfax County is a proud [Virginia Values Veterans \(V3\)](#)-certified organization.
- [Veterans Business Outreach Center](#) at the Community Business Partnership in Springfield: business development and training services.
- The [Economic Development Authority](#) has resources to help veterans interested in becoming an entrepreneur develop a business plan. Call (703) 790-0600 | TTY 711 for an appointment; ask for a SCORE counselor.

[View a comprehensive list](#) of County resources and programs available.

## Champions of Character Awards

Last month, I joined members of the athletic community to recognize winners of the [Stephen A. McLaughlin Champions of Character Award](#)! The Champions of



Character Awards honor youth, coaches, and parents who have demonstrated extraordinary service in the athletic community while modeling the basic traits of good character: Respect, Responsibility, Caring, Trustworthiness, Citizenship, and Fairness.

This year's winners from the Braddock District are:

### **Katherine Suson – Lake Braddock Varsity Gymnastics**

Katherine has served as her Gymnastics team's captain for two years, focusing on creating a warm and cohesive team. She leads team bonding activities and has organized fundraising efforts for her team. Her sportsmanship and preparedness were key when she stepped in to compete for an injured teammate during a state competition. She also balances athletics with student government, Key Club, and National Honor Society, making her an all-around community champion!

### **Daniel Belloni – Lake Braddock (multiple sports)**

Daniel is a multi-sport athlete, playing soccer, flag football, basketball, lacrosse, and running track. He is also committed to his community, leading projects like blood drives and coat drives for his Eagle Scout Project. He has a reputation in his neighborhood for being trustworthy and respectful – as a lifeguard, swim instructor, and babysitter.

### **Coaches Douglas Alcorn and Malcolm Squires – Braddock Road Youth Club**

The Braddock Road Youth Club (BRYC) is a multi-sport athletic organization, with support from parents and the community. Parents who have kids that age out continue to contribute to the success of the club, giving back to what their kids experienced.

Coaches Douglas Alcorn and Malcolm Squires coach BRYC's Recreational Soccer for the U16 and U19 girls' teams. They create positive experiences for their players, leaving lasting and positive impressions. Their impressions contribute to the success of a highly attended annual alumni game every winter. They also arrange post-game team activities that, regardless of the

outcome, let everyone go home with a smile on their face. Their dedication and innovative contributions make them highly respected by their athletes and their families.

### **Elizabeth Giuliani – Braddock Road Youth Club Parent**

Elizabeth is another BRYC parent continuing to dedicate time because of their child’s positive experience. She serves as a Member-At-Large on BRYC’s Board and has served as the budget director for several years. She has led a successful transition in modernizing the club’s financial operations from cash payments to an online system. She is known to be patient and kind in helping everyone adapt to updated procedures, even training them to make sure they get it right. She also serves as a soccer referee, truly contributing on and off the field!

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you for your contributions to Braddock District’s athletic community!

## **Voting Information**

Tomorrow, Saturday, November 4, is the last day to vote early in-person before Election Day on Tuesday, November 7.

In addition to the [school bond referendum](#), ballots for Braddock District residents include elections for:

- State Senate
- House of Delegates
- County Board of Supervisors
- County School Board
- Commonwealth’s Attorney
- Sheriff
- Clerk of Court
- Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District Board



Detailed voting information, including information about early voting, mail-in ballots, and voting on Election Day is available in the [Seasonal Items section](#) of the Beacon.

Visit the [Fairfax County Office of Elections](#) or the [Virginia Department of Elections](#)’ websites for further information about voting.

Yours in service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James R. Walkinshaw". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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](mailto:braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov)

- **November 4** ..... Last Day to Early Vote (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)  
19th Annual Fairfax County History Conference  
FCPD Training Exercise to be conducted in the Kings Park/Wakefield Area
- **November 6** ..... Task Force on the Future of Lake Accotink Meeting
- **November 7** ..... Election Day (*County/FCPS Holiday*)
- **November 10** ..... Veteran’s Day Observed (*County Holiday*)
- **November 11** ..... FCRP’s Americana Drive Clean-Up
- **November 12** ..... FLAP’s Monthly Clean-Up
- **November 14** ..... FCEDA’s Entrepreneurship 101  
West Springfield District Community Advisory Committee’s Community Engagement Meeting  
Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting
- **November 15** ..... Braddock District Council Meeting
- **November 20** ..... West Springfield District Station’s “Personal Safety for Women”
- **November 23** ..... Thanksgiving (*County/FCPS Holiday*)
- **November 24** ..... Day after Thanksgiving (*County/FCPS Holiday*)
- **November 28** ..... West Springfield District Station’s Scout Night
- **December 1** ..... Fairfax County Hypothermia Prevention Program Begins



# Walkinshaw in the Community



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 City of Fairfax  
 Councilmember Bates,  
 Supervisors Lusk,  
 Walkinshaw, Smith  
 (Bottom Row L-R)  
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 Fairfax Mayor Read at  
 the American  
 Foundation for Suicide  
 Prevention's Annual Out  
 of the Darkness Walk in  
 Fairfax on October 1



(Left)  
 Supervisor Walkinshaw  
 joined Annandale  
 Opportunity  
 Neighborhood for Trunk  
 or Treat at the Vistas  
 Apartment complex  
 community on October  
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(Right)  
 Supervisor Walkinshaw  
 volunteered with  
 SevaTruck to prepare  
 and distribute lunches at  
 Braddock Elementary  
 School on October 25

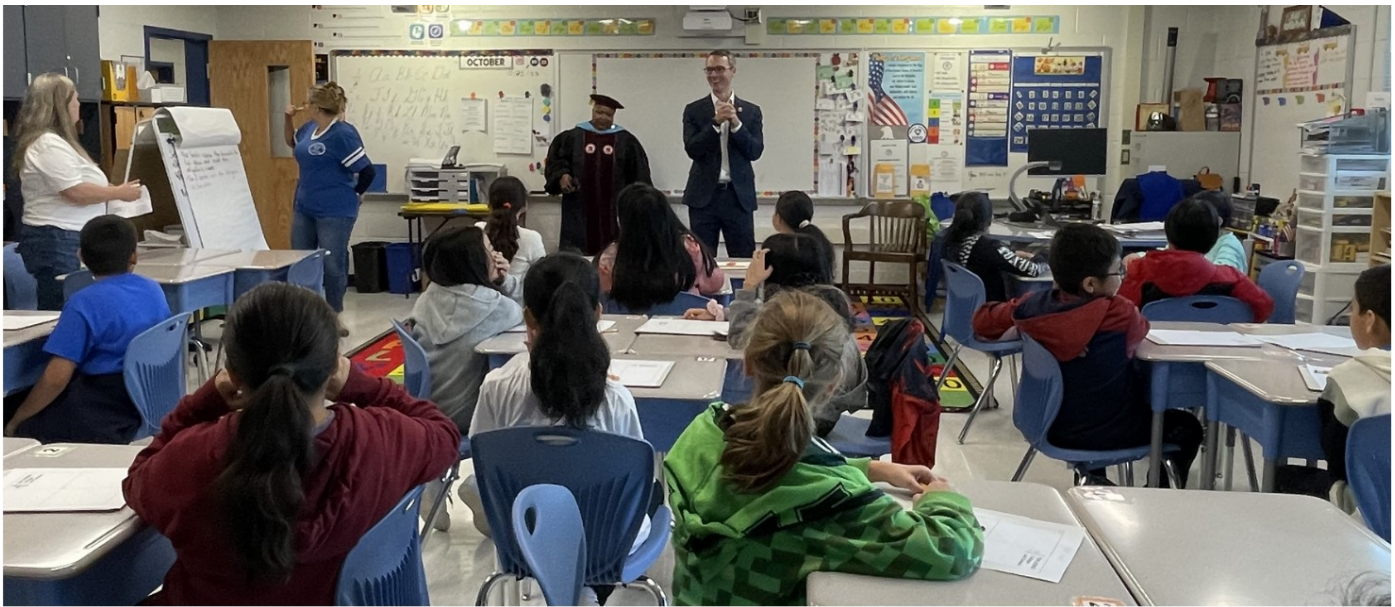


(Left)  
 Supervisor  
 Walkinshaw  
 attended the  
 Lord and Lady  
 Fairfax Award  
 Ceremony on  
 October 3



Supervisor Walkinshaw joined Lake Braddock Secondary  
 School's Homecoming Parade on October 13





Supervisor Walkinshaw met with students at Braddock Elementary School for their “College and Career Day” on October 25

**In October, Supervisor Walkinshaw also:**

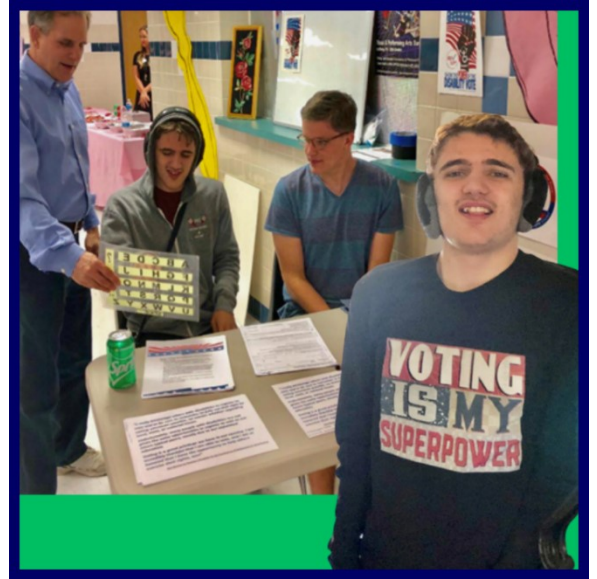
- Visited the Burke 55ers Club on October 2
- Attended the Council to End Domestic Violence’s Annual Meeting on October 6
- Stopped by the Pinn Center’s Health and Fitness Expo on October 7
- Joined the Volunteer Fairfax Breakfast on October 10
- Celebrated Lake Braddock Secondary School’s 50th Anniversary on October 12
- Hung out at Skate the Wake on October 14
- Attended the Stephen A. McLaughlin’s Champions of Character Award Ceremony on October 17
- Planted pollinators with students at Fairfax Villa Elementary School on October 18
- Talked with GMU’s Student Senate on October 19
- Attended the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy’s Graduation on October 19
- Walked with the holy Spirit Society of St. Vincent de Paul at the inaugural Friends of the Poor Walk on October 21
- Presented a resolution to the Ronald McDonald House Charity of DC on October 22
- Joined North Springfield for their Halloween Parade on October 22
- Attended Second Story’s Beacon of Hope Breakfast on October 25
- Celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Fairfax County Tree Commission on October 25
- Spoke to the Friends of Royal Lake’s Community Meeting on October 25
- Attended the ArtsFairfax Awards Ceremony on October 26
- Joined Bethany House’s Into the Light Prayer Breakfast for those affected by domestic violence on October 28
- Went to the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department’s Awards Ceremony on October 30

# November Citizen of the Month

## **Ben Breaux**

Braddock District's November Citizen of the Month is Ben Breaux.

Ben is a 23-year-old resident of Kings Park West who has autism, epilepsy, and apraxia, which makes him nonspeaking. Ben is a strong advocate for people with disabilities becoming civically engaged and exercise their right to vote, even before he could do so himself. He utilizes a Letter Board and a Communications App, along with the support of a trained Communications Regulation Partner, to communicate and share his views. With this mode of communication, he actively participates in civic engagement.



Ben proudly serves as a Board Member and/or Advisor to multiple non-profit organizations and policy-making committees and organizations at local, state, and national levels. He speaks on conference panels, delivers keynote speeches, and extended presentations on disability rights, inclusivity, and opportunities for the neurodivergent community while championing the disability voting rights movement. Ben has also established a significant social media presence through his [public Facebook page](#) and [Instagram](#), advocating for these topics.

Ben was approached by the co-chair of REV UP Virginia (a non-partisan voter education and engagement coalition aimed at increasing the power and influence of the disability vote), Susan Lydick, for a story about the organization from the perspective of a local disability rights advocate. In his interview, he shared his and his peers' experiences of being overlooked in voter registration and get-out-the-vote efforts as people with disabilities. His powerful interview contributed to raising awareness about Disability Voting Rights Week (September 10-16).

Ben said, "Before I was able to vote, I was upset that my voice wasn't able to be a part of those conversations. Voting is a right and it's also really important to me."

Ben has already made significant contributions toward promoting the political, economic, and social power of the disability vote at such a young age. His dedication to democracy and advocating for people with disabilities to vote makes Supervisor Walkinshaw proud to recognize him as Braddock's November Citizen of the Month.

Congratulations to Ben and thank you for your service!

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

# Seasonal Items

## Voting in the 2023 Election

You can vote early in person on November 4 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at any of the [16 early voting sites](#). The sites in and closest to the Braddock District are:

- Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax)
- Burke Centre Library (5936 Freds Oak Road, Burke)
- West Springfield Governmental Center (6140 Rolling Road, West Springfield)



Curbside voting is available at [early voting](#) and election day polling locations for people 65 or older, or with a physical disability.

- When you arrive, look for the "Curbside Voting" sign near the handicapped parking area and call the phone number on the sign to contact an election officer.
  - [Read more](#) about curbside voting and accessible voting.

If you plan to vote on Election Day:

- [Check your registration status](#)
- Find your [polling place](#)
- Bring an [acceptable form of identification](#)

If you have received a mail-in ballot, you can return it using one of three ways:

- In-person at the [Fairfax County Office of Elections](#) during business hours (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)
- By ballot drop-off box
  - Available 24/7 in front of the [Fairfax County Government Center](#)
  - At [early voting locations](#) during open hours
  - On Election Day at any [precinct polling location](#)
- By mail or commercial delivery service
  - Must be postmarked on or before Election Day on Tuesday, November 7
  - Must arrive at the Office of Elections by noon on Monday, November 13

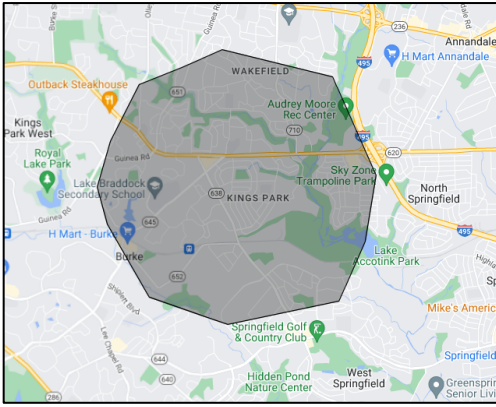
Regardless of how you vote, [confirm your precinct](#) (redistricting may have changed your district or polling place) and [view a sample ballot](#) before voting.

For more information about:

- [Voting Early In-Person](#)
- [Mail-In Ballots](#)
- [Voting on Election Day](#)
- [Fairfax Office of Elections](#)
- [Virginia Department of Elections](#)



## FCPD Training Exercise in Burke



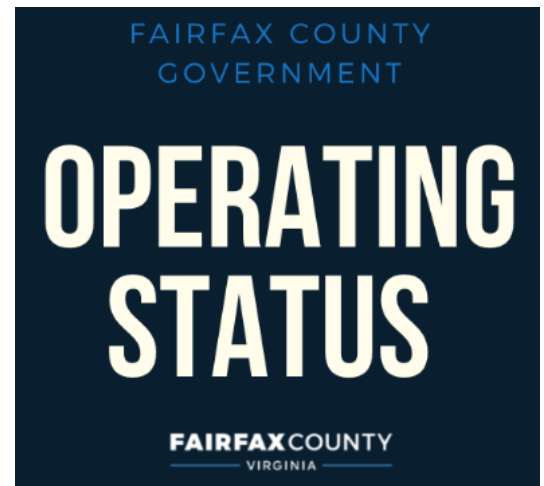
On Saturday, November 4, Fairfax County Police Department, and area law enforcement partners, will be conducting an annual Search and Rescue (SAR) training exercise in the Burke, Kings Park, and Wakefield community between 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Residents/visitors can expect to see SAR personnel in the area.

## County Holidays this Month

The County will observe several holidays and be closed on:

- Tuesday, November 7 (Election Day)
- Friday, November 10 (Veteran's Day)
  - Fairfax Connector – Holiday Weekday Service
  - [See Connector routes](#)
- Thursday, November 23 (Thanksgiving)
  - Fairfax Connector – Sunday Service
  - [See Connector routes](#)
- Friday, November 24 (Day after Thanksgiving)
  - Fairfax Connector – Holiday Weekday Service
  - [See Connector routes](#)
- View the County Government's [operating status](#)
- View Fairfax County Public Schools' [standard calendar](#)



## Fall and Winter Donations and Drives

The Braddock District is home to many great charitable organizations and non-profits that are relied on to fill gaps for neighbors in need. These organizations also rely on partnerships with Fairfax County and the community to provide adequate resources for residents.

Because of the large influx of messages we receive asking to advertise item donation requests, supply drives, and more, a collective listing of those events and advertisements will be combined in this section of the Beacon, in chronological order for events, and alphabetical order for ongoing events.

### St. Mary's Pantry Food Drive

St. Mary of Sorrows Church's Food Pantry provides food to charitable organizations, families, Robinson High School Food Pantry, Fairfax County Probation Officers, Merrifield



Crisis Center, and more. With the help of Fairfax County and other local organizations, they identify community members that need the most support.

Volunteers pack bags of fresh and non-perishable food that are delivered to or picked up by people who are struggling to meet their basic needs. In 2022, they served 15,108 people and provided 270,877 pounds of food. In 2023, the demand has steadily increased and, unfortunately, donations have decreased.

The Pantry is hosting a Food Drive on Sunday, November 12, from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at St. Mary of Sorrows Church (5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax). Items needed include:

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ■ Cereal & Oatmeal              | ■ Tomato Sauce                | ■ Soups (all types)         |
| ■ Hearty Soups                  | ■ Healthy Snacks              | ■ Spaghetti                 |
| ■ Canned Fruit                  | ■ Granola Bars (all types)    | ■ Elbow Macaroni/Noodles    |
| ■ Bagged White Rice (1 & 2 lb.) | ■ Canned Corn (not cream)     | ■ Mac & Cheese              |
| ■ Dried Beans and Lentils       | ■ Pancake Mix                 | ■ White Flour               |
| ■ Canned Diced Tomatoes         | ■ Syrup                       | ■ Vegetable Oil             |
| ■ Maseca/Masa Flour             | ■ Applesauce (plastic)        | ■ Tea                       |
| ■ Sugar                         | ■ Juice (64 oz plastic)       | ■ Coffee (instant & ground) |
| ■ Canned Chicken and Tuna       | ■ Peanut Butter/ Jelly        | ■ Toilet Paper              |
| ■ Canned Chili                  | ■ Ketchup/Mustard/ Mayonnaise | ■ Paper Towels              |
| ■ Canned Ravioli                | ■ Salad Dressing              | ■ Shampoo/Conditioner       |
| ■ Spaghetti O's                 | ■ Spam                        | ■ Deodorant/Bar Soap        |
| ■ Pasta Sauce                   | ■ Boxed potatoes              | ■ Razors                    |
|                                 |                               | ■ Pads/Tampons              |

If you have questions, email Eileen at [eileenpiwowar1@gmail.com](mailto:eileenpiwowar1@gmail.com). For more information, visit the Pantry's [Facebook page](#).

### Annandale United Methodist Church Seeks Donations



The Annandale United Methodist Church's Mission Center hosts a weekly food distribution, and they are requesting donations of gently used children's coats of all ages and sizes. They are also seeking adult diapers of all sizes; they will take partially opened packages.

Want to help? You can drop off your donations at the Annandale UMC Mission Center (7901 Heritage Drive, Annandale) Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. If the Mission Center is closed or no one is available, a large wood donation box is located outside the two red doors where items can be left.

You may also drop off your donations at the Braddock District Office (9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke) Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions, contact Irma Mejia-Lewis at [irma.mejia-lewis@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:irma.mejia-lewis@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call (703) 425-9300.

### **ECHO Thanksgiving Meals**

ECHO is sponsoring Thanksgiving meals for their clients. Donors may provide groceries for a family to prepare a festive meal for themselves or provide a food store gift card so that the family may shop for their favorite foods. ECHO provides guidelines to donors so that client families are treated equally. If you are interested in participating, email [holidayfoodprograms@echo-inc.org](mailto:holidayfoodprograms@echo-inc.org).



## **Community News**

### **Braddock District Council's November Meeting**

The Braddock District Council (BDC) is holding its next regular business meeting on Wednesday, November 15 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in Braddock Hall (9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke).

**Braddock District Council**

Items to be discussed include revisions to the bylaws, future meeting topics for guest speakers, and information on how to set up Senior Outreach Programs.

BDC is a member-driven body that provides a forum where community association leaders can meet regularly to share best practices in association governance, collaboratively address issues common to all associations, stay abreast of Fairfax County priorities and policies, and support various quality-of-life initiatives of the Braddock District Supervisor.

Attend the November meeting to lend your voice to the Council's activities or check out BDC's [website](#).

### **Haven of Northern Virginia's Loss Support Programs**

Since 1976, [Haven of Northern Virginia](#), a non-profit, non-sectarian community organization of trained volunteers, has offered emotional support to the bereaved, the seriously ill, the dying, and their families and friends.



#### **Parent Loss Workshop**

Haven is offering a free [Parent Loss Workshop](#) on Saturday, November 4 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The death of a parent can be numbing and devastating – you may have feelings of sadness, loneliness, and abandonment. No one can heal your pain; however, Haven of Northern Virginia offers comfort, support,



and encouragement. Attend this workshop to learn ways to cope after this difficult experience.

Space is limited, register by calling (703) 941-7000 or send an email to [havenofnova@verizon.net](mailto:havenofnova@verizon.net).

### **Coping with the Holidays After the Death of a Loved One**

Haven is hosting a free presentation on [Coping with the Holidays After the Death of a Loved One](#) on Saturday, November 18 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Haven of Northern Virginia office (4606 Ravensworth Road, Annandale).

After a loved one has died, the holidays can be painful reminders of loss. You can take steps, however, to bring new meaning to this time of year. These presentations will offer strategies and ideas for reinventing the holidays.

Space is limited, register by calling (703) 941-7000 or send an email to [havenofnova@verizon.net](mailto:havenofnova@verizon.net).

### **Suicide Loss Support Groups**

Haven offers virtual and in-person Suicide Loss Support Groups on the first, second, and third Saturdays of each month. These groups are open to those who have had a loved one die by suicide and offer participants information and suggestions for handling the complexities of grief that follow a suicide.

- The virtual Suicide Loss Group meets on the first and third Saturday of each month from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Register for this group by calling (703) 941-7000.
- The in-person group is held on the second Saturday of each month at Haven of Northern Virginia (4606 Ravensworth Road, Annandale). No registration is required.
- For more information on any of the programs Haven offers, or about the organization, visit [Haven of Northern Virginia's website](#).

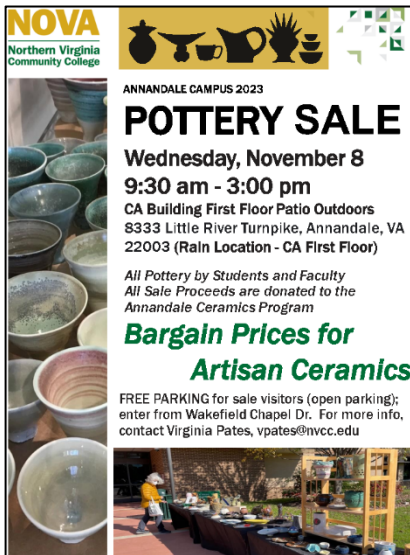
### **19th Annual Fairfax County History Conference**

The 19th Annual Fairfax History Conference, titled "We are Fairfax County – Part III, A County of Nations – our Muslim, Asian and Latino Neighbors," will take place at the Sherwood Community Center (3740 Blenheim Boulevard, Fairfax) on Saturday, November 4 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Attendance is free, you can purchase a pass that covers breakfast and lunch for \$15 but you must pay ahead of time. More information can be found on the Fairfax County History Commission's [website](#).



## NOVA Annandale Ceramics Program's Pottery Sale



**NOVA**  
Northern Virginia  
Community College

ANNANDALE CAMPUS 2023

### POTTERY SALE

Wednesday, November 8  
9:30 am - 3:00 pm  
CA Building First Floor Patio Outdoors  
8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA  
22003 (Rain Location - CA First Floor)

All Pottery by Students and Faculty  
All Sale Proceeds are donated to the  
Annandale Ceramics Program

**Bargain Prices for  
Artisan Ceramics**

FREE PARKING for sale visitors (open parking);  
enter from Wakefield Chapel Dr. For more info,  
contact Virginia Pates, [vpates@nvcc.edu](mailto:vpates@nvcc.edu)

Find a great selection of artisan ceramics at a one-day, pop-up sale on Wednesday, November 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on NOVA's Annandale Campus (8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale).

The sale will be on the first-floor patio of the CA building. The sale will be moved inside in the event of rain.

Teachers or students handcraft everything, and all proceeds benefit the Annandale Ceramics Program. There is free parking for sale customers; enter the lot from Wakefield Chapel Drive.

For more information, contact Virginia Pates at [vpates@nvcc.edu](mailto:vpates@nvcc.edu).

## Marshall High School's Fall Play

Marshall High school's fall production is *The Laramie Project*, with performances on November 9-11.

*The Laramie Project* is a documentary play about the murder of gay Wyoming college student Matthew Shepard in 1998, and the national outcry that followed in the wake of this this horrific hate crime. This October 12th marked the 25th anniversary of Shepard's death. With attacks on LGBTQ+ citizens rising and laws erasing their rights increasing over the past few years, this play is timelier than ever.

"I'm really proud of the work our students are doing. It's a very mature play, and they all support its themes - and are producing honest and incredible work," said Drama Director Mr. DeLeo.

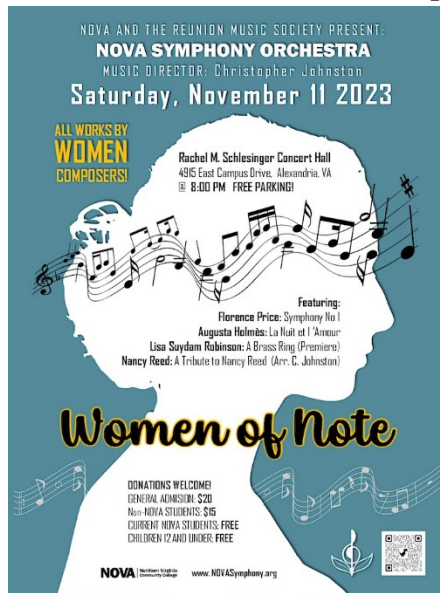
The script is taken from over 200 interviews taken by members of the Tectonic Theatre Project, who flew to Laramie in the wake of the murder, and they fashioned a groundbreaking play about the town, the event, and its aftermath.

"It is American History come to life," said DeLeo.

Content Advisory: this play contains strong themes, situations & adult language; it is not recommended for children under 13. More information about the production can be found on Marshall Drama's [website](#).



# NOVA Fall 2023 Symphony Orchestra Concert



On Saturday, November 11 at 8:00 p.m. at the Schlesinger Concert Hall in Alexandria,

Join the Northern Virginia Community College's Reunion Music Society's Fall Concert titled "Women of Note." An unforgettable evening of music at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center (4915 East Campus Drive, Alexandria).

This in-person event promises to be a feast for the senses, with beautiful melodies and harmonies filling the air. Don't miss out on this opportunity to experience the magic of live orchestral music. More information is available on NOVA Symphony's [website](#).

## Entrepreneurship 101

Join the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority's (FCEDA) panel of small business experts for an interactive in-person workshop on starting your business on Tuesday, November 14 from 7:30 – 11:30 a.m.

FCEDA will provide informative step-by-step information sessions covering registering your business, permitting requirements, business feasibility and business plan basics, business certifications, financing options, and government resources.



Read more on FCEDA's [event page](#).

## Sing with the Fairfax Choral Society!

- 🎵 **Silent Auction Fundraiser**  
Sunday, November 12, 2023 – 5:00 pm  
Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, Fairfax, VA
- 🎵 **Nowell! Sing Nowell!**  
Youth Choruses  
Tuesday, December 5, 2023 – 7:00 pm  
Annandale United Methodist Church, Annandale, VA
- 🎵 **Light, Love, and Peace**  
Symphonic Chorus, Vocal Arts Ensemble,  
Master Singers, and Concert Choir  
Sunday, December 10, 2023 – 7:00 pm  
Capital One Hall, Tysons, VA
- 🎵 **Christmas in Fairfax**  
Symphonic Chorus and Vocal Arts Ensemble  
with the City of Fairfax Band  
Saturday, December 16, 2023 – 7:00 pm  
Fairfax High School Auditorium, Fairfax, VA

The Fairfax Choral Society (FCS) seeks new singers for all age levels. Celebrating over 60 years, FCS enriches lives through the performance, education, and appreciation of choral art for a wide variety of skill levels and age groups, available and accessible to all. Join in developing and encouraging the local arts community.

Audition information is available on [FCS' website](#).



# Environment & Parks News

## Americana Drive Clean-Up

The Fairfax County Restoration Project (FCRP) will be hosting a Clean Up event along Americana Drive on Veteran's Day (Saturday, November 11) from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

If you're interested in volunteering, you can [sign up on FCRP's website](#).



## FLAP Updates

The Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP) host several volunteer events on the second Sunday of each month.



Their Monthly Clean-Up is Sunday, November 12 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. You can find more information about the clean-up on FLAP'S [event page](#).

You can view all volunteer opportunities for FLAP on their [Eventbrite](#) or text 'FLAP' to 22828 for monthly updates.

## Road Raiders' November 18 Clean-Up

The Kings Park West Road Raiders are hosting a clean-up at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 18, the location is yet to be determined. If you're interested in more information or you'd like to join their email list, email [KPWRoadRaiders@gmail.com](mailto:KPWRoadRaiders@gmail.com)

## Learn About Becoming a Charge@Work Business

According to a recent survey by Plug In America, 60% of electric vehicle (EV) drivers need chargers at work, either because they have a long commute, or they have no access to at-home charging. If you are a business owner or manager in Fairfax County's tight job market, you may be considering ways to recruit and retain employees in your organization. Or perhaps you are looking for ways to become a corporate leader in environmental sustainability and show community stewardship. Offering a perk like EV charging could provide your business with the edge you are looking for, and incentives are available to help your organization finance EV charging stations to your EV-driving employees.

The U.S. Department of Energy is sponsoring the [Charge@Work](#) program to encourage employers and employees to reduce their transportation emissions. Charge@Work plans to engage over 50,000 workplaces and







in the County. Chairman McKay stated that the \$300,000 investment in the playground is symbolic of the County's commitment to the longevity of this treasured park.

Funding for this project was made available thanks to a budget request by Supervisor Walkinshaw, Chairman McKay, and Franconia Supervisor Lusk in the Fiscal Year 2023 Third Quarter Review process.

## **Task Force on the Future of Lake Accotink Update**

The Task Force on the Future of Lake Accotink will hold its seventh meeting on Monday, November 6, at 7:00 p.m. in



Conference Room 11 at the Government Center. Consultant LimnoTech will provide an update on their examination of the questions posed by the community and Task Force. Topics for this meeting include more details about what type of open water feature might be possible with a managed wetland; how much sediment could be kept onsite; discussion of

features, amenities, benefits, and impacts of a managed wetland; and a discussion of sediment loads within Accotink Creek.

Three subcommittees were created within the Task Force to explore topics in more detail. Those groups are the Subcommittee on the Value of Lake Accotink to Lake Accotink Park and to the County, the Subcommittee on Impacts of and Issues with the County Staff Recommendation to Not Dredge, and the Subcommittee on Options to Consider Other than Traditional Full Dredging. The subcommittees have met separately to analyze, review, and discuss their topics and will provide preliminary results on their findings at the November 6 meeting.

The Task Force will also meet on Monday, November 27, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 11 at the Government Center. LimnoTech will present their deliverables to the Task Force, and the three subcommittees will present their completed reports. The final Task Force meeting will be held on Monday, December 4, at 7:00 p.m. in Government Center Conference Room 11. At this meeting, the Task Force will finalize its Findings Report, which will be presented to the Board of Supervisors at the December 5 Board meeting and discussed in more detail at the Board's Environmental Committee meeting on December 12.

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, meeting materials, minutes, and a full list of upcoming meetings of both the Task Force and subcommittees can be found on the Task Force on the Future of Lake Accotink [webpage](#).



# Compliance Corner

**Indoor Heating** – With morning frost becoming more common, you may be interested in the minimum indoor heating requirements for apartments and office buildings. Here is a [summary](#) of what the Virginia Maintenance Code requires:

- Living in apartments or leased residential condominiums:
  - Heat must be provided and able to keep a minimum temperature of 68°F in rooms like bedrooms and living rooms, from October 15 - May 1.
  - If the outside temperature drops below 17°F, a heating system operating without noticeable mechanical defects is compliant, even if the system is not able to keep a minimum of 68°F.
- Working indoors such as in office buildings:
  - Must be heated to at least 65°F from October 1 – April 15, except for processing, storage, and operation areas that require cooling or special temperature conditions.
- Space heaters can't be the only source of heat. Before using space heaters, please obtain safety information by visiting [FairfaxCounty.gov](http://FairfaxCounty.gov) and searching "space heaters."
- If you are concerned about potential violations:
  - First, always ask your landlord or property management to address the issue.
  - If unresolved, please contact the Department of Code Compliance (DCC) – information below.

How does the Department of Code Compliance (DCC) enforce codes?

- DCC Investigators inspect and photograph the property to determine if there is a violation and try to contact the property owner to discuss the nature of the complaint or violation.
- If there is a violation, a Notice of Violation (NOV) is issued directing the property owner to resolve the violation.
- The NOV provides the owner with a specific timeline to come into compliance.
- DCC Investigators reinspect the property after the provided time to comply has expired to determine whether the violation has been resolved.
- Failure to comply with the NOV can result in the County taking legal action, such as seeking civil penalties or a court order to resolve the violation.

DCC accepts complaints and concerns about potential violations on the [DCC website](#), or by telephone Monday – Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. or Fridays from 9:15 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at (703) 324-1300.

# Transportation Updates

## FFX FSS Meeting

The Fairfax Families for Safe Streets (FFX FSS) will host a [virtual chapter meeting](#) on Monday, November 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Special guests from the Fairfax County Health Department will share their ongoing work in developing a new pedestrian safety report, FFX FSS will discuss ways to engage in current safe streets advocacy efforts and share important updates about the 2023 World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims event.



Join the [virtual meeting](#) via Zoom. Meeting ID: 823 5449 1640 | Passcode: 347799

For more information, [email Chris French](#).

## Public Hearings for VRE's Proposed Fare Increase

The [public comment period](#) for changes to Virginia Railway Express (VRE) fares, as proposed in the [Fiscal Year 2025 budget](#), is open until Thursday, November 16 at 5:00 p.m. The proposed budget provides for the first-ever operation of VRE weekend service, as well as a proposal to allow children under 18 to ride free and changes to simplify fare payment.

Public comments can be sent by:

- *Mailing*  
VRE FY 2025 Budget Public  
Comment  
1500 King Street, Suite 202  
Alexandria, VA 22314
- *Emailing*  
[publiccomment@vre.org](mailto:publiccomment@vre.org)
- *Calling* (540) 524-2662
- *Faxing* (703) 684-1313

# Public Safety

## Community Advisory Committee Community Engagement Meeting

The West Springfield District Community Advisory Committee (CAC) will host a Community Engagement Meeting on Tuesday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m. These meetings offer the community a chance to dialogue and communicate more effectively with officers of the Fairfax County Police Department.

First Lieutenant Hudson Bull is November's guest speaker. He will be discussing the FLOCK system and how it works to solve crimes in the County.



The meeting will be held in person at the West Springfield District Station (6140 Rolling Road, Springfield). Consider signing up for the West Springfield CAC newsletter by emailing [wscacmailbox@gmail.com](mailto:wscacmailbox@gmail.com). CAC meetings are generally held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., and all ages are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, contact MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363.

**IN PERSON!!!!**

West Springfield District Station  
Community Advisory Committee

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING**  
**Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 7:00PM**  
6140 Rolling Road  
Springfield, VA

**Guest Speaker:**  
**1LT Hudson Bull**  
FLOCK Systems



## Personal Safety for Women

Officers from the West Springfield District Station will present "Personal Safety for Women" on Monday, November 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the community room of the West Springfield Governmental Center (6140 Rolling Road, Springfield).

### PERSONAL SAFETY FOR WOMEN

**Monday, November 20, 2023**

**6:30PM**

**West Springfield District Station**  
**6140 Rolling Road**  
**Springfield, VA**



This lecture-based course is designed to provide information on situational awareness, how to recognize and react in various locations, and how to defend yourself in a dangerous situation.

The presentation will take approximately one hour, with time for questions during and after the class.

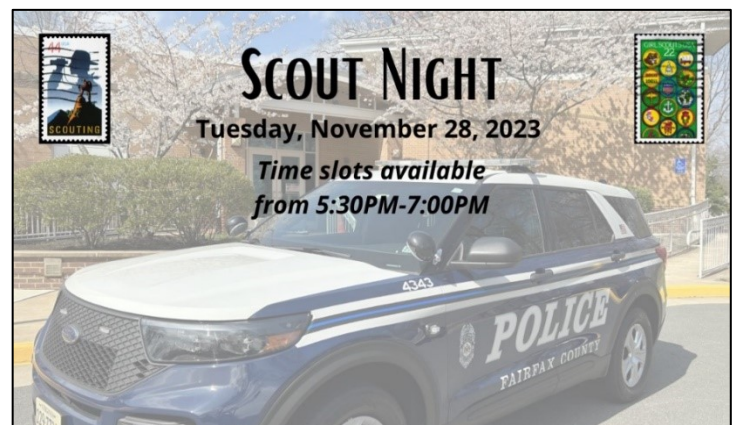
If you have any questions, contact MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363 or [Anthony.capizzi@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Anthony.capizzi@fairfaxcounty.gov).

## Scout Night

Officers from the West Springfield District Station will be hosting a Scout Night on Tuesday, November 28, between 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

If your den or troop would like to visit the police station and speak with officers, please contact them for available times. Officers will give a presentation to the kids in the community room, a video tour of

**SCOUT NIGHT**  
Tuesday, November 28, 2023  
Time slots available  
from 5:30PM-7:00PM





the station, and then a hands-on tour of the police car outside. Space is limited to one den/troop every half hour. Slots are 5:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.

If older scouts need specific requirements for a badge, arrangements can be made. Please contact either PFC Liam May at (703) 277-2357 or MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363 for scheduling or further questions.

## **FCPD Detectives Advise Community of "Bank Juggling"**

Detectives are investigating several incidents of victims being targeted after visiting a bank or financial institution, known as bank juggling, and want to raise awareness in our community of how to avoid and stay safe.

In several incidents in Fairfax County, suspects have observed victims withdraw a significant amount of cash from a bank. The suspects then follow the victim as they drive away. The victims in these cases park their cars at another location, leaving the money in the vehicle. The suspects then break the window of the car and steal the money.

At 3:13 p.m. on September 15, a victim withdrew \$9500 from a local bank. When the victim entered his vehicle and began to drive off, his tire pressure sensor illuminated. The victim exited his vehicle and noticed one of his tires was punctured. The victim was approached by a Hispanic man in his mid to late 30s, wearing a black t-shirt and carrying a backpack. The suspect advised that he had an aerosol tire inflator kit in his backpack. As the victim was tending to the tire, the suspect stated that he needed another kit and left. The victim checked his vehicle and realized the money, which was in the center console, was gone.

Through investigations, officers determined the suspect was watching the victim as he arrived and left the bank. The suspect punctured the tire of the victim's vehicle and followed the victim as he drove away.

Detectives are asking anyone who may have information about this incident to call the Franconia Police Station at (703) 922-0889 and ask to speak with a detective. Tips can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Solvers by phone – 1 (866) 411-TIPS (866-411-8477), and [online](#).

To protect oneself from becoming a victim of a bank juggling, the FCPD encourages community members to take precautions such as:

1. Be aware of your surroundings: Pay attention to anyone who may be observing your activities outside a bank or financial institution.
2. Conceal cash and bank-related items: Store cash in a discreet manner, such as in a purse or wallet, and avoid displaying bank bags or envelopes that may draw attention. Do not leave cash unattended in your vehicle. If you do, consider locking it in the glove box.
3. Vary your routine: Criminals often look for patterns, so it is advisable to change your habits regarding banking and cash withdrawals.

4. Secure your vehicle: Ensure that your vehicle is locked, windows are closed, and valuables are not visible, reducing the likelihood of becoming a target.
5. Report suspicious activity: If you notice someone acting suspiciously or believe you are being followed, report it to the police as soon as possible.

# Human Services Corner

## Hypothermia Prevention Program

Since 2005, the Fairfax County [Hypothermia Prevention Program](#) has prevented death and serious injuries among people experiencing homelessness by ensuring that no

one must sleep outside during the winter months. This program - available to any adult in need of immediate shelter - provides warm shelter, food, and other supportive services to help connect guests to a variety of basic needs such as clothing, employment, housing, and more. It remains a highly effective partnership between government, nonprofits, and the faith community. The program will open every day, countywide on December 1 and ends on March 31, 2024.

Overflow shelter capacity in the year-round adult shelters will be available each night starting November 15. Before that date, shelters will activate overflow capacity during extreme weather events and unseasonably low temperatures, such as most of this week. Overflow shelter capacity is limited. Sign up for [Fairfax Alerts](#), specifically "Homelessness Cooling and Heating Resources," for information on overflow activation.

**HYPOTHERMIA PREVENTION PROGRAM**

**DECEMBER 1, 2023 - MARCH 31, 2024**

**About the Program**

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**Note:** Adults with children (ages 0-17) should contact Coordinated Services Planning at 703-222-0880 (TTY 711), Monday - Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., for referrals to family-oriented support and services. If you **need assistance after hours, please contact or visit one of the county's family shelters** - locations and contact information are available at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/emergency-shelters](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/emergency-shelters)

For more information:  
<https://bit.ly/Fairfax-Hypothermia-Program>

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Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in all county programs, services and activities. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request. For information, call 703-248-5000 or TTY 711.

If you have any questions about the program, contact Dee Johnson at [danien.johnson@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:danien.johnson@fairfaxcounty.gov) or visit the County's [Office to Prevent and End Homelessness website](#).

## Youth Leadership Conference

Calling all high school juniors and seniors! Join Leadership Fairfax for the [Youth Leadership Network Annual Conference](#) on Saturday, November 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Leadership Fairfax at the Virginia Tech Falls Church Campus (7054 Haycock Road, Falls Church).

The conference will feature training sessions and experiences for high school juniors and seniors interested in improving their leadership skills, building stronger communities, and creating a more equitable future.

Collaborators can sponsor an experience, facilitate training sessions, and engage in various ways to help support the development of the leaders of the metaverse.

[Register today!](#) If money is a barrier to a teen wanting to attend this conference, reach out to the closest [NCS community/teen center](#) for registration assistance.

## Need to Sign Up for Medicare?

Medicare 101 Workshops, led by the [Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program](#) (VICAP), are for individuals and their care partners who will soon be eligible for Medicare or have Medicare and would like to learn more about it.

Several in-person workshops and virtual presentations are scheduled for November. Registration is required. [Register online](#) or call VICAP at (703) 324-5851 | TTY 711.

## Fairfax Area Student "Shark Tank" Technology Challenge

The Fairfax Area 50+ Technology Committee is issuing a challenge to high school students in Fairfax County, Fairfax City, and the City of Falls Church to develop an innovative device or app that will have a positive impact in lives of older adults and adults with disabilities with their ["Shark Tank" Technology Challenge](#).



Many older adults and adults with disabilities struggle every day to live comfortably in this ever-changing world – a world that is often not designed to accommodate their highly specialized needs. The widely watched televised *Shark Tank* is a platform for inventors of all ages to submit innovative, marketable product ideas that will successfully cater to today's popular





culture. This contest opportunity seeks young innovators who will take up the challenge of designing practical products and applications that older adults and adults with disabilities can independently operate to make the world more user-friendly.

Details on how to enter, past winners, and other helpful information and resources can be found on the [County's website](#). The deadline to send an initial proposal is December 15.

## Resources for Older Adults

### Dementia Caregiver's Conference

The Northern Virginia Dementia Care Consortium has been educating caregivers since 1986 and hosts an [Annual Caregiver's Conference](#) which is the largest dementia conference in the region specifically for family and professional caregivers.

This year's conference is on Friday, November 10, from 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

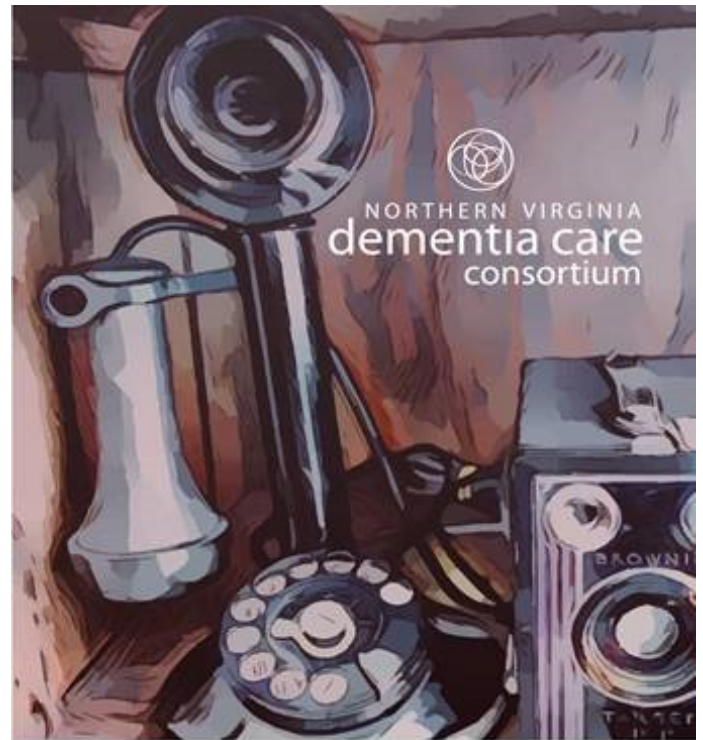
The theme for this year's 37th Annual Conference is "When Caregiving Calls: Building a Framework for Resilience".

The keynote speaker is Dr. Aaron Blight, an international speaker and consultant on caregiving, aging, and healthcare, and the founder of Caregiving Kinetics.

Attend to become better prepared to provide care and support at home or in a facility, learn new ways to engage individuals with dementia, and visit local exhibitors who offer supportive services.

The conference is at the Korean Central Presbyterian Church (15451 Lee Highway, Centreville).

To learn more about the conference, sessions, itinerary, and speakers, or to register, visit the [Department of Family Services website](#) or call (703) 578-7431.



37TH ANNUAL CAREGIVER'S CONFERENCE

# Free Community Events at the Wellness Center for Older Adults

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

<h1>November 2023</h1>				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
6 <b>10:00-2:00 Memory Screenings</b> 10:00 Nutrition Presentation	7 <b>10:00-2:00 'Brown Bag' Medication Safety Event</b> 1:00 Nutrition Presentation	8 10:30 Creativity Leads to Wellness	9 10:00-2:00 Blood Pressure Screenings	10 <b>Center Closed in observance of Veterans Day</b>
13	14	15 10:30 Creativity Leads to Wellness	16	17 <b>11:00 Birthday Bingo and Cake</b> 1:00 Fun Brain Train
20	21	22 10:30 Creativity Leads to Wellness	23 <b>Center Closed in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday</b>	24 <b>Center Closed in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday</b>
27 	28 	29 10:30 Creativity Leads to Wellness	30 	

## Program Descriptions (listed alphabetically)

### Birthday Celebration

Happy Birthday November babies! Play Bingo at 11:00 a.m. on the last Friday of the month and reserve your slice of cake.

### 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.

### 'Brown Bag' Medication & Workshop

[NOVA Scripts Central](#) will present a workshop at 10:30 for all to join. They offer free, confidential medication reviews and educational materials. Appointments are in 30-minute increments from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Reserve your appointment!

### 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.

### Fun Brain Train

Keep your brain sharp and focused with Brain Games. Join us as we do logic puzzles, trivia, or other mind games to keep the brain healthy and active.

### 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.

### Nutrition Presentations

Join the George Mason Department of Nutrition and Food Studies and start your day off learning and practicing healthy eating. In this group we will have nutrition education and demonstrations.

# Land Use & Development

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & HEARINGS

Health Care Advisory Board Decision on Application for Special Exception for Friends Adult Day Care

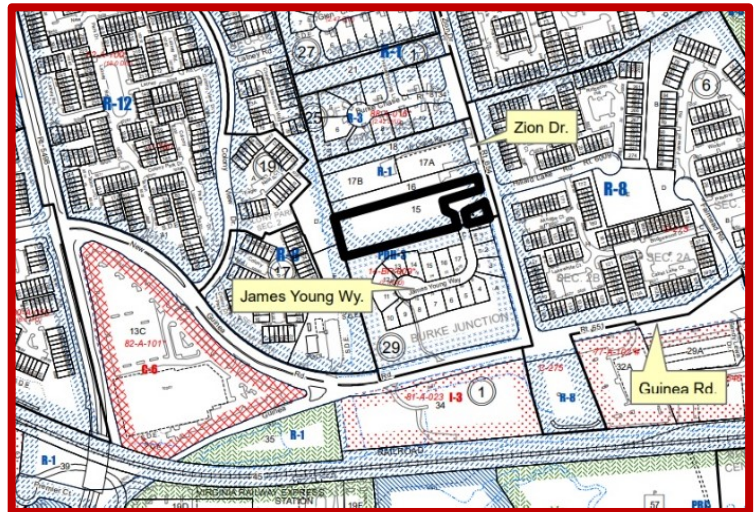
- November 13 at 7:30 p.m. – Government Center Room 232 and Virtual

Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee Meeting

- November 14 at 7:00 p.m. – Virtual

## Board of Supervisors Approves Rezoning of the Mary Day Property on Zion Drive

On October 10, the Board of Supervisors approved 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. Six homes comparable to those in Burke Junction may be built on the property, with access 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.

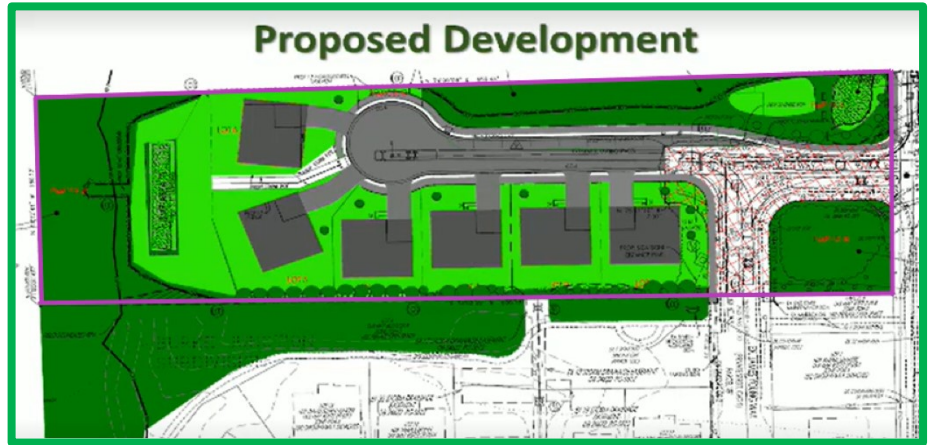


Based on feedback from the adjacent community, numerous changes were made to the application from the time it was filed in late 2021. The access road was shifted slightly to the north to allow for a 5- to 8-foot-wide landscape buffer or easement along the southern property line to maximize screening. Additional trees and landscaping were added. Specific language was included to clarify that construction activities on the Day property will not cut into the critical root zones or damage any off-site trees. To minimize potential negative impacts of height differences due to topography, the applicant agreed to bury basements adjacent to Burke Junction a minimum of 6 feet below existing grade. On-street guest parking spaces were added on the Day property. A proposed tot lot and crosswalk were removed from the plan. An offsite stormwater inlet that is currently not functioning will be repaired. The circumstances under which the new community could consolidate with the Burke Junction Homeowners Association were clarified.

Thanks to members of the Burke Junction community, the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee, and Planning Commissioner Mary Cortina for helping improve this plan as it went through the consideration process.

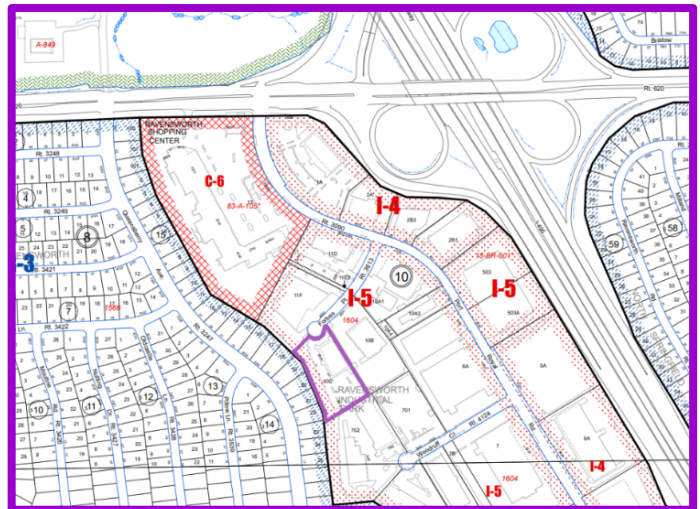


The final plan, proffers, development conditions, and conceptual development plan conditions are available on the [PLUS website](#). The initial February 1, 2023 Staff Report analyzing the proposed rezoning and memos updating the Planning Commission on subsequent revisions issued on May 17, June 14, July 20, and July 26 are also available online. 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 will be at the end of the list.



## Application Under Consideration for Adult Day Care Facility at 8003 Forbes Place in Springfield

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. According to the application, 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 along the side of the building, 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 would 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 most clients would arrive by buses or minivans. The daily impact is estimated at 100 trips, primarily at 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The Health Care Advisory Board (HCAB) met on October 9 to review this application. The HCAB reviews zoning and Special Exception applications for medical care facilities from a health care rather than a land use perspective. Because there were numerous questions from members, the HCAB deferred its decision until its meeting on Monday, November 13, at 7:30 p.m. in

Government Center Room 232. The meeting will also be available [via Zoom](#) (Password: 641887) or via telephone 888-270-9936, Conference Code 4401533

To allow time for the HCAB to provide its recommendations regarding the proposal to the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission, the Planning Commission hearing on the Special Exception application has been deferred until early 2024. A Board of Supervisors hearing has not yet been scheduled.

Information on the Special Exception application is available on the [PLUS website](#). If the record does not show up from the link, select the "Zoning" tab and enter the application number, SE-2023-BR-00015, 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. Details on the application are typically in the "Statement of Justification," and the "Special Exception Plat" shows the drawings.

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

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will hold a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m.** (Please note date—it will be the second Tuesday in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday.) The agenda will include updates on pending Braddock District land use cases and related proposals.

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#.

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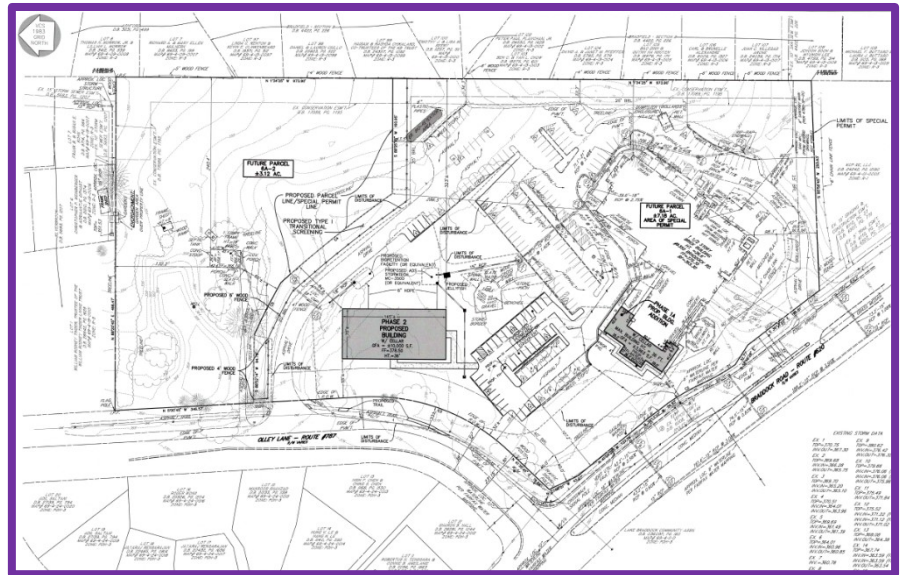
### **Church of the Good Shepherd Applies for Special Permit Amendment to Subdivide Its Property**

The Church of the Good Shepherd has applied for a Special Permit Amendment for their 10.31-acre property at 9350 Braddock Road in Burke. In general terms, the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance allows religious assembly uses to locate within residential zoning districts under the controls, limitations, and regulations of a Special Permit approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). Similar to a Special Exception, the purpose of this is to help ensure the proposal is compatible with the surrounding residential uses. The Church of the Good Shepherd has received several Special Permit approvals over the years, the most recent of which was approved by the BZA on May 13, 2003. That approval permitted building additions, site modifications, and an increase in land area for the Church and a nursery school. The approval included a large playfield on the northernmost portion of the site.

According to representatives from the Church, they want to sell approximately 3.12 acres of land at the northern end of their property as they no longer anticipate a need for all of the building improvements or the playfield approved in the 2003 application. The remaining 7.185 acres will continue to be used by the Church, with two possible phases of additional development on that land.

The prior approval permitted four phases of future development. Phase 1 was an addition to the existing church, which has been constructed. Phase 1B was an additional expansion of the existing building by approximately 9,000 square feet, and phases 2 and 3 allowed for the construction of a new worship center and an administrative building totaling 29,587 square feet of gross floor area. The plans also included a large playfield.

In conjunction with the request for the deletion of land area from the Special Permit, the Church is also seeking to reduce the ultimate size of the previously approved improvements. The building addition approved as Phase 1B would be reduced to approximately 3,963 square feet, and the approved sanctuary capacity of 900 seats would be reduced to 688. In addition, Phases 2 and 3 would be combined into a single building referred to as Phase 2 and consisting of approximately 10,000 square feet. The Church would continue to operate a nursery school with a maximum enrollment of 99 children. The conservation easement along the eastern property line, which is approximately 34 feet wide, would be maintained and enhanced with supplemental trees and evergreens. Twenty-five feet of transitional screening would be provided between the Church and the new parcel that would be separated.



The applicant is not proposing any new uses on the parcel that is to be separated, nor are they proposing a rezoning of the property removed from the Church's parcel. This application would only remove 3.12 acres of land from the Church's Special Permit area and that land would revert to what is currently permitted by right in the R-1 Zoning District, which is residential use at a density of one house per acre with a minimum lot size of 36,000 square feet. Any development proposals beyond that would require a Comprehensive Plan amendment and rezoning approval by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.

The Special Permit Amendment application was accepted on August 24. Pursuant to the Special Permit standards in the Zoning Ordinance, staff will be looking at what the removal of 3.12 acres of land from the Special Permit area means for the continued function and operation of the Church use. No decisions will be made on the future of the 3.12 acres as a result of this application.



The Special Permit process is open and transparent and public input is encouraged. Residents may submit comments to [bzaclerkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:bzaclerkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov). The Statement of Justification from the applicant and the Special Permit plat are available on the [PLUS website](#). If the link doesn't take you directly to the application, select the "Zoning" tab and enter the application number, SPA-81-A-025-02, in the search box on the right side. Click on the magnifying glass and you will see the application. Click on the "Record Info" arrow on the left and then click on "Attachments" in the drop-down menu. The most recent documents will be at the end of the list. The PLUS website is updated in real time, so any updates will be available when submitted.

The BZA hearing has been scheduled for December 6 at 9:00 a.m., and the public is welcome to attend and provide testimony. The decision in this matter will be made by the Board of Zoning Appeals, a quasi-judicial body consisting of seven at-large members and one alternate who are appointed by the Circuit Court of Fairfax County. The application does not go before the Board of Supervisors and the Board has no role in the decision-making process.

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## Update on DMV's Braddock Road Customer Service Center

Work at the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Braddock Road Customer Service Center, located adjacent to the Erickson Living facility, has reached several significant milestones since we were last updated. As many of you have probably seen, the building is under roof and installation of landscaping and work on parking lots and sidewalks is well underway. The above-ceiling inspection was recently completed and they expect final inspection in a few weeks. The DMV told the Braddock District Office that they are on target to open the office in late January.



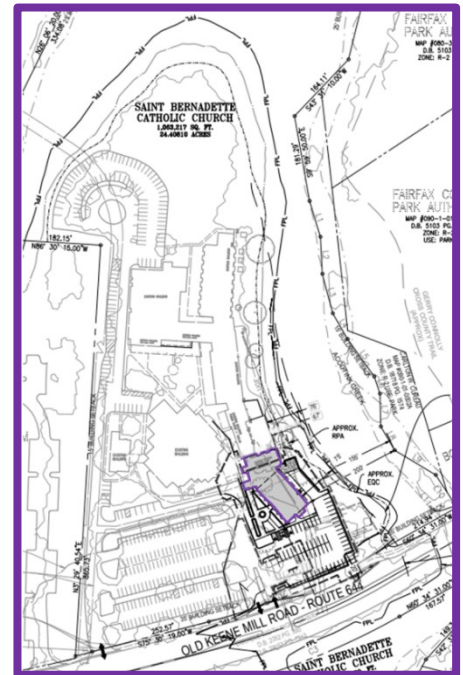
## Cases Filed with the Board of Zoning Appeals

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.

➤ **Saint Bernadette Catholic Church and School – 7600 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield  
SPA-78-S-276-03**

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 on 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. At the applicant's request, the BZA hearing on this application has been deferred until November 15. Additional information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).



➤ **Trustees of the Church of the Good Shepherd – 9350 Braddock Road, Burke  
SPA-81-A-025-02**

The Church is requesting to amend its previous approval for religious assembly and a childcare center to permit site modifications and the removal of approximately 3.12 acres from its existing Special Permit. See article in the Land Development section of this newsletter for more details. The BZA hearing on this application has been scheduled for December 6. Additional 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.

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