



The Braddock Beacon

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Dear Neighbor,

Happy Labor Day Weekend! I hope you and your family can enjoy the long weekend, and that you take a moment to appreciate the many contributions that the labor movement has made to our nation.

I'm excited to share that I am hosting my First Annual **Climate Action Conference** at Lake Braddock Secondary School on Saturday, September 30.

In Fairfax County, extreme heat, dangerous storms, and neighborhood flooding are all projected to increase in coming years. The good news is that new local, state, and federal initiatives give all of us the opportunity to reduce our carbon footprint and save money.

The Climate Action Conference will provide an opportunity to learn about local incentives like our property tax deduction for solar, energy rebate programs through your electric utility, and the new federal tax credits available thanks to passage of the Inflation Reduction Act. Fairfax County residents, businesses, non-profits, and faith communities can save thousands while doing their part to reduce emissions and fight climate change.

That's why I hope you can join me, Congressman Gerry Connolly, Chairman Jeff McKay, and Michael Forrester, Assistant Director of Partnerships with the Office of State and Community Energy Programs at the U.S. Department of Energy at the conference on September 30 at Lake Braddock Secondary School (9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke) from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. for this free, information-packed event.

[Reserve your spot today!](#)

Supervisor James Walkinshaw invites you to attend the 1st Annual

Climate Action Conference

Saturday, September 30
8:30am-12:30pm

Lake Braddock Secondary School
9200 Burke Lake Rd. Burke, VA


Learn how:

- To reduce your carbon footprint
- To save money with local, state, and federal incentives

Featuring:
Congressman Gerry Connolly
Chairman Jeff McKay
U.S. Department of Energy

Supervisor James R. Walkinshaw
Braddock District
Fairfax County, Virginia

Register at bit.ly/1acac or scan the QR code



Cox Opens Innovation Lab in Annandale

Earlier this week, I joined representatives of Cox Communications, Fairfax County's Neighborhood and Community Services, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, and Super Bowl Champion Malcolm Mitchell at the Annandale Community Center (ACC)



to cut the ribbon for the ACC's new [Cox Innovation Lab!](#)

The lab will help bridge the digital divide for children without reliable technology or internet at home.

Since the ACC opened in March, programs for elementary, middle, and high schoolers have become available at low or no cost for families. Seeing the space become a hub for kids to get after-school homework help, or learn outdoor skills from a Boy Scout troop at [summer camp](#), and for parents and adults in the community to take English classes is a reminder of the impact we can have.

National Suicide Awareness Month

September is National Suicide Awareness Month. There are several events to raise awareness this month, and plenty of resources are available to help.

Awareness Events

- World Suicide Prevention Day is September 10
 - The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB) is hosting a virtual "QPR" (Question, Persuade, and Refer) Suicide Prevention Training via Zoom from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. You can learn more and register on the [CSB's website](#).
- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's Annual "Out of the Darkness" Community Walk is on October 1 at Fairfax City Hall (10455 Armstrong Street, Fairfax) from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. [Learn more about the walk.](#)
 - Don't have a team? Register as part of the [Board of Supervisors' team](#) and receive a free t-shirt!



Prevention Resources

Resources that are available 24/7 include:

- [9-8-8](#), the 24/7 Suicide and Crisis Hotline, available via text or call
- Calling CSB [Emergency Services](#) at (703) 573-5679

- Texting "CONNECT" to 855-11 to contact [PRS CrisisLink](#)
- Calling [PRS CrisisLink](#) at (703) 527-4077
- [The Trevor Project](#) (specific to LGBTQIA+ Youth)
- [Trans Lifeline](#) (877) 565-8860 (specific to Trans callers)
- In an immediate, life-threatening situation, call 9-1-1

The CSB also has a suicide prevention information and resources [website](#) with information on their [Mental Health First Aid Classes](#), specific resources for members of the military, veterans, Fairfax County Public Schools students, and older adults.

Yours in service,



Supervisor James R. Walkinshaw

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Upcoming Events

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

- **September 4** Labor Day
- **September 6** VDOT’s In-Person Visualize 2050 Meeting at Government Center
- **September 9** FCPA’s Dog Daze
Burke Centre Festival
Teen Volunteer Fair at Burke Centre Library
- **September 10**World Suicide Prevention Day
Burke Centre Festival
- **September 11** National Day of Service and Remembrance
Lake Accotink Task Force Meeting
- **September 12** VDOT’s Virtual Visualize 2050 Meeting
Board of Supervisors Meeting
- **September 13** Community Meeting on Day Property Rezoning
- **September 15** Hispanic Heritage Month Begins
- **September 15 - 17** Rosh Hashanah
- **September 19** ... Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee Meeting
- **September 20**Braddock District Council’s Annual Meeting
- **September 21** “Human Rights: Legal Updates and Emerging Frontiers” at
Government Center
- **September 22**Early Voting Begins
- **September 23** Inaugural Fairfax Fiesta
- **September 24 - 26** Yom Kippur
- **September 26** National Voter Registration Day
Board of Supervisors Meeting
- **September 30** ... Supervisor Walkinshaw’s First Annual Climate Action Conference

Walkinshaw in the Community



Supervisor Walkinshaw celebrated National Farmers Market Week at the Wakefield Farmers Market on August 9



Delegate Kathy Tran and Supervisor Walkinshaw went on a Boat Tour of the Potomac River with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation on August 3



Chairman McKay and Supervisor Walkinshaw visiting neighborhoods for National Night Out on August 1

Senator Jennifer Boysko and Supervisors Herrity and Walkinshaw at the Vietnamese Heritage Festival in Tysons on August 12





Supervisor Walkinshaw presented a resolution commending the 50th Anniversary of the David R. Pinn Community Center to Pinn Center staff and community members on August 5

Supervisor Walkinshaw, Super Bowl Champion Malcolm Mitchell and the incredible Braddock Elementary School team at Annandale Community Day on August 29



In August, Supervisor Walkinshaw also:

- Visited the Burke Farmers Market to celebrate National Farmers Market Week on August 12
- Hosted a Virtual Community Meeting to discuss Burke Centre Parkway on August 15
- Attended Braddock Nights concerts at Royal Lake Park and Lake Accotink Park on Friday evenings
- Went to the Children’s Arts in the Park Entertainment Series at the Audrey Moore Rec Center on Saturday mornings

September Citizen of the Month

Gail Ruf

Braddock District's September Citizen of the Month is Gail Ruf!

Gail is a longtime resident of the Braddock District and the Oak Hill community. After an extensive 40+ year career as a TV and Digital Media Production Engineer with ABC News, she pivoted to combining her love of crafting with her dedication to helping others.

Her volunteer work focuses on helping children at family shelters and local schools. Gail teaches arts and crafts to kids without access to art materials at home.

When children had limited access to schools and shelters during the pandemic, she began distributing craft supplies with project DIYs in activity bags that are unique and age appropriate. Local organizations work with her to distribute the activity bags including the Patrick Henry Family Shelter, DC Community of Hope, Carpenter's Shelter, Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter, and Weyanoke Elementary. Getting these materials dropped off at children's homes is important to Gail. During the pandemic they provided kids with a creative outlet to cope with changes at the time; now they serve as accessible art.



Recently, after a tree fell on a home in the Oak Hill community, Gail coordinated efforts to bring bags filled with craft supplies and projects to the children who lived there to help them cope with the trauma of having to temporarily relocate while their home is under repair.

Gail's sensitivity to the needs of children and their creative spirits, combined with her can-do attitude, make Supervisor Walkinshaw proud to recognize Gail as September's Braddock District Citizen of the Month.

Congratulations to Gail and thank you for your service!

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

Community News

Congratulations Grant Winners!

FLAP wins National Grant

Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP) was one of the 19,000 nominated organizations recently selected to receive a \$1,000 grant from the Starbucks Foundation for their important work in the community.

You can view the full list of winners on Starbucks' [website](#). Congratulations to FLAP!

District Winners of ArtsFairfax Grants

ArtsFairfax, the nonprofit designated as Fairfax County's local arts agency, recently announced over \$590,000 awarded in Operating Support Grants to 50 nonprofit arts and culture organizations based in Fairfax County, the City of Fairfax, and the City of Falls Church.

Operating Support Grants are foundational to the stability of Fairfax nonprofit arts and culture organizations by providing County funds, distributed by ArtsFairfax, for the basic operation of invaluable programs, services, and facilities these organizations provide to Fairfax County area residents.

Congratulations to Braddock District winners: Daily Poetry Association, DanceArtTheater, Fall for the Book, Inc., Music for Life, and Northern Virginia Chorale!

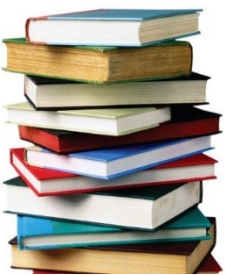
You can view the full list of winners on ArtsFairfax's [website](#).



Library Events

Fairfax County Public Libraries host a variety of events throughout the year! Upcoming events in Braddock District Libraries include:

Teen Volunteer Fair



Are you 13-18 years old and interested in volunteering at the Burke Centre Library? Come to the Teen Volunteer Fair on September 9 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. More information is available on the [Library's calendar](#).

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

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

Supervisor Walkinshaw has served as Chair of the Council to End Domestic Violence since 2020. He is proud of the progress the Council has made during his tenure and is ready for a successor to take the reins and continue the good work of the Council.

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



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

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

The goals of the CEDV are to:

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

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

Apply for the Fairfax Food Council Steering Committee

FCPS 11th graders! Do you want to advocate for young people who reside and attend schools in Fairfax County, Fairfax City, and Falls Church? The Fairfax Food Council is seeking two youth representatives to serve on the Fairfax Food Council Steering Committee. Youth



representatives will be granted monthly stipends in the amount of \$25 per hour of service, with an estimated 6-hour time commitment required each month. [Applications are due by September 15.](#)

Braddock District Council Update

The revitalized Braddock District Council is preparing to launch its second post-pandemic business year with the Annual Meeting on September 20, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in Braddock Hall (9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke). Braddock District Supervisor James Walkinshaw will kick off the meeting with an update on important issues in the District. The business portion of the meeting will follow immediately thereafter.

Braddock District Council

One important item on the agenda is the election of the new treasurer, Barbara Smith (Woodbury Woods). Although anyone can attend Council meetings, only associations that have paid the 2023-2024 dues are eligible to vote on business before the Council – take steps to complete the online membership form and mail your check by September 20 to:

*Braddock District Council
c/o Braddock District Supervisor's Office
9002 Burke Lake Road
Burke, VA 22015*

Other items on the agenda include the Council's proposed FY 2023-2024 budget, an update on the Outreach Plan to build membership, a report on the Braddock District Aging in Place Program, and a proposal to revise the Council Bylaws adopted in 2006.

Please mark your calendar for this event. The Council hopes to see a strong turnout for the required Annual Meeting on September 20 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in Braddock Hall.

The Congressional App Challenge is Underway!

Every year, members of Congress challenge students in their Districts to create and submit their original apps for a chance to win the Congressional App Challenge (CAC). The [Congressional App Challenge](#) serves as an opportunity for high school students to be more engaged in coding in their Congressional District. U.S. Representatives publicly recognize their District's winning teams, and each winning app may be put on display in the U.S. Capitol Building for up to one year.

- Winning apps are eligible to be displayed in the U.S. Capitol Building and featured on the House of Representatives' [website](#)
- Winning students are invited to Capitol Hill for a reception

Visit the [Congressional App Challenge website](#), or [register today](#).

View the 2022 winning apps from Congressman Don Beyer ([VA-08](#)) and Congressman Gerry Connolly's ([VA-11](#)) Districts. For more information and questions, contact [Zeena Saliba](#) (VA-08) or [Fatima Malik](#) (VA-11).

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

Inaugural Fairfax Fiesta

On Saturday, September 23, Celebrate Fairfax and Fairfax County will celebrate Hispanic culture through music, dance, food, games, and more at the inaugural [Fairfax Fiesta!](#) This family-friendly event is FREE to attend and will also feature interactive activities and educational opportunities at The PARC at Tysons (8508 Leesburg Pike, Tysons).

More information about the Fiesta is available on Celebrate Fairfax's [website](#).

Carne Asada with Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice

Celebrate Latine Heritage Month with the Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice of Virginia (LIRJ) with fun, food, games, and more! Celebrate the diversity of Latine communities, and learn how you can join the reproductive justice movement! More information is available on [LIRJ's website](#).



¡Ven a celebrar el Mes de la Herencia Latina con Latina Institute of Virginia con diversión, comida, juegos y más! ¡Celebremos la diversidad de nuestras comunidades latinas y sepamos cómo puedes unirte al movimiento de justicia reproductiva! [Más información aquí](#).

Is this your first time seeing some of these words? Read about "[Latine/Latinx](#)," and the distinction between these terms and "[Hispanic](#)."

Human Rights: Legal Updates and Emerging Frontiers

On September 21, the Fairfax County Office of Human Rights and Equity Programs will be hosting a multi-jurisdictional Fair Housing and Equal Employment event, "Human Rights: Legal Updates and Emerging Frontiers" at the Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax) from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Keynote speakers include:

- Demetria McCain, HUD Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity – Addressing disparate impact discrimination in housing
- Mindy Weinstein, Director of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's Washington Field Office – Addressing the new Pregnant Workers Fairness Act



Fairfax County is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities in all county programs, services, and activities. Please contact CHREP at 703-324-2953 or TTY 711 if you require a reasonable accommodation or alternative format based on a disability by September 1, 2022.

There will also be a panel featuring presentations from local jurisdictions; including:

- Fairfax County
- The City of Alexandria
- Prince William County
- The Equal Rights Center, Washington D.C.

For more information, or to reserve a spot, visit the event's [registration page](#).

Innovation Fund Seeks Proposals from Businesses and Nonprofit Organizations

The 2023 Innovation Fund seeks proposals from businesses and nonprofit organizations to develop creative innovative, sustainable, and replicable human service programs.

It will provide one-year seed funding to businesses and nonprofits to start a new social impact initiative or enhance a current initiative.



Social impact programs or projects must benefit Fairfax County residents. Priority consideration will be given to businesses and nonprofit organizations collaborating on social impact needs.

Applications must be submitted by September 20 at 4:00 p.m. Read more about the program, including eligibility criteria, on the County [website](#).

Traveling Players Upcoming Events

Traveling Players Ensemble is a nonprofit educational theatre company in the Washington, DC area, dedicated to bringing great theatre into the great outdoors through an innovative summer camp and year-round acting classes and workshops.

Upcoming events include:

- [Open House](#) on September 2 – Take a FREE class!
- [Auditions](#)
 - *Wiley and the Hairy Man* (grades 4-7) - September 3
 - *Commedia Christmas Carol* (grades 8-12)
- [Fall Acting Classes](#) (grades 2-12)
- [Family Friendly Play](#) – *Green Bird, A Fairy Tale*
 - Weekends, September 23-October 1 at the Traveling Plyers Studio at Tysons Corner Center (DL01 | 1961 Chain Bridge Road, Tysons)



Seasonal Items

Labor Day Transportation Updates

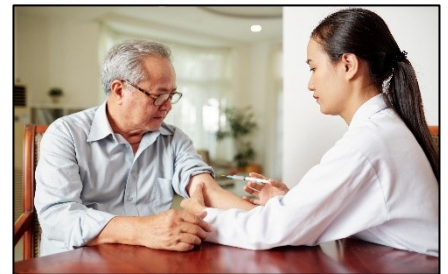
This Monday is Labor Day. Here are a few reminders:

- The Fairfax Connector will be operating Sunday service on Monday. See routes that operate on Sunday on the [Connector's website](#).
 - The [Fairfax Connector Store](#) will be open at their regularly scheduled times, and the Fairfax Connector Call Center will be available from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- VDOT has suspended work zones and lifted most lane closures on interstates and other major roads until noon on Tuesday, September 5, to help with the expected increase in traffic for the holiday weekend.

Safeway Flu Clinic

The Twinbrook Safeway (9525 Braddock Rd, Fairfax) will host a drive-thru flu clinic on September 9 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in front of the store.

Get more information (including other dates and locations) on [Safeway's website](#).



Low-Cost Animal Vaccinations & Microchips

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter will hold the next low-cost vaccination and microchip clinic for dogs and cats on Sunday, September 10.

All clinics will be from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter (4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax).

Space is limited to the first 150 people in line. Get there early to take advantage of these services!

2023 Low Cost Vaccination & Microchip Clinics

- February 19th
- April 23rd
- May 28th
- September 10th
- October 22nd
- December 3rd

All clinics are first come, first served, and limited to 150 pets. Clinics will be held at 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030

More information: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/animalshelter/communityassistance/rabiesclinics

No pre-registration or appointment is required, and all paperwork will be completed at each clinic.

For more information about vaccines available and additional dates, visit the Animal Shelter's [website](#).

Environment & Parks News

Upcoming Deer Management Season

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



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

Installation of new playground at Lake Accotink Park begins next week

The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) is set to begin work on the installation of a new playground at Lake Accotink Park, with construction activities slated to begin on or about Tuesday, September 5, weather permitting. The playground will be installed in the same geographic footprint where the previous playground was removed in May.



For more information about the playground and its installation, visit FCPA's [website](#).

Task Force on the Future of Lake Accotink Update

The Task Force on the Future of Lake Accotink held its fourth meeting on August 14. The group finalized the scoping questions for WSP/LimnoTech, the consultant who will be looking at the option of creating a managed wetland or a managed wetland with a smaller body of water. Davis Grant, General Manager of the Lake Barcroft Watershed Improvement District, provided an overview of how they manage their lake through year-round maintenance and dredging operations and discussed the challenges Lake Barcroft faces.

Three subcommittees have been created to explore topics in more detail. They are the Subcommittee on the Value of Lake Accotink and Lake Accotink Park 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 each met separately to discuss goals and begin their work.

The next meeting of the full Task Force will be held on Monday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 11 at the Government Center. The Park Authority will give a presentation on managed wetlands and consultant WSP/LimnoTech will be introduced. 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](#).



FLAP Updates

The Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP) host several events each month and invite the community to join. In September, you can join FLAP for their [Monthly Clean-Up](#) at 9:00 a.m. on September 10 at the Lake Accotink Park Marina (7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield).



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

County Replacing Gas Powered Leaf Blowers with Battery Power

Because of a [Board Matter presented by Supervisor Walkinshaw](#) in November 2021, Fairfax County's facilities are making the switch to battery-powered blowers and other electric equipment to protect the health of people and the environment, and so can you.

Environmentally speaking, gas-powered leaf blowers are



worse than many vehicles on the road today. And the noise from gas-powered lawn equipment is significantly louder than the noise produced by electric lawn equipment.

To reduce its carbon footprint and lead by example, Fairfax County is continuing its efforts to phase out gas-powered blowers in favor of electric equipment in its operations.

The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) is set to replace over half of its supply of gas-powered leaf blowers with battery-powered ones across its area maintenance shops. And the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) expects to transition 50% of its leaf blowers and trimmers to electric by the end of the current fiscal year.

This initiative is not only about sustainability but also about safeguarding the health and well-being of residents and the environment, which is in line with the County's climate goals and [Countywide Strategic Plan](#).

Residents and contractors are encouraged to join the movement away from gas-powered leaf blowers and can learn more on the [electric-powered lawn equipment page](#).

Stream and Trail Restoration at Government Center Has Begun

As of August 29, the County Stormwater Planning Division (SWPD) began significant restoration work on approximately 1,600 linear feet of the Difficult Run Stream and water basins around the Fairfax County Government Center. Residents who use the walking trails behind the Government Center will need to find alternative routes as the closure of walking trails is phased in. The trail and ponds will be closed through next year, until November 2024. For exact trail closure locations and more information,

please visit the Difficult Run Tributaries and Basins Restoration at Government Center project page.



Transportation Updates

VDOT's Community Meetings on Visualize 2050

How do you envision the transportation network in Northern Virginia in 25 years? The planning process is already underway! The National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) began the process of updating the region's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Visualize 2050, in February 2023.

To provide an opportunity to discuss local projects that are being considered, the Fairfax County Department of Transportation is hosting in-person and virtual public meetings to discuss Visualize 2050, the long-range transportation plan for the National Capital Region. The public is invited to give feedback on whether they:

- Support a project's inclusion in the plan
- Do not support a project's inclusion in the plan
- Propose changes to a project
- Believe that a project not listed should be included

The in-person public meeting is Wednesday, September 6, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax) in Conference Rooms 9/10.

The virtual public meeting is Tuesday, September 12, at 7:00 p.m. You can [join the meeting online](#) or by phone: (571)429-5982, access code: 358535088#.

Metro Adds Virginia Tech to U-Pass Program

Metro recently announced the addition of Virginia Tech to their U-Pass program. Virginia Tech joins a growing list of colleges and universities enrolled in the program that provides full-time students unlimited trips on Metrorail and Metrobus during the academic year at a significant discount.

The program gives students convenient, affordable transit options and coincides with Virginia Tech's expansion in the region with the future Innovation Campus expected to open in 2024 next to Metro's new Potomac Yard Station.

Full-time students at the Innovation Campus, Northern Virginia Center, Virginia Tech Research Center, and Washington-Alexandria Architecture Center will receive a specially designed U-Pass with the Virginia Tech logo. The pass will be valid during the fall and spring semesters for the 2023-24 academic year.

Read more on [Metro's website](#).

Public Safety

Detecting Carbon Monoxide

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless gas that can cause serious health problems and even death if you're exposed to it. Common symptoms include headache, dizziness, nausea, and vomiting. Carbon monoxide can be produced by appliances that burn fossil fuels such as natural gas, oil, or propane.

A carbon monoxide alarm is a device that detects the presence of carbon monoxide and alerts you to the danger.

Every home should have a carbon monoxide alarm installed near every sleeping area.



Having a CO detector near every sleeping area will give you time to get out safely if there is any danger from CO buildup in your home. Carbon monoxide alarms, which come in many varieties and sizes, are important emergency preparedness items that you can purchase to prevent a future tragedy.

Read more from [Fairfax Fire and Rescue](#).

Community Advisory Committee Community Engagement Meeting

The West Springfield District Community Advisory Committee (CAC) will host a Community Engagement Meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 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.

IN PERSON!!!!

West Springfield District Station
Community Advisory Committee

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING
Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 7:00PM
6140 Rolling Road
Springfield, VA

Guest Speaker:
Captain Ryan Morgan
State of the Station



Captain Ryan Morgan, Commander of the West Springfield District Station, is September's guest speaker. He will be discussing "The State of the Station."

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. 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.

Neighborhood Watch Training

The West Springfield District Station (6140 Rolling Road, Springfield) will host an in-person Neighborhood Watch training in the Community Room on September 20 at 6:30 p.m. This training is required only once before residents may participate in the Neighborhood Watch Program, but it is suggested that residents retake it if they need a review or have questions.

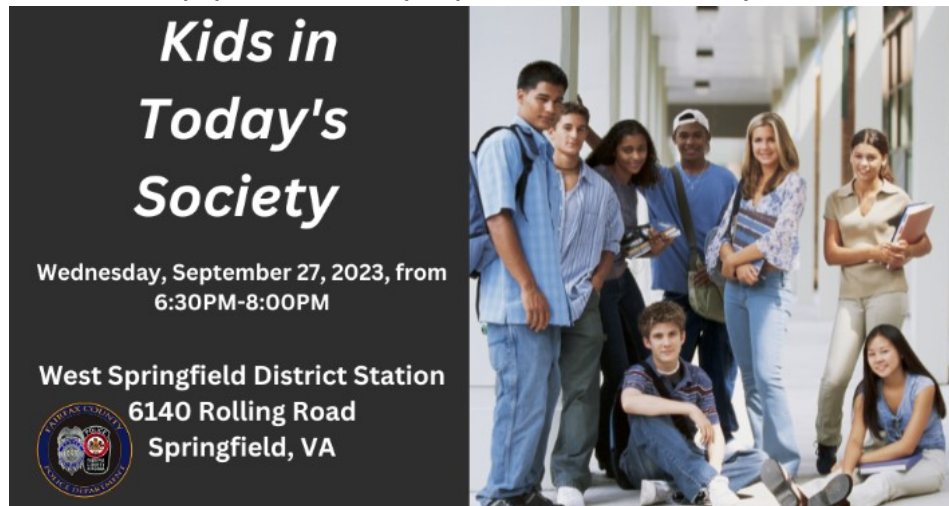
. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363 or

Anthony.capizzi@fairfaxcounty.gov.



Kids in Today's Society (KITS)

Kids are ever-evolving and changing, but Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) is here to help parents keep up a little bit. Today, kids face very different challenges than



the kids of twenty years ago, so parents and guardians need to know how to talk to them and how to help them navigate through modern day challenges.

"Kids in Today's Society" will discuss the current problems our kids are facing, such as social media, narcotics, mental health problems, and other issues.

This presentation will include suggestions on how to talk to your kids, how to help them through the tough times, and direct you to helpful resources available from Fairfax County. The earlier you have these tough conversations, the easier it will be later.

Please join the session on September 27, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the West Springfield Government Center (6140 Rolling Road, Springfield). If you have questions before the presentation, please contact MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363 or Anthony.capizzi@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Human Services Corner

Free Parenting Classes

Parents of children ages 5–11 years old (In-Person, in Spanish)

Do you or someone you know have children who are between 5-11 years old? The Fairfax County Department of Family Services' (DFS) Parenting Education Programs is offering a free, weekly class on Wednesdays in Spanish from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. beginning September 6 until December 20 at Messiah United Methodist Church (6215 Rolling Road, Springfield).

This class shows parents how to increase their empathy, discover new ways to encourage appropriate behaviors, build positive self-concept and self-esteem, and learn how to have fun as a family.



Contact DFS by [email](#) or call (703) 324-7720. [Check out](#) DFS' other online parenting tips and resources, including upcoming classes.

Dads' Parenting Group (Virtual)

Sign up for the upcoming [virtual Dads' Parenting Group](#) to improve parenting skills and build better relationships with your children!

Fairfax County
Department of Family Services
CHILDREN, YOUTH AND
FAMILIES DIVISION

**Father's
Engagement**
Resources and
Supportive Services

Dads' Parenting Group

**12
Sessions**

FREE for all participants

Program Includes

- 24/7 Dad™ Parenting Class
- Meals
- Access to Fairfax county resources
- Father-child friendly community activities

Characteristics of a 24/7 Dad™

- Self awareness
- Caring for self
- Fathering skills
- Parenting skills
- Relationship skills

It's a fact—fathers are important to their children. Their positive involvement contributes to child safety, permanency and well being.

September 6 - December 6, 2023
Wednesdays 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Offered Virtually

Pre-Registration Required
Call early as classes will fill up quickly!

Bennie Herron 571-474-6822
Mercedes Alonso 571-373-1674

90% of dads who completed Dads Parenting Groups increased or maintained positive involvement with their children. This virtual 13-week course takes place on Wednesday nights from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. beginning September 6.

Fairfax County residents, or dads with children living in Fairfax are welcome to sign up. Contact [Bennie Herron](#) at (703) 324-7308 to learn more or [register online](#).

Become a Teen Advocate

The Fairfax County Teen Advocates Program is for youth ages 12-19 who want to be community leaders against dating violence. Teen Advocates participate in campaigns to raise awareness about dating and sexual violence and other issues that impact youth. They also work with their peers and Fairfax County agencies to design fun events, such as the annual Art Contest and Talent Showcase, which engage community members in conversations about tough topics like abuse.

After [applying](#) and a follow-up conversation, teens chosen as Teen Advocates commit to this program for one year and meet regularly with their regional team and the entire teen program.



The program is a collaboration between Fairfax County Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (DSVS) and Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS).

Applications are due Friday, September 29.

Questions? Email [Debra Miller](#) (Youth Education & Outreach Specialist with Fairfax County Domestic & Sexual Violence Services).

Suicide Prevention Resources

- [9-8-8](#) Suicide & Crisis Lifeline
- [AFSP](#) (American Foundation for Suicide Prevention)
 - AFSP's [Virginia Chapter](#)
 - Find a [Suicide Loss Support Group](#)
- [CDC](#) (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
- [NAMI](#) (National Alliance on Mental Illness)
 - [Northern Virginia Chapter](#)
- [NIMH](#) (National Institute of Mental Health)
- [SAMHSA](#) (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)
- [SPAN](#) (Suicide Prevention Alliance of Northern Virginia)
- [WHO](#) (World Health Organization)

REVIVE! Naloxone Training

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

REVIVE! trains individuals on what to do and not do in an overdose situation, how to administer naloxone, and what to do afterwards. Each

attendee also receives a free REVIVE! kit that includes all the supplies needed to administer naloxone. The medication itself can be acquired at a pharmacy after completing the training. Attendees also receive [a safety plan](#) to help individuals prevent overdose if they relapse.



Opioid Overdose & Naloxone Education for Virginia

More details about these training sessions can be found on the Fairfax CSB's [website](#). The September schedule for virtual trainings is:

- [September 9 at 9:00 a.m.](#)
- [September 11 at 2:00 p.m.](#)
- [September 20 at 10:00 a.m.](#)
- [September 25 \(Spanish\) at 1:00 p.m.](#)
- [September 28 at 11:00 a.m.](#)

Resources for Older Adults

Dementia Caregiver Virtual Programming

SPY with Me with the International Spy Museum September 13 | 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

This program is offered in collaboration with The International Spy Museum Access to Spy Program. SPY with Me is an interactive, hour-long virtual program for individuals living with dementia and their care partners. Join SPY as they use music and artifacts to explore spy stories and to get to know each other.

[Register](#) for this interactive, virtual program on September 13 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Program Models for Loved Ones Living with Dementia September 29 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Caring for a loved one with dementia has unique challenges for each family, and it can become very isolating and overwhelming. This panel will explore the benefits of day programs that can provide a safe and consistent space to meet the physical, social, and nutritional needs of a loved one while providing peace of mind to the caregiver. In addition, the panel will address a new home approach to manage challenging behaviors in loved ones with dementia.

[Register to participate](#) in this free, virtual webinar on September 29 from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

For questions, contact call (703) 324-5374 TTY 711. Learn more about programs and services for caregivers on the Department of Family Services Family Caregiver Support Programs' [website](#).

Senior Cool Care Program

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



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

Free Community Events at the Wellness Center for Older Adults

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



September 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				September 1 1:00 Movie Club: The Devil Wears Prada
September 4 Center Closed in observance of Labor Day	September 5 10:00-2:00 'Brown Bag' Medication Safety Event	September 6 10:30 Creativity Leads to Wellness	September 7 10:00-Noon Emergency Preparedness by the Dept. of Emergency Management and Security	September 8
11 10:15 VCAA: T.H.A.Y Yoga*	12 10:15 VCAA: Fall for Fall Produce* 2:00 Chair Zumba*	13 10:30 Creativity Leads to Wellness 1:00 6 Pillars of Brain Health	14 10:00-2:00 Blood Pressure Screenings 10:00-10:30 Morning Mindfulness 10:30-11:30 Life Skills Group	15
18 10:15 VCAA: T.H.A.Y Yoga*	19 1:00 Dementia 101 2:00 Chair Zumba*	20 10:30 Creativity Leads to Wellness	21 10:00-10:30 Morning Mindfulness 10:30-11:30 Life Skills Group 11:00 Fall Prevention	22 11:00-1:00 Freaky Tiki
25 10:15 VCAA: T.H.A.Y Yoga* 1:00 Movie Club: Cruella	26 10:15 VCAA: S.A.I.L.* 2:00 Chair Zumba*	27 10:00-2:00 Memory Screenings 10:30 Creativity Leads to Wellness	28 10:00-2:00 Blood Pressure Screenings 10:00-10:30 Morning Mindfulness 10:30-11:30 Life Skills Group	29 11:00 Birthday Bingo and Cake 1:00 Fun Brain Train

October 2023

October 2	October 3	October 4	October 5	October 6
	10:00-2:00 'Brown Bag' Medication Safety Event 2:00 Chair Zumba*	10:30 Creativity Leads to Wellness	10:00-10:30 Morning Mindfulness 10:30-11:30 Life Skills Group 1:00 Chair Yoga*	1:00 Movie Club: TBD
9 Center Closed in observance of Indigenous Peoples Day	10 10:15 VCAA: S.A.I.L.* 2:00 Chair Zumba*	11 10:30 Creativity Leads to Wellness	12 10:00-2:00 Blood Pressure Screenings 1:00 Chair Yoga*	13
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30 1:00 Karaoke: Halloween Theme	31 11:00-1:00 Halloween Bash	Call 703-970-3601 or email VAwellnesscenter@servicesource.org *Activities are streamed with in-person adaptation **Red = Community Partner-Led event		

Program Descriptions (listed alphabetically)

6 Pillars of Brain Health

Join a discussion by [AARP](#) to explore information on the pillars of ongoing exercise, restorative sleep, and eating right. Puzzle books will be provided!

Birthday Celebration

Happy Birthday, September and October 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 a.m. for all to join. September's topic is "Allergies" and in October, "The Importance of Sleep." They also offer free confidential medication reviews and educational materials to people with concerns about their health. Appointments are in 30-minute increments, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Reserve your appointment!

Chair Yoga

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

Chair Zumba

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

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.

Dementia 101

Learn the basics of dementia, including Alzheimer's disease and other dementias from [Insight Memory Care Center](#). While not everyone travels the same path, come and learn about the general stages to help you anticipate future changes.

Freaky Tiki

Be our guest for our "Farewell to Summer, Hello to Fall" event. This is a summer party for the spooky soul! We'll have treats and melons to carve as Jack-o'-lanterns!

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.

Halloween Bash

Come have some fun at our "Monster Mash" Halloween Bash. Enjoy pizza, a witches' brew, and activities. Lunch reservation required; costumes optional.

Karaoke: Halloween Theme

Don your spooky accessories. Be our guest for the day with some Halloween-themed activities, music, and nonalcoholic drinks while singing spook-tacular tunes.

Life Skills Group

Join George Mason Social Work Fellows to learn tools to strengthen your "Wise Mind." In this group you will focus on building and practicing skills that help you navigate your mind, body, emotions, and your relationships with others.

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.

Morning Mindfulness

Join George Mason Social Work Fellows and start your day off learning and practicing mindfulness. In this group we practice activities that promote calm in the mind and body and increase our ability to remain in the present moment.

Movie Club

Join us for a movie club experience. This activity is centered around watching quality films and having a discussion following the movie.

- **Cruella**: A live-action prequel feature film following a young Cruella de Vil (2021)

VCAA – Virtual Center for Active Adults Programs

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

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

Land Use & Development

UPCOMING MEETINGS & HEARINGS

Community Meeting on Day Property Rezoning

- September 13 at 7:00 p.m. – Kings Park Library Meeting Room

Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee Meeting

- September 19 at 7:00 p.m. – Braddock Hall

Board of Supervisors Hearing on Day Property Rezoning

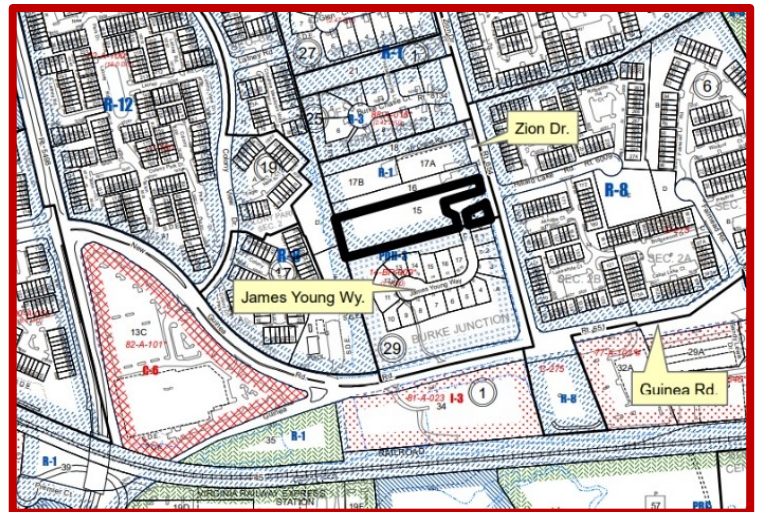
- October 10 at 3:30 p.m. – Board Auditorium

Rezoning of the Mary Day Property on Zion Drive Scheduled for Board of Supervisors Hearing in October

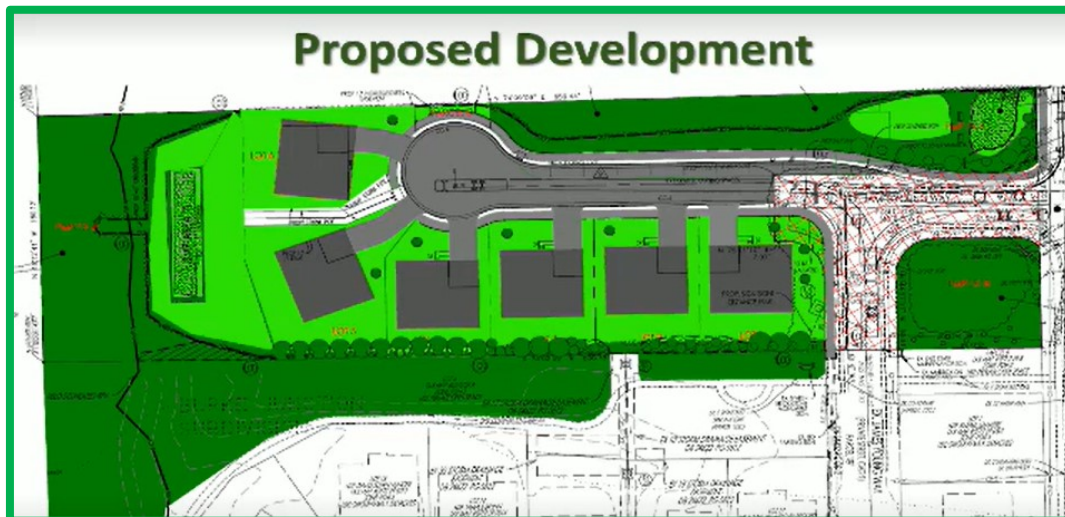
On July 27, the Planning Commission voted 9-0-1 to recommend approval of a rezoning proposal for 10121 Zion Drive, a wooded, undeveloped site known as the Mary Day property. This 2.8-acre site is located on the west side of Zion Drive, just north of its intersection with Guinea Road and adjacent to the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

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

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



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



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

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

At the Planning Commission hearing, residents of the adjacent Burke Junction community expressed concerns that the revisions presented by the applicant had not been fully discussed with them and the hearing format did not give them an opportunity

to ask questions. For that reason, Supervisor Walkinshaw has scheduled a community meeting for **Wednesday, September 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Kings Park Library meeting room** to give the residents an opportunity to meet with the applicant and get answers to any remaining questions regarding elevation, grading, landscaping, and the potential merger of HOAs before the Board of Supervisors hearing.

A hearing before the Board of Supervisors has been scheduled for October 10 at 3:30 p.m. in the Board Auditorium.

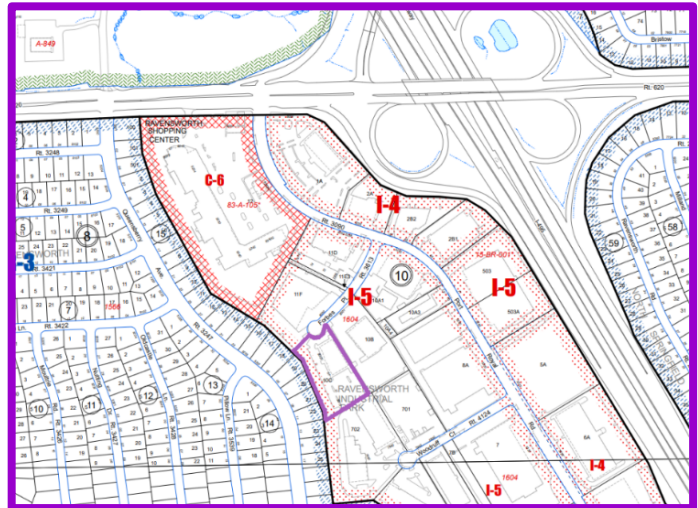
Application Filed for Adult Day Care Facility at 8003 Forbes Place

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

The applicant had operated an adult day care within the Calvary Church of the Nazarene in Annandale and now proposes to relocate and enlarge its operation.

They are proposing to convert the third floor, or approximately 15,329 square feet, of the office building to adult day care use for up to 200 adults, with the first two floors of the building remaining occupied by office uses. A grassy area measuring approximately 20 feet by 170 feet would be used for outdoor recreation, consisting primarily of walking. Four standard picnic tables would be located in that area. Approximately 40 employees 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 the majority of 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 applicant will make a presentation on the application at the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee's meeting on September 19. A hearing before the Planning Commission has been scheduled for November 15. A Board of Supervisors hearing has not yet been scheduled.



Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will meet in person on **Tuesday, September 19, at 7:00 p.m. in Braddock Hall**. The agenda will include a presentation on the Friends Adult Day Care proposal, an update on the Day property rezoning, and updates on other 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.

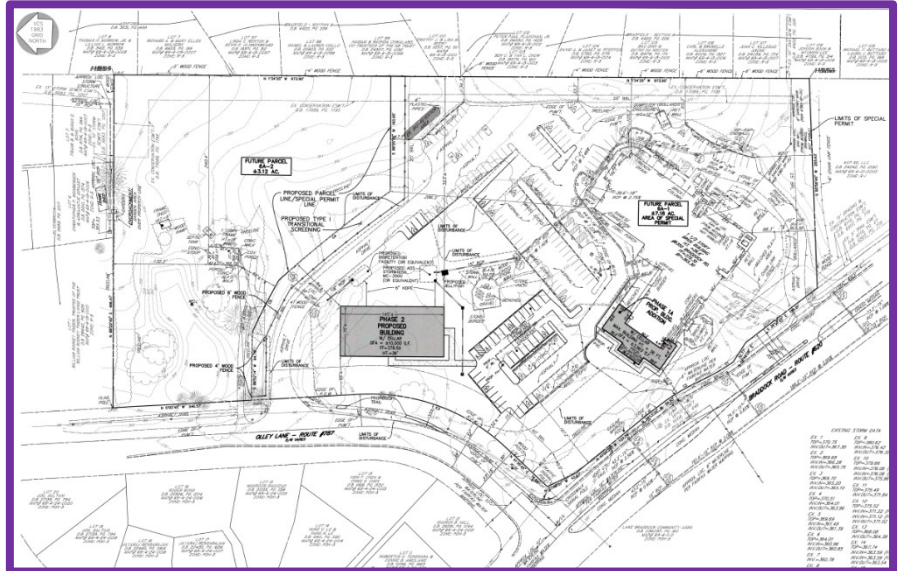
Church of the Good Shepherd Applies for Special Permit Amendment to Subdivide Its Property

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. 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 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.

Update on Construction at Erickson Living's Woodleigh Chase Project

A great deal of progress has been made on the first three buildings at Erickson Living's Woodleigh Chase campus on Braddock Road. At Emerson Square, the community building in the center, inspections are continuing in the units and common areas, and the kitchen equipment and water heaters are being activated. Just to the west at Fulton Landing, the residential building connected to Emerson Square, carpeting and LVT flooring are being installed, while at Stafford Glen to the east, tile is being installed and units are being painted. Sprinklers are being installed in the garage connected to Stafford Glen. On the grounds of the campus, fencing has been put in place and landscaping work continues.



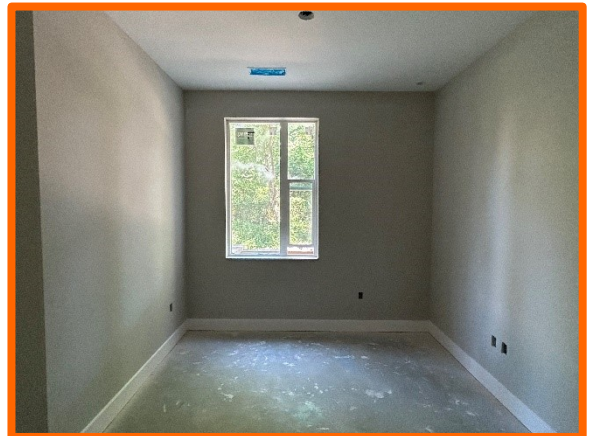
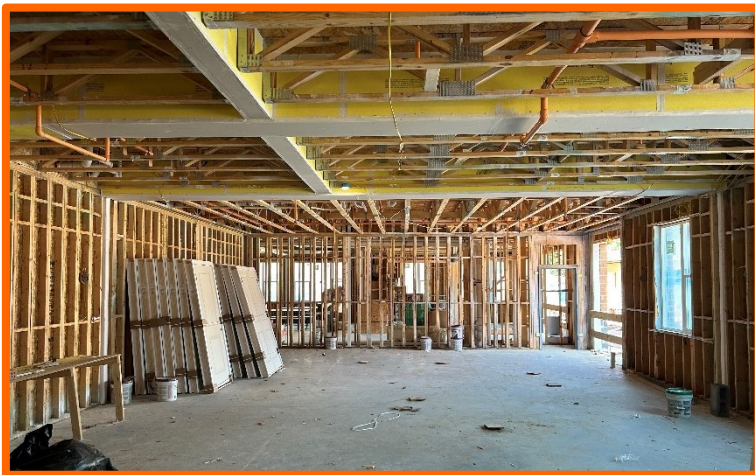
Update on Ilda's Overlook Senior Residences on Braddock Road

Significant progress is also being made at the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing's 80-unit affordable senior project on Braddock Road. Around the exterior, concrete sidewalk is being poured and the fire lane is under construction. Panel siding installation and exterior finishes are nearing completion along the building's front elevations. Inside, flat trim is being installed on the first floor, while on the fourth level flooring continues to be installed, units are being painted, and kitchen cabinets have been put in place. These photos from the developer provide a good view of some of the fourth-floor units, showing the light and ceiling fan fixtures, cabinetry, and trim that has been installed.



Update on One University Affordable Housing Development

On the western portion of the One University site, masonry and siding on the senior affordable housing building is 75 percent complete, with only the University Drive elevation remaining. The units have drywall installed and tubs are set in the bathrooms. Baseboard, interior doors, and tile are being installed. Brick and siding are 50 percent complete on the family affordable housing building. Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing rough-in work is complete through the third floor and drywall is being installed in the units. At the smaller community building, the roof and brickwork are complete. Off-site sanitary sewer installation along University Drive is ongoing.



Cases Filed with the Board of Zoning Appeals

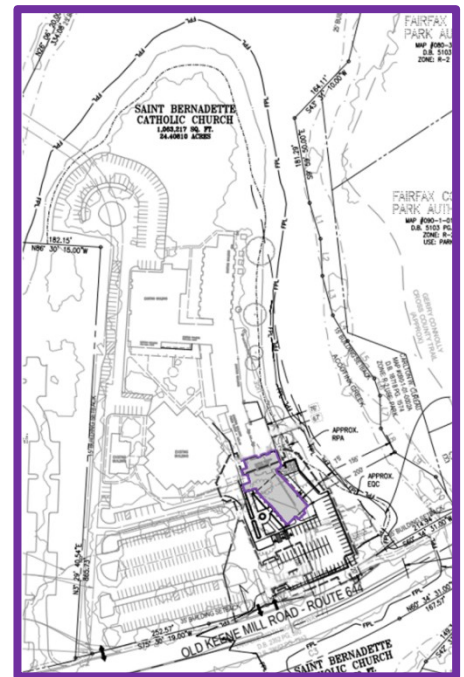
The Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) hears and makes decisions on requests for variances (relief from specific zoning regulations such as lot width, building height, or minimum yard requirements) and Special Use Permits. It meets on Wednesdays beginning at 9:00 a.m. BZA meetings are aired 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 to a portion of the existing parking lot and connect to an existing church building. The first floor would include meeting rooms, classrooms for church programs, and administrative facilities. The second floor would include a fellowship hall. Although the number of parking spaces would be reduced, the total would exceed the requirement under the previously granted parking reduction. 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](#).



➤ **Nandor Szuprics & Erika B. Szuprics – 4800 Treasure Court, Fairfax
SP-2022-BR-00184**

The applicants are seeking a reduction in setback requirements to permit an open deck to remain 4.8 feet from the rear lot line. The BZA hearing on this application has been administratively moved to September 20. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

➤ **Sara Marie Burke dba BAMB: Burke Academy Mentoring Minds– 6709 Caneel Court, Springfield
SP-2023-BR-00013**

The applicant is requesting approval to expand a home childcare facility to care for 12 children. Arrival times would be between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m. School-age children would be transported to school via the daycare van at 8:40 a.m. and returned to the site after school at 3:30 p.m. Pick-up times would be between 4:45 and 6:00 p.m. The BZA hearing on this application has been scheduled for September 20. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

➤ **Farzaneh Hajiaghabozorgi and Nini Daycare LLC – 5002 Wheatstone Drive, Fairfax
SP-2022-BR-00177**

The applicant is requesting a Special Permit to expand a home childcare facility to care for 12 children and a reduction in setback requirements based on errors in building location for an accessory structure to remain 0.0 feet from a side lot line. The childcare is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Arrival times would be between 7:30 and 9:15 a.m. Pick-up times would be between 2:45 and 5:00 p.m. There would be four employees, two for the morning shift and two for the afternoon shift. Parking would be in the driveway and along the street. The BZA hearing on this application has been scheduled for September 20. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

➤ **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](#).

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