

The Braddock Beacon



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Dear Neighbor,

While this week's weather has been unseasonably warm, it is winter, and we need to be prepared for snow and ice. **This month's edition** of the Beacon contains Snow Facts to inform you about VDOT's response to winter weather and what you can do to help road crews safely clear our roads.

Also take a moment to visit [Ready Fairfax](#) so you and your family can be prepared for any emergency. The County's Emergency Blog features [30 Ways to Resolve to Be Ready in 2023](#).

VDOT's public comment period on the [Braddock Road Multimodal Improvement Project November Public Information Meeting](#) ends today, January 6. You can submit comments through [VDOT's online form](#).

I also encourage you to participate in the [annual public hearing hosted by Fairfax County's delegation to the General Assembly](#), scheduled to be held this Saturday, January 7, at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room 11 at the Fairfax County Government Center. As Chairman of our Legislative Committee, I led the Board's months-long effort to develop and adopt our [2023 General Assembly Legislative Program](#) that outlines our priorities for this upcoming General Assembly session, including increased funding for K-12 education, key pedestrian safety measures, and additional state support for behavioral health programs. It's critically important that County residents engage with the General Assembly to ensure that our voice is heard in Richmond.



In this issue of the Braddock Beacon — now in its 15th year — we share information about new laws affecting Fairfax County residents, the work of our Police Department, ways to make sure your property is up to code, and more. Thank you for taking the time to read!

Yours in service,



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Community Calendar

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Walkinshaw in the Community



Supervisor Walkinshaw visited and donated gifts to the Fairfax County Police Holiday Toy & Food Drive on December 10.



Supervisor Walkinshaw congratulated winners of the Martha Glennan Disability Inclusion and Equality Awards, including local nonprofit Marian Homes, on December 12.



Supervisor Walkinshaw hosted the Legislative Committee Work Session with members of the General Assembly on December 13.



Supervisor Walkinshaw greeted Santa Claus during the annual Santa's Ride toy and food drive on December 13.



Supervisor Walkinshaw attended a vigil for local and national gun violence victims at the NRA Headquarters on the 10th anniversary of the Sandy Hook tragedy, on December 14.



Supervisor Walkinshaw and staff helped prepare groceries for distribution at the Annandale United Methodist Church Mission Center on December 15.

In December, Supervisor Walkinshaw also:

- Joined the inaugural Annandale Campus Advisory group at Northern Virginia Community College, December 2.
- Hosted the Best of Braddock Awards reception and ceremony on December 7 (see below for more).
- Met with community members at Braddock Elementary School to discuss the upcoming Heritage Mall community space, on December 14.
- Attended the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fairfax Station on December 17.

Feature: Best of Braddock Awardees

Last month, Supervisor Walkinshaw honored the winners of the annual Best of Braddock awards. Names were announced in a previous Walkinshaw Advisory, and this article goes into greater detail about the individuals and organizations receiving the awards. Congratulations to all on your well-deserved recognition!

Club or Organization Making a Difference: SevaTruck



The founder of SevaTruck, Mr. Sonny Kakar, and the Director of Outreach, Carol Barbosa, have been active in making sure the afterschool programs at Braddock Elementary School have proper snacks and meals. Their dedication has not gone unnoticed. Every child at Braddock Elementary School knows how much SevaTruck cares for their education and how they make sure no child goes home hungry. Grilled cheese, vegetarian burritos, quesadillas, pasta bowls, fruit, vegetables, water, and juice are commonly served to more than 200 students 3-4 times a week.

SevaTruck serves approximately 500-750 meals a week at Braddock Elementary School and between 16,000-20,000 meals per year, benefiting about 400 children. The SevaTruck has also provided blankets, hats, gloves, and other winter needs for approximately 800 students. They have been key in building community partnerships and engagement between the PTA, parents, teachers, and community leaders. Lastly, thanks to SevaTruck for providing 75 burritos to the Best of Braddock event.

Club or Organization Making a Difference: Holy Spirit Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an international organization dedicated to serving the poor, founded in 1833. The Holy Spirit Conference is one of ten conferences operating within the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. Five such conferences are at work in Fairfax County.

A separate 501(c)3 entity, the Holy Spirit Conference was founded in 2017 and is located within Holy Spirit Parish, a Roman Catholic church in Annandale. The church and its parishioners

provide the bulk of funds to support the work of the Conference, as well as recent grants from the County through federal pandemic relief funds.

The Conference serves the poor in six area zip codes, performed by thirty-four volunteers. A significant percentage of the callers to the helpline are Spanish-speaking residents who reside in Annandale and Springfield.



In addition to direct support, the Conference works with Fairfax County's Coordinated Services Planning, local Community-Based Organizations, especially ECHO, and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington to refer neighbors in need to appropriate local, state, and national services. The Conference is fortunate to be able to call on local food pantries, such as St Mary of Sorrows, and outstanding entities like Food for Others to help those they serve.

During their most recent fiscal year, which ended on September 30, the Conference provided over \$113,500 in direct assistance to 1,249 individuals in their service area, covering rent, utility assistance, and food assistance in the form of pre-paid grocery cards. Aid also was made available for automobile insurance and repair, medical, dental, clothing, work tools, and other needs.

Neighborhood Beautification, Enhancement, or Community-Building Effort: Amy Gould



On Veterans Day each year, Amy mobilizes about thirty people to pick up trash alongside Americana Drive in concert with the Fairfax County Restoration Project (FCRP) and Friends of Lake Accotink Creek. Incredibly, but not surprisingly, Amy and the volunteers fill nearly 100 trash bags! They work together braving the cold and wet weather to clear construction debris, trash, and items dumped along Americana Drive. Amy has organized clean-up events along Americana Drive for years. She continues to go the extra mile for her community, and her efforts are greatly appreciated by many!

Neighborhood Beautification, Enhancement or Community-Building Effort: Friends of Royal Lake (FORL)



Friends of Royal Lake (FORL) is a group commonly referred to by the Fairfax County Park Authority as a Park Volunteer Team that works to help preserve, protect, and improve Royal Lake and its surrounding parkland in Fairfax, Virginia. FORL holds recurring trail maintenance days, road clean-ups, and invasive management workdays, and works closely with the Kings Park West Civic Association and other organizations for coordination of joint activities.

FORL advocates for the Fairfax County Parks around Royal Lake and has developed several key documents that highlight the community's desire to

maintain and enhance both Lakeside Park and Royal Lake Park. As such, FORL has developed a Royal Lake Community Vision Plan, a Royal Lake Proposed Upgrades and Enhancements List (Capital Improvements and Maintenance), and a FORL Priority List for Capital Improvements for the Royal Lake Parks.

In Spring 2022, FORL completed a survey of community members to learn how they use the park and to gather their perspectives about potential park improvements. FORL had two goals: to characterize how each resource is used by community members and to identify and prioritize further potential improvements and maintenance efforts from the perspective of survey respondents at a level of specificity that would support further discussion and potential implementation by County agencies.

A top goal coming out of the survey is to preserve peace, quiet, and the natural environment. FORL's next steps are to develop a capital improvement and maintenance priority list for presentation to Fairfax County Park Authority and Department of Public Works and Environmental Services offices and to prepare and publish a revised Royal Lake Community Vision Plan.

Most "Can-Do" Public Employee: Melissa Adams, Canterbury Woods Elementary School – Honorable Mention

Melissa is a 4th grade teacher at Canterbury Woods Elementary School. In her time there, she has engaged students in local environmental issues. She started an Environmental Club for students to advocate for in-school recycling programs and local stream cleanups. She partnered with local Friends groups and the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services to bring watershed education programs like Follow the Water to interact with the 4th grade classrooms as part of their watershed curriculum.



Melissa is currently making progress with the Fairfax County Stormwater Division to bring the Revitalize, Restore, and Replant program to Canterbury Woods Elementary School. This program aims to transform existing stormwater facilities (like bioretentions and dry ponds or yard inlets) on FCPS campuses into outdoor classrooms.

Melissa is innovative and progressive in ways that help students become aware of environmental issues from a global to local scale, and she works tirelessly to get more students to become stewards of the environment.

Most "Can-Do" Public Employee: John Berlin, Fairfax County Park Authority



Kim Berlin, John's wife, accepted the award in John's absence on family business. Also in attendance was Margaret Thaxton, Director of Development for the Fairfax County Park Foundation.

John Berlin was an employee of Fairfax County for 24 years, retiring in December. He served as the Program Manager in the Park Services Division for the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA).

John has been a Braddock District resident for 28 years. He was the Area Director at Young Life program at Lake Braddock Secondary

School where his three children graduated. In his recent role, John oversaw a wide range of recreational programs, including an extensive offering of classes, camps and events, aquatic, fitness, and volunteer programs at nine Rec Centers and 100 community-based locations.

One of John's responsibilities was the management of the Summer Entertainment Series (SES), a County-wide free entertainment program that brings concerts, movies, and children's performances to all nine County Supervisor districts and the Government Center. John's dedication to all components of the SES has been critical to the series' continued success. In 2022, 184 concerts, movies, and performances were held throughout Fairfax County.

Braddock Nights is a very popular series within the SES. John helped with the logistics of moving the Royal Lake concerts to Rutherford Park while Royal Lake was dredged several years ago. When Supervisor Walkinshaw wanted to bring the Arts in the Parks children's series to Braddock

District, John studied Braddock demographics, GIS maps, and Fairfax County household statistics to determine the best location for the series. The new Arts in the Parks series at Wakefield Park is now one of the most popular children’s series with nearly 1,400 attendees in the summer of 2022.

John could often be found hanging banners, putting up signs, making sure that the performers’ sound system was working correctly, arranging for the location of the food trucks, greeting attendees, and, of course, taking lots of photos. Throughout the summers, John kept his personal van stocked full of materials, tools, and an array of items that are often useful to ensure that the entertainment series events ran smoothly.

Behind the scenes, John worked tirelessly at writing and conducting surveys to ensure that the series brought the entertainment and type of performers that the Board of Supervisors and residents wanted to enjoy. John’s retirement in December came after a 24-year career with Fairfax County, most of which was with the Fairfax County Park Authority. His work will be shared not by one staffer, but among multiple positions.

While John will be missed tremendously, his dedication will result in a strong and organized Summer Entertainment Series that will endure for many years to come.

Young Person of the Year: Pedro Leonardo Herrera Santiago – Elementary School Winner



Pedro arrived in the U.S six years ago from Guatemala. He came to the U.S. with his mother, father, and two sisters. He spoke no English, some Spanish, and his home dialect Ixil. He is an amazing child who has put education first in his life.

Pedro now speaks fluent English, has excellent grades, and participates in before- and after-school clubs including STEM, coding, and robotics. He is a great leader, an amazing citizen, and always willing to help. Pedro and his family have been volunteering with 21CH2H, a children’s non-profit, and the SevaTruck, serving meals during dismissal at Braddock Elementary. He shows

determination for his education and compassion when serving meals and assisting classmates through interpreting in Spanish and Ixil. Pedro is using his experiences in positive ways while helping others.

Young Person of the Year: Lucas Bickford – High School Winner



Neighbors noticed Lucas many years ago as a child walking down the street with a trash bag. They watched him as he picked up debris from the gutter and put it in his bag. They noticed he did this walk fairly regularly. It wasn't until last year that Supervisor Walkinshaw had the opportunity to thank Lucas for his efforts. His family lives next to the Halley family cemetery, and during one of the clean-ups of the property, he came over to help.

The Halley family cemetery has been overgrown, and neighbors have been working to clear and clean up the cemetery. Lucas

had been working on one section of the overgrown area on his own. He's continued to do some work on the trees and vines on the property, and his work has shown a big difference.

Lucas has continued with his walks around the neighborhood, picking up debris from the streets. He is now a student at Woodson High School, and this year, he has organized the Villa Neighborhood Cleanup. Lucas initiated this project along with his brother and another friend. They have reached out to the principals of the two elementary schools that draw from the neighborhood. Their goals are "to get younger kids in the neighborhood interested and invested in helping the environment. The changes that the planet needs are not going to happen unless the coming generations are motivated and educated enough to do what is necessary, and the Villa Neighborhood Cleanup aims to help address that."

They have set up a schedule of clean-up days, and along with a message to the principals, they forwarded flyers with details about the project and a list of the days that are scheduled for the next year. Lucas' efforts are impressive, and he has made a difference in the neighborhood and in the local environment. Lucas demonstrates a civic commitment that is not often seen in the younger generation.

Citizen of the Year: Brian Bishop

Brian's wife Raquel Bishop accepted the award on Brian's behalf while he was out of town for work. Little Run Civic Association members also attended.

Brian Bishop has done wonders for his community. A former social director of the Ilda Community Recreation Association (Pool), Brian assumed the presidency of the Little Run Civic Association (LRCA) in October 2017. The LRCA serves the neighborhoods of Springbrook Forest, Willow Woods, and the Woods of Ilda, numbering more than 640 homes.



The community has been fortunate to have Brian's leadership on the LRCA Board. His organizational skills, ideas, and openness to new approaches have been valuable to the board and to the community. Of course, his wife Raquel has helped and supported him at every step.

During Brian's tenure, the community has seen many changes and much turnover. Given the challenges of the position, his steadfast efforts deserve recognition. To extend the civic association's outreach to

newcomers, Brian hosted at his home an annual Membership Open House with refreshments and door prizes. Folks dropped off their membership dues and met the LRCA board members and association block captains. Additionally, Brian updated and distributed magnets printed with the non-emergency police number.

Building on his past pool association experience, Brian developed the LRCA's partnership with the pool with the LRCA becoming a paying member. He offered one-time pool passes for those members who had gone inactive. He publicized and participated in community activities and fundraisers hosted by the pool: Fourth of July parade and carnival, chili cookoff, IldaFest, December Holiday Hayride, and firewood and Christmas tree sales.

When COVID hit, Brian fostered community involvement with well-received changes instituted by the board. They began holding meetings via zoom, including a meeting with the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator who discussed crime prevention, welcoming in new neighbors and answering questions they had about the community, and delivering Valentine's cards to senior community members and poinsettias during the holidays. The annual traditional neighborhood events were adapted during COVID to be safe social events.

Also under Brian's watch, they now have the Jim Williams Community Grant, in honor of a former neighbor who passed away, to financially support projects that benefit the community. They host a community luncheon for senior members of the community. Brian has negotiated competitive rates for trash and recycling pick-ups. They have continued support for neighborhood Scouts' projects that benefit the community.

Supervisor Walkinshaw congratulates all the winners for their work to make Braddock District an even better place. If you know of a person or organization in Braddock deserving of recognition, please send your ideas to braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Community News

Tomorrow's Fairfax County General Assembly Delegation Pre-2023 Session Public Hearing



The Fairfax County delegation to the General Assembly (State House and Senate members) will hold a public hearing regarding the upcoming 2023 session on Saturday, January 7, at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room 11 at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Parking is available in front of the Government Center Building. Fairfax County is assisting with the logistics of the delegation's event.

The hearing will be televised live on Fairfax County Television Channel 16 (Channel 1016 in HD on Cox; Channel 16 on Verizon or Comcast) and can also be viewed online through the [Channel 16 stream](#).

Looking to Start a Business in 2023? Join Experts to Learn How on January 10

FAIRFAX COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

PRESENTS

ENTREPRENEURSHIP
101

STARTING A BUSINESS IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

JANUARY 10, 2023
7:30 AM-11:30 AM (EASTERN)

IN THIS SESSION'S
ENTREPRENEUR
SPOTLIGHT:

Ashley Chen
Founder and CEO
ActionNet

ActionNet

If starting a business is on top of your list for 2023, the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority (FCEDA) is ready to assist you! Ashley Chen, founder and CEO of Fairfax County-based ActionNet will be the featured guest speaker during FCEDA's next [Entrepreneurship 101 \(E-101\) workshop](#) scheduled for January 10, 2023, in Tysons.

[Click here](#) to register for the free workshop. This in-person event will be held at the FCEDA headquarters at 8300 Boone Blvd., Tysons.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend of Service



Held on the third Monday in January, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is the only federal holiday observed as a National Day of Service — a “day on, not a day off.” This day of service helps to empower individuals through service and to strengthen communities.

Volunteer Fairfax will host several ways for the community to get involved including their Give Together event with hands-on volunteering activities for kids (ages 5-12),

the Valentine’s Challenge, for adult volunteers to make hand-crafted cards, and a new teen-only volunteer project opportunity. They also will launch a Community Conversation with guest speaker, Breana Dorelus, from Connecting the Cause, with a panel discussion on developing engaging and transformational volunteering activities. Registration for each of these activities can be found at volunteerfairfax.org.

Human Trafficking Awareness and Actions

January is [Human Trafficking Awareness Month](#). Human trafficking is the control and exploitation of another person's labor or commercial sex work by force, fraud, or coercion. Learn about [events and trainings](#) that Fairfax County Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (DSVS) is holding to raise awareness about human trafficking.

DSVS will host the new Annual 2023 Human Trafficking Training on January 19 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. This training will focus on how community service providers and allied professionals can use their existing knowledge and skills to address the unique needs of victims and survivors of human trafficking. It is designed for anyone who is new to the topic of human trafficking, in need of a refresher on the basics, or looking to learn about how trafficking manifests locally in Fairfax County.



Participants will hear perspectives from community service, mental health, legal, and law enforcement professionals on the current state of human trafficking locally, the intersection of human trafficking with other forms of violence, and how community service providers and allied professionals can use their existing knowledge and skills to address the unique needs and barriers faced by victims of human trafficking.

Presenters include Meredith McKeen with Northern Virginia Family Service, Alex Lydon with Legal Services of Northern Virginia, and Detective Courtney Swirchak with the Fairfax County Police Department.

This training will be held on Zoom and requires [advance registration](#)

New Laws for 2023

New laws passed by the Virginia General Assembly went into effect Sunday, January 1, 2023. Some federal and Fairfax County measures are also effective for the new year.



Federal

- **Insulin prices** are capped at \$35 per month. Via the [AARP](#): “Under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, which includes a number of provisions to lower the prices of prescription drugs for Medicare beneficiaries, beginning in 2023 copays for a 30-day supply of any [insulin that a Medicare drug plan covers](#) will be capped at \$35. Enrollees won’t have to pay more than \$35 even if they have not yet met their annual Part D deductible. Note that not every plan covers every type of insulin.”

State

- The Virginia **minimum wage increases** to \$12.00 per hour, up from the previous \$11.00. This increase was part of a law signed by former Governor Ralph Northam. Although the law provides for an eventual increase to \$13.50 per hour by 2025 and \$15.00 by 2026, this provision won’t take effect unless reauthorized by the General Assembly before July 1, 2024. Otherwise, the minimum wage would adjust based on increases to the consumer price index starting January 1, 2025.
- The Virginia **sales tax on groceries** decreases. The 1.5 percent state portion of the grocery sales tax is now eliminated. However, the 1.0 percent local portion of the grocery sales tax remains in effect.
- Additionally, the **sales tax on certain personal hygiene products** — such as menstrual products and diapers — decreased from 2.5 percent to 1.0 percent. This is a step towards the goal promoted by longtime advocates and legislators such as Fairfax’s Senator Jennifer Boysko and Delegates Kaye Kory and Kathy Tran, who pushed for a full tax repeal.
- The **Virginia Consumer Data Protection Act** creates new rules for businesses that manage or sell the personal data of thousands of customers. It also gives people rights to access, correct, delete, and obtain a copy of their personal data and to opt-out of the processing of personal data used for targeted advertising, the sale of personal data, or the profiling of consumers.

Local

- As noted in this edition and in the [July 2022 edition](#) of the Beacon, the County’s **bamboo ordinance** is now in effect, making it a Code violation to allow new running bamboo to spread from one property to another.

- The County's first real estate **tax deferral program** will be in place this year. This was part of the Board of Supervisors' **expansion of the tax relief program** for seniors and people with disabilities, which was passed at the end of 2021. Provisions coming in 2023 will include the option for eligible homeowners to defer tax payments, subject to interest, as well as the establishment of a new 75 percent tax relief bracket. When available, details and instructions will be posted on the **Department of Tax Administration website**.
- Amendments were made to the Fairfax County **Sanitary Sewer Policy** for only the second time since 1980. These amendments were approved by the Board of Supervisors in December 2022 and provide reimbursement to private developers for the cost of constructing an enlarged sewage facility based on the County's share of existing and future wastewater flow. Read more at the **Public Works and Environmental Services website**.

Environment & Parks News

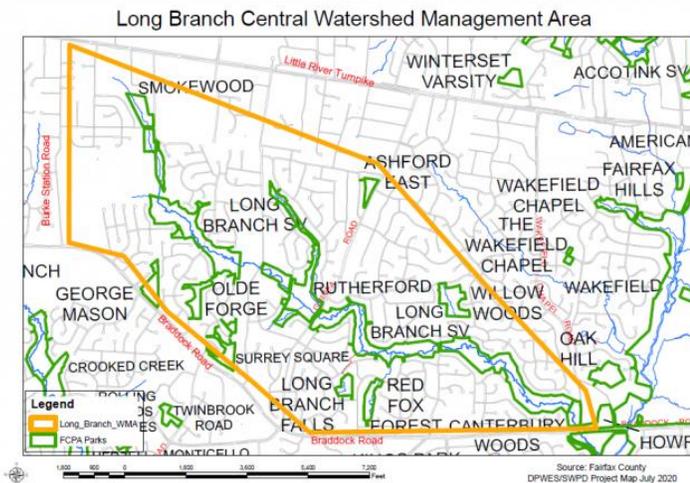
Irving Middle School Project Receives Friends of Trees Award

Fairfax County Public Schools and the County's Urban Forest Management Division were awarded the Tree Commission's Friends of Trees Award for a joint project at Irving Middle School along with Girl Scout Troop 5532. [Read this Sun Gazette article](#) for a full list of winners.



The Friends of Trees award recognizes efforts to protect and preserve existing trees and associated habitats, increase the County's tree canopy and their related habitats, educate and inspire people to plant more trees and properly maintain them, convey an understanding of both the value and benefits of trees, or go "above and beyond" Fairfax County requirements to preserve or protect trees and associated habitats.

Long Branch Central Watershed Management Area Project – Public Meeting January 10



This project was developed as a result of Long Branch Central being declared an impaired water by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. The Long Branch Central Watershed Management Area project will improve water quality, meet sediment load reduction targets, and improve habitat within the stream corridor.

A virtual public meeting to discuss the project will take place Tuesday, January 10, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., on Microsoft Teams (accessible through your browser or via the Microsoft Teams app).

[Click here for the meeting link](#)

Meeting ID: 244 188 527 004

Passcode: quLxJW

Visit the [Public Works and Environmental Services website](#) to learn more.

Prepare Today for Park Authority Summer Camp Registration

Registration for Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) summer camps serving children ages 3 to 16 will begin January 10, 2023. Registrations fill up very quickly, so families are encouraged to visit the [Park Authority Camps webpage](#) to view the more than 1,000 programming options and prepare for the 2023 summer camp registration period.



Compliance Corner

Learn a lot about your lot – Are you familiar with the terms **zoning district**, **yards**, and **setbacks**? If you answered *no*, this month's Code Compliance Corner is for you! The Department of Code Compliance (DCC) has published a new [flyer](#) to help you learn about these terms, which can help you better understand the zoning regulations associated with your residential lot and are especially important if you are planning an improvement, such as adding a fence, deck, or other accessory structure. The flyer can be found at the [DCC website](#). In summary:

- You can find the **zoning district** of your lot [here](#).
- **Yards** are the space between the dwelling and the nearest lot line. They can be either a front, rear, or side yard.
- **Setbacks** are the minimum distances structures must be separated from lot lines. For example, a 10-foot side setback means a structure can be no closer than 10 feet from the side lot line.

DCC commonly responds to complaints and concerns about whether structures are in compliance with the yard and setback regulations for the zoning district in which they are located. Residents can benefit greatly from learning about these terms to avoid violations of the Zoning Ordinance.

How does DCC enforce?

- 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, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code, or by telephone during regular business hours at (703) 324-1300.

Running Bamboo Ordinance Now in Effect

If you have bamboo on or near your property, this information may be helpful to you.

Fairfax County's running bamboo topics webpage is available at fairfaxcounty.gov/topics/running-bamboo. This page includes flyers, a video, and information on containment and removal.



What Every Homeowner Should Know about “Disturbing Land” on their Property



Land disturbance is any man-made change to the land surface that may result in soil erosion from wind or water and the moving of sediments into our waterways and neighboring lands according to [Chapter 104 of the Fairfax County Code, the Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance](#).

Vegetation (such as groundcover, turf, and plants) protects and stabilizes our soil, preventing sediment from leaving a site. Removing vegetation, including trees, is also considered land disturbance and is further defined by the Ordinance as *clearing*.

Learn more about these activities, what’s required, and what’s exempt, at the [Land Development Services website](#).

Transportation Updates

Route 50 & Waples Mill Road Intersection Improvements



This project is constructing a second left-turn lane from westbound Route 50 (formerly Lee Jackson Memorial Highway) to southbound Waples Mill Road (Route 665). Traffic signal upgrades are also part of the project.

VDOT has temporarily closed the left-turn lane from Route 50 to Waples Mill in accordance with the plans to safely construct the improvements necessary at the intersection. They will be constructing a much-needed second left-turn lane together with drainage, new traffic signals, and other planned improvements at the intersection. For advance warning to motorists during the turn-lane closure, they have ordered several more detour signs to be installed at both Route 50 and Jermantown Road. In addition, one variable message board will be installed at Jermantown Road.

For more information or to contact the project managers, visit the project page on the [VDOT website](#).

New Dulles Toll Road Rates in Effect



Effective January 1, 2023, the toll rate for passenger vehicles at the Main Toll Plaza on the Dulles Toll Road increased to \$4.00 at the main toll plaza and \$2.00 at ramp plazas. More information is available at dullestollroad.com.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA DISTRICT SNOW FACTS 2022-23



MOBILIZATION

We monitor the forecast closely and mobilize crews and resources. Trucks report, load, and deploy:

12-18 HOURS Before a smaller event

18-24 HOURS Before a large storm

If 2"+ of snow is forecast, residents may see trucks staged in neighborhoods.



PIECES OF EQUIPMENT: **3,500**

CLEARANCE GOALS

(AFTER STORM ENDS)

6"+: 72 hours

4-6": 48 hours

2-4": 24 hours

Crews start treating once precipitation starts. They start plowing once 2" of snow has accumulated.

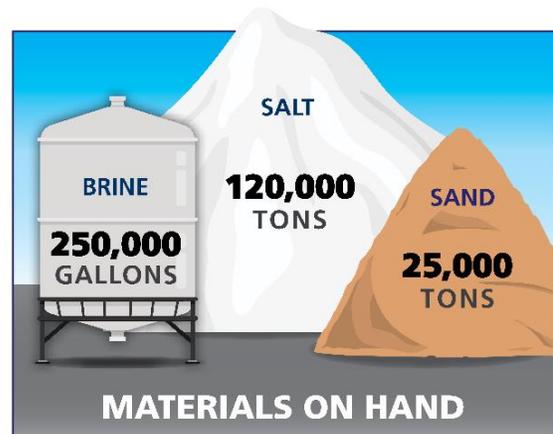
18 MAINTENANCE AREA HEADQUARTERS

Arlington: 1 • Fairfax: 9 • Loudoun: 4 • Prince William: 4

25 Salt domes and sheds



Our largest dome, at I-495 and Van Dorn Street in Alexandria, holds **33,000** tons of salt.



14,198 LANE MILES TO PLOW

Interstate: **802**

Primary: **1,687**

Secondary: **11,634**

(includes 17,246 subdivision streets)

Crews work interstates, major roads, and main subdivision roads in priority order.



ANTI-ICING

- ◆ Reduces bonding to asphalt and concrete
- ◆ Most effective during first hour of storm
- ◆ Performed if pavement temps are above 20° F and weather won't begin as rain

Depending upon the storm and the window of time, we may perform a partial or full anti-icing treatment of bridges, overpasses, elevated surfaces, primary and/or secondary roads.



Did you know?

Brine is a mix of 23% salt and 77% water. It is sprayed as a liquid that dries to create white "brine lines" on the pavement.

SNOW MAPS



In northern Virginia, roads are divided among 648 maps assigned to plow drivers. Interstates and high-volume roads are made passable, then bare pavement where possible. Neighborhood main roads are made passable, then remaining streets and cul-de-sacs.

WHAT DOES "PASSABLE" MEAN?



- ◆ In neighborhoods, an 8'-to-10' path for emergency vehicle access.
- ◆ Drivable with extreme caution, but is snow-packed and not curb-to-curb or to bare pavement.
- ◆ Crews will sand hills, curves and intersections to help with traction.

HOW YOU CAN HELP



- ✔ Monitor weather closely, as forecasts can improve or worsen quickly.
 - ✔ Adjust commutes, telework, or avoid driving during a storm and after until road conditions improve.
 - ✔ Park in driveways or on the same side of the street.
 - ✔ Wait to shovel driveways until plows have come, as they will push some snow back.
 - ✔ Have enough gas, wiper fluid, proper tires, medication, and an emergency car kit.
 - ✔ Be patient: crews need time and room to work. While we do not clear sidewalks, crews are asked to be mindful, especially near schools. There is often limited room to pile snow in significant storms, to make roads passable.
- Residents and businesses are asked to clear near their properties. Check with your locality for ordinances.



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CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER

Report road hazards at 800-FOR-ROAD (367-7623) or [my.vdot.virginia.gov](#)



EMERGENCY INFORMATION

See [virginiadot.org/novaemergency](#) for updates, FAQs, and other resources



511 VIRGINIA

Check traffic conditions before you travel at [511virginia.org](#)



VDOT PLOWS

Visit [vdotplows.org](#) for plow status and locations once 2" of snow has accumulated

STAY INFORMED



Public Safety

Chief's Spotlight: Highlighting the Work of the Fairfax County Police Department

In his latest series of Chief's Spotlight videos, Chief Kevin Davis discusses Emergency Substantial Risk Orders (or ESROs) — a proven way to keep our community safe. This tool allows for the temporary removal of firearms from individuals believed to be a risk to themselves or others. ESROs also prohibit such persons from purchasing firearms. Sgt. Amanda Paris is leading the department's implementation of these restrictions as our first ESRO Coordinator. Click the image below to watch the video.



Meet FCPD's ESRO Coordinator: Detective Sergeant Amanda Paris

FCPD's Fairfax 1 helicopter unit and some of our tactical medics now carry whole blood and have the ability to perform blood transfusions in the field. Fairfax County is one of the first police agencies in the U.S. to carry this device, which has been used six times since May to help patients. Learn more about this program and how this technology can help save lives in Fairfax County in this story from WUSA9.



How police in Fairfax County can now do blood transfusions in the field

Help FCFRD Save a Life During Sudden Cardiac Arrest Emergencies! Download the PulsePoint App

Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) can happen to anyone, at any age, at any time. SCA is a leading cause of preventable death. For every minute that passes before help arrives, SCA survival decreases by 7 to 10 percent.

In January 2021, the Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department (FCFRD) launched the [PulsePoint mobile app](#) in the County. The PulsePoint app alerts resident bystanders nearby, trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), who can help victims before FCFRD firefighters and paramedics arrive. Learn more on the [official FCFRD Blog](#).

Neighborhood Watch Training: January 12

The West Springfield District Police Station will be hosting Neighborhood Watch training on Thursday, January 12, 2023, 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 in-person only at the West Springfield District Station community room (6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA). If you have any questions, contact MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363 or Anthony.capizzi@fairfaxcounty.gov.



Scout Night: January 17



Officers from the West Springfield District Station will host a Scout Night. Their next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 17, 2023. If your den or troop would like to visit the police station and speak with officers, please contact the station for available times. They will give a presentation to the kids in our community room, a video tour of the station, and then a hands-on tour of the police car outside. Visits are limited to one den/troop every half hour. Time slots at 5:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. are available. If

your older scouts need specific requirements for a badge, please contact the police station, and they can discuss arrangements.

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

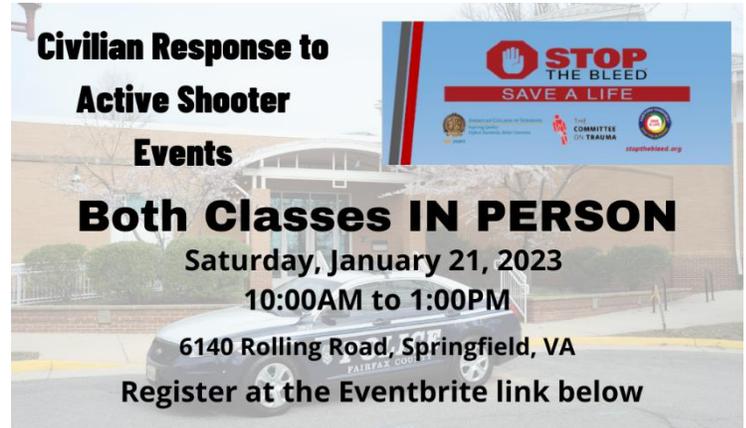
Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events and STOP THE BLEED: January 21

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 West Springfield District police station is here to help with that training. This lecture, on Saturday, January 21, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 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.

Officers will review past events and the steps law enforcement will take to assist and limit casualties, and they will be there to answer your questions. This training is open to anyone in the community, but be aware that some of the material may be disturbing.

They will also present STOP THE BLEED training with this program. This training can be used anywhere to assist someone who has a severe bleeding emergency. Participants will learn about using direct pressure, packing wounds, and applying tourniquets.

This training will be in-person at the West Springfield District Station community room (6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA). [Please use this Eventbrite link](#) to register for the class. 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.



Car Seat Saturdays: January 28



Come by the station to get your car seat inspected on Saturday, January 28, 2023, between 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (6140 Rolling Rd, Springfield, VA)! No appointment needed. Car seats will be inspected on a first come, first served basis. When you arrive, come into the lobby, and you will be given further directions.

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. Please reach out to MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363 or Anthony.capizzi@fairfaxcounty.gov with any questions.

The station also has car seat inspections, 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 on those days.

Human Services Corner

Fairfax County Public Schools Strategic Planning Process

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is **developing a new strategic plan**. They encourage you to join in this important work that will help shape the school division's future.



The planning phase began in October 2022 and is scheduled to run through May 2023.

Strategic Planning Community Forums

Community forums will be held as part of the Strategic Plan development process. Forums taking place in or near the Braddock District are as follows (full schedule [here](#)):

- Tuesday, January 31, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. - Lake Braddock Secondary School's large cafeteria
- Thursday, February 2, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. - Mason Crest Elementary School
- Wednesday, February 8, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. - Spanish, virtual via Facebook/Zoom
- Thursday, February 9, 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. (Virtual)
- Saturday, February 11, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. (Virtual)
- Wednesday, February 15, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. - West Springfield High School's blue cafeteria

Need Help with a Heating Emergency?



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 closes on **March 15**. Learn more and apply for the Crisis Assistance program at CommonHelp.Virginia.gov or by calling **1 (833) 522-5582**.

Need Assistance Paying Your Past-Due Water Bill?

The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) may be able to help!

LIHWAP is a program that will help eligible low-income households by providing a one-time payment directly to their water and/or wastewater provider. LIHWAP runs through September 2023 or until the funds are exhausted. The Virginia Department of Social Services has selected Promise Network to administer LIHWAP.

The graphic features the 'Fairfax Water' logo in blue and white. Below the logo is an illustration of a hand holding a globe, with a faucet dripping water onto it. To the right of the illustration, there is text in white and yellow on a dark blue background.

Fairfax Water

Need help paying your bill?
Assistance is now available
through the **Low Income
Household Water Assistance
Program (LIHWAP)**!
Visit virginialihwap.com to apply
for assistance today!

To apply for the LIHWAP or for questions about the program, visit VirginiaLihwap.com or call 1 (888) 373-9908.

¿Necesita ayuda para pagar sus facturas de agua?

El Departamento de Servicios Sociales de Virginia se ha asociado con las empresas de servicios públicos locales para distribuir fondos para ayudar a los hogares de bajos ingresos a pagar sus facturas de agua y aguas residuales. LIHWAP (Programa de asistencia de agua para hogares de bajos ingresos) está disponible para ayudar a los hogares elegibles que tienen dificultades para pagar sus facturas de agua y aguas residuales vencidas.

Cómo aplica

En línea: www.virginialihwap.com

Teléfono: 1(888) 373-9908

Asistencia con la aplicación está disponible comunicándose directamente con Promise entre las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m. de lunes a sábado

Resources for Older Adults

Lifetime Learning Institute – Sign up for Spring 2023 Semester Classes and Events



The [Lifetime Learning Institute of Northern Virginia](https://www.llinova.org/) (LLI/NOVA), affiliated with the Annandale campus of Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA), is a non-profit, member-run organization offering stimulating educational and cultural pursuits to adults age 50 and over. For a modest annual fee, LLI/NOVA provides members with more than 100 classes (virtual and in-person) year-round, informal special interest groups, monthly speaker forums, social events, and the opportunity for new friendships.

At \$110 per year, LLI/NOVA is one of the best bargains around — a full year of unlimited classes, access to travel at special rates, participation in forums, parties, field trips, and special interest groups, and an opportunity to learn new things and develop friendships with like-minded members.

[View the Spring 2023 Catalog at llinova.org.](https://www.llinova.org/)

Contact LLI/NOVA at (703) 323-3746 (leave a message), or email them at admin@llinova.org.

Supervisor Walkinshaw Highlights Services Offered by the Wellness Center for Older Adults

(by Allison Geringer, Communications Manager, ServiceSource Inc.)



The many stresses of daily life, including the rising cost of living and the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, have left many people wondering if resources are available in the community that offer support. Fairfax County Supervisor James R. Walkinshaw (Braddock) sought to draw attention to an outstanding free resource available to Fairfax County residents when he visited the Wellness Center for Older Adults (WCOA) on November 29. "Times are tough for many people right now," said Walkinshaw. "Everyone needs to support each other and remain mindful of those prone to community isolation."

Nearly 3 million Virginians are 50 or older, and 22 percent of Virginia adults have a disability. The WCOA offers comprehensive virtual and in-person services for adults ages 50 and older and individuals with developmental disabilities through ServiceSource's Long-Term Community Integration Services (LTCIS) program. All visitors to the center and program participants may participate in activities at the location.

The WCOA offers a variety of activities and services for the Fairfax community, including preventative health screenings, music, dance, and art therapy, access to fitness room equipment, health and wellness education, and more. During his visit, Supervisor Walkinshaw observed a tech class offered by AARP's Senior Planet and interacted with the participants and community partners.

The WCOA is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and is located at 4027B Olley Lane, Fairfax, VA 22032.

For more information about ServiceSource and the WCOA, please call **(703) 970-3601** or visit [ServiceSource.org/virginia-wcoa/](https://www.ServiceSource.org/virginia-wcoa/).

Free Community Events at the Wellness Center for Older Adults, January and February 2023



4027B Olley Lane, Fairfax, VA 22032

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
January 9 10:00AM Better Brain Health as You Age	10 1:00 Chair Zumba*	11 10:30 Creativity Leads to Wellness	12 10:00-2:00 Blood Pressure Screenings 1:00 Chair Yoga*	13
16	17 11:00 Meditation 1:00 Chair Zumba*	18 10:30 Creativity Leads to Wellness	19 1:00 Make a Smoothie	20 1:00PM Healthy Living for Brain and Body
23	24 1:00 Chair Zumba*	25 10:30 Creativity Leads to Wellness	26 10:00-2:00 Blood Pressure Screenings 1:00 Chair Yoga*	27 1:00 Birthday Bingo Celebration
30	31 1:00 Chair Zumba*	<i>January 2023</i>		

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6	7 10:00-2:00 'Brown Bag' Medication Safety Event 1:00 Chair Zumba*	8 10:30 Creativity Leads to Wellness	9 10:00-2:00 Blood Pressure Screenings	10
13	14 1:00 Chair Zumba*	15 10:30 Creativity Leads to Wellness	16	17 1:00 Managing Money: A Caregiver's Guide to Finance
20 10:00-2:00 Memory Screenings	21 1:00 Chair Zumba*	21 10:30 Creativity Leads to Wellness	23 10:00-2:00 Blood Pressure Screenings	24 1:00 Birthday Bingo Celebration
27	28 1:00 Chair Zumba*	Call 703-970-3601 or email VAwellnesscenter@servicesource.org *Activities are streamed with in-person adaptation **Red = A Community Partner led event		

Wellness Center for Older Adults Programming Descriptions (Alphabetized)

Better Brain Health as You Age

Learn more about age-related changes in memory and learning, and practices to keep your brain sharp! Learn what to expect, what's "normal," and when it's time to seek a doctor's input. This Community and Professional training is presented by **Insight Memory Care Center**.

Birthday Bingo Celebration

Happy Birthday baby! Come celebrate and play Bingo with us at 1:00 p.m. Reserve a slice of cake!

Blood Pressure Screenings

American Health Care Professionals offer free Blood Pressure checks and nurse consultations. Appointments are in 30-minute increments, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome, or call or email to reserve an appointment.

'Brown Bag' Medication Safety Event

NOVA Scripts Central, a charitable pharmacy that delivers high-quality, culturally competent pharmaceutical care and supportive services to low-income, uninsured and underinsured populations in Northern Virginia, will present a workshop at 10:30 a.m. They also offer free confidential medication reviews and educational materials to people with concerns about their health. Call or email to reserve an appointment.

Chair Zumba

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

Chair Yoga

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

Creativity Leads to Wellness

Join our creative art sessions led by local artist, Sharon Fishel, from **McLean Project for the Arts**. This class will focus on individuals discovering their own creativity working in the mediums of drawings, paintings, and mixed-media collage. All materials will be provided.

EZ Trivia

From movies to music artists to food to geography and nearly anything else you could think of, join us for an hour to test your knowledge and skills.

Healthy Living for Brain and Body

At any age, there are lifestyle habits we can adopt to help maintain or even potentially improve our health, keep our brains well, and possibly delay the onset of cognitive decline. This workshop covers four areas of lifestyle habits that are associated with healthy aging. This program by the **Alzheimer's Association** is designed for individuals of any age who are looking for information and hands-on tools to help incorporate recommendations into a plan for healthy aging.

Make a Smoothie

Come to our smoothie class! We are going to make fruit smoothies. Recipes and all ingredients will be provided. Reserve a seat!

Managing Money: A Caregiver's Guide to Finances

If you or someone you know is facing Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or another chronic illness, it's never too early to put financial plans in place. Join this presentation by the **Alzheimer's Association** to prepare future care costs and the benefits of early planning.

Meditation

We'll show you how to meditate with techniques commonly used for relaxation and stress reduction.

Memory Screenings

Insight Memory Care Center offers free, confidential memory screenings and educational materials to people with concerns about their memory or who want to check their memory now for future comparison. Call to reserve a 30-minute appointment at 703-970-3601.

Wellness Center address: 4027B Olley Lane in Fairfax, VA, 22032

Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Visit: <https://www.servicesource.org/virginia-wcoa/>

Call (703) 970-3601 or email VAwellnesscenter@servicesource.org for more information.

Land Use & Development

UPCOMING MEETINGS & HEARINGS

Planning Commission Decision on Comprehensive Plan Amendment for Government Center Campus (hearing was held December 8, 2022)

- January 11 at 7:30 p.m., Board Auditorium

Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting

- January 17 at 7:00 p.m. – hybrid (see article for details)

Board of Supervisors Hearing on Comprehensive Plan Amendment for Government Center Campus

- January 24 at 4:00 p.m., Board Auditorium

Community Meeting on SSPA Nominations

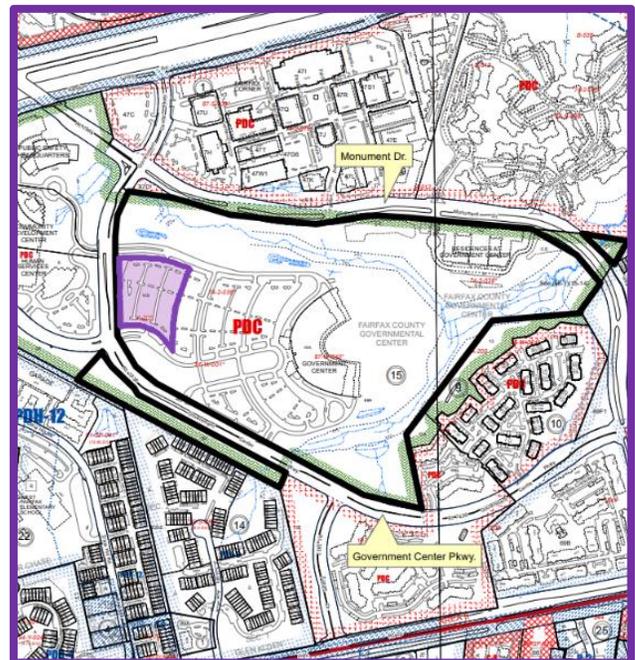
- January 30 at 7:00 p.m., virtual

Planning Commission Hearing on Rezoning Proposal for Government Center Campus

- February 1 at 7:30 p.m., Board Auditorium

Planning Commission Recommendation on Comprehensive Plan Amendment for Fairfax County Government Center Campus to be Issued on January 11

LACM VA, LLC, a subsidiary of Lincoln Avenue Capital, was selected by the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) to help address the critical shortage of affordable housing in the County by using a portion of the under-used surface parking on the Government Center campus to develop affordable housing units. LACM VA, LLC has proposed constructing two multi-family residential buildings with a total of approximately 279 affordable dwelling units, 15,500 square feet of secondary uses (a child care facility and other community space), together with surface and structured parking. This would be constructed in the area identified as Parking Lots G and H, which was conveyed to FCRHA in 2020 for this use. The redevelopment of this site would require both a Comprehensive Plan Amendment and a Proffered Condition Amendment, because the Government Center campus is currently



planned for office mixed-use up to an intensity of 0.35 floor area ratio (FAR). This permits residential use, but the planned intensity does not afford enough development potential for the proposed project.

The Comprehensive Plan sets broad, general parameters that guide use of particular land areas. Plan Amendment 2022-III-FC2 would authorize an increase in the planned intensity on the Government Center campus to 0.4 FAR to allow construction of this affordable housing and related uses. The Plan Amendment also contains editorial revisions to reflect existing development in areas historically linked to the Government Center plan, but which have been separately developed over time. County staff proposed this amendment after seeking feedback from various County agencies. They also gathered public input through a community meeting held by Supervisor Walkinshaw on September 28 and at meetings with the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee. A Planning Commission hearing was held on December 8, but they deferred making a recommendation until January 11 to allow for further consideration.

County staff is recommending that additional affordable and/or workforce multifamily residential development may be appropriate on Parking Lots G and H, provided that such development advances the Plan's vision for the area. Redevelopment should utilize the highest quality building materials and design, integrate seamlessly into the existing Government Center campus, contribute to the sense of place, and ultimately enhance the quality of life for residents. Redevelopment should not encroach on the campus amenities or natural areas. The proposal adds that additional stormwater management controls should be provided above the minimum standards to mitigate the impacts of the development. The full [staff report](#) is available on the [PLUS website](#).

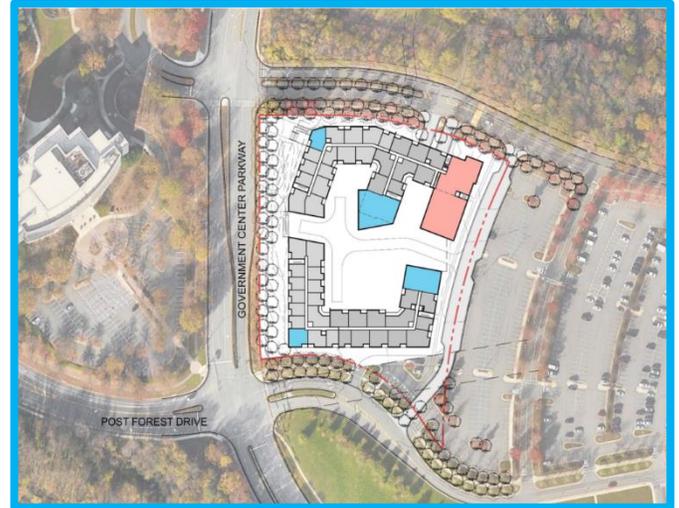
Based on recommendations from the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee, additional language will be recommended at the January 11 Planning Commission meeting to provide that the height, scale, massing, and visual appearance of the new development should complement the architectural character of the buildings on the campus and that development is expected to meet the sustainability and environmental standards for County-financed projects. The Planning Commission decision is scheduled to be made at its meeting on January 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board auditorium.

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on adopting the Comprehensive Plan Amendment at 4:00 p.m. on January 24. Anyone wishing to testify may do so in person, in writing, by phone, or by video. You are encouraged to [register](#) in advance. The application number is PA-2022-III-FC2. Visit the [public hearing testimony webpage](#) for more details on how to testify.

Planning Commission Hearing on Constructing Affordable Housing at the Government Center Campus Scheduled for February 1

The Proffered Condition Amendment (or entitlement, similar to a rezoning) for the proposal to build affordable housing at the Government Center in Parking Lots G and H is under concurrent consideration with the Comprehensive Plan Amendment (see previous article) and is scheduled for a Planning Commission hearing on February 1. While the Comprehensive Plan provides broad policy guidance, a rezoning or entitlement is a very specific development proposal that details what is being proposed and how the developer will address community interests and impacts.

The applicant, LACM VA, LLC, has proposed to develop an affordable housing project consisting of 279 multi-family units across two buildings and 15,500 square feet of secondary uses. The rental units would include 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom units serving those earning from 30 to 70 percent of Area Median Income. Fifteen percent of the units would meet Americans with Disability Act (ADA) standards, and all would feature universal design. The facility would have 332 spaces of underground parking. There would also be a limited amount of on-street parking for child care and deliveries. The applicant has committed to achieving Earthcraft Gold certification and would include a rooftop solar array to provide renewable energy for the buildings. Enhanced stormwater treatment would also be provided. A central promenade area between the buildings would include space for a variety of passive and active recreational amenities, including play spaces for children, game tables, and multi-purpose lawns. Internal amenities would include resident lounges, a resident fitness room, and business center.



The secondary uses would be located in the eastern part of the north building and include a 10,250 square foot child care facility with separate playground for up to 125 children and 5,250 square feet for supportive services for residents, both of which would be run by the nonprofit Cornerstones. The supportive services could include an afterschool program, healthcare/telehealth services, and flexible classroom space for educational and training opportunities. Approximately

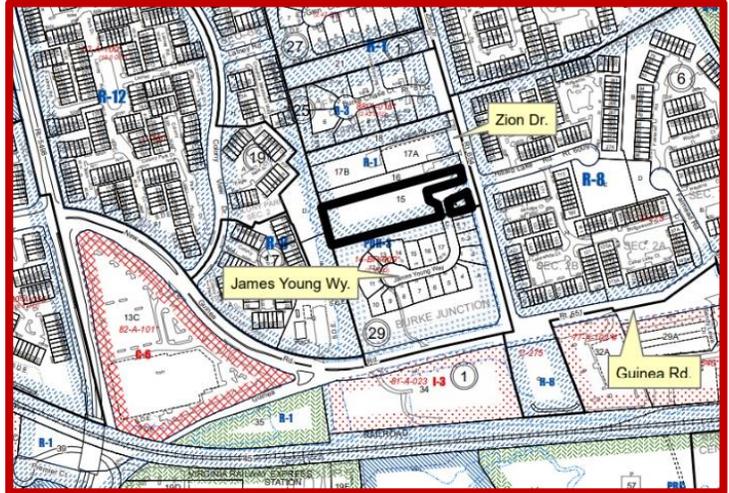
sixty percent of the child care slots would be reserved for building residents and other area residents receiving subsidized child care and the remainder would be open to others.

The proposed development plan and proffers 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 most recent development plan should be toward the end of the list.

A Planning Commission hearing on the Proffered Condition Amendment is scheduled for February 1 in the Board Auditorium. The hearing begins at 7:30 p.m., but the order of the agenda will not be determined until that evening. If you are interested in offering testimony, you should sign up in advance to make sure you are on the speakers' list. You may also submit video testimony or written comments in advance of the hearing. Information on providing testimony is available on the [Planning Commission website](#). A hearing before the Board of Supervisors has been scheduled for February 21.

Planning Commission Hearing on Proposal to Develop Day Property on Zion Drive Scheduled for February 15

A rezoning proposal for 10121 Zion Drive, a wooded, undeveloped site known as the Day property, has been under consideration for the past year. This 2.8-acre site is located on the west side of Zion Drive, just north of its intersection with Guinea Road and adjacent to the Burke Junction community. 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 an extension of James Young Way, a private street which connects to Zion Drive opposite Hillard Lake Road and links to the Burke Junction neighborhood to the south. The applicant has stated that they intend to make this development compatible with Burke Junction. The proposal would complete the sidewalk network along Zion Drive. Recreation amenity areas include a pollinator garden, birdhouses, benches/seating areas, and a tot lot.

Following a November 28 community meeting hosted by Supervisor Walkinshaw, several meetings and a site visit with the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee, and further discussions with County staff, the applicant submitted slightly revised plans. The northern side setback was increased to be compliant with County standards. The application now provides for nine on-street visitor parking spaces along the new portion of James Young Way and the existing area directly connecting with Zion Drive. The plan includes an illustration showing how interparcel connection required in the Comprehensive Plan could be achieved should the properties to the north redevelop in the future. The garages were increased to 20 x 20 feet in order to accommodate two vehicles, trash cans, and storage of bicycles, etc.

The updated plans are 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.



The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will be discussing this application at its meeting on January 17 and will make its recommendation. Their meetings are open to the public.

The Planning Commission's public hearing is scheduled for February 15 in the Board Auditorium. The hearing begins at 7:30 p.m., but the order of the agenda will not be determined until that evening. If you are interested in offering testimony, you should sign up in advance to make sure you are on the speakers' list. You may also submit video testimony or written comments in advance of the hearing. Information on providing testimony is available on the [Planning Commission website](#). A hearing before the Board of Supervisors has not yet been scheduled.

Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will hold a hybrid meeting on **Tuesday, January 17, at 7:00 p.m. in Braddock Hall**. The agenda will include a briefing on a Zoning Ordinance amendment on landscaping and screening provisions, a discussion and vote on whether to recommend approval of the application to rezone the Day property on Zion Road, a discussion and vote on whether to recommend approval of the rezoning proposal for constructing 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#.

Three Braddock District Projects Proposed for Consideration in Site-Specific Plan Amendment Process – Community Meeting on January 30

A virtual community meeting is scheduled for January 30 at 7:00 p.m. to review preliminary proposals, called "nominations," to change the Comprehensive Plan as part of the 2022-2023 Site-Specific Plan Amendment (SSPA) process. Three nominations in the Braddock District will be reviewed at the community meeting.

SSPA nominations can be proposed by anyone and are not formal development applications; the SSPA process is a preliminary stage in the development review process. The community meeting is an opportunity to learn about the nominations and provide comments, which will be used to help determine which of the nominations should advance for further review as planning studies (which would also involve the community), and which should be screened out of consideration. Feedback received at the community meetings will help inform upcoming Planning Commission workshop discussions to be held on February 22, March 2, March 9, and March 15 to prioritize nominations for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Planning Commission workshops will be open to the public and participation is encouraged. Following the Planning Commission's recommendation, the Board of Supervisors will take action to adopt a Work Program containing some of the nominations.

These are the nominations in the Braddock District:

11301 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax – Evergreen Investment Company, LLC

This vacant site at the southwest corner of Waples Mill Road and Route 50 is currently planned for office use up to 0.15 FAR with an overlay option of medium/high intensity office use at 0.70 FAR. A portion of the site may also be used to accommodate a future planned overpass at the intersection. The nomination proposes adding an option to the current Plan text to allow for residential use up to 1.9 FAR. A multi-family residential building with structured parking and up to 200 units is proposed on the property.

11727 Fairfax Woods Way, Fairfax – EQR Fairfax Corner, LLC

This site is contained in the Reserve at Fairfax Corner. The base Plan calls for residential use at 4-8 dwelling units/acre, with a redevelopment option of office mixed-use up to 0.35 FAR. The nomination proposes to construct a mid-rise multifamily building with structured parking that contains up to 405 units within an existing multifamily development. The construction of the multifamily building will result in the loss of up to 70 existing multifamily units, or a net increase of up to 335 multifamily units on the property. To accommodate this proposal, the nomination proposes adding an option to the Plan text to allow an increase in the allowable FAR from 0.35 to 0.42 FAR.

9350 Braddock Road, Fairfax – Trustees of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Episcopal

Land in the Olley Lane corridor between Braddock Road and Athens Road is planned for low-density residential use, which generally should not exceed one dwelling unit per acre to retain the contour of land to preserve existing mature trees. The nominator proposes adding an option to the current Plan text to allow for residential use up to a density of 2-3 dwelling units per acre. The church would remain on a portion of the site.

Here is the link to the community meeting:

Monday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Via Microsoft Teams

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Or call in by phone at: (571) 429-5982

Passcode: 142 670 696#

Update on Construction at Erickson Living's Woodleigh Chase Project

Erickson Living's Woodleigh Chase community on Braddock Road continues to take shape. We appreciate the monthly updates and hope you do, as well.

At Emerson Square, the community building in the center which will contain a kitchen, dining facilities, a pool, fitness center, offices, and some residences, drywall is continuing to be installed throughout the building. Brick and siding work is underway on the exterior of the building.

Roofing is nearly complete on the residential building on the west, Fulton Landing, and siding and brick work is continuing on the exterior. The storefront windows are being installed. Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing rough-in work is continuing inside the building.

At Stafford Glen, the residential building on the east, similar progress is being made. Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing rough-in work is underway. Roof trusses are being set and sheathing and decking is being installed on the roof.

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 (on left) & Emerson Square

Emerson Square & Fulton Landing



Update on DMV's Braddock Road Customer Service Center

Work has begun on the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Braddock Road Customer Service Center, being built on state-owned land on Braddock Road between Erickson Senior Living's new Woodleigh Chase facility and the Virginia State Police Office. Acting Virginia DMV Commissioner Linda Ford reported that their contractor will be doing what they can during the colder winter months, with activity picking up in the spring. The construction schedule is still being finalized. We appreciate the updates and will continue to keep the community updated as information is available.



Update on One University Project Construction

The One University project is located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Ox Road and University Drive. On the western portion of the site, which will contain the affordable senior and multifamily housing, the elevated deck has been completely poured. The masonry elevator and stair towers are 60 percent complete. Electrical and plumbing rough-ins are ongoing in the garage. Framing has started and will continue for the next several months, beginning at the senior housing building before moving to the family building.



At the student building on the eastern portion of the site, the highest level of concrete should be poured next week and work will transition to wood framing. Some additional concrete will be poured at grade. The photo on the left shows the pool deck with the last slab pour. The photo on the right shows the concrete slab with walls marked out as the contractor prepares to start framing. Framing work will continue on both sites for several months.



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.

- **Paul Michael, TR, Christina A. Michael – 11610 Leehigh Drive, Fairfax
SP-2021-BR-00090**
The applicants requested a reduction of setback requirements to permit a two-story 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 applicants were also seeking approval. This application was approved by the BZA on December 7. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, 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 a roofed deck 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. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found on this [PLUS website](#).
- **Katina Marie Scott & Timothy Paul Chobot – 4408 Random Court, Annandale
SP-2022-BR-00121**
The applicants are seeking a reduction in setback requirements to permit a two-story addition 7.9 feet from the southwest side lot line such that side setbacks total 19.7 feet, and a roofed deck (covered patio) 10 feet from the southwest side lot line. The BZA hearing on this application has been scheduled for March 1. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on this [PLUS website](#).
- **Farzaneh Hajiaghazorgi & Nina Daycare LLC – 5002 Wheatstone Drive, Fairfax
SP-2022-BR-00177**
The applicant is seeking approval to expand a home child care facility to care for 12 children. Arrival times would be between 7:30 and 9:15 a.m. and pick-up times would be from 2:45 and 5:00 p.m. The applicant currently has two employees and would hire two additional employees to have two during the morning shift and two for the afternoon shift. Parking would be in the driveway and on the street. The applicant is also requesting a

reduction in setback requirements to permit an accessory structure (shed) to remain 0.0 feet from the southern lot line. The BZA hearing on this application has been scheduled for March 15. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on this [PLUS website](#).

➤ **Ryan D. Swanson & Allison S. Swanson – 4121 Nutwood Way, Fairfax
SP-2021-BR-00112**

The applicants are seeking a reduction in setback requirements to permit an addition (screened porch) 19.2 feet from the rear lot line. The BZA hearing on this application has been scheduled for March 22. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on this [PLUS website](#).

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

The applicants are seeking a reduction in setback requirements to permit an open deck to remain 4.8 feet from the rear lot line. The BZA hearing on this application has been scheduled for March 29. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, 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. The BZA hearing on this application has been deferred until March 29. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on this [PLUS website](#).

➤ **Mark E. Yohn – 5513 Ravenel Lane, Springfield
SP-2022-BR-00185**

The applicant is requesting a reduction in setback requirements to allow an addition (garage) to remain 9.2 feet from the side property line. The applicant is also requesting to raise the roof of the garage by 5 feet. In addition, the applicant is requesting a reduction in setback requirements to permit an accessory structure (shed) to remain 1 foot from the property line and with a height of 9.8 feet. A BZA hearing has not yet been scheduled for this application. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on this [PLUS website](#).

➤ **Alberto Gonzalo Acha Garcia – 7517 Hamlet Street, Springfield
SP-2022-BR-00132**

The applicant is requesting a reduction of the minimum required side yard setback to allow him to retain an enclosed carport at 6.6 feet from the east side lot line (12-foot setback required). A BZA hearing has not yet been scheduled for this application.

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 was 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 indefinitely deferred. Information, including a map of the site, 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.