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Braddock District Supervisor

The Braddock Beacon

August 2020 Edition

Dear Neighbor,

I hope you had a chance to enjoy our first Braddock Nights Virtual Concert last night. We had an amazing performance by Willow Hill, one of Rolling Stone Magazine's bands to watch. If you missed last night's concert, you can watch it [here](#) and continue reading the Braddock Beacon to see the full schedule of upcoming virtual concerts. While I'm disappointed we aren't able to come together to enjoy our Braddock Nights concerts in person this year, I'm already looking forward to seeing everyone at Lake Accotink and Royal Lake next year.

The cancellation of so many of our favorite activities due to COVID-19 reminds us how important it is that we continue to work together to prevent the spread of the virus. In addition to proven methods like mask-wearing, hand-washing, and social distancing, we now have a new tool. The Virginia Department of Health has released [COVIDWISE](#), an iPhone and Android App to help protect our community while protecting your privacy. The app uses Bluetooth technology to notify you if you've been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Click [here](#) to learn more and download the app on your mobile device or search "COVIDWISE" on the App Store or Google Play. The more widespread the use of the app, the more effective it will be.

COVIDWISE is a valuable addition to the work we have already been doing to suppress the virus here in Fairfax County. On July 20, we reached an important milestone in that work. Because of the hiring of hundreds of additional contact tracers, we are now able to follow up and conduct contact tracing for every new positive case in the Fairfax Health District. Each case can now be investigated, close contacts traced and monitored, and testing coordinated for symptomatic contacts.

This work is helping us keep our COVID-19 numbers stable while other areas are seeing increases. But we have to remain vigilant and are hiring additional contact tracers to prepare for potential surges of the virus in the Fall and Winter. Click [here](#) to see the latest updates on Fairfax County's response to COVID-19.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to us if the Braddock District team can be of any assistance. You can reach us by phone at 703-425-9300 or by email at Braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov. We are here to serve you.

Yours in service,



Supervisor James Walkinshaw

ADD YOUR PHONE TO THE COVID FIGHT

HELP VIRGINIA STOP COVID-19

Download Virginia's free **COVIDWISE** Exposure Notifications app to help protect your community while protecting your privacy.



Supported on iOS 13.5 & 13.6, compatible with iPhone.



Supported on Android Version 6 (API 23) or above.



Virtual Concert Series

Summer Entertainment Series Returns with Virtual Concerts

The Fairfax County Park Authority is livestreaming 25 free summer concert events featuring a mix of nationally known performers and singer-songwriters.

Viewers can enjoy a range of musical styles from folk, rock, jazz, country, Latin music, and more. Performers include Grammy Award winners Los Texmaniacs, Irish rock band Scythian, folk artist John McCutcheon and D.C. go-go favorite the Junkyard Band. Saturday morning children's shows include acclaimed artists Billy B. and 123 Andrés.

You do not need a Facebook account to view the concerts. The complete concert schedule, with links to join the concert live and information about the performers, is available on the [Park Authority's Summer Entertainment website](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance).

For more information, contact the Park Authority at (703) 324-8700, or send an email to parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.



Let the Music Play!

Summer park performances may have been sidelined by the COVID-19 pandemic, but live music will play on through August in our Live Streamed Summer Entertainment Series.

The free, family-friendly entertainment is brought to you by the Fairfax County Park Authority in partnership with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and generous sponsors through the Fairfax County Park Foundation.

To access the concerts, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance.

 <p>Billy B.</p>  <p>The Don Juans</p>  <p>Bill and the Belles</p>	<p>Concerts 7:30 p.m. • Children's Programs 10 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 30 Jay Ungar & Molly Mason (Folk) July 31 David Wilcox (Folk) Aug. 1 Billy B (Children's Show, 10 a.m.) Aug. 1 Bill and the Belles (Country, Roots) Aug. 2 Scythian (Irish Rock) Aug. 6 Willow Hill (Country) Aug. 7 The Jakob's Ferry Stragglers (Rockabilly/Swing) Aug. 8 Rocknecros (Children's Songs, 10 a.m.) Aug. 8 Ordinary Elephant (Folk) Aug. 9 Crys Matthews (Jazz, Blues, Funk) Aug. 13 John McCutcheon (Folk) Aug. 14 Alice Howe with Freebo (Folk) Aug. 15 Blue Sky Puppet Theater (Puppets, 10 a.m.) Aug. 15 Carbe and Durand (from Incendio) (Latin) Aug. 16 Barnaby Bright (Pop/Americana) Aug. 20 Junkyard Band (Go-Go, Funk) Aug. 21 Frank Solivan (Bluegrass) Aug. 22 123 Andrés (Children's Songs, 10 a.m.) Aug. 22 The Kennedys (Folk Rock) Aug. 23 Oshima Brothers (Contemporary Folk, Acoustic Pop) Aug. 27 Los Texmaniacs (Tex-Mex/ Rock-n-Roll/Conjunto) Aug. 28 Veronneau (World Jazz) Aug. 29 Billy B (Children's Show, 10 a.m.) Aug. 29 TEOA (Rock/Folk) Aug. 30 The Don Juans (Folk) 	 <p>Los Texmaniacs</p>  <p>Junkyard Band</p>  <p>David Wilcox</p>
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Springfield Nights Starlight Cinema

THANK YOU Summer Entertainment Series Sponsors!

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*** Presenting Star		*** Rising Stars	
			
** Premier Stars			
			
***** Shining Stars		***** Community Stars	
			
***** Individual Stars		***** Community Stars	
			

Walkinshaw in the Community



Supervisor Walkinshaw joins LIDL US to open their new Lee Hwy. store on July 29.



Supervisor Walkinshaw making a donation to the Carbone and Walter school supply drive on July 25.



Supervisor Walkinshaw celebrating the opening of Marian Homes' new group home on July 11 with Marion Homes, Chimes International, and Bishop of Catholic Diocese of Arlington Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge.



Supervisor Walkinshaw celebrating with the Little Run Citizen's Association during their Fourth of July Car Parade on July 4.

In July, Supervisor Walkinshaw also:

- Met with the Signal Hill HOA Board on July 9.
- Joined Supervisor Lusk, Police Chief Roessler, and Community Faith Leaders for community dialogue on use of force on July 10.
- Joined the Kings Park West Civic Association's Volunteer Appreciation Event on July 16.
- Visited a free COVID-19 testing center in Annandale on July 29.
- Participated in the Starlit Ponds' HOA Community Meeting on July 30.

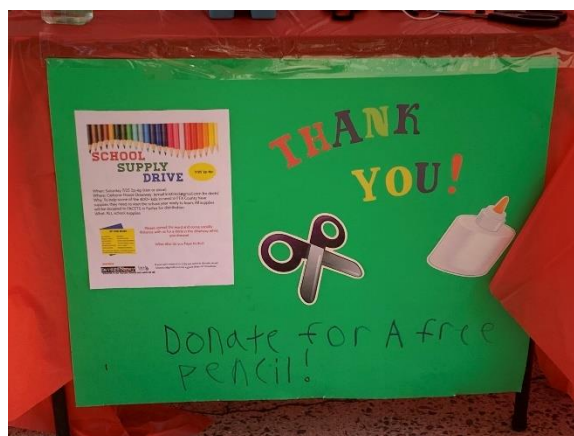
Citizens of the Month

On July 25, the Carbone and Walter families of Lyon Park Court held a community school supply drive to supply dozens of local children with back-to-school items. Kristi Carbone says that although this was organized by their two families, the drive was successful because of the generous support of the entire community.

While the parents handled the logistics of this community drive, their children served as marketing gurus. They even created a fun YouTube video to promote the event on their YouTube Channel called SAVAGEBONEY. With so many donations received, it is safe to say the video worked! The donations received during the school supply drive are being distributed by FACETS. FACETS is a nonprofit dedicated to helping parents, children, and individuals who are suffering the effects of poverty in Fairfax County.

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused economic uncertainty in many households, but no child should worry they will not have the supplies needed to learn and grow. We are lucky to have families such as the Carbones, the Walters, and all those who showed support and who believe in helping others – even during a pandemic. Watching how our community members come together during difficult times serves as a refreshing dose of good news.

If you would like to make a donation, please click [here](#) to visit the Facets Cares website.



Transportation Updates

Braddock Road Multimodal Improvement Project

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) and Supervisor Walkinshaw held an online community meeting, Monday, August 3, to discuss design updates to the previously approved Braddock Road Improvement Project. The changes would



affect two interchanges, Port Royal Road and the I-495 ramps and Wakefield Chapel Road/Danbury Forest Drive. These modifications would result in equal to or better operations than the original concept, but more importantly, would significantly reduce the cost, making the project more likely to qualify for needed funding.

- If you were not able to attend, you can view the Braddock Road Multimodal Project Presentation [here](#).
- Click [here](#) to watch the recorded community meeting.
- You can also submit feedback until Monday, August 10, 2020, by [survey](#) or by sending comments via the [online feedback form](#).
- If you would prefer, you can send comments in writing to:

FCDOT - Braddock Road Project
4050 Legato Road, Suite 400
Fairfax, VA 22033

- Community members may also call (703) 877-5600; TTY 711 to give feedback.

Fairfax County and Franconia-Springfield Long-Term Study

- The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) recently held three virtual community meetings for the Fairfax County and Franconia-Springfield Parkways Alternatives Analysis and Long-Term Planning Study. A recording of one of the meetings will be available, along with questions and answers from all sessions. Click [here](#) for the recorded meeting when it is available.

- Feedback will be accepted through Monday, August 31, 2020. Click [here](#) to take the online survey or [here](#) to send comments to the study team.

Metro's COVID-19 Recovery Plan restores more Metrobus service

Beginning Sunday, August 23, Metro will restore approximately 75 percent of Metrobus service throughout the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and as Metro increases capacity to prepare for the return of customers. These changes will provide enhanced weekday service, restore most service on weekends, and maintain all-day frequent service on key corridors. Metrobus is also prepared to support student ridership if schools reopen.

Weekday service on these 17 routes will have a modified schedule:

- 5A, 83, 86, C8, C11, C12, C13, C14, D2, G2, L8, N6, P6, R4, W4, V2, and V4. All routes operating will have new schedules.

Scheduled service changes will affect the following routes:

- 7F, 42, 43, 74, 79MetroExtra, 96, NH2, S2, S4, S9 MetroExtra, and X2.

COVID-19 Safety Precautions for customers and employees will remain in effect:

- Rear-door boarding will continue, and customers will not be charged a fare to ride Metrobus.
- Face coverings are still required to ride on transit.
- Social distancing as much as possible while onboard is required.
- New schedules will be in effect for all operating routes. New bus schedules will be available mid-August. Please note that printed timetables will not be available for this phase because service may change.

Routes Operating with Adjusted Schedules

(highlighted routes serve the Braddock District)

Virginia

A, 1C, 2A, 2B, 3A, 4B, 5A, 7A, 7F, 7M, 7Y, 10A, 10B, 16A, 16C, 16E, 16G, 16H, 17B, 17G, 17H, 17M, 18P, 22A, 22F, 23A, 23B, 23T, 25B, 28A, 29G, 29K, 29N, 38B, Metroway, NH2, REX, TAGS (S80)

Routes not operating on weekdays:

1B, 3T, 3Y, 7C, 7P, 7W, 8S, 8W, 8Z, 10E, 10N, 11Y, 15K, 16L, 16Y, 17K, 17L, 18G, 18J, 18H, 21A, 21D, 22C, 23B, 23T, 26A, 28F, 28G, 29C, 29W, S91

Community News

Boards, Authorities, and Commissions Updates

➤ **Barbara Varon Award Selection Committee**

Raymond K. Smith was appointed to serve as the representative for the Braddock District on the Barbara Varon Award Selection Committee.

➤ **Health Care Advisory Board**

Leeann Alberts was appointed to serve as the representative for the Braddock District on the Health Care Advisory Board.

➤ **Young Adults Advisory Board**

Sarah Bufano was appointed to serve as the representative for the Braddock District on the Young Adults Advisory Council.

➤ **Citizen Corp Council**

James Sobecke was reappointed to serve as the representative for the Braddock District on the Citizen Corp Council.

➤ **Transportation Advisory Board**

Kevin Morse was reappointed to serve as the representative for the Braddock District on the Transportation Advisory Board.

County Election Officials Warn Voters on Inaccurate Mailing

You might have received a mailing from the Center for Voter Information. Be aware that it includes the wrong mailing address for ballot applications. The mailer was sent by the Center for Voter Information.

Fairfax County is working with the City of Fairfax to ensure any applications received from the center's inaccurate mailing will be processed by the county. Click [here](#) to learn more.

The image shows a "Virginia Vote by Mail Application Form" with a large red stamp across it that reads "NOT FROM FAIRFAX COUNTY". The form includes fields for personal information, election type, and address. The address listed is "City: BURKE, VA Zip Code: 22020". At the bottom, it says "FAIRFAX CITY REGISTRAR 10455 Armstrong St Fairfax, VA 22030-3600".

Camp Fairfax Extended

Openings are available for Camp Fairfax, which has been extended through Friday, August 14. This five-week summer program is for rising first- through sixth-grade children of working families and runs from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

- Camp Fairfax is available at 18 locations across the county, including seven Neighborhood and Community Services Community Centers and 11 Fairfax County Public Schools. A sliding fee scale is available.
- Camp Fairfax is staffed by Fairfax County children's program team members who create a safe, nurturing environment. Current CDC health and safety guidelines are followed.
- Click [here](#) to learn more.

Community Childhood Vaccination Clinics

The Fairfax County Health Department is offering nine additional community childhood vaccination clinics and has expanded district office hours to provide the Tdap vaccine at three clinics in Fairfax County. Parents are encouraged to take advantage of one of the free vaccination clinic opportunities soon, so their children are immunized in time for the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

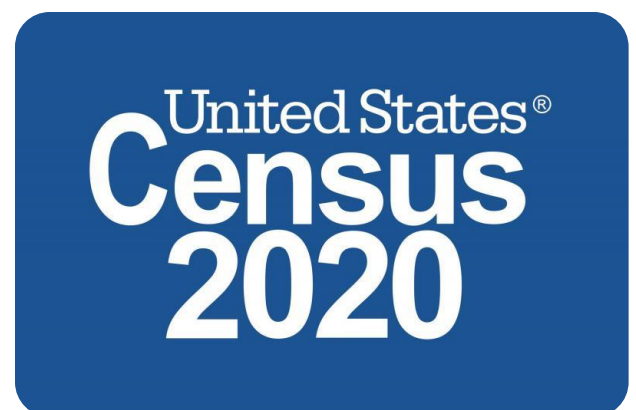
- Vaccines are still required to enroll into Fairfax County Public Schools even though all students will start the year with virtual learning.
- Visitors will be asked to limit the number of individuals they bring to the appointment and will require everyone 2 years of age and older to wear face coverings that cover their nose and mouth. In addition, the Health Department will be conducting temperature checks at the entrance, visitors will be spaced at least 6 feet apart, and vaccination stations will be separated by partitions.
- To schedule an appointment, call (703) 246-6010, TTY 711.
- Click [here](#) to find clinics near you that are offering childhood immunizations.

Contact Tracers Needed

Contact tracing positions are available with the Fairfax County Health Department and Institute for Public Health Innovation. Residents with diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply. Help your community - apply today! Click [here](#) to apply.

Census Updates

Census takers will be visiting Fairfax County residences that have not yet filled out their 2020 Census. All health department instructions will be adhered to during census worker visits. Census takers will continue their door-to-door work until September 30. The online self-service portal will also close on September 30. This is one month earlier than originally anticipated.



Please remember to complete the census and remind your friends and family to complete theirs. Click [here](#) to complete your census. Click [here](#) to read the U.S. Census Bureau's recent press release.

Virtual Housing Conference

Join the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services (DBHDS) and their Virtual Housing Conference on Independent Housing Options on:

- August 26, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- September 30, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- October 28, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

These events are co-hosted by the DBHDS' Individual and Family Support Program and the Office of Community Housing. Click [here](#) to register.

The first half of each webinar will provide an overview of the housing resources available to people with developmental disabilities in Virginia. The second half of each webinar will offer virtual breakout rooms covering different housing topics. Participants can select one breakout room. The breakout topics include:

- Preparing for the transition to housing
- Live-in aides and roommates
- Creative housing approaches

Election Officers Needed

Fairfax County is the largest jurisdiction in Virginia with 243 voting precincts countywide. Thousands of enthusiastic and trained election officers are needed to ensure that we have efficient and well-run elections.

- Interested in serving? Click [here](#) to apply to become an Election Officer.

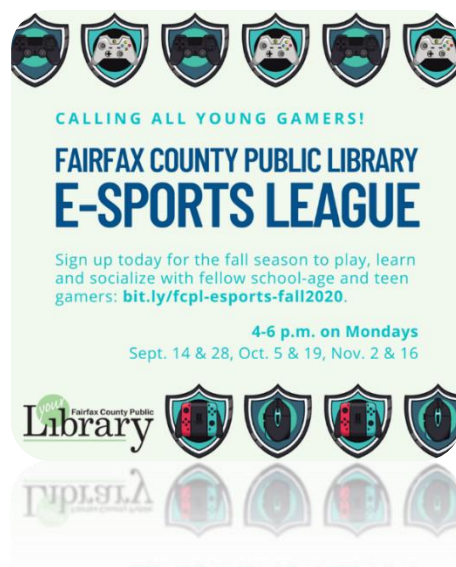
Fairfax County Public Library (FCPL) E-Sports League

Registration is open for FCPL's E-Sports League Fall Season. Parents can register their young gamers so they can virtually meet via Zoom and play games like Fortnite, DOTA 2, Overwatch, and more. They will also discuss video gaming trends, review safety practices, and participate in league events with fellow school-age children and teen gamers.

Virtual meets will take place from 4:00 p.m. through 6:00 p.m. on:

- Monday, September 21, 2020
- Monday, September 28, 2020
- Monday, October 5, 2020
- Monday, October 19, 2020
- Monday, November 16, 2020

Click [here](#) to register.



Pollinator Garden at Lake Accotink to be Named for Margaret Kinder

The Fairfax County Park Authority Board has voted to name a pollinator garden at Lake Accotink Park in honor of lifelong educator, naturalist, gardener, and community volunteer, Braddock District's very own, Margaret Kinder. At its meeting on July 22, 2020, the Board voted to name the garden the Margaret Kinder Education and Pollinator Garden.

Kinder is widely considered a park icon known for her love of parks, especially Lake Accotink Park, and her support for the park and neighboring communities has spanned more than three decades. As a member of the Ravensworth Farms Civic Association Green Thumb Garden Club, Kinder tended the pollinator garden at Lake Accotink Park for years. She could be found in the traffic circle weeding, hoeing and nurturing milkweed during the semi-annual cleanups. She recruited other volunteers, and she instilled enthusiasm as she taught about native plants and invasive species.

When a decision was made to relocate the pollinator garden from the traffic circle to a safer location, Kinder could be found digging holes for the new plants and teaching others about how to create a sustainable garden. She has cultivated young plants and young minds so that, together, they can grow and prosper. Considering her dedication to the community and education, the Board deemed it appropriate to name the education and pollinator garden in Kinder's honor.

Park staff will work with Friends of Lake Accotink Park to plan a public ceremony to celebrate the naming of this facility.



Pictured:
Margaret Kinder

Human Services Corner

Health Department Latest Case Data

The Health Department continues to provide daily case data updates on the COVID-19 Data Dashboard. Information such as total cases, new daily cases, total hospitalized, and confirmed cases per zip code can be found. Click [here](#) to stay informed with the latest data.

Total Cases 16,385		Total Hospitalized 1,947
Confirmed 16,014	Probable 371	Total Deceased 543
New Cases Today 157		
Last Updated: AUGUST 7, 2020		

Virginia's New COVID-19 APP

Virginia launched a new app on Wednesday, August 5, that offers alerts if you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Called COVIDWISE, the free app uses Bluetooth Low Energy technology developed by Apple and Google, and it does not use or store personal information or location data.

- This new app is an innovative tool to help to limit the spread of COVID-19, and Virginia is the first state in the nation to design an app using this technology. It is currently available in English and Spanish.
- Anyone who downloads the app has the option to choose to receive exposure notifications, and if a person is diagnosed with COVID-19, it is up to them whether to share their result anonymously through COVIDWISE.
- Click [here](#) to learn more on the COVIDWISE app.



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) partners with local nonprofit

On Monday, August 3, The VA announced it will begin collecting laptops and mobile phones donations through established non-profit, America's Adopt a Soldier, to help Veterans at risk or experiencing homelessness stay connected to health care providers, case managers, and loved ones. Founder and Chair of America's Adopt a Soldier non-profit is Braddock District's very own Mary Keeser. In a VA press release, Mary states "While America's Adopt A Soldier has had a long-standing partnership with VA to help Veterans at risk of homelessness in other ways, this project allows for the organizations to meet the urgent needs of Veterans at risk of or experiencing homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic". Click [here](#) if you would like to make a donation or learn more.

Property Taxes Are Due August 28

Please remember to pay your personal property taxes by August 28. Real estate bills went out the 3rd week in July. If you have not received your bill, please contact our office at (703) 425-9300 or braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Medicare 101 Virtual Workshop

Find out if you are eligible for Medicare at the Medicare 101 Virtual Workshop hosted by the Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program. You will also learn exactly how to enroll and find out the differences between Medicare parts A, B, C, and D. Changes for 2020 will be discussed.

- The Medicare 101 Virtual Workshop will be on Thursday, August 27, from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. It is sponsored by Neighborhood & Community Services' (NCS) Virtual Center for Active Adults, Fairfax County Senior Centers. Click [here](#) or call (703) 339-7676 to register. **Registration is required.**

NV Rides is Seeking Volunteer Drivers

NV Rides, a program of the Pozez Jewish Community Center and Fairfax County, is actively recruiting volunteer drivers to assist older and/or vulnerable adults in our community. NV Rides supports a network of volunteer driver programs who provide transportation for seniors in the Northern Virginia area. NV Rides' goal is to increase capacity for existing volunteer driver programs and to expand volunteer transportation options throughout Northern Virginia. During the COVID-19 pandemic, NV Rides requires all volunteer drivers and riders to wear masks and observe physical distancing protocols.

In August, NV rides will hold four virtual driver information sessions for potential volunteers. The Zoom sessions will be brief, informative, and easy to attend.

Register for one of these sessions below:

- [**August 11 at 7:00 p.m.**](#)
- [**August 18 at 7:00 p.m.**](#)
- [**August 25 at 7:00 p.m.**](#)

Click [here](#) to learn more about NV Rides.



Channel 16's Mature Living Show

Channel 16's latest episode, Mature Living, explores how older adults are adapting to the "new normal" of social distancing and virtual programming.

- Host Anne Hall first interviews Jackie Rich, technology instructor for the county's senior centers, who shares how the county's new Virtual Center for active adults came online using the Zoom platform.
- In the second part, Rhiannon Duck, the county's village and special projects coordinator, explains how the county's village programs are adapting to the

pandemic challenges to continue delivering their services. These include grocery shopping, rides, and socialization.

- Mature Living Producer Fran Guastadisegni conducts virtual interviews with several community members who discuss the adjustments they have made and what they have learned during this time of social distancing. Regarding the future of virtual communities, the consensus of this episode's guests is that virtual is here to stay. However, they all agree that there is still nothing like person-to-person engagement. Click [here](#) to watch Mature Living online.
- **Mature Living is on Channel 16 and airs on:**
 - Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
 - Monday at 5:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday at 4:00 p.m., 8:30 p.m., and 11:30 p.m.
 - Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
 - Thursday at 8:30 a.m., 4:00 p.m., and 11:30 p.m.
 - Friday at 9:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., and 9:00 p.m.
 - Saturday at 9:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m., and 11:00 p.m.

Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke (SCFB)

- SCFB has had a fund-raising program for several years selling grocery store gift cards. SCFB currently sells Safeway and Giant cards at full face value in denominations of \$50 and \$100. Because the stores discount the cards to SCFB, SCFB has made over \$3,000 a year selling the cards.
- You can now buy cards on a weekly basis on Monday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the front of Braddock Glen (4027 Olley Lane, Fairfax). This service will be available on Monday, August 10, and Monday, August 24. If you are interested in purchasing cards (cash or check only), please contact Al Leightley at Leightley8@verizon.net. Let Al know the store name and amount you wish to purchase. Al will have your order ready when you arrive at Braddock Glen. For those who wish to purchase \$500 or more of cards, Al Leightley will deliver the cards to your home. Please provide your name, phone number, and address in your email. If you have questions, contact Al Leightley at (703) 273-2089.

Volunteer Drivers Needed!

- Consider becoming a volunteer driver with Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke & South County! SCFB provides free transportation to folks over 50 years old who no longer drive to their medical appointments and essential shopping trips. Drive requests generally last less than three hours, run during regular work hours, Monday -Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and are convenient to your schedule. During COVID, precautions are in place for everyone's safety. Contact SCFB by email at recruiter@scfbva.org or by phone at (703) 715-7592 to volunteer.

Environmental News

Climate Energy Community Action Plan (CECAP) Update

Fairfax County is in the process of developing a community-driven climate mitigation plan to reduce our overall greenhouse gas emissions. Only three to four percent of greenhouse gas emissions in the county come from local government operations; the rest come from community sources like residential and commercial buildings, transportation, and waste management.



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In August, you will have an opportunity to participate in the process by joining a virtual public meeting and/or completing a brief online survey. Your input is very important because this plan will determine how we move forward as a community to address the role we play in global climate change. If you would like to learn more about the Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan in advance of the public meetings and survey, visit the county's climate planning and action [web page](#) or the new climate and energy [Facebook page](#).

Solarize Fairfax County Program

The ever-popular [Solarize Fairfax County program](#) is back once again, providing county residents and businesses the chance to install solar arrays at a discount. The Solarize program offers participants a streamlined process for exploring and pursuing solar power for their residences and places of business. Through August 31, Solarize reduced rates will be available through a pre-qualified solar installer, Solar Energy World.

- All county residents and business owners are eligible for a free, remote assessment to evaluate if solar is appropriate for their home or commercial building. Residential Solarize 2020 participants are also eligible for a complimentary, virtual home energy assessment to help improve their home energy performance holistically. Solarize participants can also bundle electric vehicle charging stations with their solar system purchase to realize additional savings.
- If you are curious about Solarize, join an upcoming [virtual info session](#).

Land Use

Planning Commission Hearings

- Monument Drive Commuter Parking Garage and Transit Center – September 16
- Proposal for Second Phase of Kenilworth Development – October 7
- Trinity Christian School boundary adjustment – October 14

Board of Supervisors Hearings

- Monument Drive Commuter Parking Garage and Transit Center – September 29

Commuter Parking Garage and Transit Center Proposed at Government Center Parkway and Monument Drive

Fairfax County's Building Design and Construction Division has proposed constructing a commuter parking garage and transit center on county-owned land located at the intersection of Government Center Parkway and Monument Drive, adjacent to the HOV exit from I-66. The site currently contains approximately 300 surface parking spaces on the side next to Fairfax Corner and a vacant undeveloped parcel on the west. This facility would provide parking for a new express lane commuter bus service to DC and Arlington that will be implemented as part of Transform I-66. It would also serve carpooling commuters.

The proposed parking garage would have an open first floor area for slug lines and seven levels of parking with 820 parking spaces. It would also house a Connector Store, restrooms for bus drivers, a Capital Bikeshare facility, secure bicycle storage, and bike racks. The transit area would consist of a bus pavilion with eight bus bays and a kiss-and-ride area. The garage would be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Access to the site would be from Random Hills Road for commuter buses and from an existing entrance on Government Center Parkway for commuter, kiss-and-ride, and slug vehicles. The building is designed to achieve ParksMart certification and would feature solar panels surrounded by green roof features, 40 spaces with electric vehicle infrastructure, stormwater enhancements, and natural landscaping.

This application is scheduled for a Planning Commission hearing on September 16. It is scheduled to go before the Board of Supervisors on September 28.

Proposal for Second Phase of Kenilworth Development

Earlier this year, Christopher Land, LLC filed a rezoning application for approximately 4.43 acres of land located just south of the Kenilworth community at Caprino Court and Braddock Road. This property is currently developed with one single-family home built in 1955 that will continue to be occupied by the current owner and would be included in a subsequent phase of the project. The applicant is requesting to rezone this land from the R-1 District to the PDH-3 District to build 12 single-family detached dwelling units at a density of 2.71 dwelling units per acre. Nine houses would be constructed in phase one, and an additional three houses would be constructed in phase two, when the existing house is removed. Access would be provided by connecting Caprino Court and

Banting Drive, as provided for in the proffers associated with the Kenilworth and Penns Crossing rezoning applications. Review of this application is ongoing. A hearing before the Planning Commission has been rescheduled for October 7.

Trinity Christian School Boundary Adjustment

The Trinity Christian School (TCS) is a 25.27-acre private school of general education located on the north side of Braddock Road between Ox Road and Shirley Gate Road. Jonathan Meisner is the owner of property directly adjacent to TCS on the northern side. Mr. Meisner has filed a Special Exception Amendment to adjust the limits of the school's approved Special Exception area to permit a lot line adjustment between his and TCS's properties. The land swap of approximately 21,000 square feet would allow both parties to use the land more efficiently and optimize space. No additional square footage or operational changes are being requested for the school. This application is scheduled for a Planning Commission hearing on October 14. No date has been set for a hearing before the Board of Supervisors.

Comprehensive Plan for NW Corner of Lee Highway and Waples Mill Road

The northwest corner of the intersection of Lee Highway and Waples Mill Road contains an older house and an outbuilding that was formerly used as a contractor's office and workshop. An existing Public Storage facility surrounds the property on the north and west. The corner lot is for sale, and Public Storage has expressed interest in expanding its storage use onto that property. This area is planned for office use with an option for office/mixed use should it be redeveloped. The intersection is also planned for a potential interchange after Shirley Gate Road is extended to the Fairfax County Parkway.

At Supervisor Walkinshaw's request, county planning staff are considering a Comprehensive Plan Amendment for both the corner lot and the surrounding Public Storage property to ensure that the plan for this corner remains in line with the vision for Fairfax Center and the recent developments around these sites. During this review, consideration is being given to what options might be appropriate for the site, whether self-storage or alternative uses, factoring in land use, architecture and design, landscaping, park space, and pedestrian and transportation improvements. A report is expected this fall.

A concurrent rezoning application has been filed by Public Storage Southeast One, Inc. to consolidate the corner parcel with their existing self-storage property. Public Storage is proposing to demolish one row of its existing single-story, self-storage bays and construct a climate-controlled, five-story self-storage facility of approximately 149,050 square feet on the southeast corner of the property. To do this, the applicant is seeking to rezone both parcels to the Planned Development Commercial District. The proposed new self-storage building would feature office-like architecture. Access to the site would be provided through a modified and improved entrance along Lee Highway designed per VDOT standards and the existing service drive that is being used for parking of commercial vehicles, including food trucks, would be removed. Consideration of this rezoning application has been deferred until the Comprehensive Plan review has been completed.

Update on Erickson Living's Braddock Road Development

Plans are moving forward on the continuing care community being developed by Erickson Living at the site of the former Northern Virginia Training Center on Braddock Road, to be named Woodleigh Chase. Demolition of the existing buildings is expected to begin this summer and to be completed by the end of the year. Construction of the first phase of the development is anticipated to begin in early 2021, subject to permitting. This phase will include the first three independent living buildings with approximately 220 units. The target opening date for the first building is approximately 30 months after the start of construction. A temporary sales center is anticipated to open in the summer of 2021. Pricing for Woodleigh Chase will be available at that time. Our office will continue to work with Erickson Living to provide updates. For specific questions about the new facility, contact the Greenspring sales office at (800) 917-3049.

Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee is not scheduled to meet in August. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 15. Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee meetings are open to the public, and interested residents are encouraged to participate.

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. in the Board Auditorium of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. BZA meetings are also 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 to testify at the hearing on the case. Click [here](#) to register to testify. These matters will not come before the Board of Supervisors but will be decided by the BZA. Staff reports are normally available two weeks before the scheduled hearing.

Russell F. Ventimiglia Jr. & Kristen P. Ventimiglia – 9333 Raintree Road, Burke SP 2020-BR-034

The applicants sought a reduction to yard requirements to permit construction of an addition 12.5 feet from the rear lot line and an increase in the fence height in a front yard. This application was approved by the BZA on July 22. Click [here](#) for information, including a map of the site and the staff report, when available.

Max Avary – 5415 Freemont Street, North Springfield SP 2020-BR-017

The applicant sought a reduction to yard requirements to permit construction of an addition 8.8 feet from the northern side lot line and a roof 8.1 feet from the northern side lot line. This application was approved by the BZA on July 29. Click [here](#) for information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available.

Calvary Hill Baptist Church – 9301 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax
SP 2020-BR-039

The applicant is seeking to operate a childcare center within the church building. The childcare center would provide both daycare and preschool for up to 60 children from 3 months to 5 years of age. Hours of operation would be from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on September 16. Click [here](#) for information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available.

Ayesha Sheikh – 9610 Braddock Road, Fairfax
SP 2020-BR-043

The applicant is seeking to expand a home childcare facility. The applicant currently cares for 7 children and would like to expand to care for up to 12 children at any one time with one full-time assistant. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on October 7. Click [here](#) for information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available.

Thu Thi Pham – 9249 Kristin Lane, Fairfax
SP 2020-BR-056

The applicant is seeking modifications to the limitations on the keeping of animals to keep 8 to 10 chickens, and a reduction in the minimum yard requirements based on an error in building location to allow an addition to remain 6 feet from a side lot line. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on November 4. Click [here](#) for information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available.

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