

The Braddock Beacon



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Dear Neighbor,

As I shared in last week's Advisory email, we are in the midst of a national epidemic of dangerous driving. Recently, that epidemic reached our community as a Kings Park West resident was struck while walking her dogs on the sidewalk. It's critically important that we all slow down and pay attention whether in a car, on foot, or on a bicycle.

Fairfax County's [Take a Moment](#) campaign page includes resources to encourage safe driving, biking, and walking. Fairfax County Police Chief Kevin Davis discussed pedestrian safety on a recent WTOP [podcast](#). I also encourage you to consider joining [Fairfax Families for Safe Streets](#) at their virtual meeting on November 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Despite the fact that the Virginia Department of Transportation owns, maintains, and is responsible for the roads and most sidewalks in Fairfax County, the Board of Supervisors has committed \$100 million over six years to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety. This week, we [approved](#) the use of \$5 million to complete 17 projects to improve the County's pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and to purchase additional speed display signs.

Two approved projects are in the Braddock District.

- At Guinea Road and Rutherford Park, there will be new curb ramps, curb extensions, and a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) installed. This project will help Long Branch Trail users safely cross Guinea Road and access Rutherford Park.
- At Guinea Road and Bronte Drive, lanes will be narrowed for a pedestrian refuge in the center of the roadway, marked crosswalks on the east and west sides will be installed, and the southbound bus stop will be relocated. This project will make it safer and easier for residents to access the Monticello Dog Park and playground.



As noted above, VDOT, not Fairfax County, owns and maintains the roads in the County. As such, they make the final determination as to what safety improvements can be made. We are still awaiting the final determinations from VDOT on any remaining improvements at the Guinea Road and Olley Lane intersection. I remain committed to working with VDOT — or, if necessary, the County — to find funding to make the recommended safety improvements at this location.

Throughout my time in office, many residents have expressed concerns and desires to see pedestrian-related improvements in their neighborhoods. We maintain a list of nearly 1,000 unfunded projects across the County, including more than 200 here in the Braddock District. As additional funding becomes available, FCDOT will assess projects on the unfunded list and determine what projects are feasible and will have significant safety impacts for the greater community.

American Disposal Services

At the September 13 Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board passed my motion to direct County staff to consider enforcement actions and consumer complaints against American Disposal Services (ADS). Since January 2022, 86% of the service-related complaints received by our Department of Public Works and Environmental Services have come from ADS customers. To address the violations and establish a plan to improve service, Fairfax County and ADS have entered into a consent agreement that sets forth a plan of action. The key provisions are:

- ADS will pay a \$5,000 civil penalty
- ADS will establish a process to provide credits for residential customers for all missed collections (defined as 7 days or more beyond scheduled pick up), effective January 1, 2023
- ADS will establish a service quality goal
- ADS will hire additional customer service personnel
- ADS will increase wages for drivers and collection crews and hire additional drivers

I remain convinced that the current legislative framework for solid waste collection puts consumers at the mercy of an industry with decreasing competition and increasing consolidation. I will be working with the General Assembly to find ways to improve the system and strengthen our ability to protect consumer rights.

Yours in service,

Supervisor James Walkinshaw

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Community Calendar

Details on these events can be found in this edition of the Beacon, or by contacting Supervisor Walkinshaw's office at braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 · Last Day of Early Voting · 18 th Annual History Conference
6 30 th Annual CROP Hunger Walk	7 Fairfax Families for Safe Streets meeting	8 Election Day <i>County Govt. Holiday</i>	9 · NOVA Pottery Sale · 36 th Annual Caregiver's Conference (thru Nov. 11)	10 · Military Community Hiring Event · Caregiver's Conference · SHAPE the Future of Aging Town Hall · Neighborhood Watch Training	11 · Veterans Day Americana Dr. Cleanup · Best of Braddock Award Deadline · Brain Injury Svcs. Annual Rubber Duck Race <i>County Govt. Holiday</i>	12
		15 · Fairfax Recycles Day · Silver Line Extension Opening · BLUE Committee Meeting	16 Willard-Sherwood Health & Community Ctr. Zoom Open House	17 · HIRE VETS NOW Networking Event · FCPD – Let's Talk · SHAPE the Future of Aging Focus Group (must register by Nov. 9)	18 CRASE Training	19 Willard-Sherwood Health & Community Ctr. In-Person Open House
20	21	22 Board of Supervisors Committee Meetings	23	24 Thanksgiving <i>County Govt. Holiday</i>	25 <i>County Govt. Holiday</i>	26
27 FLAP High School Cleanup Competition	28 Community Meeting on Rezoning of Day Property on Zion Dr.	29 Braddock Rd. Multimodal Improvements Project Public Info Meeting	30	Dec 1	2	3
4	5	6 Board of Supervisors Meeting	7 Best of Braddock Awards Reception	8	9	10

Walkinshaw in the Community



Supervisors James Walkinshaw and Kathy Smith co-hosted Team Fairfax at the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's annual Out of the Darkness Walk on October 1.



Supervisor Walkinshaw joined School Board Members Megan McLaughlin and Karen Keys-Gamarra at the Woodson High School Homecoming Parade on October 7.



Supervisor Walkinshaw visited Braddock Elementary students participating in a STEM event at Annandale High School hosted by Volunteer Fairfax and tech company NetApp on October 17.



Supervisor Walkinshaw visited the Burke Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department's Open House on October 15 during Fire Prevention Week.



Supervisor Walkinshaw attended the Burke Cove Condominium Picnic on October 15.



Supervisor Walkinshaw hosted a reception for Braddock District members of Boards, Authorities, Commissions, Task Forces, advisory groups, and Neighborhood College participants on October 20.



Supervisor Walkinshaw toured the Heritage Mall community use space on October 20.



Supervisor Walkinshaw presented a Proclamation honoring Virginia Supreme Court Justice Thomas P. Mann for his work with the Council to End Domestic Violence on October 25.

In October, Supervisor Walkinshaw also:

- Visited the Wakefield Harvest Festival, October 12.
- Hosted a meeting to receive residents' input on the use of the Heritage Mall community space, October 13.
- Commemorated Kings Park Library on their 50th Anniversary, October 15.
- Honored Braddock District's two recipients, Jim Hickey and Diane Hoffman, at the Salute to Lord & Lady Fairfax, October 18.

Community News

Nominations Open for Best of Braddock Awards

Do you know of a person or community organization making our community a better place to live, work, and play? Nominate them for this year's Best of Braddock Awards using [this form](#).

Categories include:

- Braddock District Citizen of the Year
- Braddock District Young Person of the Year
- Neighborhood Enhancement or Beautification in the Braddock District (Individual Homeowner, HOA/Community Association, or Other)
- Most "Can-Do" Public Employee Working on Issues in the Braddock District (Federal, State, or Local)
- Club or Organization Making a Difference in the Braddock District



Take a moment to consider a neighbor deserving of a Best of Braddock award! Submit your completed nominations to Braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov or in person to the Braddock District Office (9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, 22015) by **Thursday, November 10**.

Voting Information



★ VIRGINIA ★
DEPARTMENT *of* ELECTIONS

Your Voter Registration

[Check your registration status](#) at the Virginia Department of Elections website. If you are not registered at your current address, Virginia now offers [Same Day Voter Registration](#). Vote in person, and your ballot will be counted once the Registrar confirms your eligibility.

In-Person Early Voting

In-person early voting continues through Saturday, November 5, at the locations below:

Fairfax County Government Center

Final weekday today, Friday November 4 closes at 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 5, from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Pkwy
Conference Rooms 2/3, Fairfax 22035

Satellite Locations

Final weekday today, Friday November 4, from 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 5, from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- Burke Centre Library 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke 22015
- West Springfield Governmental Center 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield 22152
- Mason Governmental Center 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale 22003

For a full list of all Fairfax County early voting sites, visit the [Fairfax County Early Voting website](#).

Curbside voting is available at all locations.

If You Requested a Mail-in Ballot

Check the status of your ballot at the [Department of Elections website](#) or on the [Ballot Tracker](#).

Places to deposit your ballot:

- 24 hours a day in the drop box at 12000 Government Center Pkwy (deadline 7:00 p.m. on November 8)
- At any [early voting location](#) during voting hours
- Bring the ballot to your regular polling place on Election Day November 8 by 7:00 p.m.

If you are returning your ballot **by mail** or commercial delivery service, it must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by your general registrar's office by noon on Monday, November 14.

If for any reason you **lost your ballot** or if you **haven't yet received** your mail-in ballot, vote in person if possible. Call the Office of Elections at (703) 222-0776 with any questions about your ballot.

Visit the [Office of Elections website](#) for additional details.

Voting on Election Day, November 8

Your regular polling place will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 8. If you are in line by 7:00 p.m., you will be able to vote.

Preparing to Vote

- Before you vote, [check your registration status](#)

- Find your [polling place](#) based on your voter registration (or view Fairfax County precinct maps [here](#))
- Make sure you bring an [acceptable form of identification](#)

Election Results

After the polls close, unofficial election results will be posted on [this page](#) at the Department of Elections website.

For more information, visit the [Fairfax County Office of Elections website](#) or call (703) 222-0776.

Annandale High School Culinary Arts Program



Annandale High School's culinary program sells the food the students make under the supervision of a trained chef. Funds from these sales keep the program going and allow the students to continue their culinary journey with a new menu each week. The menus consist of 2-3 appetizers, 3 entrée options with at least 2 different sides, and 2-3 different desserts.

Help the Annandale High School Culinary Program continue to grow and allow their students to showcase their talents under the leadership of Chef Chris Plum. Each week they plan, shop, prepare, and sell a 3-course meal. The price is cheaper than fast food. At \$11 a person for the 3 courses or \$10 a person if you order more than 4 meals, you can't beat that price!

The first several weeks of the school year were based in American heritage and cuisine, followed by international cuisine from around the world including food from different Hispanic, African, European, and Asian countries. Help out a growing program in our backyard and support Annandale High School. If you have questions or want to get on the weekly menu email, please contact Chef Plum at ceplum@fcps.edu.

18th Annual History Conference, November 5

18th Annual History Conference, We Are Fairfax County Part II
Early Immigrant Groups of Fairfax County: Sowing the Seeds of Today's Fairfax County
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

[Watch live on Channel 16](#)

For more information, view the [conference brochure](#).

Events and Resources to Hire Veterans and Military Spouses

The Northern Virginia Regional Commission, Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, Virginia Department of Veterans Services, Virginia Chamber of Commerce, and other organizations are promoting opportunities for military veterans and spouses to find jobs in the region:

HIRE VETS NOW Fort Belvoir Fall Career Event

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Fort Belvoir Community Center

10300 Taylor Rd.

Fort Belvoir, VA 22060

[Click here to register](#)

Free event for transitioning service members, military spouses, and veterans



Military Community Hiring Event

Thursday, November 10, 2022

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

FedEx Field

1600 FedEx Way

Landover, MD 20785

[View the flyer at RecruitMilitary.com](#)

HIRE VETS NOW Networking Event

Thursday, November 17, 2022

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Spates Community Club & Conference Center

214 McNair Road, Building 407

Fort Myer, VA 22211

[View the flyer at the Virginia Chamber of Commerce](#)

Networking receptions offering transitioning service members, military spouses and veterans the opportunity to connect with Virginia employers looking to hire military talent.

Department of Homeland Security Job Fair

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Fort Myer Community Center

228 McNair Rd, Fort Myer, VA 22211

[Click here to register](#)

[View the Flyer for more information](#)

DHS is proud to welcome all transitioning, active duty, and former service members to this event.



Pottery Sale at NOVA - Annandale

Pre-holiday Pottery Sale: You'll find bargain prices on unique ceramic pieces at NOVA's Pottery sale on Wednesday, November 9, at the Annandale Campus of the Northern Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike. The sale will take place on the patio outside the CA Building, lower level on the south side of campus near the open parking lot, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Free Parking for sale customers! Everything is handcrafted by students or faculty at the college, and all proceeds benefit NOVA's ceramics program. Come early for the best selection!



2022 ANNANDALE CAMPUS POTTERY SALE

Wednesday, November 9

9:30 am - 3:00 pm

CA Building First Floor Patio (Outdoors)

Rain Location - CA First Floor Entryway



*All Sale Proceeds are Donated to the
Annandale Ceramics Program*

Pottery by Students and Faculty

***Bargain Prices
Impressive Selection***

Free parking for sale visitors
For more information, contact
Virginia Pates, vpates@nvcc.edu



Come See the Progress: Work Continues on the Willard-Sherwood Health and Community Center Planned for Fairfax

Fairfax City and Fairfax County continue working together to jointly redevelop the current Joseph Willard Health Center and Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center in downtown Fairfax (at the current Willard property at the corner of Layton Hall Road and Old Lee Highway).

The design of the facility is starting to take shape. Come see the progress, ask questions, and provide additional input.

Join:

- Virtually -- Zoom Open House on **Wednesday, November 16, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** Register for the Zoom now at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/capital-projects/willard-sherwood-health-community-center.
- In-Person Open House on **Saturday, November 19, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.** at the Sherwood Center (3740 Old Lee Highway). At 9:45 a.m. the architect will provide an overview of all the design concepts.

No registration is required for the in-person Open House. If you need interpretation services or other accommodations, please contact Willard-SherwoodProject@fairfaxcounty.gov.



Joseph Willard Health Center



Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center

FLAP Trash Off: A High School Showdown! Quarterly Clean-Up Competition for FCPS High Schools

Sunday, November 27, from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Lake Accotink Park Marina
7500 Accotink Park Rd
Springfield, VA 22150
[Click here to sign up](#)



Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax Seeking Nominations for the 2023 Live Healthy Fairfax Awards

The Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax is seeking nominations for its 2023 [Live Healthy Fairfax Awards](#). These awards recognize individuals, businesses, government, and organizations – both public and private – that have demonstrated exemplary supportive leadership and action to improve the health and well-being of individuals, families, and populations in the Fairfax Community.

The Live Healthy Fairfax Awards are aligned with the Partnership's [Community Health Improvement Plan](#) and are intended to recognize those who go "above and beyond" in three areas:

- Behavioral Health
- Healthy Eating
- Healthy Environment and Active Living



The Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax is seeking a wide range of nominations.

Examples include individuals who volunteer to lead major initiatives, businesses that provide employees and customers with health-related opportunities, or agencies that implement support for making healthy choices. Also celebrated are examples that impact the health of the larger community and are considered sustainable ideas.

Details about the Awards program and nomination requirements can be found on the [Live Healthy Fairfax Awards page](#). The deadline for nominations is December 15, 2022.

The 2023 Awards mark the second awards cycle. Past winners include:

- Behavioral Health — Jenna White
- Fairfax Food Council — Cory Suter
- Healthy Environment and Active Living — Sally Smallwood

Questions can be directed to Susan Sanow, Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax Manager, by [email](#) or at (703) 246-8856.

The Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax, established in 2010, is a coalition of community members and organizations working together to explore new approaches for addressing the social determinants of health and other critical public health issues.

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/livehealthy

Opportunities to Serve on Boards, Authorities and Commissions

Supervisor Walkinshaw is seeking a community member to serve as the Braddock District representative on the following advisory bodies:

Young Adults Advisory Council (YAA)

The purpose of the [YAA](#) is to advise the Fairfax County Government, as coordinated through the Fairfax County Department of Economic Initiatives, by contributing young adults' experiences, knowledge, and solutions to County issues. Consideration is open to Braddock residents between the ages of 20 and 34. If you are interested, please submit a resume and 500-word statement of interest to braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Human Services Council

The purpose of the [Human Services Council](#) is to review human services needs and assess the effectiveness of the human services delivery system; to report annually on the conditions and effectiveness of the human services delivery system; to develop a more effective and efficient human services delivery system, and more, as outlined on the [County website](#). If you are interested, please submit a resume and 500-word statement of interest to braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Barbara Varon Volunteer Award Selection Committee

The purpose of the [Barbara Varon Volunteer Award Selection Committee](#) is to review nominee applications and select a recipient of the [Barbara Varon Volunteer Award](#) (given to a Fairfax resident who demonstrates an appreciation for the diversity of our community's population, exhibits patriotism by educating voters about their rights and privileges, and/or by performing voter registration outreach). If you are interested, please submit a resume and 500-word statement of interest to braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The **National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board** is now accepting applications for the 2023-2024 **Community Advisory Committee (CAC)**. More information and a link to the CAC application can be found at www.mwcog.org/cac.

The CAC is a group of 24 people who represent diverse viewpoints on regional transportation issues, including long-term planning concerns and short-term policies and programs. The TPB is the body that coordinates transportation planning for the entire metropolitan Washington region. The TPB includes elected local officials, representatives from transportation agencies, and other key officials. Staff for the TPB is provided by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG).

The application deadline is December 5, 2022. You can apply [here](#). If you would like to request a paper application, or if you have questions, please contact John Swanson at jswanson@mwcog.org or (202) 962-3295.

Environment & Parks News

Veterans and Their Families Invited to Use Rec Centers

The Fairfax County Park Authority will join in the national commemoration of Veterans Day on Friday, November 11, 2022, by offering [free admission to the Rec Centers](#) to those who serve and have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Fairfax Villa Park Bridge Replacement

Supervisor Walkinshaw is pleased to announce another trail improvement. The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA)'s Mobile Crew has been working to remove and replace the aging bridge at Fairfax Villa Park and replace it with a new fiberglass bridge. Work began Monday, October 31. Though the bridge is now in place, the area is not yet open to the public as there are plans to asphalt the trails approaching the bridge on both sides next week, weather pending.



Residents are asked to avoid the area while it is under construction. The bridge is located at the trail head off Belden Street. The trails are mostly unpaved and used by the neighborhood. Signage has been placed at the location.

For more information, email FCPAParkMaintenance@fairfaxcounty.gov or call (703) 324-8594.

Veterans Day Americana Drive Cleanup Event

[Sign up today](#) to participate in the annual Veterans Day Americana Drive Cleanup event hosted by the Fairfax County Restoration Project. The event will run from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The sign-in table will be at [Patriot and Americana Drives](#). The Vistas of Annandale is offering their business center as a comfort station for volunteers. FACETS is providing a van. [Join your Braddock District neighbors](#) for a good cause on Friday, November 11.



Winter Salt Smart: Proper Use of Salt to Protect our Streams, Rivers, and Drinking Water

Winter is coming! Do you know..

- It only takes one teaspoon of salt to permanently pollute 5 gallons of water.
- Salt seeped into the environment can:
 - Raise sodium levels in our drinking water and increase treatment costs
 - Harm fish, plants, and other wildlife
 - Corrode vehicles, roads, bridges, and parking lots
- Salt can make it safer for us to walk and drive around, and it helps keep roads open, **but** there's no easy or cheap way to remove salt from our environment. We can all do our part to reduce the amount of salt we use and be #WinterSaltSmart by following the [Snow and Ice Maintenance Tips for Residents](#). Additional information is provided by the [Northern Virginia Regional Commission](#).



America Recycles Day is November 15

Each year on November 15, millions of people across the United States take part in America Recycles Day. The day raises awareness about recycling and the purchasing of recycled products. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency website, since 1960, the recycling rate in America has increased from less than 7% to a current rate of 32%, and recycling and reuse activities account for 681,000 jobs and \$37.8 billion in wages.

To celebrate this day, Fairfax County has a variety of activities including a photo contest! Please click [here](#) for more information on how to enter.

FAIRFAX RECYCLES DAY
Photo Contest
MAY THE BEST RECYCLER WIN!

Option 1:
Take a photo of you recycling right. This could be anything from donating household items OR simply having a recycling bin full of recyclable items based on the "How to Recycle Right in Fairfax County" list.

Option 2:
Take a photo of a bad habit. Do you see a local recycling bin full of bad recycling? Take a photo and tell us briefly what you saw!
#RecycleRightFairfax

FAIRFAX COUNTY RESIDENT
COMPOSTING AT A LOCAL
FARMERS MARKET
#LOOKWHEREIRECYCLED
#LOOKWHATIRECYCLED



Residential Recycling Reminders

The curbside recycling bin program is designed to collect specific materials. See which items you should or should not place in the curbside recycling bin by clicking [here](#). Keep them **loose, clean, and dry**.

For glass recycling locations, [find a Purple Can near you](#)

Compliance Corner

Front Yards – Did you know that the Zoning Ordinance has stricter regulations for your residential property’s front yard than for your side and rear yards? Below are examples of what the County Zoning Ordinance prohibits or regulates more strictly in front yards.

- Outdoor storage is not allowed in a front yard. For additional information, visit the Department of Code Compliance (DCC)’s [Outdoor Storage page](#).
- Maximum fence height is four feet in front yards, except on lots of two or more acres in the R-A through R-1 Districts where height up to seven feet is permitted. View the DCC’s [Residential Fences and Walls flyer](#) for additional information.
- Accessory structures such as sheds, gazebos, treehouses, and swing-sets are not allowed in front yards on lots of 36,000 square feet or less. There are a few exceptions. See information on the DCC’s [Accessory Structures flyer](#).
- Parking of vehicles on the lawn or other unsurfaced areas of a front yard is prohibited on lots of 36,000 square feet or less and developed with a single-family detached dwelling in the following zoning districts: R-1, R-2, R-3, or R-4. The amount of surfaced area you may have for parking vehicles in the front yard is also limited in those districts. For additional information, visit the DCC’s [Yard Coverage page](#).



How does the Department of Code Compliance enforce these regulations?

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

DCC accepts complaints and concerns about potential violations on the DCC website, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code>, or by telephone during regular business hours, at (703) 324-1300.

Transportation Updates

Fall Safety Message from VDOT



Although safety is important throughout the entire year, we would like to offer a few safety precautions you should take as we enter the cool autumn and winter seasons. The transition to fall means many changes in road conditions, including slick roads due to rain, slippery streets lined with wet leaves, and foliage clogging drainage structures

creating standing water on roadways. The amount of daylight decreases through autumn and winter, which means we will spend more time driving in the dark. This extended time of darkness in the morning and the evening makes it challenging to see pedestrians and bikers, so be especially vigilant in sharing the road during this time. While we do only 25 percent of our driving at night, 50 percent of traffic deaths happen at night. Whether the road is familiar or not, driving at night is always more dangerous. Even with high-beam headlights on, visibility is limited to about 500 feet (250 feet for normal headlights), which creates less time to react to something in the road, especially when driving at higher speeds.

Some things you can do to be safe while driving in the dark:

- Ensure your headlights are clean and aimed correctly
- Dim your dashboard
- Clean your windshield to eliminate streaks
- Gaze away from oncoming lights, using the white edge line at the side of the road as a guide
- If you wear glasses, ensure they are fog-resistant
- Slow down to compensate for limited visibility and reduced stopping time

In the fall and winter, it is dark during much of rush hour, compounding an already dangerous driving situation. Some things you can do to make it home safely during rush hour are:

- Don't be an impatient driver – slow down
- Stay in your lane, and beware of drivers who dart from lane to lane
- Even though the route may be familiar, don't go on autopilot. Stay alert
- Don't touch your phone, eat, drink, or do other things that are distracting

“Carefulness costs you nothing. Carelessness may cost you your life.”

Braddock Road Multimodal Improvement Project Public Information Meeting, November 29

VDOT will hold a Public Information Meeting with Supervisor Walkinshaw to provide updates on the Braddock Road Multimodal Improvements Project.

Public Information Meeting

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

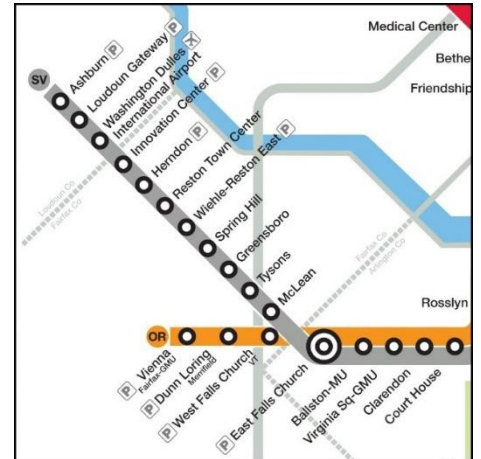
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

A link to join the online meeting will be added to the [project website](#).



Metro's Silver Line Extension to Open November 15

Doors Opening! On November 15, the Silver Line Extension will officially open for customers! Six new stations, endless possibilities. Plane to train, bus to train, car to train, bike to train, walk to train — there are endless possibilities connecting you to the Silver Line and all that Metro has to offer. Load your SmarTrip® card, study the new Metro system map, and be sure you are signed up for updates. Visit wmata.com/silverline for your one-stop source of Silver Line Extension news. RIDE SILVER!



Metro's Better Bus Network Redesign has launched



The Bus Transformation Project was just a start. Now, Metro has created **Better Bus** – an initiative to improve Metrobus for the region. In the coming years, Better Bus will mean many things for the region, including new facilities and electric buses, improved bus information and technology, and more bus lanes and transit signals.

One of the major recommendations that came out of the Bus Transformation was the **Network Redesign** – which is just getting started! For the first time in decades, Metro is taking a fresh and detailed look at their bus service with the goal of serving customers and the region better. The Better Bus Network Redesign will create a bus network focused on fast, frequent, and reliable service that is easier to navigate and takes more people where they want to go, when they want to travel.

You are invited to stay up to date on Metro's Network Redesign by [signing up to get project updates through their newsletter](#).

The Better Bus team is also currently **conducting a survey that will run through Friday, November 11**. Please take the survey, and let your voice be heard! By taking the survey, you can also be entered for a **chance to win a \$50 SmarTrip® card!** In addition, WMATA encourages you to stop by any of the [public events](#) between now and November 9 to give your thoughts, earn prizes, and learn more about the Better Bus initiative! (Next event in Fairfax County: Saturday, November 5, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. at H Mart Annandale, 7885 Heritage Drive.)

Learn more at wmata.com/betterbus.

Public Safety

Chief's Spotlight Videos



Fairfax County Police Chief Kevin Davis has shared some short video segments to provide insight into the difficult jobs our police officers perform each and every day.

In the video linked below, officers take action to stop catalytic converter thefts. Thank you to our patrol officers for the work that you do!

[Click to watch the video](#)

Neighborhood Watch Training

The West Springfield District Station will host Neighborhood Watch training on Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. This training is required before you may participate in the Neighborhood Watch Program. You are only required to take this training once, unless you would like a refresher or have questions. The meeting will be held via Zoom. If you have any questions, contact MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363 or Anthony.capizzi@fairfaxcounty.gov



Topic: West Springfield District Full Neighborhood Watch Training
Time: November 10, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Join on Zoom

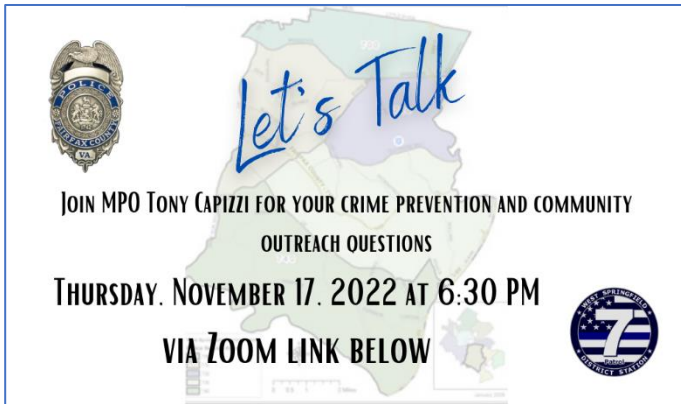
Password: 190063

Or Telephone: (877) 402-9753

Conference code: 404496

Let's Talk

Did you know the West Springfield District Station covers over 66 square miles, has over 200,000 community members, 40 public schools, 70 houses of worship, about 110 police officers, and ten different patrol areas? If you would like to know more about the district, crime




Let's Talk

JOIN MPO TONY CAPIZZI FOR YOUR CRIME PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY
OUTREACH QUESTIONS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2022 AT 6:30 PM

VIA ZOOM LINK BELOW

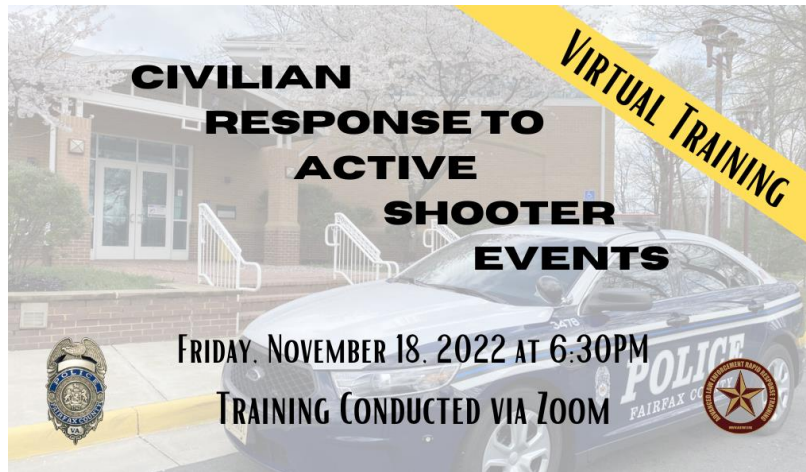


prevention, or just have questions, join MPO Tony Capizzi on Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. for a community meeting. Use the link below. If you have any questions before the meeting, contact MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363.

Topic: West Springfield District Let's Talk Meeting
Time: November 17, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.
Join on Zoom

Password: 206030
Or Telephone:
Dial: (877) 402-9753
Conference code: 404496

Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE)





**CIVILIAN
RESPONSE TO
ACTIVE
SHOOTER
EVENTS**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2022 AT 6:30PM

TRAINING CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM

VIRTUAL TRAINING

Although we all hope it never happens, an active violence event can take place anywhere in the world. The community needs to be prepared with how to respond, and the Fairfax County Police Department is here to help with that training. This hour and a half lecture on Friday, November 18, 2022, at 6:30 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. Officers will review past events, the steps law enforcement will take to assist and limit casualties, and then will answer your questions. This training is open to anyone in the community, but some of the material may be disturbing.

Please use the Zoom link below for the training. If you have any questions about the training, feel free to contact MPO Tony Capizzi at the West Springfield District Station at (703) 277-2363.

Topic: West Springfield District Virtual CRASE Training
Time: November 18, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Join on Zoom

Password: 120209
Or Telephone:
Dial (877) 402-9753
Conference code: 404496

Human Services Corner

Fuel Assistance Program

Need Help Meeting Your Heating Needs?

Are you worried about heating bills this winter? The Fuel Assistance Program offsets the cost of primary heating expenses for eligible households. If approved, payments begin in January 2023. The open application period for the Fuel Assistance Program closes on Monday, November 14.

Crisis Assistance Program - Are you facing a "no heat" situation?

The Crisis Assistance program helps households overcome energy emergencies that cannot be met by other resources. An energy emergency is determined when a household has no heat or is in imminent danger of being without heat. The open application period for the Crisis Assistance Program begins on **November 1, 2022 and closes on March 15, 2023.**

Households can apply for one or more of the following:

- **Repair** of inoperable or unsafe heating equipment (now through March 15, 2023)
- **Replacement** of heating equipment for homeowners (only when repair is not possible) (now through March 15, 2023)
- **Provision** of supplemental heating equipment/maintenance (now through March 15, 2023)
- **Payment** of security deposits for primary heat utility when a deposit is needed to establish service or prevent a disconnection (now through March 15, 2023)
- **Payment** of primary heat source utility bills (January 2 through March 15, 2023)
- **Purchase** of primary home heating fuel when the fuel supply is low (January 2 through March 15, 2023)

How to Apply

Households can apply for either program in the following ways:

- **Online:** at CommonHelp.Virginia.gov
- **Phone:** call the Enterprise Call Center at (833) 522-5582
- **Paper Application:** Download in [English](#) or [Spanish](#), or call the main number at (703) 324-7500 and ask for a paper application to be mailed to you
- **Fax:** fax a completed application to (703) 653-1355
- **In Person:** applications are available at these Department of Family Services locations:

Annandale - Heritage Center, West Wing, 7611 Little River Turnpike, 5th Floor, Annandale

Fairfax - Pennino Building, 12011 Government Center Parkway, Suite 232, Fairfax

Reston - Lake Anne Office Building, 11484 Washington Plaza West, 4th Floor, Reston

Richmond Highway/Alexandria - South County Center, 8350 Richmond Hwy. (Route 1), 4th Floor, Alexandria

CAREGIVER RESOURCES IN FAIRFAX COUNTY



November is National Family Caregivers Month

Each year, **an estimated 53 million adults** in the United States provide care to an older adult or to an adult with a disability. A family caregiver is a person who provides care and assistance to a member of their family of origin or their family of choice, and it includes neighbors and friends. The essential care and assistance family caregivers provide enable their loved ones to live with dignity and remain in their communities.

*November is
National Family Caregivers Month*



Caring for Older Adults & Adults with Disabilities

To learn more, visit: bit.ly/NovemberCaregiversMonth



Nonpharmacological Approaches for Managing Dementia Behaviors

Wednesday, November 16, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

This virtual presentation will cover evidence-based, non-medication strategies that (informal and formal) care partners can implement to address a range of challenging behaviors associated with the progression of dementia. This session will be facilitated by Natalie Regier, PhD, Assistant Professor & Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Center for Innovative

Care in Aging, Johns Hopkins School of Nursing.

Online Registration: <https://bit.ly/CAREWEB1>

Veteran Family Caregivers: Exploring Unique Challenges and Resources- Panel Conversation

Friday, November 18, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, "there are almost 5.5 million caregivers caring for Veterans, and 96% of those caregivers are women. 70% provide care to a spouse or partner, and [they] provide care for an average of 10 years." Veteran caregivers play a critical role in supporting the health and wellbeing of returning wounded warriors. In this panel conversation, we will explore the unique challenges they face and learn about different resources available to help them in their journeys.



Online Registration: <https://bit.ly/AAAPanel>

Caregiver Stroke Support Group

Friday, November 18, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.



The Fairfax Health Department offers a caregiver stroke group that provides a safe place for caregivers to honestly talk about challenges regarding a beloved stroke survivor. Currently, the caregiver group is meeting in person at the Joseph Willard Health Center. However, anyone wishing to attend must contact Erica Wrenn prior to attending to complete the COVID-19 screening questionnaire. Anyone who shows up without completing this step will not be allowed to attend the meeting in person.

To register, call (703) 246-7140, or contact Erica Wrenn at (703) 246-7151, or email her at erica.wrenn@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Virtual Caregiver Support Call- National Family Caregivers Month

Tuesday, November 8, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Finding the Rewards and Unexpected Joys of Caregiving brings to light the many good things caregivers do and how they, as informal (family, non-paid) and formal (professional) caregivers, are in this journey together with their collaborative and cooperative relationships. Please join to share your observations about what it means to be a caregiver and the unexpected moments of joy you may have experienced.



Online Registration: <https://bit.ly/ELinkCall>

36th Annual Caregiver's Conference: Caregiving with Hope and Inspiration

Wednesday, November 9 through Friday, November 11, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Sessions will be virtual.



The Northern Virginia Dementia Care Consortium has been educating caregivers since 1986. This year's conference keynote speaker is Peter V. Rabins, MD MPH, author of *The 36-Hour Day*. Join the conference to become better prepared to provide care and support at home or in a facility, learn new ways to engage individuals with dementia, and visit with exhibitors who offer supportive services.

To learn more about this conference, each day's sessions, speakers, and registration, visit

bit.ly/AnnualCaregiversConference or call (703) 204-4664 ext. 131.

Caregiver Consultations

Monday- Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Need an in-depth conversation with a social worker about the caregiving needs of a loved one? Free one-hour consultations are available through ElderLink. Call (703) 324-5374, TTY 711 and ask for a caregiver consultation. Consultations take place between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Resources for Older Adults

Invitation to join **SHAPE the Future of Aging Focus Group**



The Department of Family Services' Fairfax Area Agency on Aging (DFS/AAA) is leading the development of the **SHAPE** the Future of Aging Strategic Plan. The plan will be informed by the results from the Community Assessment Survey for Older Adults (CASOA) about the needs of older adults in our community. The goal is to develop a comprehensive plan that will address gaps in services, identify resources, and create positive opportunities that will support the needs of older adults in our community. The County is dedicated to ensuring that a diversity of voices and experiences are incorporated into this project.

Supervisor Walkinshaw along with DFS/AAA is asking for your participation in a community focus group to provide suggestions to improve resources and services for older adults in the Braddock District. The focus group will take place on Thursday, November 17, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Braddock Hall – located at the Braddock District office, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA. A virtual option will be available.

Supervisor Walkinshaw's office is looking for senior Braddock District residents to join the focus group and provide feedback on the following topics:

Services for Older Adults & Family Caregivers (caregiver support, dementia friendly resources)

Housing & Neighborhood Support (affordable housing, home modifications, home maintenance, villages, livable communities)

Access to Mobility Options (transportation, mobility support, walkability)

Personal Well-Being (community engagement, isolation, public & mental health, nutrition)

Economic Stability & Planning (financial stability, exploitation, employment, end of life, business partnerships)

If you would like to participate in the community focus group, please contact Irma Mejia-Lewis **no later than November 9** at (703) 425-9300 or irma.mejia-lewis@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Events at the Wellness Center for Older Adults (WCOA)

Located at 4027B Olley Lane, Fairfax VA 22032

November 10: Blood Pressure Screening (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)
Let's Make S'Mores (11:00 a.m.)

November 18: Dementia Conversations: Doctor Visits, Driving, Legal, and Financial (1:00 p.m.)

November 21: Normal Aging vs. Dementia (11:00 a.m.)

For a complete schedule of events and for more information, visit

www.servicessource.org/virginia-wcoa

Call (703) 970-3601 or email VAwellnesscenter@servicessource.org



SHAPE the Future of Aging: Upcoming Town Halls

Fairfax County is holding regional [Town Halls to SHAPE the Future of Aging](#).

The plan includes collecting additional input from the community. If you would like to attend an upcoming town hall meeting, please register. The following town hall is taking place near the Braddock District:

Thursday, November 10, 2022 - [Register](#)
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
Annandale Heritage Center – Rooms A & B
7611 Little River Turnpike
Annandale, VA 22003

Your input from the town hall meeting will be used to help inform the SHAPE the Future of Aging Plan.



Senior Planet from AARP with the Wellness Center for Older Adults presents:

All Things Zoom

Thursday, November 10 | 9:15 - 10:30 a.m.

Curious why Zoom has become everyone's go-to video conferencing software? This lecture will go over how to use Zoom to chat with friends and family, and take virtual classes with Senior Planet! You'll learn about useful Zoom features, including security considerations and tips on how to look your best during a video chat.

RSVP: events.aarp.org/SPzoom or call 1-877-926-8300

Using GovTrack

Tuesday, November 29 | 1:15 - 2:30 p.m.

Wondering what Congress has been up to? GovTrack.us simplifies the lawmaking process and helps you understand what your lawmakers are doing. Learn to use GovTrack.us and hold your lawmakers accountable!

RSVP: events.aarp.org/SPcauses or call 1-877-926-8300

Wellness Center for Older Adults (WCOA)

4027B Olley Lane, Fairfax VA 22032-1323



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Land Use & Development

UPCOMING MEETINGS & HEARINGS

Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting

- November 15 at 7:00 p.m. – hybrid (see article for details)

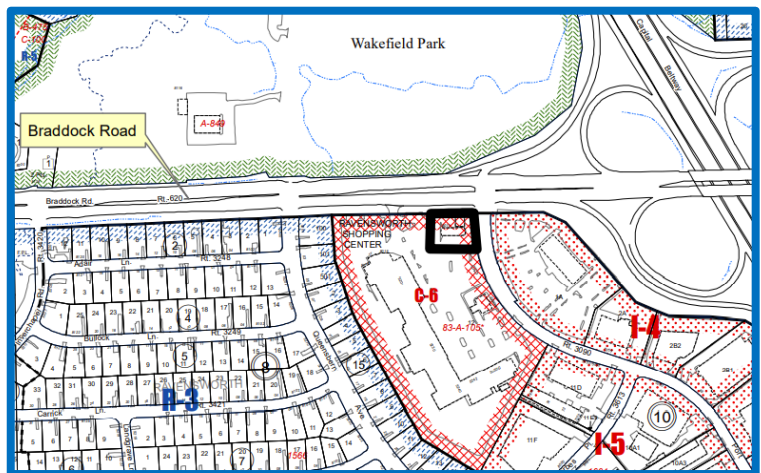
Community Meeting on Rezoning of Mary Day Property on Zion Road

- November 28 at 7:00 p.m. - virtual

Board of Supervisors Approves Ravensworth Shell Application

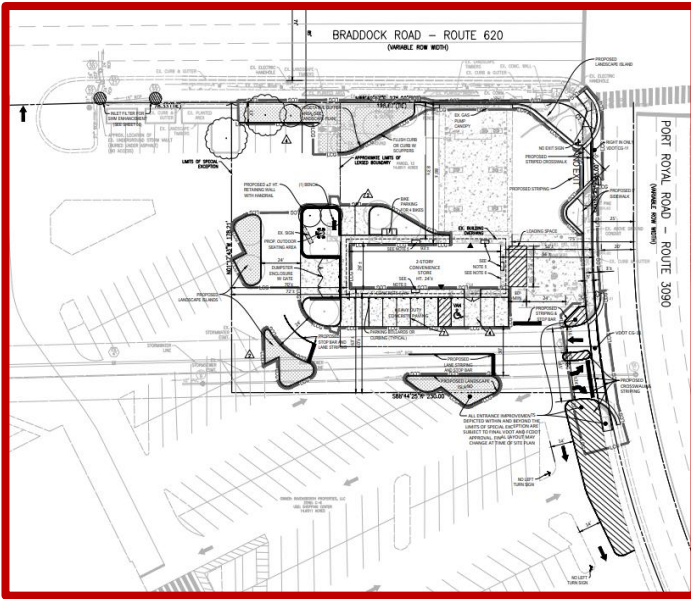
On October 25, the Board of Supervisors approved a Special Exception Amendment to allow Capital Services, Inc., doing business as Ravensworth Shell, to convert the existing vehicle repair and maintenance bays into a convenience store. At the hearing, Supervisor Walkinshaw noted that, like any application, this one isn't perfect, but working together we have made significant strides toward a solution that allows the station owner to make the changes he desires while making marked improvements in traffic flow and on environmental issues.

The Ravensworth Shell station has been owned and operated by the Harrell family for over six decades. The station is located in Ravensworth Shopping Center on Braddock Road, just west of the I-495 interchange. This site contains a 2,600 square foot building housing four vehicle service bays, associated office and storage space, an exterior vehicle lift, and six fuel pumps with 12 fueling positions under a canopy. The current building was constructed in 1967 and renovated in 1984. The service bays and exterior vehicle lift are located along the south side of the building. To the east of the building is a large paved area where fuel trucks access the underground fuel tanks. The building entrance is located on the north side, adjacent to the fuel pumps.



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

adding landscaped islands and outdoor seating, widening the sidewalk along Port Royal Road, and adding a crosswalk at the second entrance on Port Royal Road.



One of the primary concerns associated with the site is traffic. The station is located at the intersection of two major transportation corridors, Braddock Road and I-495. The conversion to a convenience store is projected to increase daily traffic by 900 cars, and there are existing circulation challenges in the adjacent shopping center. The applicant, Department of Planning and Development staff, and our office worked closely with staff from both the Fairfax County Department of Transportation and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to try to improve safety by reducing vehicular and pedestrian conflicts. The entrance on Port Royal Road nearest Braddock Road will remain to allow fuel trucks to access the station's underground tanks but will

be narrowed and restricted to incoming access only. The second entrance will be restriped to better direct shopping center and gas station traffic.

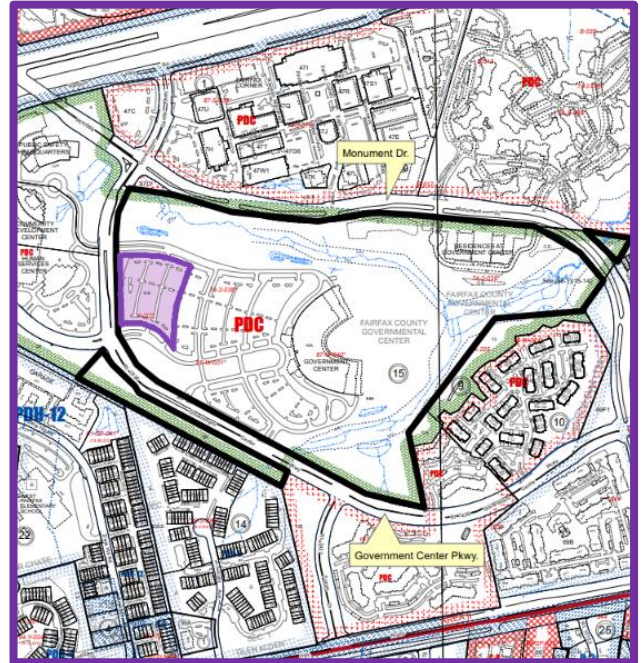
A number of development conditions were included to address other concerns raised by staff, the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee, and the Planning Commission. A dedicated loading space was added on the east side of the building. Space and infrastructure for one electric vehicle charging station will be provided, and the roof will be designed to accommodate future installation of solar panels. The station will add inlet filters or similar devices to treat stormwater runoff. Finally, Ravensworth Shell has agreed to move their existing curb and gutter along the front of the station out of the VDOT right-of-way and onto station property. They will also provide temporary construction easements along the station's frontage for construction of a pedestrian/bicycle trail as part of the future Braddock Road Multimodal Improvement Project.

The approved plans (dated 9/20/2022) and Development Conditions are available on the [PLUS website](#). Select the "Zoning" tab and enter the application number, SEA-83-A-026, 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.

Application Under Consideration for Affordable Housing on the Fairfax County Government Center Campus

The development of affordable housing to help address the critical shortage in the County is a priority of Supervisor Walkinshaw and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. An application is now being considered to help meet this need using a portion of the under-used surface parking at the Government Center campus. This site is located near employment opportunities, transit access, recreational and commercial amenities, and in walking distance of an elementary school.

LACM VA, LLC, a subsidiary of Lincoln Avenue Capital, was selected by the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority through a competitive process in accordance with the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002 (PPEA) for development of the site. They are proposing two multi-family residential buildings with a total of 293 affordable dwelling units, 15,000 square feet of secondary uses (a child care facility and other community space), together with surface and structured parking. The plan and related information may be found on the [PLUS website](#). Select the "Zoning" tab and enter the application number, RZPA-2022-BR-00086, 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 development plan should be at the end of the list.



Both a Comprehensive Plan Amendment and a Proffered Condition Amendment (or entitlement, similar to a rezoning) would be required for this proposal, because the Government Center campus is currently planned for office mixed-use up to an intensity of 0.35 FAR. This planned intensity does not afford enough development potential for the proposed project. Detailed information on Plan Amendment 2022-III-FC2 may be found [here](#).

Supervisor Walkinshaw held a virtual community meeting to introduce the project on September 28. County staff briefed attendees on the Comprehensive Plan Amendment and the applicant provided an overview of the development proposal. A link to the meeting video and written presentations is available on the [Plan Amendment website](#) under "Past Meetings & Materials."

At the November 15 Land Use Committee meeting, County Planning staff will present their recommendation for changes to the Comprehensive Plan to accommodate this use. LACM VA, LLC will also make a presentation on their updated proposal, which has been modified from the initial submission to accommodate existing utilities and in response to comments from county staff and community members regarding parking, energy efficiency, and the proposed plaza. Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee meetings are open to the public (details below).



The Comprehensive Plan Amendment is scheduled for a Planning Commission hearing on December 8, and a hearing on the Proffered Condition Amendment is scheduled for February 1. The Board of Supervisors public hearings are expected to be held in January and February 2023.

Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting

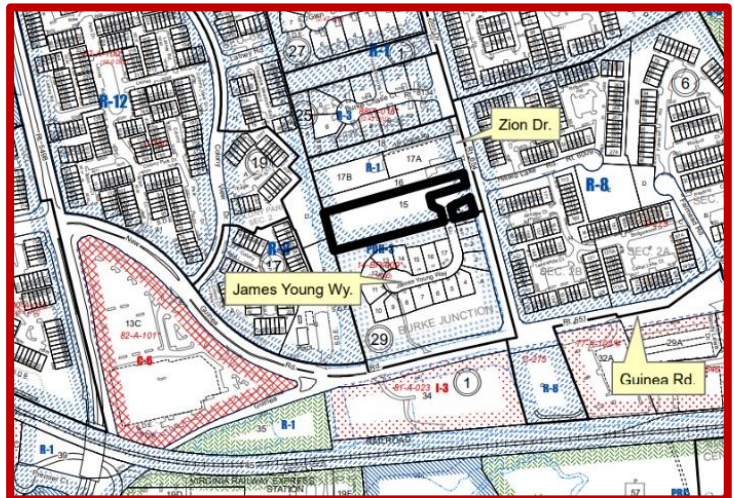
The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will hold a hybrid meeting on **Tuesday, November 15, at 7:00 p.m. in Braddock Hall**. The agenda will include an update on the application to rezone the Day property on Zion Road, a presentation of the staff recommendation on amended Comprehensive Plan language for the Government Center campus, a presentation from LACM VA, LLC on their updated proposal for affordable housing at the Government Center campus, and updates on pending Braddock District land use cases.

Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee meetings are open to the public, and interested residents are encouraged to participate. Join in person at Braddock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, [online](#), or by phone: (571) 429-5982, Phone Conference ID: 730 922 969#.

Proposal to Develop Day Property on Zion Drive

A revised rezoning proposal for 10121 Zion Drive, a wooded, undeveloped site known as the Day property, is currently under staff review. This 2.51-acre site is located on the west side of Zion Drive, just north of its intersection with Guinea Road and adjacent to the Burke Junction community. A Resource Protection Area (RPA) is located along the western boundary line.

The applicant has proposed rezoning the property from the R-1 District to the PDH-3 District to permit the development of six single-family detached homes. Access to the property would be provided through a new private street from James Young Way, which connects to Zion Drive opposite Hillard Lake Road and links to the Burke Junction neighborhood to the south. Although the property to the north is not part of this rezoning, the applicant has proposed reserving an area for interparcel access that would allow for future consolidation.



The application proposes to integrate this property with the Burke Junction community by using a site layout that would build single-family detached homes at a similar density. Four areas of open space have been proposed. The tree preservation areas are designed to complement existing tree preservation and landscape areas currently provided in Burke Junction. Stormwater management would be provided onsite, with additional capacity offsite in the Burke Junction community.

The application is again being revised to reflect additional feedback from staff. Previous changes included a reduction in the number of lots, addition of a play area, and relocation of the proposed pollinator garden. Once filed, the updated plans will be available on the [PLUS](#)

website. Select the “Zoning” tab and enter the application number, RZ-2021-BR-018, 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.

Supervisor Walkinshaw will be holding a virtual community meeting on the application on Monday, November 28, at 7:00 p.m. Look for details, including the meeting link, in upcoming Advisories. Residents are encouraged to attend to learn more about the application, ask questions, and share their comments. The Planning Commission’s public hearing has been rescheduled for December 8.

Join the Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee!

Do you wonder how decisions are made about land use and development? Would you like to get involved with others in the community to review and comment on land use, transportation, and environmental proposals in or affecting the Braddock District? If so, consider joining the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee!

The Committee was established in 2012 to review applications for proposed land use changes in the Braddock District and to make recommendations to the Braddock District Planning Commissioner and Braddock District Supervisor. It is a self-selected, independent, nonpartisan, and volunteer advisory body made up of interested citizens who live in the Braddock District.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Braddock Hall, next to the Supervisor’s office at 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke. The Committee had been meeting virtually, but it has now returned to in-person meetings with a virtual connection option. Committee meetings are open to the public, and community members are welcome to attend.

Any resident of the Braddock District may apply for membership on the Committee. Members are asked to make a commitment to at least one year of service (most choose to serve much longer!) and to serve on at least one subcommittee looking at a specific application or proposal. No previous land use experience is required, just a willingness to serve the community. Those who are interested are encouraged to attend a meeting, learn about the Committee’s work, and talk with current members. Contact the Braddock District Office at (703) 425-9300 or braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov for more information, and plan to attend the November 15 meeting!

Update on DMV’s Braddock Road Customer Service Center

Acting Virginia DMV Commissioner Linda Ford informed our office that they are still working to resolve the easement issue which has delayed groundbreaking at the Braddock Road Customer Service Center. However, they have given their contractor the go-ahead to begin some work. Although the DMV does not have a specific timeline, Commissioner Ford said that work should soon begin on the site. We appreciate the updates and will continue to keep the community updated as information is available.

Update on Construction at Erickson Living's Woodleigh Chase Project

The construction progress being made at Erickson Living's Woodleigh Chase community is evident to those who drive down Braddock Road. The buildings have now been named. At Fulton Landing, the residential building on the west side of this first cluster, they are finishing up the stair towers, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing rough-ins continue, drywall work is starting, and they have also begun to install the windows and doors.

At Emerson Square, the community building in the center, workers are finishing the natatorium framing and continuing plumbing at the pool. Siding work has started on the exterior, and they are continuing to insulate and hang drywall inside the building. Stafford Glen, on the east, is the second residential building. Framing and mechanical, electrical, and plumbing rough-ins continue. They are also starting to put in place the brick veneer. Steel work to link this building to Emerson Square is continuing. Following the earlier tree clearing, waterline work on the southern part of the site near the Briarwood community is beginning.

The Woodleigh Chase marketing center is now open. If you have questions, please contact the sales office at (703) 259-5300 or at www.WoodleighChase.com.



Stafford Glen

Emerson Square



Fulton Landing

Update on One University Project Construction

As it was last month, the focus of work at the One University site, at the northwest corner of the intersection of Ox Road and University Drive, continues to be pouring concrete. On the western portion of the site, which will provide affordable housing for both seniors and individuals/families, they have poured about three-quarters of the concrete and should finish in mid-November. They are now working on electrical and plumbing below grade in the garage and beginning work on the stairs. For the student-oriented housing on the eastern portion of the site, they have completed the ramp to level 2 and level 3 and are now pouring concrete for level 4. The photos show the progress that has been made at the site. In a few weeks, the sanitary sewer installation along University Drive will be wrapping up for the winter.



Thanks to the George Mason UAS Unit for this new drone photo compilation of the One University site.



Photos above are from the affordable housing buildings

Photos below are from the student housing building



The Planning and Land Use System is Now Operational

The final update to the **Planning and Land Use System (PLUS)** platform went live on Monday, October 31, with the delivery of over 100 additional records for customers doing business with Land Development Services, Planning and Development, Code Compliance, Environmental Health, and Fire and Rescue. The county's legacy systems, including FIDO, ZAPS, ProjectDox, and PAWS, have all fully transitioned to PLUS and are no longer available. Now, PLUS is officially the one-stop customer service portal for all land use permitting, plan review, inspections, and complaints.



PLUS resources include:

- ❖ **Webinar Wednesdays** – Fairfax County PLUS staff answer all your questions about PLUS in live bi-weekly webinars. Webinar Wednesday sessions are 30 or 45 minutes long and focus on specific PLUS topics. For more information about Webinar Wednesdays, visit “Upcoming Events” on the [PLUS website](#).
- ❖ **PLUS YouTube Channel** – Training videos for PLUS can be found on the County's [PLUS YouTube Channel](#).
- ❖ **PLUS Email Subscriptions** – Sign up to receive emails about PLUS training opportunities, scheduled maintenance outages, and other PLUS updates. Visit the [PLUS website](#) to subscribe.

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.

➤ **Johnny Wen & Joanna Wen – 4807 Marymead Drive, Fairfax SP-2022-BR-00100**

The applicants are requesting a Special Permit to add an Accessory Living Unit containing greater than the permitted 800 square feet in floor area and a reduction in setback requirements to permit an addition 15.6 feet from the northwest side lot line. The BZA hearing for this application has been rescheduled for November 30. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

➤ **Paul Michael, TR, Christina A. Michael – 11610 Leehigh Drive, Fairfax
SP-2021-BR-00090**

The applicant is seeking a reduction of setback requirements to permit an addition 10.2 feet from the east side lot line (20-foot setback required). The addition would contain an Accessory Living Unit, for which the applicant is also seeking approval. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on December 7. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on this [PLUS website](#).

➤ **Chau Tran & Trang Tran – 10133 Zion Drive, Fairfax
VC-2021-BR-00022**

The applicants are seeking a Variance and Variance Amendment to permit construction of a new 4,100-square-foot single-family detached dwelling 10.1 feet from the north side lot line and 10.6 feet from the south side lot line (20-foot setback required on each side). This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on January 25, 2023. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found on this [PLUS website](#).

➤ **Trustees of Saint Matthews United Methodist Church – 8617 Little River
Turnpike, Annandale
SPA-80-A-087-05**

The applicants are seeking to amend their Special Permit to modify the Development Conditions to increase the number of students, increase the number of employees, and expand the hours of operation. The maximum weekday enrollment would be increased from 99 students to 230 students, including approximately 115 students ages 2.5 to 4 and approximately 115 students ages 5 to 12. In addition, the applicants are seeking to provide overflow capacity for before- and after-school childcare for up to 25 students from the nearby Wakefield Forest Elementary School's School Age Child Care (SACC) program. These students would be ages 5 to 12. The proposed number of employees is anticipated to be 25 to 30. The hours of operation would be extended from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on February 1, 2023. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on this [PLUS website](#).

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

The applicant is seeking a Variance to reduce the setback requirements to allow construction of a 6,000-square-foot single family house 18.4 feet from the western front lot line (40-foot setback required), 18.9 feet from the rear lot line (20-foot setback required), and 17.2 feet from the western lot line (20-foot setback required). The BZA hearing on this application has been deferred until March 1, 2023. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on this [PLUS website](#).

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