



# The Braddock Beacon

**James R. Walkinshaw**  
Braddock District Supervisor

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Dear Neighbor,

On Wednesday, December 6, we're hosting the Annual [Best of Braddock Awards Ceremony and Reception](#) – an evening of community and food for all, with a recognition for outstanding residents making a difference in the Braddock District.

Please join us to recognize winners of awards for civic engagement, public service, and more. Outgoing Braddock District School Board Member Megan McLaughlin and newly elected Braddock District School Board Member Rachna Sizemore Heizer will be in attendance to help congratulate our winners.

I look forward to seeing you on December 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Braddock District Office (9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke). Please let my office know if you have any questions about [the event](#) by emailing us at [braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov).

Because we will be acknowledging community members at the awards ceremony, this month's Braddock Beacon does not have a Citizen of the Month section. If you know a Braddock District resident who should be recognized as a Citizen of the Month, you can nominate them [for a future edition of the Beacon](#).

## Supervisor James Walkinshaw invites you to the **Best of Braddock Awards Reception**

**Please join us to recognize honorees for:**

Citizen of the Year  
Young Person of the Year  
Neighborhood Enhancement or Beautification  
Most "Can-Do" Public Employee  
Club or Organization Making a Difference  
Civic Engagement

**Wednesday, December 6 | 6:30pm**  
**Braddock District Supervisor's Office**

Supervisor  
**James R. Walkinshaw**  
Braddock District  
Fairfax County, Virginia

## Inauguration Ceremony



I am honored to invite you and your families to the [Inauguration Ceremony](#) for the Board of Supervisors, Clerk of Court, Sheriff, Commonwealth's Attorney, and Soil & Water Conservation District Directors on Wednesday, December 13, at the Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax).

A reception will begin at 5:00 p.m., and the ceremony will begin at 6:00 p.m.

I will take the oath of office that evening and am excited to embark on a second term as your Braddock District Supervisor. I hope you can join us!

## Healthy Holidays

I'd like to [share some tips](#) from the Fairfax County Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to prevent the spread of the flu, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and COVID-19 during this time of the year.

- **Get up to date on your vaccines**
  - Immunizations are available to protect against severe illness caused by all three of the major fall and winter respiratory viruses – [COVID-19](#), [flu](#), and [RSV](#).
- **Take the right steps if you feel sick**
  - Stay home if you are sick, and cover coughs and sneezes to help protect others from getting sick too.
- **Keep up healthy habits**
  - Wash your hands often, and avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Read more reminders about how to stay healthy this holiday season on the County [Health Department's website](#). Get information about vaccines for [COVID-19](#), [flu](#), and [RSV](#), or stay up-to-date with [respiratory virus updates from the CDC](#).

Yours in service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James R. Walkinshaw".

Supervisor James R. Walkinshaw

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## Upcoming Events

Details on these events and more can be found in this edition of the Beacon or by contacting [braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov)

- **December 1** ..... Fairfax County Hypothermia Prevention Program Begins
- **December 4** ..... Final Lake Accotink Task Force Meeting
- **December 5** ..... West Springfield District Community Engagement Meeting  
Board of Supervisors [Last Meeting of 2023](#)
- **December 6** ..... [Best of Braddock Awards Reception and Ceremony](#)
- **December 7** ..... Chanukkah begins  
National Pearl Harbor Day of Remembrance
- **December 9** ..... West Springfield District’s Holiday Toy and Food Drive
- **December 11** ..... Braddock Office closed until 2:00 p.m. for CPR Training
- **December 12** ..... West Springfield District Scout Night
- **December 13** ..... Fairfax County Inauguration Ceremony  
CRASE Lecture
- **December 15** ..... Shark Tank Technology Challenge Application Deadline  
Chanukkah ends
- **December 16** ..... Car Seat Saturday
- **December 22** Christmas Eve Observed (*County Holiday beginning at 12:00 p.m.*)
- **December 25** ..... Christmas (*County Holiday*)
- **December 26 – January 1** ..... Kwanzaa
- **January 1** ..... New Year’s Day (*County Holiday*)

# Walkinshaw in the Community



(L-R) Community members, Supervisor Herrity, FCPA Executive Director Jai Cole, Supervisor Walkinshaw, and Chairman McKay cut the ribbon on the brand new playground at Lake Accotink Park on November 2



(Left) Supervisor Walkinshaw and the Braddock District Team volunteered with Rebuilding Together Arlington/Fairfax/Falls Church to help make repairs to a home in Burke on November 9



(Below) Supervisor Walkinshaw delivers remarks at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Lake Accotink Park



Supervisor Walkinshaw hosted a reception to thank Braddock District residents who serve on County Boards, Authorities, Commissions, and task forces on November 1

(Right)  
 Supervisor Walkinshaw  
 joined the 31st Annual  
 Burke/Fairfax CROP Hunger  
 Walk on November 5

(Below)  
 Supervisor Walkinshaw and  
 members of the Patriot  
 District Boy Scouts at their  
 Scouting for Food collection  
 site on November 4



**In November, Supervisor Walkinshaw also:**

- Joined Pathway Homes at their Steps to Pathways Breakfast on November 1
- Presented at the 19th Annual Fairfax County History Conference on November 4
- Attended the Specially Adapted Resource Clubs' Gratitude Gala on November 4
- Joined Congressman Gerry Connolly for an announcement about Early Childhood Education expansion on November 9
- Met with Cub Scout Pack 1513 on November 16
- Visited the Civil Air Patrol - Burke Composite Squadron on November 16
- Met with the Wakefield Forest-area Cub Scouts Arrow of Light Den on November 19
- Joined Congressman Gerry Conolly at the United States Global Leadership Coalition Luncheon
- Toured GMU's Center for the Arts and Arts District Facilities on November 30
- Spoke at Somerset South's HOA Meeting on November 30

# Seasonal Items

## County Holiday Closures

The County will observe several holidays and will be closed on:

- Friday, December 22 (Christmas Eve Observed)
  - County Government closed beginning at 12:00 p.m.
- Monday, December 25 (Christmas)
  - Fairfax Connector – [Sunday Service](#)
- Monday, January 1 (New Year’s Day)
  - Fairfax Connector – [Sunday Service](#)

View the County’s [operating status](#) or Fairfax County Public Schools’ [standard calendar](#).

## Second Installment of Real Estate Taxes Due December 5

The deadline for the second installment of real estate taxes is Tuesday, December 5. These bills were mailed out early November and only apply to residents who pay their taxes directly.

You can pay online using the [MyFairfax Portal](#).

If you need assistance, please contact the [Fairfax County Department of Tax Administration](#) (DTA) at [dtared@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:dtared@fairfaxcounty.gov) or (703) 222-8234 | TTY 711 (English/Español). DTA is open Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Seasonal Donations and Drives

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

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

### One-Time Events

#### Burke Lions Club Food Drive

Join the Burke Lions Club, Long Branch Civic Association, and the Long Branch Swim & Racquet Club for their 3rd Annual Food Drive on Saturday, December 2, from



10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Long Branch Swim and Racquet Club (9100 Burnetta Drive, Annandale).

All food donations, including canned, packaged, bottled, jarred, and dried foods, plus packaged paper products and items like baby diapers, will be donated to Food for Others in Fairfax.

For more information, call Stephen at (703) 819-9304.

### **ECHO Toy Drive**

Each year, ECHO collects new toys for children up to age 15. Clients of ECHO who are parents of children in this age range come to shop for gifts.

Donors can help ECHO by providing new, unwrapped

children's toys or teen gifts no later than Monday, December 4. Gifts can be delivered to the donation door on Monday from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



Popular items include:

- Skateboards or scooters (with helmets)
- Soccer balls and nets
- Headphones
- Art supplies
- Remote-control toys
- Car and track sets
- Riding toys
- Kitchen sets
- Baby dolls

Email [ECHOHOLIDAYSHOP@gmail.com](mailto:ECHOHOLIDAYSHOP@gmail.com) if you have questions.

### **West Springfield District Station's Holiday Toy and Food Drive**

Officers from the West Springfield District Police Station will host a toy and food drive on Saturday, December 9, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Giant Food (8320 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield).



They are asking for new, unwrapped toys to be donated. These toys will be sent to the Motor Squad for the [Santa's Ride](#) event. The Motor Squad will be delivering these toys to kids at the Inova Children's Hospital and the Georgetown Hospital Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Food donations will benefit ECHO. ECHO is the Ecumenical Community Helping Others, an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) charity that provides food and

financial help to people with short-term emergencies. ECHO also provides clothes and household items to people with low incomes.

Items requested (in order of priority):

- Canned vegetables
- Canned soup
- Spaghetti sauce
- Pasta
- Jelly
- Vegetable oil
- Muffin mix
- Jello/pudding mix
- Mac and cheese
- Pancake mix
- Canned tomatoes
- Boxed rice
- Peanut butter
- Eggs
- Margarine
- Bread
- Condiments
- Canned meat
- Tortillas
- Salsa
- BBQ sauce
- Juice (individual and family size)
- Tea and coffee

Please bring "Family Sized" items only – Extra-large items (ex. 25lb bags of flour, 5 lb. cans) are too large for distribution.

Officers and community volunteers will be located just outside the store to receive donations. Contact PFC Liam May (703) 277-2357 at the West Springfield District Station with questions.

## Ongoing Events

### Annandale United Methodist Church Seeks Donations

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



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

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



## ECHO Christmas Meals

**ECHO** is sponsoring Christmas meals for their clients. Donors may provide groceries for a family to prepare a festive meal for themselves or provide a food store gift card so families can shop for their favorite foods.

ECHO provides guidelines to donors so client families are treated equally. If you are interested in participating, email [holidayfoodprograms@echo-inc.org](mailto:holidayfoodprograms@echo-inc.org).



## Wellness Center Toy Drive



ServiceSource's Wellness Center for Older Adults has been designated as a Toys for Tots collection site. Drop off new, unwrapped toys until Thursday, December 7, in the lobby of the Wellness Center (4027B Olley Lane, Fairfax).

For more information, email Rose Robinson at [rose.robinson@servicesource.org](mailto:rose.robinson@servicesource.org).

## Winter Home Preparedness

With the potential for dangerously low temperatures and other winter weather hazards ahead, it's crucial to be prepared for the unique challenges and potential emergencies that come with cold weather.

Being proactive now can help ensure your safety, comfort, and peace of mind throughout the winter season. Here are some [tips to safeguard](#) your home for winter weather:



- Insulate Your Home
  - Caulk and weatherstrip doors, windows, and any cracks or openings to prevent drafts to retain heat more effectively.
  - Insulate attics, basements, and crawl spaces. Top up insulation if needed.
  - Insulate exterior walls, pipes, ducts, and other areas prone to heat loss.
- Prevent Frozen Pipes
  - Seal air leaks around pipes. Use insulating sleeves or heat tape to wrap exposed pipes.
  - Disconnect garden hoses, and shut off and drain water from taps and pipes leading outdoors.
  - Keep garage doors closed if water supply lines are in the garage.
  - Allow indoor and outdoor faucets to drip during extreme cold to avoid freezing.
  - Read [more tips](#) from Fairfax Water.

- Prepare Alternative Heat Sources
  - Have a safe alternate heating source ready (such as a wood-burning stove or space heaters) for use during a power outage.
  - Make sure alternate heating equipment is properly installed and ventilated. Always follow fire safety precautions.
  - Stock firewood if you have a fireplace or wood stove.
  - Store a backup supply of heating fuel if needed.
- Install Carbon Monoxide Detectors
  - Use [carbon monoxide](#) (CO) detectors around your home, especially near heating equipment. Test batteries monthly, and replace them as needed.
- Trim Tree Branches
  - Cut back tree limbs that could damage buildings or power lines under heavy snow loads.
  - Know the [numbers to call](#) about downed trees and power lines in Fairfax County.
- Maintain Heating Equipment
  - Schedule annual servicing for your heating system, chimney, fireplace, wood stove, etc.
- Clean gutters to prevent ice dams and interior water damage.

## Community News

### Congressman Connolly's Spring Internships

Congressman Gerry Connolly's District and Capitol Hill Offices are accepting [internship applications](#) for the spring semester until Friday, December 10. Congressman Connolly has hosted more than forty classes of interns, and many of his current staff were once interns in his office.

Working in a Congressional office can be an incredibly rewarding and exciting opportunity to gain valuable experience and observe first-hand how our government operates. Interns in the Capitol Hill office draft constituent

correspondence, attend briefings and Congressional hearings, and prepare memos for the Congressman and staff. Interns in the District Office conduct research, assist with constituent casework, and help put together district events. Interns in both Congressional offices play a vital role in keeping constituents well-informed and adequately represented in Congress.

Internships are held on a part-time basis, allowing full-time college students the opportunity to participate to fit their schedule. The offices offer flexible schedules to best suit the candidate's semester plan. This is a paid internship, and each intern will receive a \$3,000 stipend over the course of the semester.



Priority is given to college-level students from the 11th District. Selection is based on an applicant's general office and other professional experience, an interview, and a short writing sample.

[Learn more](#) about interning in the offices and the requirements for an application. The application deadline for the spring semester is December 10. Email a cover letter, resume, and brief writing sample to the office (or offices) of your choice.

### Washington, D.C. Office

[va11.internship@mail.house.gov](mailto:va11.internship@mail.house.gov)

Phone: (202) 225-1492

### Fairfax District Office

[Mr. Marlon Dubuisson](#), District Director

Phone: (703) 256-3071

Fax: (703) 261-6088

## Upcoming Low-Cost Animal Vaccination/Microchip Clinics

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter will hold two [low-cost vaccination and microchip clinics](#) for dogs and cats in December.

### December Low-Cost Animal Vaccination & Microchip Clinics



**Sunday, December 3 | 9-11am**

Michael R Frey Campus  
4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax



**Thursday, December 14 | 9-11am**

Lorton Campus  
8875 Lorton Road, Lorton

The first clinic is Sunday, December 3 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter's Michael R Frey Campus (4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax).

The second clinic is Thursday, December 14, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the Animal Shelter's new Lorton Campus (8875 Lorton Road, Lorton).

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

## Tour the Silas Burke House

The Burke Historical Society and Sunrise at Silas Burke House are pleased to announce the [Silas Burke House](#) (9617 Burke Lake Road) will be open on December 9 for tours.

The first tour will begin at 10:30 a.m., and the last tour will start at 12:15 p.m.

Other historic structures at Sunrise in addition to the House include the icehouse, windmill, and an old Burke Post Office. Tours are free, and no registration is required. For more information, contact [Mary Lipsey](#).



# Martha Glennan Disability Inclusion and Equality Awards

The Fairfax Area – Disability Services Board’s [Martha Glennan Disability Inclusion and Equality Awards](#) are presented annually to recognize people, businesses, nonprofits, government agencies, and other organizations that excel in demonstrating a commitment to promoting equal rights and community inclusion for people with disabilities in the Fairfax area and how people with disabilities have significantly benefitted from their efforts.

The 2023 Awards will honor Jeremy Smith, Cheryl Johnson, and the University Mall Theatres and Cinema Arts Theatre on Monday, December 11, at the Pennino Building, Rooms 200/206 (12011 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax) beginning at 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP to [Ann.Kim@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Ann.Kim@fairfaxcounty.gov) if interested in attending.



The Fairfax Area-Disability Services Board proudly presents:

## 2023 Martha Glennan Disability Inclusion and Equality Awards

Honoring  
*Jeremy Smith*  
*Cheryl Johnson*  
*University Mall Theatres and Cinema Arts Theatre*

Welcoming remarks by Penelope A. Gross, Vice Chair,  
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

Light refreshments will be served.  
RSVP (appreciated, but not required) to [Ann.Kim@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Ann.Kim@fairfaxcounty.gov).

December 11, 2023, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Fairfax County Pennino Building, Rooms 200/206  
12011 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax VA 22035

Department of Family Services | Division of Adult and Aging Services  
Disability Rights and Resources | [FairfaxCounty.gov/FamilyServices/Disabilities](http://FairfaxCounty.gov/FamilyServices/Disabilities)

To request reasonable ADA accommodations or alternative format of materials, call Ann Kim at 703-324-7486/TTY 711, or e-mail [Ann.Kim@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Ann.Kim@fairfaxcounty.gov). Website: [FairfaxCounty.gov/FamilyServices](http://FairfaxCounty.gov/FamilyServices)



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## THRIVE Applications Open December 12

Fairfax County introduces [THRIVE](#) – a technical assistance program dedicated to small business growth. Through this program, approximately 600 businesses will receive consulting services valued up to \$10,000 to help them reach their business goals and continue their post-pandemic recovery.



**Your Business Success is The Mission.** County's Board of Supervisors authorized \$7,000,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to establish the THRIVE program. The Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC) will serve as the program grant administrator.

THRIVE will accept applications for businesses from December 12-21, 2023, and January 16-26, 2024. Small business [technical webinars](#) will be held on Thursday, December 7, at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. (Spanish). [Learn more](#) about eligibility and applying.

## Urgent Need for Blood Donors – Type O Needed Immediately

Multiple traumatic incidents and other medical emergencies have left INOVA’s blood inventory for Type O blood critically low. They need all blood types, but a boost to the supply of Type O will help patients in need significantly.

Call 1-866-BLOODSAVES (1-866-256-6372) or visit [inovablood.org](http://inovablood.org) to schedule an appointment today.



## Made in Fairfax 2023 Holiday Gift Guide

Fairfax County is home to an incredible and diverse group of artisans – so much so that the Made in Fairfax initiative was born.



The [Made in Fairfax network](#) aims to be a one-stop shop for businesses and those who want to support them.

The [Made in Fairfax directory](#) features dozens of artisans who create a variety of unique gifts from Northern Virginia made in the County including custom furniture, baked goods, jewelry, and more.

This holiday season (or any time of year, really!) take “shop local” to new heights by directly supporting the makers of these gift-worthy products created right here in Fairfax County.

## Fairfax County African American History Inventory

The [Fairfax County African American History Inventory \(AAHI\) database project](#) is a collaborative effort between the Fairfax County History Commission and the [Center for Mason Legacies](#).



The goal of the AAHI is to capture, communicate, and preserve the African American experience throughout Fairfax County’s history. An inventory of Fairfax’s African American residents’ contributions, churches, homes, schools, communities, events, and more has been collected to document the African American culture and history of the County. The collection of

general resources and research topics has been prepared for all ages, residents, students, and historians to increase interest and knowledge about Fairfax County’s diverse population.

The list includes local, state, and national research resources. AAHI is not all-inclusive. Because it is a living document, additional inventory items will be added in the future. Contact [Mary Lipsey](#) with questions.

## Volunteers Needed for 2024 VITA

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) provides free tax preparation to qualified individuals and families in Northern Virginia.

The Fairfax County Department of Family Services is [recruiting volunteers](#) to provide tax preparation, online tax coaching, social media outreach, and IT support, as well as greeters, screeners, and language interpreters, including ASL.



No experience is necessary, and free training is provided. Volunteer training is happening now, and volunteers are needed through mid-April. Additional information will be emailed to volunteers as it becomes available. [Learn more](#) about volunteering.

## Hire a Patriot

Is your business looking to hire employees or interns? George Mason University's Career Services provides you access to well-qualified applicants. Mason students and alumni possess the latest industry knowledge and in-demand transferrable and technical skills. Post your job/internship, attend a career fair, or interview students on campus on [GMU's careers page](#).

## Sing with the Fairfax Choral Society!

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

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

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

# Environment & Parks News

## FLAP Updates

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



Their Monthly Clean-Up is Sunday, December 10, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. You can find more information about the clean-up on FLAP'S [event page](#).

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

## Difficult Run Tributaries and Basins Restoration

KBS Earthworks, Inc. (KBS) is currently working on setting up erosion and sediment control measures within Phase 1 of the restoration project site. The Phase I work area is located along the northwestern portion of the parking lot at the Government Center.

Based on the approved schedule, KBS will be conducting Phase I work until December, weather permitting. The trail head, located at the proposed construction entrance, will be closed until the work is complete. All other trails within the site will be accessible to residents and County staff. For more information, view the project [website](#).



## Final Meeting of the Task Force on the Future of Lake Accotink

The Task Force on the Future of Lake Accotink will hold its ninth and final meeting on Monday, December 4, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 11 at the Government Center. At the November 27 meeting, consultant LimnoTech provided its last set of responses to questions raised earlier this year by the community and Task Force members.

Three subcommittees were created within the Task Force to explore topics in more detail. Those groups were the Subcommittee on the Value of Lake Accotink to Lake Accotink Park and to the County, the Subcommittee on Impacts of and Issues with the County Staff Recommendation to Not Dredge, and the Subcommittee on Options to Consider Other than Traditional Full Dredging. The subcommittees met separately to analyze, review, and discuss their topics and provided their reports in November. On December 4, the Task Force will finalize its Findings Report, which will be presented to the Board of Supervisors at the December 5 Board meeting and discussed in more detail at the Board's Environmental Committee meeting on December 12.

The December 4 meeting is open to the public and interested community members are welcome to attend to observe the Task Force's work or live stream the meeting on [Channel 16](#). Recordings of previous Task Force meetings, meeting materials, and minutes can be found on the Task Force on the Future of Lake Accotink [webpage](#).



## Recycling in Fairfax

When we reduce, reuse, and recycle our trash, we lessen our environmental impact. Increasing recycling means fewer items end up in landfills, which helps conserve energy, decrease air and water pollution, maintain our natural resources, and reduce greenhouse gases.

Recycling is an integral part of the County's ambitious [Zero Waste Plan](#), which aims to divert 90% of waste from disposal and reduce the overall waste generated by 25% by 2040.

[Learn more about recycling](#) in Fairfax County.





# Transportation Updates

## VDOT is ready for Winter

While snow might not be at the top of most people's minds right now, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is at the height of preparation for the [upcoming winter season](#). Equipment, materials, and staffing are in place and ready to go the moment winter weather arrives.

### Winter Weather Resources and Readiness:

- \$220 million set aside for winter weather
- More than 2,300 VDOT crew members (not including additional contractors) available for snow removal statewide
- Currently more than 10,200 pieces of snow-removal equipment, including trucks, loaders and motor graders
- More than 702,000 tons of salt, sand, and treated abrasives and more than 1.9 million gallons of liquid calcium chloride and salt brine



### Real-time Progress: Online VDOT Snowplow Tracker

Across the state, if snow reaches two inches or more, VDOT activates an [online snowplow tracking map](#). Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) technology is operational statewide. All VDOT-owned and contracted plows will be equipped with AVL, allowing them to be monitored on the snowplow tracker.

### Be Prepared, Plan Ahead

During winter, it is important to regularly monitor weather forecasts and have a winter weather driving plan ahead of time. When inclement weather arrives, motorists are encouraged to visit [511virginia.org](http://511virginia.org) or call 5-1-1 for up-to-date information on road and traffic conditions before travel.

For more information, visit VDOT's [winter weather page](#).

# Public Safety

## Community Advisory Committee Community Engagement Meeting

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

December's guest speakers will be members of the Threat Assessment Team. They will be discussing their role in keeping Fairfax County safe.

West Springfield District Station  
Community Advisory Committee

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

**Guest Speaker:**  
Threat Assessment Team



**IN PERSON!!!!**

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

## Scout Night

Officers from the West Springfield District Station will be hosting a Scout Night on Tuesday, December 12, between 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

If your den or troop would like to visit the police station and speak with officers, please

contact them for available times. Officers will give a presentation to the kids in the community room, a video tour of the station, and then a hands-on tour of the police car outside. Space is limited to one den/troop every half hour. Slots are 5:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.

If older scouts need specific requirements for a badge, arrangements can be made. Please

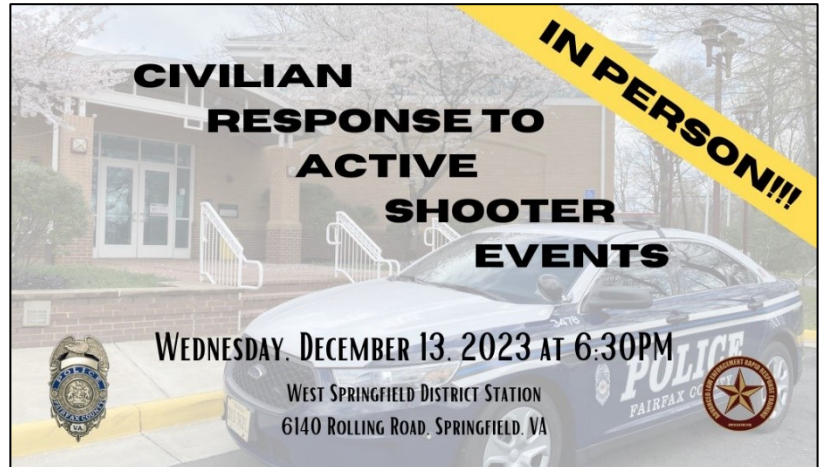
contact either PFC Liam May at (703) 277-2357 or MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363 for scheduling or further questions.



## Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) Lecture

Because an active violence event can take place anywhere in the world, the community needs to be prepared with how to respond. This lecture, on Wednesday, December 13, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., will help participants learn about attackers, disaster response, and how to prepare for and respond to being trapped in a building during an active violence event.

The training will include a review of past events, the steps law enforcement will take to assist and limit casualties, and answer questions you may have. This training is open to anyone in the community, but some of the material may be disturbing.



This training will be in person at the West Springfield District Station community room (6140 Rolling Road, Springfield).

Contact MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363 with further questions.

## Car Seat Saturday

Get your child's car seat inspected on Saturday, December 16, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00



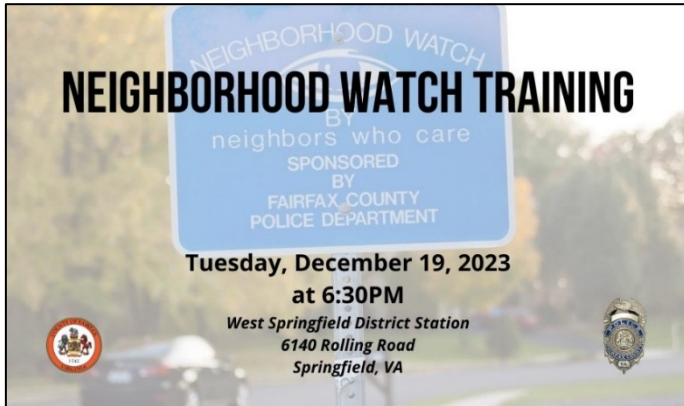
p.m. at the West Springfield District Station (6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA). No appointment is needed. Car seats will be inspected on a first-come, first-served basis. When you arrive, go into the lobby, and you will be given further directions. All car seat inspections/installations will be conducted by a certified Child Passenger Safety technician.

Be sure to install the child safety seat yourself so the inspection can be performed. The seat will be properly re-installed if necessary, and you will learn how to install the seat properly in the future. Reach out to MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363 or email [Anthony.capizzi@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Anthony.capizzi@fairfaxcounty.gov) if you have questions.

Car seat inspections are also available, by appointment, every Tuesday from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Please call the station at (703) 644-7377, and press zero to make an appointment for those days.

## Neighborhood Watch Training

The West Springfield District Station (6140 Rolling Road, Springfield) will host a Neighborhood Watch training in the Community Room on Tuesday, December 19, 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](mailto:Anthony.capizzi@fairfaxcounty.gov).

# Human Services Corner

## Hypothermia Prevention Program

Since 2005, the Fairfax County [Hypothermia Prevention Program](#) has prevented death and serious injuries among people experiencing homelessness by ensuring that no one must sleep outside during the winter months. This program – available to any adult in need of immediate shelter – provides warm shelter, food, and other supportive services to help connect guests to a variety of basic needs such as clothing, employment, housing, and more. It remains a highly effective partnership between government, nonprofits, and the faith community. The program is open every day, countywide until March 31, 2024.

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

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

A flyer for the Hypothermia Prevention Program. The title is "HYPOTHERMIA PREVENTION PROGRAM" in large blue letters. Below the title, it says "DECEMBER 1, 2023 - MARCH 31, 2024". The flyer includes a section titled "About the Program" with text describing the program's purpose and services. It also features a "Warning Signs of Hypothermia" graphic with icons for confusion, shivering, difficulty speaking, slurred speech, and lost memory. At the bottom, there is a note about contacting Coordinated Services Planning and a URL for more information: <https://bit.ly/Fairfax-Hypothermia-Program>. The flyer also includes the Fairfax County logo and a commitment to nondiscrimination.

# Fairfax Area Student “Shark Tank” Technology Challenge

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



Many older adults and adults with disabilities struggle every day to live comfortably in this ever-changing world – a world that is often not designed to accommodate their highly specialized needs. The widely watched televised *Shark Tank* is a platform for inventors of all ages to submit innovative, marketable product ideas that will successfully cater to today’s popular culture. This contest opportunity seeks young innovators who will take up the challenge of designing practical products and applications that older adults and adults with disabilities can independently operate to make the world more user-friendly.

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

## Assistance for Veterans is Available

[NOVA Veterans Association](#) is a local non-profit that provides access to needed services and diminishes the inequities that the most vulnerable veterans (elderly, underserved, disabled) struggle with and experience daily. Their goal is to eliminate the frustrations, anxiety, depression, and suicide that plague these marginalized populations.

If you are or know a veteran in need, contact NOVA Veterans Association at [SupportServices@NOVAVETS.org](mailto:SupportServices@NOVAVETS.org) or call (703) 659-0788.

## Healthy Communities Dashboard

In support of the [Strategic Plan](#), Fairfax County has launched a new [Healthy Communities dashboard](#) that focuses on metrics that will be monitored throughout the implementation of the plan and that will inform future decision-making.

The [dashboard](#) provides analysis of the data in a “story behind the numbers” with contextual details



to help users understand the figures and their trends, as well as any implications and importance of the health topics covered. It also highlights any health outcome disparities across the various segments of the County's population. [Learn more](#) about the dashboard.

## **FCPL's Library of Things**

This holiday shopping season...don't buy it, borrow it at [Fairfax County Public Library](#) for free. From laser thermometers and battery testers to air quality monitors and onboard diagnostic code readers, [nine different types of meters](#) joined the [Library of Things](#) last month.

Dozens of other helpful items are also available to check out free with your library card such as artwork, binoculars, games, Connect Chromebook Kits, Conserve Energy Kits, Hands-On History kits, early literacy Launchpad tablets, nature backpacks and thermal cameras.

# Land Use & Development

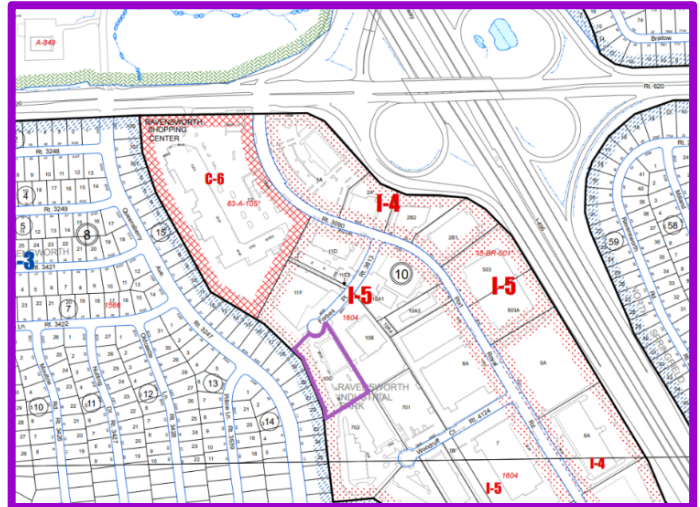
## UPCOMING MEETINGS & HEARINGS

- Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee Meeting
- December 19 at 7:00 p.m. – Virtual

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

The Friends Health Care Team 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 previously operated an adult day care within the Calvary Church of the Nazarene in Annandale and now proposes to relocate and enlarge its operation. According to the application, they are proposing to convert the third floor, or approximately 15,329 square feet, of the office building to adult day care use for up to 200 adults, with the first two floors of the building remaining occupied by office uses. A grassy area along the side of the building, measuring approximately 20 feet by 170 feet, would be used for outdoor recreation, consisting primarily of walking. Four standard picnic tables would be located in that area. Approximately 40 employees would be on site at any one time. Operating hours would be 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays. The applicant has stated that there would be minimal traffic impact, because 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 Health Care Advisory Board (HCAB) met on October 9 to review this application. The HCAB reviews zoning and Special Exception applications for medical care facilities from a health care rather than a land use perspective. In its presentation to the HCAB, the applicant stated that they now plan to locate the facility on the second instead of the third floor of the building and mentioned additional changes from what was submitted in their Special Exception application. Because there were numerous questions from

members, the HCAB deferred its decision to give the applicant time to respond. On November 13, after reviewing the supplemental materials, the HCAB determined that the applicant met the requirements demonstrating a need to develop the facility. They found the application reasonable in terms of access, need, operations, and financial accessibility, and recommended approval of the proposal as revised.

It is expected that the applicant will submit a revised application reflecting the changes they presented to the Health Care Advisory Board. The Friends Health Care Team will be providing an update to the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee at its virtual meeting on December 19. Anyone interested in this application is invited to attend and learn more.

Information on the application is available on the [PLUS website](#). If the record does not show up from the link, select the "Zoning" tab and enter the application number, SE-2023-BR-00015, in the search box on the right side. Click on the "Record Information" arrow on the left and then click on "Attachments" in the drop-down menu. The most recent documents should be at the end of the list. Details on the application are typically in the "Statement of Justification," and the "Special Exception Plat" shows the drawings.

To allow time for the HCAB to provide its recommendations regarding the proposal to the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission, the Planning Commission hearing on the Special Exception application was deferred until January 31, 2024. A Board of Supervisors hearing has not yet been scheduled.

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

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will hold a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, December 19, at 7:00 p.m.** The agenda will include a presentation on the Friends Adult Day Care application, as well as updates on other pending Braddock District land use cases and related proposals.

Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee meetings are open to the public and interested residents are encouraged to participate.

Join [online](#) or by phone: (571) 429-5982, Phone Conference ID: 730 922 969#.



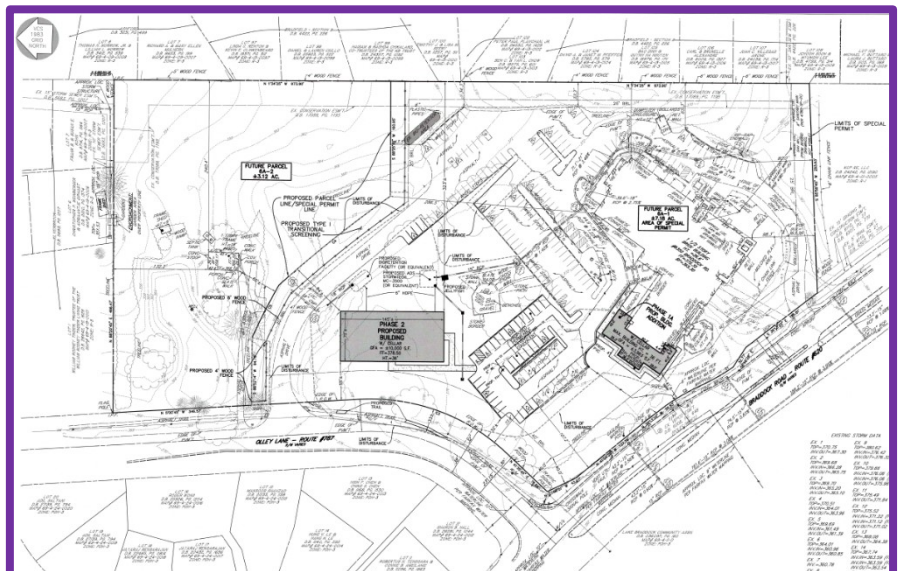
## Church of the Good Shepherd Applies for Special Permit Amendment to Subdivide Its Property

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

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

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

In conjunction with the request for the deletion of land area from the Special Permit, the Church is also seeking to reduce the ultimate size of the previously approved improvements. The building addition approved as Phase 1B would be reduced to approximately 3,963 square feet, and the approved sanctuary capacity of 900 seats would be reduced to 688. In addition, Phases 2 and 3 would be combined into



a single building referred to as Phase 2 and consisting of approximately 10,000 square feet. The Church would continue to operate a nursery school with a maximum enrollment of 99 children. The conservation easement along the eastern property line, which is approximately 34 feet wide, would be maintained and enhanced with

supplemental trees and evergreens. Twenty-five feet of transitional screening would be provided between the Church and the new parcel that would be separated.

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

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

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

**The BZA hearing was administratively moved from December 6 to February 14, 2024**, to give the applicant time to develop and provide elevations of the building additions proposed in the application. The previous approval permitted two new buildings and an addition to the existing sanctuary. The current application is requesting only one new building and an addition to the sanctuary. Due to this change, staff felt it was necessary for the applicant to provide elevations to show the new dimensions, bulk, and appearance of the proposed building additions. The hearing is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. and the public is welcome to attend and provide testimony. The decision in this matter will be made by the Board of Zoning Appeals, a quasi-judicial body consisting of seven at-large members and one alternate who are appointed by the Circuit Court of Fairfax County. The application does not go before the Board of Supervisors and the Board has no role in the decision-making process.

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

Work is progressing at the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Braddock Road Customer Service Center, located adjacent to the Erickson Living facility. The landscape

work is complete. All trees and bushes are planted and the grass is growing. The Deputy Commissioner of the DMV reports that they are on target to open in January 2024.



## **Update on Erickson Living's Woodleigh Chase Project**

The first phase of Erickson Living's Woodleigh Chase campus on Braddock Road is nearing completion. Work at Emerson Square, the community building in the center, is 98 percent complete and they hope to start stocking the building soon. To the west at Fulton Landing, fire alarms are being programmed and final unit inspections are underway. At Stafford Glen to the east, work in the units and common areas is being finished. Construction of the next phase of buildings to the south is also moving ahead.





## Update on Ilda's Overlook Senior Residences on Braddock Road

The Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing's 80-unit affordable senior project on Braddock Road is now 98 percent complete. Final inspections are being completed for electrical and plumbing work on the first and second floor units. Unit window treatments and amenity space finishes are being installed. Completion has been delayed by a supply chain issue involving electrical meters, but the developer is hopeful that will be resolved within the next few weeks.

The photos below show the exterior, community room, mailroom, and unit entrance.

For those who are interested, APAH has a [website](#) where potential residents can sign up for more information. The property management team may also be reached at (571) 946-7344.



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## Update on One University Affordable Housing Development

The contractor is making good progress on the affordable housing on the western portion of the One University site. At the senior building, exterior siding and courtyard waterproofing are complete. In the interior, common area ceiling grid and insulation, corridor lighting and drywall are complete. Cabinets, counters, plumbing, and light fixtures have been installed through the third floor. Flooring, appliances, and energizing of HVAC equipment are awaiting installation of permanent power, which has been delayed.

At the family building to the east, exterior siding on the south elevation, brick on the west elevation, and courtyard waterproofing are being completed. Corridor lighting and drywall are complete on the second and third floors. Cabinets, counters, plumbing and light fixtures have been installed through the third floor. Again, flooring and equipment is awaiting permanent power.

The windows, storefront, and ceiling grid are substantially complete in the community building and ductwork and drywall are ongoing. The developer is hopeful that this building may be used for pre-leasing. Completion is expected in late spring.

These photos show building exteriors, the community building, and a typical unit kitchen.



## Cases Filed with the Board of Zoning Appeals

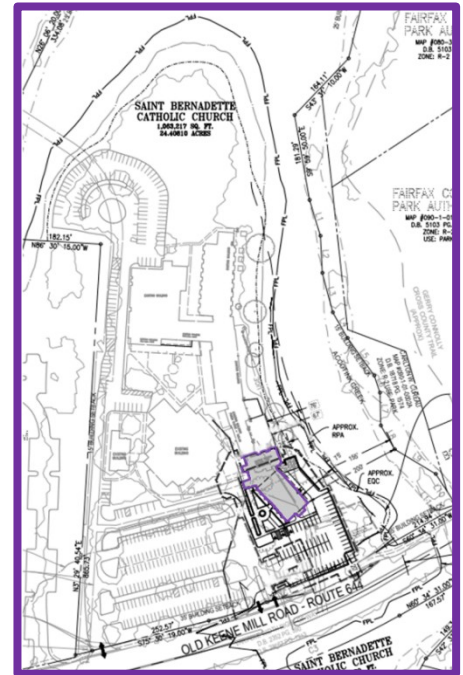
The Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) hears and makes decisions on requests for variances (relief from specific zoning regulations such as lot width, building height, or minimum yard requirements) and Special Use Permits. It meets on Wednesdays beginning at 9:00 a.m. BZA meetings are aired live on the county government's cable TV Channel 16. Residents who have concerns about an application are encouraged to submit a letter for the record or testify at the hearing on the case in person, by telephone, or by pre-submitted video. For information on how to submit comments or testify, please visit the [Board of Zoning Appeals website](#). These

matters will not come before the Board of Supervisors but will be decided by the BZA. Staff reports are normally available online a week before the scheduled hearing.

Access to information on BZA cases is available through the Planning and Land Use System, or PLUS. This system allows users to create and submit applications online, pay fees, track the status of applications, and receive electronic notifications. It also offers more information to the public than the previous system and does so in real time. Visit the [PLUS website](#) for more information on this land use platform.

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

The applicant is requesting to amend their Special Permit previously approved for a Place of Worship, Private School of General Education, and Child Care Center to allow for modifications to site and development conditions to permit construction of a fellowship hall, and to make condition modifications. A new two-story building with 13,500 square feet of gross floor area would be added on a portion of the existing parking lot and connect to an existing church building. The first floor would include meeting rooms, classrooms for church programs, and administrative facilities. The second floor would include a fellowship hall. Although the number of parking spaces would be reduced, the total would exceed the requirement under the previously granted parking reduction. To allow the applicant to complete an RPA delineation study, the BZA hearing for this application has been deferred until January 24, 2024. Additional information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).



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

The Church is requesting to amend its previous approval for religious assembly and a childcare center to permit site modifications and the removal of approximately 3.12 acres from its existing Special Permit. See article in the Land Development section of this newsletter for more details. The BZA hearing on this application has been deferred until February 14, 2024. 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](mailto:braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call the Braddock District office at 703-425-9300.

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