



The Braddock Beacon

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Braddock District Supervisor

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Dear Neighbor,

I'm excited to share that we have two new members of staff in the Braddock District office: Malena Llanos and Andrea Lewis! Our staff go the extra mile each day to serve you, and I'm deeply grateful for their service. I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce (and re-introduce) you to our team and let you know whom to contact when you need help with a particular issue.

Frank Anderson, Chief of Staff: Office management, Legislative Affairs, County Budget, Appointments to Boards, Authorities, and Commissions, FOIA Representative, Notary Public

Marcia Pape, Senior Legislative Assistant for Land Use: Land Use and Development, Braddock Road Multimodal Improvement Project, Braddock Land Use and Environment Committee

Malena Llanos, Communications Aide: Public Relations, Website and Social Media Manager, Braddock Beacon Newsletters and Walkinshaw Advisories, Latinx & African American Community Outreach, Voting and Elections

Joon Park, Senior Staff Aide: Front desk reception, Supervisor's Schedule, Braddock Hall Reservations, Asian & Pacific Islander American Community Outreach, Solid Waste and Recycling, Libraries, Notary Public

Sally Kidalov, Staff Aide: Transportation and Transit, Braddock District Council, Homeowners Associations and Civic Association, K-12 and Higher Education, Public Safety and Crime, County History, Notary Public

Irma Mejia Lewis, Staff Aide: Human Services, Mental Health Issues, Suicide and Domestic Violence Prevention, Taxes, Disability Services, Older Adults, Braddock District Events, Code Compliance, Utilities and Public Works



*Front Row L-R: Malena Llanos, Marcia Pape, Irma Mejia Lewis, Frank Anderson, Joon Park
Back Row L-R: Andrea Lewis, Supervisor Walkinshaw, Sally Kidalov*

Andrea Lewis, Staff Aide: Parks and Trails, Environmental Policy, Climate Change Issues, Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation, Streams and Watersheds, Natural Resources and Wildlife

Whether you need help with a County, state, or federal agency, have questions about what services are provided by your local government, are interested in ways to get involved in the community, would like to reserve our free Braddock Hall meeting room, or need a document notarized or a "Slow Down" sign for your yard, we are here for you! Stop by our office at 9002 Burke Lake Road (same building as the Kings Park Library) from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, call us at (703) 425-9300, or reach by email at Braddock@FairfaxCounty.gov.

Black History Month

February is Black History Month, a month to recognize the impacts of, amplify the voices of, and celebrate generations of Black Americans. This month we reaffirm our commitment to promoting equity, inclusivity, and advancement throughout Fairfax County.

Fairfax County is filled with Black History. At next week's Board meeting, we will recognize winners of the Historical Marker Contest that was **initiated by Supervisor Palchik** in September 2022. Please take a moment to **read about these historical figures**.

Upcoming Lake Accotink Meetings

Finally, I'd like to take a moment to remind Braddock residents about two upcoming meetings in February (one virtual and one in-person) about Lake Accotink. More details can be found in the Beacon under "Environmental & Parks Updates." I encourage you to attend one of these meetings to learn about the latest status of the project.

Yours in service,



Supervisor James R. Walkinshaw

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Upcoming Events

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

- **February 8**Virtual FCPS Strategic Plan Meeting (Spanish)
- **February 9**Virtual FCPS Strategic Plan Meeting
- **February 11**..... Stuff the Bus (Fairfax Walmart)
Virtual FCPS Strategic Plan Meeting
- **February 15**..... Braddock District Council Meeting
FCPS Strategic Plan Meeting at West Springfield High School
- **February 17**.....Fairfax County Black History Month Celebration
- **February 18**..... Stuff the Bus (Cardinal Forest Giant)
- **February 19**..... Fairfax County Animal Shelter Vaccination & Microchip Clinic
- **February 20**..... Presidents' Day | FCPS & Government Offices Closed
- **February 21**.....Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting

Walkinshaw in the Community



Supervisor Walkinshaw, as new VRE Operations Board Chair, presented outgoing Chair Prince William Supervisor Margaret Franklin with a plaque to commemorate her leadership on January 20.



Supervisor Walkinshaw attended Chairman McKay's New Years Reception on January 20, seen here with Volunteer Fairfax Interim CEO Joe Cattaneo and Mayjean Deem van der Werf, Volunteer Fairfax Director of Programs & Operations.



On January 18, Supervisor Walkinshaw testified before the House Transportation Committee to prohibit vehicles with illegal, noisy mufflers from passing state inspections.



Braddock residents Edie Smith and Marilyn Baird met with the Supervisor on January 23 to discuss the importance of passing relief for families of service members who died in the line of duty.



Supervisor Walkinshaw joined representatives from USDA, Fairfax Public Works & Environmental Services, Northern Virginia Soil & Water Conservation District, and the Lake Braddock Community Association to highlight the partnership between them to manage Lake Braddock and its dam on January 27.



Supervisor Walkinshaw joined St. Matthew's United Methodist Church to prepare hypothermia shelter care packages with the congregation on January 29.

In January, Supervisor Walkinshaw also:

- Welcomed the Fairfax County General Assembly Delegation at their Public Hearing in the Board Auditorium on January 7
- Kicked off the Long Branch Watershed Implementation Plan meeting on January 10
- Met with representatives from Fairfax Families for Safe Streets to discuss how to improve safety initiatives for children and families on January 12
- Visited St. Mary of Sorrows' Hypothermia Shelter on January 16
- Attended Cub Scout 5th Grade Den of Pack 1131's weekly meeting to talk about public service and the local government's role on January 17
- Went to Richmond with the Virginia Association of Counties to participate in their Local Government Day on January 19
- Attended the FCPS Strategic Plan Meeting at Lake Braddock Secondary School on January 31

February Citizen of the Month

Edith Smith

Braddock District's Citizen of the Month is Edith Smith, known to friends as Edie. Edie approached Supervisor Walkinshaw's office in 2021 to discuss real estate tax exemptions for the spouses of service members who died in the line of duty. From our first introduction, we learned that Edie has been advocating for more than a generation on behalf of military families.

A long-time resident of Springfield, VA, Edie is the widow of Lt. Col. Vince Smith, US Marine Corps. Col. Smith was retired in 1981 at the age of 43 and died of his service-caused disability in 1998.

Edie's first mission, with her husband's support, was to obtain CHAMPUS, now TRICARE, eligibility for disabled military retirees under age 65. While Edie had healthcare, Vince did not. He was switched to Medicare and had no prescription coverage. Edie was able to get CHAMPUS coverage extended to disabled military retirees under age 65 which set the precedent for Tricare for Life, as second payor to Medicare. Now military retirees retain TRICARE upon retirement and once on Medicare, also have TRICARE for Life healthcare benefits. Edie Smith has devoted her life to helping other military surviving spouses obtain their survivor benefits. Edie worked tirelessly to teach survivors how to participate in our government. She has stated, "Democracy is not a spectator sport." Her mentorship, tirelessly walking the Halls of Congress (testifying over 30 times) and being the co-administrator of a Facebook group for military surviving spouses resulted in the repeal of what was called the Widow's Tax. The Survivor Benefit Plan, a premium based annuity, purchased by military retirees was reduced dollar for dollar by DIC, Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, paid by the Veteran's Administration to a surviving spouse of any veteran who dies of a service caused disability. This was wrong, and the result was that most of these widows/widowers received little or none of SBP. A paid for insurance annuity should never be reduced by another program. It took 19 years of bills in Congress to get this rectified.



The issue that Edie brought to Supervisor Walkinshaw's attention was a state constitutional amendment passed in 2014 that exempted the real estate taxes for spouses of service members who were killed in action but excluded those for spouses of other service members who died in the line of duty. Edie and advocates set out to correct this inequity.

Throughout the process, Edie organized area spouses and provided a wealth of resources to the General Assembly, the Fairfax Department of Tax Administration, and our office. Her connections with the Department of Defense and the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service

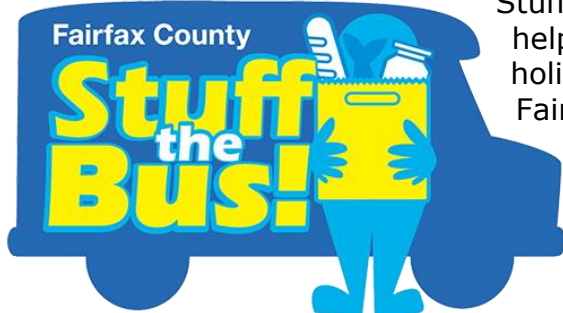
Organizations proved invaluable to our understanding of service members' families and the impact that tax relief would have.

Working with Virginia Delegate Kathy Tran, Edie successfully pushed for the passage of HB 957, which gives localities like Fairfax the authority to set a lower real estate tax rate for spouses of service members who died in the line of duty. Supervisor Walkinshaw guided the process of considering, crafting, and ultimately adopting an ordinance to enact the lowest tax rate allowable under HB 957. Edie was there every step of the way to provide support and to serve as a resource. She worked on this even though she is excluded from this property tax relief.

This tax rate will affect a small group of residents but is significant to these military families who have endured much and deserve our recognition. We are grateful to Edie for her work on this effort. Her dedication to securing benefits for veterans and survivors has improved the lives of thousands of and military families. Congratulations to Edie and thank you for your continued advocacy!

Community News

12th Annual Stuff the Bus!



Stuff the Bus began in 2011 in response to a critical need to help restock the shelves of local food pantries after the holidays. This collaborative program is a partnership between Fairfax County Government and local nonprofits. Now in its 12th year, Stuff the Bus continues to support food assistance efforts for families and households. Stuff the Bus has collected more than 220 tons of food to feed people experiencing food insecurity in Fairfax County since its inception.

Fight Hunger in Our Neighborhoods!

The Braddock District collection dates are:

- Saturday, February 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Fairfax Walmart (11181 Lee Highway Fairfax, VA 22003)
- Saturday, February 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Cardinal Forest Giant (8320 Old Keene Mill Rd. Springfield, VA 22152)

For a full list of Stuff the Bus events, [visit the Stuff the Bus page.](#)

Library Staff Excellence Award Nominations Open until February 14

The fourth annual Fairfax County Public Library Staff Excellence Awards are here!

Staff at Fairfax County Public Libraries continue to be amazing representatives of local government, providing access to a range of materials, services, and spaces for all members of our community. Show them your appreciation by nominating individual employees for a Staff Excellence award.

The Library Board of Trustees sponsors this program that has annually garnered more than 100 nominations for the great staff who work in our libraries. Nominations [can be submitted online](#) or in person from now through February 14.

The Library Board will recognize winners at their March 9 meeting. You can find [more information online](#), or reach out to library staff directly at wwwlib@fairfaxcounty.gov

Braddock District Council Meeting

The next Braddock District Council meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 15, at 7:00 p.m. in Braddock Hall (9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA).**

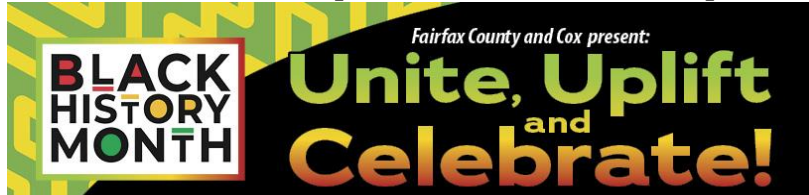
This will be a regular business meeting. Per bylaws, in order to conduct business a quorum of seven (7) members in good standing (dues paid) is required, so it is important that all paid-up



associations have a representative at this **in-person** meeting. If your association has not yet joined, [please visit the BDC website to sign up.](#)

Based on requests from various associations regarding Officers & Directors and general liability insurance issues, the main item at this meeting will be a presentation by Bruce Easmunt, an attorney with Chadwick-Washington, a practice specializing in homeowner/community/condo association law. This is a great opportunity to learn if your association needs to obtain or update insurance coverage and, if so, what kind(s) and what level(s) of coverage would be appropriate.

Fairfax County's Black History Month Celebration



On February 17, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. please join Fairfax County and Cox Communications at the Government Center to celebrate Black History Month. This event will explore Black history in Fairfax and celebrate Black

perseverance and resiliency. [Details can be found here.](#)

Stargaze at Burke Lake Park

Winter nights offer some of the best opportunities to stargaze. With long evenings and clear skies, winter is a great time to observe constellations and planets and create lasting family memories at the same time.

The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) will host an event that provides observers ages 3 and up with an out-of-this-world experience. Burke Lake Park's Stargazing Spectacular will be held on Saturday, February 18, from 5:00 to 7:15 p.m.



The event will feature family-friendly activities, including guided star gazing, telescope observations, and gathering around the campfire to hear ancient stories about constellations. Enrollment for each event is \$10 per person. [Register on FCPA's website.](#)

Low-Cost Animal Vaccinations & Microchips

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter will be holding six low-cost vaccination and microchip clinics for your dog or cat!

A blue poster with white paw prints and snowflake icons. The title is '2023 Low Cost Vaccination & Microchip Clinics'. It lists dates: February 19th, April 23rd, May 28th, September 10th, October 22nd, and December 3rd. It includes an illustration of a dog, a cat, and a person with a syringe. Text at the bottom states: 'All clinics are first come, first served, and limited to 150 pets. Clinics will be held at 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030. More information: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/animalshelter/communityassistance/rabiesclinics'.

All clinics will be from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter (4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030). Space is limited to the first 150 people in line, so get there early to take advantage of these services! The first clinic is on February 19.

There is no pre-registration or appointment required, and all paperwork will be completed at each clinic. For more information about vaccines available and additional dates, [please visit the Animal Shelter's website.](#)

Chronicling the County's African American Experience

The Fairfax County [History Commission's African American History Inventory](#) continues to grow. The inventory is now fully accessible to the public, and the commission is embarking on its next round of updates.

The goal of the AAHI is to capture, communicate, and preserve the African American experience throughout Fairfax County's history. The online inventory highlights African American residents' contributions, featuring churches, homes, schools, communities, and events. The database of general resources and research topics has been prepared for use by residents, students, and historians to increase interest and knowledge about Fairfax County's diverse population.

Braddock District residents are encouraged to [contact their History Commissioners](#) with additional information about any site or resource.

[The Inventory](#) includes the following:

- Physical sites
- Collections
- Digital resources
- Oral histories
- Church and school histories
- Historical roadside markers
- Family records
- Objects
- Places to visit
- Research sources

This project is a collaborative effort between the History Commission and the George Mason University Center for Mason Legacies. Alpha Team 4 of the Fall/Spring 2021-22 GMU IT Capstone project created and launched the website of the inventory.

Volunteer with ServiceSource

Would you like to be involved in your community? ServiceSource is currently looking for volunteers who would like to engage with older adults and adults with disabilities.

[Visit ServiceSource's website](#) to learn more about the services and programs offered. If you're interested in volunteering, please call/text Yashoda Premysler at (571) 334-8830 or email yashoda.premysler@servicesource.org

ServiceSource CARE Mobile
Community Access to Resources and Engagement

Volunteers Needed

We are currently looking for volunteers who would like to engage with older adults and adults with disabilities

Would you like to be involved in your community?

We have one-time and long-term volunteer opportunities for those interested in facilitating or just helping with the events.

Email/Text/Call Yashoda Premysler if interested or if you would like more information
yashoda.premysler@servicesource.org
Work Cell: 571-334-8830

Visit website to learn about ServiceSource services and programs

SCAN QR CODE
<https://www.servicesource.org/>

We need volunteers who can do either one of the activities but not limited to:

- Facilitate yoga/Tai-chi
- Facilitate Zumba
- Facilitate arts and crafts
- Facilitate Drum circles
- Facilitate chair exercises
- Facilitate Karaoke
- Provide community resources
- Provide wellness checks
- Provide vaccine services
- Provide nutrition education
- Conduct informational sessions
- Any other ideas are welcome

Environment & Parks News

Lake Accotink Dredging Project Updates

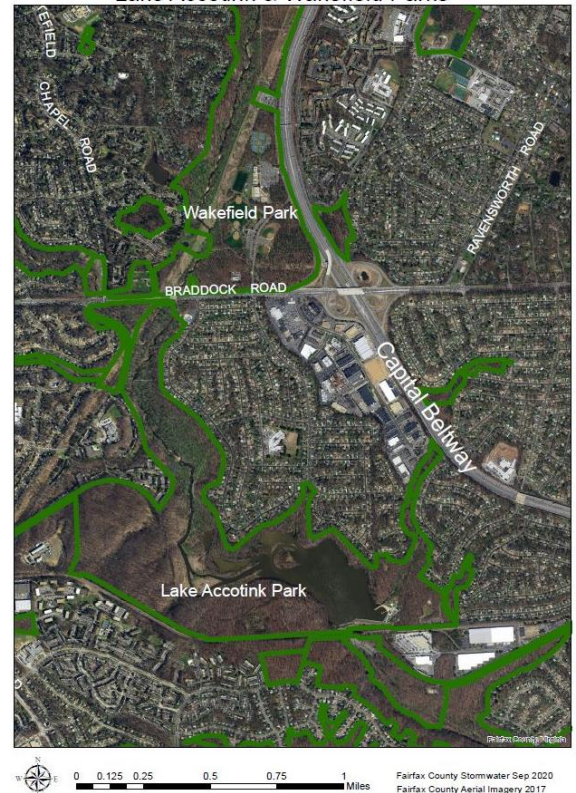
Last year Supervisor Walkinshaw's office held a community meeting to discuss and receive feedback on the proposed Lake Accotink Dredging Project. Since then, additional analysis has been completed, and the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services will be presenting this information and staff recommendations at two upcoming meetings.

Additional information will be posted on [the project webpage](#) later next week, and a survey will be available after the meetings to gather public input. The meetings will be identical, just in different formats for the audience.

Residents are encouraged to participate in these meetings to be informed of the project's status.

- Virtual Meeting: Wednesday, February 15, at 7:00 p.m. To access the public meeting, [visit the County's Public Works site](#) and click on the meeting link.
- In Person Meeting: Thursday, February 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the [Kings Glen Elementary School](#) (5401 Danbury Forest Dr, Springfield, VA 22151).

Lake Accotink & Wakefield Parks



Conferencia de Profesionales de la Jardinería en Español

Para trabajadores, propietarios de compañías de jardinería, paisajistas, y empleados de viveros.

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Miércoles 15 de febrero del 2023
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Northern Virginia Community College
Campus de Annandale
Forum Room – Ernst Community Cultural Center
8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003

[PlantNovaNatives.org/clase-en-espanol](https://plantnovanatives.org/clase-en-espanol)

La inscripción es obligatoria y debe hacerse antes del 14 de febrero.

¿Preguntas? PlantNovaNatives@gmail.com
(703) 829-6267



Aprenda estas prácticas para atraer más clientes:

- cómo mantener adecuadamente los espacios naturales
- los beneficios de las plantas nativas
- cómo y por qué rescatar árboles de las plantas invasoras
- las mejores prácticas para podar árboles, etc.

Premios! Rifas! Almuerzo! Todo Gratis!

Rifa: Un afortunado asistente recibirá una beca de matrícula completa del curso de certificación en español en manejo de paisajismo ofrecido por Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional.

Aprenda sobre las plantas nativas y el manejo del paisaje natural. **El miércoles 15 de febrero de 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Northern Virginia Community College (8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003). La conferencia es gratis habrá premios, rifas y almuerzo. La [inscripción es gratis y obligatoria](#) y debe hacerse antes del 14 de febrero. ¿Preguntas? plantnovanatives@gmail.com o llame (703) 829-6267

Native Plants and Natural Landscape Management Workshop in Spanish

Plant Nova Natives is holding a workshop on native plants and management of natural landscapes for Spanish-speaking landscape professionals on **February 15 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** at Northern Virginia Community College's Annandale Campus in the Forum room at the Ernst Community Cultural Center (8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003).

Attendance is free, but you must [register here by February 14](#). Email plantnovanatives@gmail.com with questions.

Workshop for Landscaping & Gardening Professionals - Offered in Spanish!

Please share with your Spanish-speaking colleagues:

Wednesday, February 15, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Northern Virginia Community College
Annandale Campus
Forum Room – Ernst Community Cultural Center
8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003

PlantNovaNatives.org/clase-en-espanol

Registration is required. Sign up by February 14.

Questions? PlantNovaNatives@gmail.com
(703) 829-6267

Learn about these practices to attract more clients:

- Maintaining a natural landscape
- The benefits of native plants
- Rescuing trees from invasive vines
- Best practices for pruning and tree planting

Prizes! Raffles! Lunch! All Free!

Raffle! One lucky attendee will receive a full tuition scholarship for the Spanish version of the Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professionals certification course for landscaping crews.

Native Seedling Sale

Orders for the Northern Virginia Soil & Water Conservation District (NVSWCD)'s 2023 Native Seedling Sale will open on **Tuesday, March 7, at 9:00 a.m.** The order site will [be linked from this page](#).

Pickup will be March 31, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and April 1, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Sleepy Hollow Bath and Racquet Club (3516 Sleepy Hollow Road, Falls Church, VA 22044). Any seedlings not collected at pickup will be donated to a reforestation project in Fairfax County. Seedlings must be purchased in advance; no day-of-sales or extras will be offered. Please contact [NVSWCD](#) before the seedling sale date if you need accommodations.

Park Authority Summer Camp Registration Now Open!



Registration for FCPA's summer camps, serving children ages 3 to 16, is now open.

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.

Food Scraps Composting Drop Off

Fairfax County recently began accepting food scraps for composting at two solid waste management facilities: the [I-95 Landfill Complex](#) and the [I-66 Transfer Station](#). They are open seven days a week, **Monday – Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** You can drop your food scraps into one of the green bins.



Details including what is/is not compostable can be found on the [County's Public Works and Environmental Services website](#).

NVRC Solar Map Now Available

The [**Northern Virginia Regional Commission**](#) has created a solar map for the geographic area of Northern Virginia to demonstrate to homeowners and business owners how much solar energy can be generated by the rooftop of their home and/or business. The map is the first of its kind in Northern Virginia.

[**View the map,**](#) or [**visit solarmap.com**](#) to learn more.



Compliance Corner

Permits and Inspections

A common violation found in Department of Code Compliance (DCC) investigations is construction conducted *without* required permits or inspections. The Virginia Construction Code (VCC) requires that permits and inspections be obtained for certain types of construction or installations, many of which are very common property improvements. Any time a permit is required, the scope of work must pass all required inspections, including a final inspection by a County inspector. County inspectors do not conduct an inspection unless property owner contacts the County to schedule one.

Learn the permit and inspection requirements to avoid violations of the VCC and possible safety hazards requirements before pursuing a project. Information about permit requirements for construction and installations [is available here](#).

DCC accepts complaints and concerns about potential violations [on the DCC website](#) or by telephone during regular business hours, at (703) 324-1300.

Transportation Updates

Fairfax Connector Service Changes Effective February 4

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) announces service changes that will go into effect on **February 4**, including new Route 660 that replaces Route 644 and minor service adjustments made on Routes 937 and 951.

Service changes that go into effect February 4:

- [Route 644](#): This route will be eliminated and replaced with new Route 660, which will provide more regular service and new connectivity to Tysons by way of the Fairfax County Government Center and the Vienna Metrorail Station.
- [Route 660](#): Centreville (Stone Road) Park & Ride – (Tysons) – This route will provide service between Centreville's Stone Road Park & Ride and Tysons via the Government Center and Vienna Metrorail Station.
- [Route 937](#): Harbor House to Herndon Metro - Southbound service on Route 937 will be realigned to serve Coppermine Road, with a left turn to Frying Pan Road. The Northbound Route 937 remains unchanged.
- [Route 951](#): Wiehle-Reston East Metro to Innovation Center Metro-Eastbound service will be realigned to serve Coppermine Road, with a left turn to Frying Pan Road Westbound remains unchanged.

Stay Connected with Fairfax Connector

- Visit www.fairfaxconnector.com
- Call (703) 339-7200, TTY (703) 339-1608 (Monday-Friday, 5:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.)

- Email Fairfaxconnector@fairfaxcounty.gov
- To receive notifications for your bus route, sign up for [BusTracker email or text alerts](#)
- Follow Fairfax Connector on [Twitter](#) & [Facebook](#)
- Visit a [Connector Transit Store](#)

Old Keene Mill and Irving Virtual Community Meeting

Join Supervisor James Walkinshaw, representatives from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), and Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) virtually to learn about proposed pedestrian improvements and traffic changes to the intersection of Old Keene Mill Road and Ainsworth Avenue in Springfield.

The virtual meeting will be held Monday, February 13, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. [You can join here.](#)

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Join the meeting at bit.ly/213brad

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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 highlights Tysons Urban Team (TUT) officers. A role that has evolved significantly since 2013, TUT officers play an integral part in keeping our community and shopping centers safe. [This video](#) details some of their efforts over the past year.



Convenience Store Robbery Arrests

Fairfax County experienced seven brazen gaming machine larcenies this year, including one in the Braddock District. Officers were able to make quick arrests last week. [Check out details here.](#)

Community Advisory Committee Community Engagement Meeting

The West Springfield District Community Advisory Committee (CAC) will be hosting a Community Engagement Meeting on **Tuesday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m.** These meetings offer the community a chance to dialogue and communicate more effectively with officers of the Fairfax County Police Department.

Abby Dunner from the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness will be the guest speaker, discussing the Hypothermia Program. The meeting will be held in person at the West Springfield District Station (6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA). Follow the Fairfax County Public School system for any weather-related cancellations.

Consider signing up for the West Springfield CAC newsletter by emailing wscacmailbox@gmail.com. CAC meetings are generally held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. (except in July and August), and all ages are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, contact MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363.



West Springfield District Station
Community Advisory Committee
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING
Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 7:00PM
6140 Rolling Road
Springfield, VA



Guest Speaker:

Abby Dunner
Fairfax County Hypothermia Program
Office to Prevent and End Homelessness



Scout Night

Officers from the West Springfield District Station will be hosting a Scout Night on **Thursday, February 16, between 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**



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

If older scouts need specific requirements for a badge, arrangements can be made. Please contact either PFC Liam May at (703) 277-

2357 or MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363 for scheduling or further questions.

Let's Talk: Community Meeting

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 prevention, or if you just have questions, join the District Officers on **Tuesday, February 21, at 6:30 p.m.** for a community meeting.



Let's Talk

JOIN MPO TONY CAPIZZI AND PFC LIAM MAY FOR YOUR CRIME PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH QUESTIONS!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023 AT 6:30 PM

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS LINK BELOW



Please use the Microsoft Teams link below to join. If you have any questions before the meeting, contact MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363.

Microsoft Teams meeting | [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 288 309 966 771 | Passcode: uwE9wZ

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

Or call in (audio only) +1 571-429-5982,,823532154#

Phone Conference ID: 823 532 154#

Coffee with a Cop



Join officers from the West Springfield District Station on **Saturday, February 25, from 9:00 -11:00 a.m.** for "Coffee with a Cop" at the Rolling Road Starbucks (8098 Rolling Rd, Springfield, VA 22153).

Meet and talk with officers about your community. If you have questions, feel free to reach out to MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363 or PFC Liam May at (703) 277-2357.

Car Seat Saturday

Get your car seat inspected **on Saturday, February 25, from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** at 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. All car seat inspections/installations will be conducted by a certified Child Passenger Safety technician.

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



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

Human Services Corner

Provide Feedback on the Draft School Year Calendars

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is seeking community feedback on [draft calendar options](#) for the next three school years: 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26.

The deadline to submit your calendar preferences has been extended. Feedback will be collected until **Monday, February 6, at 12:00 p.m.** Please share your thoughts by [completing this calendar feedback form](#).



[This chart](#) outlines the framework and the differences among the four options: Blue, Orange, Green, and Purple. More information about the calendar development process can be found on [FCPS' website](#).

FCPS Strategic Planning Process



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](#)):

- 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 cafeteria

Academy and Specialized Program Open Houses

Advanced technical and specialized elective courses are available at the High School Academies for students interested in pursuing coursework in a variety of options related to career pathways.

Enrollments in the Academy elective course offerings will provide students with career and academic preparation for post-secondary education and/or career fields. Students enrolling in Academy elective courses will be provided with opportunities to participate in a variety of career experiences including shadowing, mentoring, and/or internships with local businesses.



FCPS will be hosting several open houses for academies and specialized programs in February. You can [read the full list of programs available and schedules here.](#)

Flu Vaccinations: it's not too late!

Flu Update

See "It's not too late: vaccinate your child against seasonal flu" to learn about:

- What is happening with flu this year
- Complications from flu among children
- How to prevent flu
- What to do if your child gets the flu.

Flu vaccines offer the best defense against flu and its potentially serious complications. Each year, millions of children get sick, thousands of children are hospitalized, and some children die from flu. [Visit the County's Health Department's website](#) to learn more about:

- What is happening with flu this year
- Complications from flu among children
- How to prevent flu
- What to do if your child gets the flu.

 www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

Dating violence is a pattern of harmful behaviors that can be used to exert power and control over a dating partner.

February is
TEEN DATING VIOLENCE
Awareness Month



This violence can happen in different ways, including physical violence, emotional and verbal violence, [sexual violence](#), [financial control](#), and digital violence. Many teens experience some form of intimate partner violence even before graduating from high school.

AWARENESS
+ Action
= Social
Change

Fairfax County
Domestic and
Sexual Violence
24-Hour Hotline
703-360-7273

JOIN US AT THE FAIRFAX COUNTY
TEEN TALENT SHOWCASE!

Come to a celebration of art and performance and raise awareness about teen dating violence. This year's theme, Awareness + Action = Social Change, encourages people to take a stand against violence in their community. Artwork and performances featured are from the annual art contest where teens respond to what this year's theme means to them. Attendees will have an opportunity to participate in a variety of art and performance-based activities, as well as vote on the People's Choice prize.

Awareness + Action = Social Change
Friday, Feb. 24, 2023 at 5 p.m.

Sully Community Center
13800 Wall Road
Herndon, VA 20171

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT:
Debra Miller at Debra.Miller@fairfaxcounty.gov or
Yolanda Bonilla at Yolanda.Bonilla@fairfaxcounty.gov
fairfaxcounty.gov SEARCH: **Teen Dating Violence**
#AwarenessActionSocialChange

The purpose of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month is to raise public awareness about the impact of dating violence on youth, educate young people about healthy relationships, and encourage the community to get involved to disrupt cycles of violence among teens. Learn more about [teen dating violence](#).

■ Wear **orange** on **Tuesday, February 7**, to take a stand against teen dating violence.

■ Teen Talent Showcase: On **Friday, February 24, at 5:00 p.m.** at the Sully Community Center (13800 Wall Road Herndon, VA 20171), art related to healthy relationships, dating violence, and consent will be displayed (or performed!). There will be food, arts & crafts, and more!

Where a TTY number is not indicated, use 711/
Virginia Relay. Reasonable accommodations
provided upon request, call 703-324-5730.



Opioid Overdoses

From January-June 2022 there were over 300 nonfatal opioid overdoses, and 45 fatal opioid overdoses in the Fairfax Health District (June-December 2022 data from the Virginia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner is being compiled). You can take steps to prevent future overdoses or help individuals who need assistance.

The County has prepared a page with resources to learn about recognizing overdoses, key facts about fentanyl, and access to the [Fairfax Health District Opioid Overdose Dashboard](#). You can access [the resources on Fairfax County's NewsCenter](#).

REVIVE! Naloxone Training

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

REVIVE! trains individuals on what to do and not do in an overdose situation, how to administer naloxone, and what to do afterwards. Each attendee also receives a free REVIVE! kit, that includes all the supplies needed to administer naloxone. The medication itself can be acquired at a pharmacy after completing the training. Attendees also receive a [safety plan](#) to help individuals prevent overdose if they relapse.

REVIVE!
Opioid Overdose and
Naloxone Education

Virtual class 

More details about the trainings [can be found here](#). The February schedule for virtual trainings is:

- [February 6 at 11:00 a.m.](#)
- [February 15 \(Spanish\) at 11:00 a.m.](#)
- [February 16 at 1:00 p.m.](#)
- [February 18 at 9:00 a.m.](#)
- [February 23 at 10:00 a.m.](#)
- [March 1 at 6:30 a.m.](#)

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's website](#) 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 helps 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.

To apply for the LIHWAP or for questions about the program, visit the [Virginia Department of Social Services' website](#), or call 1 (888) 373-9908.



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



¿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 aplicar: [En línea](#) | 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

Virtual Employment Expo for 50+ Jobseekers

Are you age 50 or better and looking for employment opportunities? Register to attend the Virtual 50+ Employment Expo on **February 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Registration is free and required. A list of employers, schedule, and [registration link can be found here.](#)

Learn about the ServiceSource CARE Mobile

ServiceSource CARE Mobile is a 100% mobile program that provides on-site outdoor health and wellness programming for older adults and adults with disabilities. Activities

such as Bingo, hearing and vision screenings, and tai-chi take place outdoors in areas such as Annandale and Springfield.

ServiceSource CARE Mobile

Community Access to Resources and Engagement

ServiceSource CARE Mobile is a 100% mobile program based on a public-private partnership model which provides roving on-site outdoor health and wellness programming for older adults and adults with disabilities. Activities will take place outdoors in areas such as Annandale, Bailey's Crossroads, Chantilly, Falls Church, Herndon, Mt. Vernon, and Springfield

Choose from an array of activities that promote physical wellness, social connection, mental and emotional well-being and engagement, such as:



Interested in having an event in your community? Want to be notified about future events? We would love to hear from you!

Volunteers Needed! Contact us if you are interested in providing or assisting with any of the activities above or have additional ideas. Must be 18+.

Call/text at 571-334-8830 and yashoda.premysler@servicesource.org




Northern Virginia Virtual 50+ Employment Expo
Helping All Seniors Thrive

Are you age 50 or better and looking for employment opportunities? Register today to attend the Virtual 50+ Employment Expo. Register for free at virtualexpos.accessjca.org

Jobseekers
Retool | Recharge | Reinvent
Attend the FREE Virtual 50+ Employment Expo
Friday, February 17th
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
You must register to participate.
Registration is free at virtualexpos.accessjca.org

Fairfax County and Northern Virginia Employers
Are you looking for smart, experienced professionals? Register today for one or more of the upcoming Virtual 50+ Employment Expos.
Friday: Feb. 17 | Apr. 14, 2023
Registration is Complimentary at virtualexpos.accessjca.org

JCA® (The Jewish Council for the Aging® of Greater Washington)
Thank Our Expo Supporters:
• AARP Virginia
• ACE Adult and Community Education
• Channel 16
• Fairfax County Government
• Fairfax County Schools
• LTCC and The Beacon Newspapers
• Volunteer Solutions

The NVA's Virtual 50+ Employment Expo are funded by The Metro and Governor's Quality Foundation and hosted by JCA.

More info: virtualexpos.accessjca.org Scan me SeniorExpo@AccessJCA.org

[Visit ServiceSource's website](#) to learn more about the services and programs offered. Interested in having an event in your community, or want to be notified about future events? Call or text Yashoda Premysler at (571) 334-8830 or email yashoda.premysler@servicesource.org

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

4027B Olley Lane, Fairfax, VA 22032

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



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
February 2023		1 10:30 Creativity Leads to Wellness	2	3
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 (listed alphabetically)

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 for future care costs and, to enjoy 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.

Visit [Virginia Wellness Center for Older Adults' website](#), call **(703) 970-3601** or email VAwellnesscenter@servicesource.org for more information.

Tax Season Resources


Tax Relief Workshop Series at Braddock Hall

Need assistance applying for tax relief? Supervisor Walkinshaw and the County Department of Tax Administration invite you to attend a tax relief workshop at Braddock Hall (9002 Burke Lake Rd. Burke, VA 22015).

- **Tuesday, March 28, at 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, April 4, at 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

For more information on the tax relief workshops, contact the Department of Tax Administration at (703) 222-8234, TTY 711, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or send an email to taxrelief@fairfaxcounty.gov

Braddock District Supervisor
James Walkinshaw
invites you to the Braddock District
Tax Relief Workshop Series



Representatives from
the Fairfax County
Department of Tax
Administration will be
available to assist
attendees with filing
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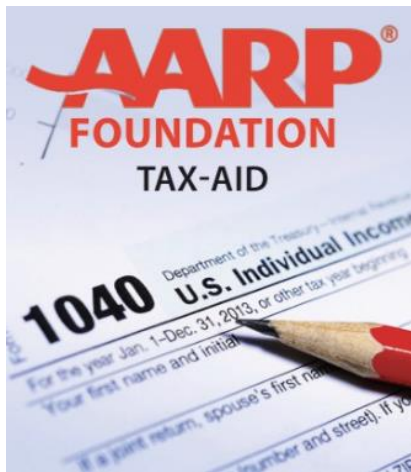
Supervisor
James R. Walkinshaw
Braddock District
Fairfax County, Virginia

Military Tax Services

Free tax services **are available for active military, veterans, and their families from MilTax** until October 15.

Services include tax preparation, e-filing software, and one-on-one help from military tax experts. These services are provided by Military OneSource and the Department of Defense.

AARP Tax-Aide



AARP provides in-person and virtual tax assistance to anyone free of charge with a special focus on taxpayers who are over 50 or have low to moderate income. The program is co-sponsored by the IRS.

- Program services are generally **available through April 15 of each year**. During that time, you can **enter your zip code to find a Tax-Aide location near you.**
- Fairfax County Public Libraries host several AARP Tax Assistance events/workshops. You can **find them on the Library's website.**
- For more information about the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program, call (888) 687-2277, TTY (877) 434-7598.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

VITA **offers free income tax preparation and filing** services to families and individuals who earned \$60,000 or less in 2022. IRS-certified volunteers will ensure you receive the maximum tax refund and help determine if you are eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). This service is organized by **Fairfax County Department of Family Services.**

Land Use & Development

UPCOMING MEETINGS & HEARINGS

Planning Commission Decision on Rezoning Proposal for Government Center Campus (hearing was held February 1)

- February 8 at 7:30 p.m., Board Auditorium

Planning Commission Hearing on Rezoning Proposal for Day Property

- February 15 at 7:30 p.m., Board Auditorium

Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting

- February 21 at 7:00 p.m. – virtual

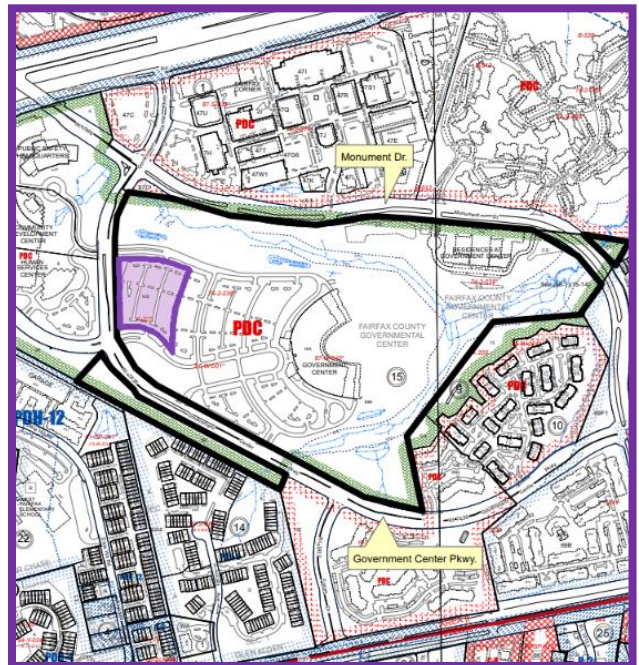
Board of Supervisors Hearing on Rezoning Proposal for Government Center Campus

- February 21 at 3:30 p.m., Board Auditorium

Comprehensive Plan Amendment for Fairfax County Government Center Campus Approved by Board of Supervisors

On January 24, the Board of Supervisors approved Plan Amendment 2022-III-FC2, a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to authorize a slight increase in density (from 0.35 Floor to Area Ratio, or FAR, to 0.40) to facilitate development of Parking Lots G and H at the Government Center campus for affordable and workforce housing. The amendment also included editorial revisions to reflect existing development in areas historically linked to the Government Center plan, but which have been privately developed.

County staff proposed this amendment after seeking feedback from various County agencies and gathering public input through community meetings held by Supervisor Walkinshaw and at meetings with the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee. Many thanks go to those who provided their thoughts which helped shape the amendment. Provision of quality, affordable housing is a key goal of Supervisor Walkinshaw and the Board of Supervisors. This amendment fulfills objectives of the Countywide Strategic Plan, the Communitywide Housing Strategic Plan, and One Fairfax. The Government Center campus is already planned for office mixed use, which includes residential use, and much of the capacity to accommodate the proposed development already existed. The County's Areawide guidance details how this core area should be developed.



However, the adopted amendment added some site-specific language to address the unique role of the Government Center as new development is considered. It states that 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. Additional stormwater management controls should be provided above the minimum standards to mitigate the impacts of the development, and development is expected to meet the County's sustainability and environmental policies. The full [staff report](#) is available on the PLUS website.

Information on the concurrent rezoning action is below.

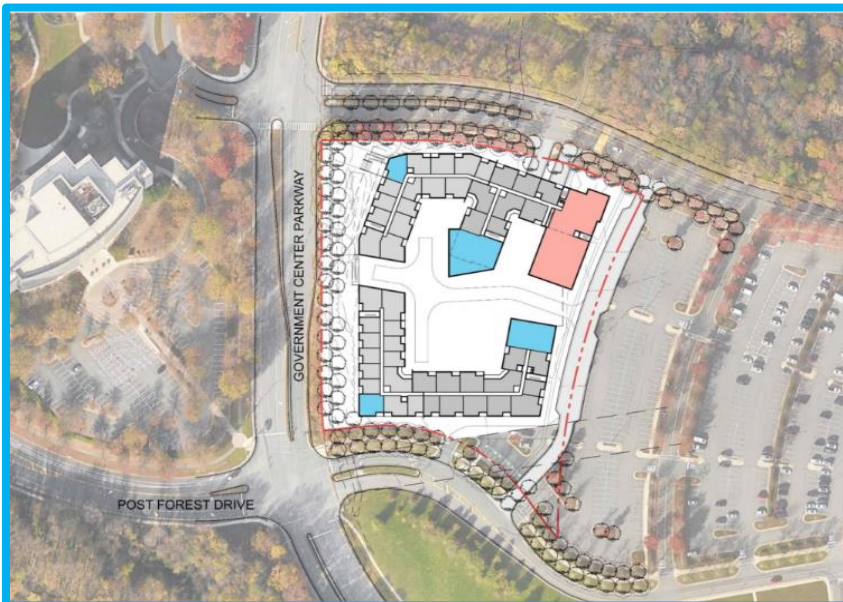
Planning Commission Recommendation on Constructing Affordable Housing at the Government Center Campus Scheduled for February 8; Board of Supervisors Hearing to be Held on February 21

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 has been under concurrent consideration with the Comprehensive Plan Amendment (see previous article). 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.

This project began in January 2021, when the Board of Supervisors approved Supervisor Walkinshaw's proposal to transfer two under-used surface parking lots on the Government Center campus to the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) to develop affordable housing units. The FCRHA selected LACM VA, LLC, a subsidiary of Lincoln Avenue Capital, as their development partner.

LACM VA, LLC has proposed 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 333 underground parking spaces. There would also be a limited amount of on-street parking for child care drop-off/pick-up 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. Two percent of parking garage spaces would include electric vehicle (EV) charging, and all parking garage spaces would be EV-ready. 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 and proffers should be toward the end of the list.



A Planning Commission hearing on the Proffered Condition Amendment was held on February 1. Several County residents testified in support of this proposal to provide much-needed affordable housing on the Government Center campus. Braddock District Planning Commissioner Mary Cortina deferred decision on whether to recommend the proposal until February 8 to allow an opportunity to work out some remaining details with the applicant.

The Board of Supervisors will hold its public hearing on adopting the rezoning proposal on February 21 at 3:30 p.m. in the Board Auditorium. 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.

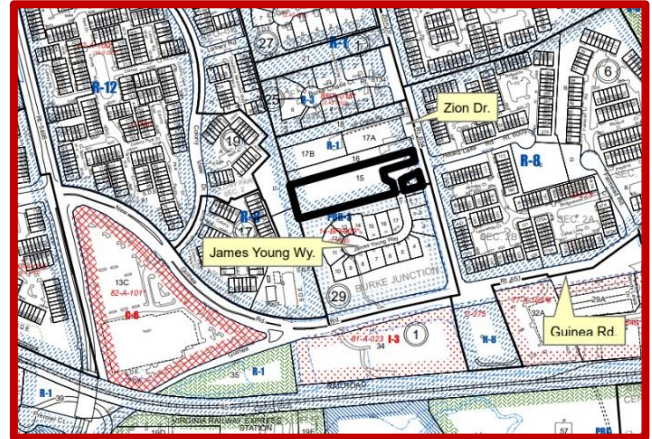
Planning Commission Hearing on Proposal to Develop Day Property on Zion Drive Scheduled for February 15

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 with birdhouses and benches, and a tot lot.

Following a 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 garages were increased to 20 x 20 feet in order to accommodate two vehicles, trash cans, and storage of bicycles, etc.



A Staff Report analyzing the proposal was published on February 1. It and 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 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 virtual meeting on **Tuesday, February 21, at 7:00 p.m.** The agenda will include 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 [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

A well-attended virtual community meeting was held on January 30 to review preliminary proposals, called “nominations,” to change the long-range Comprehensive Plan as part of the 2022-2023 Site-Specific Plan Amendment (SSPA) process. There was lengthy conversation, which provided an important opportunity for both staff and the nominator to hear from the community. Three nominations in the Braddock District were reviewed at the meeting:

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.

What happens next? County staff will summarize the feedback provided on these nominations through emails, phone calls, and at the community meeting. The summary 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; look for details in an upcoming Advisory. Following the Planning Commission’s recommendation, the Board of Supervisors will determine which nominations are added to the Plan Amendment Work Program and which will not move forward.

If you missed the community meeting, a [video recording](#) is available. All comments provided have been made a part of the record. If you haven’t commented or would like to provide additional thoughts, you may email Braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov and/or Ryan Stewart, the Braddock District SSPA Coordinator, at Ryan.Stewart@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Learn More about PLUS at Webinar Wednesdays

Fairfax County staff will answer all your questions about the Planning and Land Use System (PLUS) in live, bi-weekly webinars. Webinar Wednesday sessions focus on specific PLUS topics. Upcoming webinars are:



Building Records: Make Changes to Your Project

Wednesday, February 8 | 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Join Fairfax County staff for a free webinar to see a demonstration of PLUS.

This demonstration will be focused on the LDS Building module and how customers can use the "Make Changes" link to perform actions such as updating contacts and submitting amendments. [Register Here!](#)

Uploading Plans and Documents into PLUS

Wednesday, February 15 | 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Join Fairfax County staff for a free webinar to see a demonstration of the new Planning and Land Use System (also known as PLUS). This session will provide an overview of how customers upload plans and documents into PLUS. [Register here!](#)

Searching for Information in PLUS

Wednesday, March 8 | 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Join Fairfax County staff for a free webinar to see a demonstration of PLUS. This demonstration will show customers how to use PLUS to perform basic searches. [Register here!](#)

Update on Construction at Erickson Living's Woodleigh Chase Project

Steady progress is continuing the first phase of Erickson Living's Woodleigh Chase community on Braddock Road. They are continuing to work on site grading and paving as the weather allows.

At Emerson Square, the community building in the center of the first section which will contain a kitchen, dining facilities, a pool, fitness center, offices, and some residences, they are priming the terrace level and starting to install doors. On the exterior, the contractor is installing brick veneer, gutters, siding, and balconies.



Stafford Glen (on left) & Emerson Square

are being installed at Stafford Glen, the residential building on the east, as well as roofing. The contractor is finalizing the electrical boxes in the building and preparing to hang drywall.

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.

On the residential building on the west, Fulton Landing, they are continuing to install brick veneer and siding on the exterior and beginning to install drywall inside. Windows



Emerson Square & Fulton Landing (on right)

Update on Braddock Senior

A great deal of progress has been made on Braddock Senior, the building on the western edge of the former Northern Virginia Training Center site being built by the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH). This project will provide 80 units of age-restricted affordable housing to serve independent older adults ages 62 and above with household incomes at or below 60 percent of the Area Median Income.



View of the front of Braddock Senior

The second-floor trusses and plywood for the building have been installed, and the

contractor has begun the layout of the second floor walls. The concrete block fire wall was laid from the second floor to the third floor. During the next month, work will include framing the second-floor walls, laying brick and installing panel siding, and waterproofing the edge of the slab. In mid-February, they plan to install the third floor trusses and decking, which will be followed by framing.



View from Braddock Senior looking toward Braddock Road

Update on DMV's Braddock Road Customer Service Center

According to Acting DMV Commissioner Linda Ford, site work is underway at 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. DMV's site plan will involve the removal of some existing trees and the planting of native trees and bushes when the project nears completion.



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.

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

The applicants requested 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 was approved by the BZA on January 25, subject to development conditions. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found on the [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 the [PLUS website](#).

■ **Farzaneh Hajiaghazorgi & Nini 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 to 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 the [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 the [PLUS website](#).

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

The applicants are seeking a reduction in setback requirements to permit an open deck to remain 4.8 feet from the rear lot line. The BZA hearing on this application has been

scheduled for March 29. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [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 the [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 been scheduled for April 26. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

■ **Shringar Rana – 8113 Carrick Lane, Springfield
SP-2021-BR-00145**

The applicant is seeking approval to expand a home childcare facility to care for 12 children. Arrival times would be between 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. and pick-up times would be from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. The applicant currently has one employee. The applicant has stated that adequate parking is available. The BZA hearing on this application has been scheduled for April 26. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [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 the [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 the [PLUS website](#).

Land Use Plans, Permits and Reviews – Customer Experience Team Assists Residents

Are you planning home improvement projects in 2023? You may have learned about the recent changes to the [county building permit process](#). Although resources exist online and through our phone system to guide you through the process, the [Land Development Services](#) Customer Experience Team is available to assist customers.

The Customer Experience Team is **available Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday from 9:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** to answer your questions by phone at (703) 222-0801 or in person at the Herrity Building (12055 Government Center Parkway Fairfax, VA 22035).

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.