



# The Braddock Beacon

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Dear Neighbor,

I hope you and your family had a wonderful Independence Day! Yvette, Mateo, and I had a great time at the Fairfax City parade. It's always a joy to see our community coming together to celebrate and rededicate ourselves to the founding ideals of our nation.

As of July 1, there are several new laws effective in Virginia. Notable new laws include:

- **Hazard Lights = Lane Change**

([lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=231&typ=bil&val=sb982](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=231&typ=bil&val=sb982)) Drivers must now change lanes or reduce speed when passing stationary vehicles that have activated their hazard lights, displayed caution signs, or been marked with properly lit flares or torches on certain highways when safe and reasonable to do so and makes a violation of this requirement a traffic infraction.



- **Background Checks for School Staff** - As Chair of the Board's Legislative Committee, this is a measure that I worked hard to improve and to advocate for in the General Assembly this year. The bill fixes communication gaps in the current background check reporting system by requiring each division superintendent to annually designate an employee as the division safety official and provide updated contact information to the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety. This enables information about arrests and/or convictions of individuals between jurisdictions in the Commonwealth, as well as across state lines.

- **Written rent increases** - Landlords who own four or more units will have to provide written notice of a rent increase to their tenants at *least* 60 days in advance.

- **False 9-1-1 Calls** - This new law will provide penalties for false emergency communication to emergency personnel that leads to a response to a Class 1 misdemeanor in Virginia, which comes with up to a year in jail and a \$2,500 fine.

- **Blue Light Prohibition** - Prohibits the use of aftermarket modifications for headlights on motor vehicles, motorcycles, autocycles, bicycles, electric personal assistive mobility devices, personal delivery devices, electric power-assisted bicycles, mopeds, and motorized skateboards or scooters that make such headlights appear as blue light.



- **Transfer of Foreign Nursing Education Program Requirements** - Clarifies the process by which internationally trained nurses are tested and certified for work in Virginia, this bill will help fill our critical nursing workforce needs while tapping into the skills of immigrants and refugees and empowering them to better provide for their families and fulfill their career potential.
- **Silenced No More Act** - Takes steps to prevent employers from using non-disclosure agreements to silence employees who speak out about sexual assault. Provides that no employer may require an employee or prospective employee to execute or renew any provision in a nondisclosure or confidentiality agreement that has the purpose or effect of concealing the details of a sexual harassment claim. Any such provision is against public policy and is void and unenforceable.
- Jury duty allowances **increased from \$30 to \$50 per day.**

You can read more about the new laws [on Fairfax County's Website.](#)

## **Visit the Braddock District Office!**

In addition to notary services (for which you are asked to call ahead), my office offers the following items:

- Mosquito dunks/chunks (disks that dissolve in water and kill mosquito larvae)
- "Slow down" yard signs
- Informational brochures and pamphlets
- Drop off boxes for food donations for [ECHO](#)
- Drop off box for donations to [The Mission Center](#)
- Drop off box for old prescription glasses donations for the [Burke Lions Club](#)

## **Braddock Summer Entertainment Series in Full Swing!**

Last month we began the [Children's Arts in the Parks](#) concerts on Saturday mornings, and tonight we kick off Braddock Nights at [Royal Lake Park](#) and [Lake Accotink Park](#).

This series of free children's events, in addition to the start of Braddock Nights tonight, presents a wide array of performances from classical, to bluegrass to comedy, with something for every music lover. I hope you'll bring snacks, blankets, and lawn chairs to enjoy this fun-filled series. Come relax with friends, family, and neighbors.

Volunteers for the concerts are always welcome. Please [email my office](#) if you are interested. You can read more about the Summer Entertainment Series – including the entire County’s schedule – on the County [Summer Entertainment Series webpage](#).

For information about weather-related cancellations, you can call the hotline at (703) 324-7469 one hour prior to the scheduled start time of a show for an update.

Yours in service,



Supervisor James R. Walkinshaw



**2023 BRADDOCK NIGHTS AT LAKE ACCOTINK PARK**

<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>
7 City of Fairfax Main St. Community Band	4 Lyuti Chushki
14 City of Falls Church Concert Band	11 Swingology
21 Linwood Taylor	18 The Reunion Music Society Jazz Ensemble
28 The United States Army Blues Band Pershing's Own	

**Fridays 7:30-8:30pm**

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**Arts in the Parks**  
Children's Entertainment Series

July 1 Groovy Nate	July 8 The Great Zucchini	July 15 Mr. Lilo
July 22 Marsha and the Positrons	July 29 123 Andrés	
August 5 the grandsons, jr.	August 12 Rocknoceros	August 19 Geoff Marsh

**Saturdays | 10-10:45am**  
Wakefield Park in front of the Audrey Moore Rec Center

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**2023 BRADDOCK NIGHTS AT ROYAL LAKE PARK**

July 7 Soul Crackers	July 14 Honky Tonk Casanovas	July 21 Bio Ritmo
	July 28 Incendio	
August 4 HFS	August 11 Memphis Gold	
	August 18 Lua Project	

**Fridays | 7:30-8:30pm**

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## Upcoming Events

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

- **July 7** ..... Braddock Nights Kick-Off!  
*City of Fairfax Main Street Community Band* at Lake Accotink Park  
*Soul Crackers* at Royal Lake Park
- **July 8** ..... *The Great Zucchini* at Arts in the Park at Wakefield Park
- **July 9** ..... FLAP Monthly Clean-up
- **July 10** ..... Board of Supervisors Meeting
- **July 14** ..... *City of Falls Church Concert Band* at Lake Accotink Park  
*Honky Tonk Casanovas* at Royal Lake Park
- **July 15** ..... *Mr. Lilo* at Arts in the Park at Wakefield Park
- **July 16-22** ..... Bike to Market Week
- **July 18** ..... Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting
- **July 19** ..... Solarize NoVA Informational Webinar
- **July 21** ..... *Linwood Taylor* at Lake Accotink Park  
*Bio Ritmo* at Royal Lake Park
- **July 22** ..... *Marsha & The Positrons* at Arts in the Park at Wakefield Park  
Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events/STOP THE BLEED Training
- **July 23** ..... FLAP’s High School Trash Challenge
- **July 26** ..... Braddock Road Multimodal Improvements Meeting
- **July 28** ..... *Incendio* at Lake Accotink Park  
*The United States Army Blues Band Pershing’s Own* at Lake Accotink Park
- **July 29** ..... *123 Andrés* at Arts in the Park at Wakefield Park
- **July 31** ..... Deadline for Friends of Trees Nominations



# Walkinshaw in the Community



(Left) Supervisor Walkinshaw met with Lake Braddock Secondary School's Automotive Program on June 8

(Below) Supervisor Walkinshaw (and Mateo!) kicked off the first Arts in the Park concert at Wakefield Park on June 17



(Left) Supervisor Walkinshaw joined the Braddock District Council on June 2 and thanked outgoing Treasurer Kevin Morse for his service on the Council

(Right) Supervisor Walkinshaw and Chairman Jeff McKay with local gun violence prevention volunteers to recognize June as Gun Violence Prevention Month at the Board Meeting on June 6







Supervisor Walkinshaw joined the Little River Glen Advisory Council Meeting on June 14



(L-R) Senator Dave Marsden, Delegate David Bulova, Supervisor Walkinshaw, and FCPS School Board Members Karl Frisch, Laura Jane Cohen, and Rachna Sizemore Heizer at Woodson High School's graduation ceremony on June 6



Supervisor Walkinshaw joined members of the Singh Sabha Gurudwara of Virginia on June 11



(Left) Supervisor Walkinshaw joined the Pohick Stream Valley Park and Plant NOVA Natives to remove invasive plants on June 15

(Below) Supervisor Walkinshaw attended Juice Box with a Cop on June 10



**In June, Supervisor Walkinshaw also:**

- Taught a class on Local Government Issues at Northern Virginia Community College's Annandale campus on June 8
- Joined Robinson Secondary School's Graduation Ceremony on June 8
- Chaired the Council to End Domestic Violence Leadership Meeting on June 15
- Kicked off the Fairfax Clean Energy and Health Showcase on June 15
- Attended the Virginia Railway Express Operations Board Meeting on June 16
- Attended Fairfax County Park Authority's Juneteenth and Second Annual Liberty Amendments Month Kick Off Ceremony on June 17
- Attended Inova Fairfax Quality Committee's Meeting on June 21
- Participated in the Transportation Planning Board Meeting on June 21
- Joined the Northern Virginia Regional Commission Meeting on June 22
- Went to Arts in the Park at Wakefield Park on June 24
- Delivered remarks at the first meeting of the Lake Accotink Task Force on June 26
- Visited the VRE's Lifecycle Overhaul and Upgrade Facility Open House on June 28
- Went to the Summer Concert at Green Spring Gardens on June 28
- Attended a briefing on the Braddock Road Multimodal Improvement Project on June 29
- Celebrated Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department's 157th Recruit School's graduation on June 30



# July Citizen of the Month

## **Bill Ade**

Braddock District's July Citizen of the Month is Bill Ade!

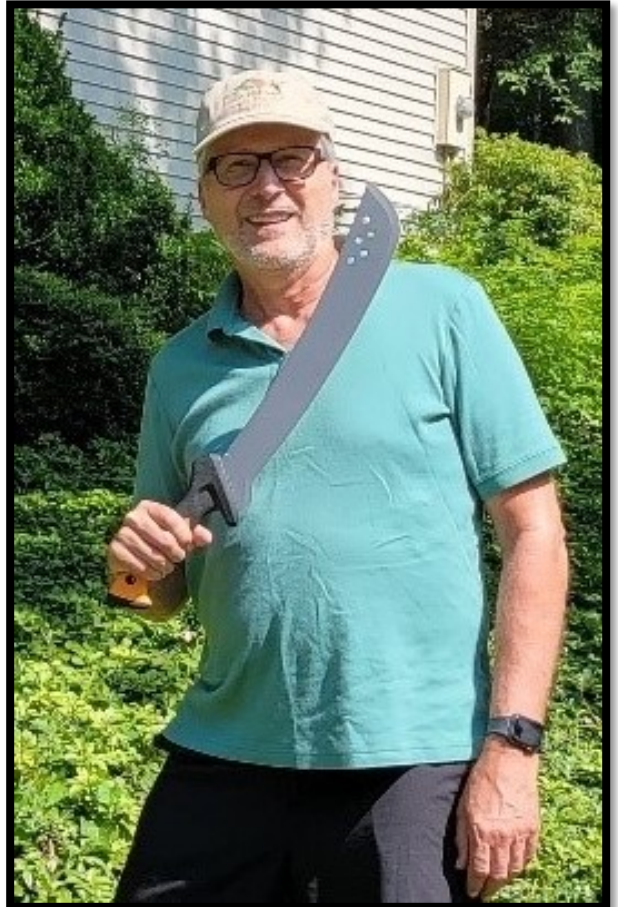
Bill is a long-time resident of Fairfax County who has provided tremendous value to the community for many years.

He enjoys walking the miles of paths and trails in the Braddock District. While on a walk, he began noticing the beauty of the woods being marred by the non-native English Ivy, Porcelain Berries, and Oriental Bittersweet vines suffocating the oak, hickory, and maple trees. In January 2022, Bill connected with Northern Virginia Tree Rescue's Tree Rescuers to learn about how to preserve the health of the native fauna. The Tree Rescuers volunteer program is part of Plant NoVA Trees which cuts down invasive, degrading plants.

Initially, Bill surveyed his neighborhood and collected data on the nearby community paths. Figuring he'd have a more significant impact addressing the threatened trees on community property, he approached the Burke Centre Conservancy leadership with a plan to survey all 30 miles of paths and then go forward with a treatment effort.

Five months after securing Conservancy approval, Bill identified more than 1,200 at-risk trees and even included other Burke Centre residents in his effort. Mike Hathaway, Stefanie Koewler, Stacy Duhadway, and Mike Holmes joined Bill starting in October 2022. Through multiple walks in the woods, Bill's team uprooted countless non-native vines and saved more than 660 trees in Burke Centre.

For his commitment to protecting Burke Centre's natural habitat, and for his efforts to inspire others in his community to protect the native trees, thereby protecting wildlife stormwater controls, and local air and water quality, Supervisor Walkinshaw is proud to recognize Bill Ade as July's Braddock District Citizen of the Month. Congratulations Bill and thank you for your service!



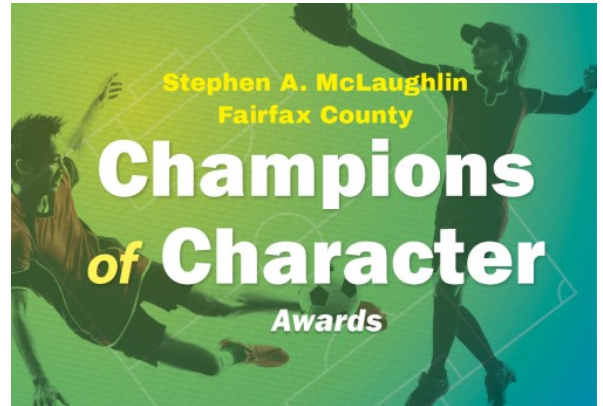
Know a Braddock District resident who should be recognized as a Citizen of the Month? **[Nominate them here.](#)**



# Community News

## Nominations Open for 2023 Stephen A. McLaughlin Champions of Character Awards

The awards program, founded in 2001, honors county youth, coaches, and parents in each magisterial district for extraordinary service in pursuing victory with honor on and off the field of competition. Instituted by the Fairfax County Athletic Council, this program aims to support the tradition of amateur athletics in cultivating teamwork, leadership, good sportsmanship, and community service.



Nominations for this year's awards are due by August 1. To nominate an athlete, coach, or parent, visit [Stephen A. McLaughlin Fairfax County Champions of Character Awards](#).

## Apply for the Fairfax Food Council Steering Committee

FCPS Rising Juniors! Do you want to advocate for young people who reside and attend schools in Fairfax County, Fairfax City, and Falls Church? The Fairfax Food Council is seeking two youth representatives to serve on the Fairfax Food Council Steering Committee. [Applications are due by September 15.](#)

## Statewide Digital Opportunity Survey



The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development's Office of Broadband has launched a statewide survey to gather data that will inform a Virginia Digital Opportunity Plan.

All Fairfax County residents are encouraged to complete this quick, 10-minute survey to help better understand your digital needs. Together, the community can foster digital opportunity in the County and commonwealth by ensuring that all residents have access to affordable, reliable, and high-speed internet, and have the skills necessary to use the internet to its full potential. The survey is available in English and Spanish on [Engage Fairfax County's webpage](#).

## THRIVE with Fairfax County

Introducing [THRIVE](#), Fairfax County's groundbreaking Small Business Technical Assistance Grant Program. With a deep commitment to our small business community, Fairfax County is dedicated to supporting their recovery, growth, and prosperity. More than half of the County's employees work with or for businesses with fewer than 50 employees, and the challenges faced due to the COVID-19 pandemic are recognized. That's why THRIVE was launched.

To kickstart the THRIVE program, firms with specialties in [Marketing, Operations, and Finance](#) are actively sought to apply to be [Coaches](#) and [Consultants](#). Applications can be made via four [Request for Proposals \(RFP\)](#) open until August 4. Qualified professionals and firms are encouraged to seize this opportunity to contribute their expertise and join us in making a difference in the lives of local businesses.

THRIVE is designed to mitigate the negative economic impacts of the pandemic by providing Coaching and Consulting services to businesses in need. Through this program, Coaches and Consultants will provide approximately 600 businesses with technical assistance valued up to \$10,000, empowering them to build their capacity and achieve their unique business goals. The Coach and Consultant's fees are paid by THRIVE. This program is a chance for marketing, finance, and operations firms to expand their business reach with the bills being paid by the THRIVE program.



Thanks to the Board of Supervisors' allocation of \$7,000,000 from Fairfax County's share of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), THRIVE can provide this vital support to our local business community. We believe that by investing in their success, we can foster economic recovery and create a thriving business environment.

Build a resilient and thriving business community through THRIVE. Visit the [website](#) to learn more about the program and how to be a part of this exciting initiative.

## Seasonal Items

### Avoid Extreme Heat this Summer in County Cooling Centers

As we experience the hottest days of summer, it's important to know that Fairfax County provides locations for residents to stay cool while out for business or recreational purposes in the community. In addition to shopping malls, stores, or movie theaters, you may also use the following county facilities designated as Cooling Centers to escape the heat during [operating hours](#), including:

- [Libraries](#)
- [Community Centers](#)
- [REC Centers](#)
- [Human Services Regional Offices](#)
- Our [homeless shelters](#) are available for people experiencing homelessness

You are encouraged to first [check that locations are open](#) before you arrive. Consider using the [Fairfax Connector BusTracker](#) to plan your visit. Please stay safe and cool!

### Enjoy family entertainment at EagleBank Arena

Are you looking for something to entertain the whole family? Check out EagleBank Arena. In addition to Mason's athletic competitions, over 150+ events are hosted annually at EagleBank Arena. [See what's happening at EagleBank Arena.](#)



## Farmers Markets

[Farmers Markets](#) are now open at the Burke VRE Station (Saturdays 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.) and Wakefield Park (Wednesdays 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.).

Almost 40 vendors will be at the markets, with some also offering online ordering. Please note that for health and safety reasons, markets are not able to accommodate pets, except service animals. Consider leaving pets at home as the temperature on market days can increase rapidly and cause pet safety issues.



Select Fairfax County Farmers Markets offer a Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) matching program to eligible shoppers. Customers can charge their EBT cards at the SNAP Information Table and receive DOUBLE the amount to purchase extra fruits and vegetables. Fairfax County has SNAP programs at its McCutcheon/Mount Vernon, Annandale, Wakefield, Reston, and Lorton locations. Volunteers run the SNAP booths where customers swipe their EBT cards to redeem tokens to spend at the market. More information on redeeming SNAP at the participating markets, including flyers in several languages, is available on Fairfax County Park Authority's (FCPA) [website](#).

Additionally, every FCPA Farmers Market now includes food scrap disposal sites where customers can dispose of food waste to be composted. The County's compost program began in November 2020, and in 2022 a pilot program for compost collection at Markets was run. In 2022, nearly 37 tons of compost had been collected at the markets. [Find more information](#) about the program.

## Snake Bite Prevention

Snake season began this year in April. Most snake bites occur when snakes are handled or accidentally touched by someone walking or climbing. Follow these seven tips when outdoors to increase your chances of staying safe:

1. If you see a snake, stop, and keep a safe distance – give the snake room to move away on its own
2. Do not try to handle snakes, as they may bite if provoked
3. While walking or hiking, stay on trails, sidewalks, and cleared pathways
4. Wear boots, closed shoes, and long pants when working outdoors or in wooded areas
5. Wear leather gloves when handling brushes and debris
6. Use a flashlight if walking at night in areas where snakes might be present
7. Keep dogs on leashes and cats indoors to reduce the chances of them encountering a snake

[Read more](#) about snake bite prevention.

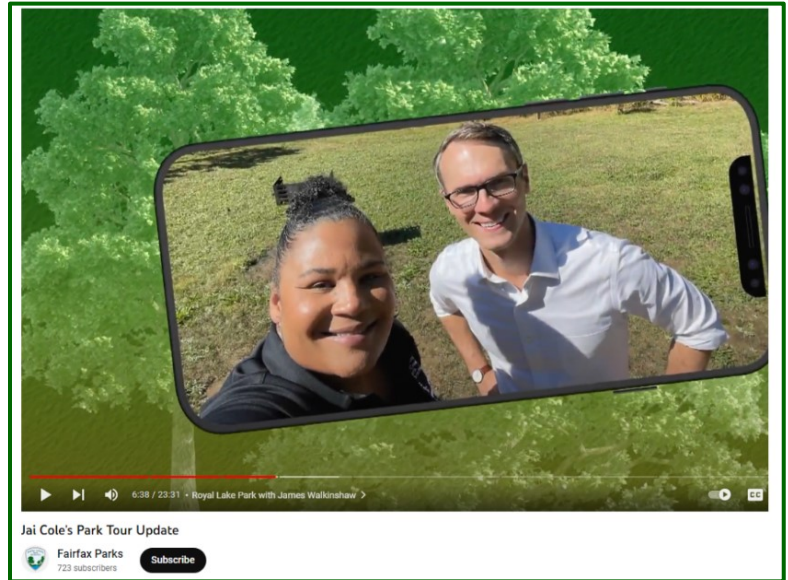
# Environment & Parks News

## July is National Parks & Recreation Month!

No, it's not time to watch re-runs of the show. Since 1985, people in the United States have celebrated Parks and Recreation Month in July to promote building strong, vibrant, and resilient communities through the power of parks. This month is also a time to recognize the more than 160,000 full-time park and recreation professionals — along with hundreds of thousands of part-time and seasonal workers and volunteers — that maintain our country's local, state, and community parks.

Read more about [FCPA's celebration](#) of this year's National Parks & Recreation Month or [find a park near you](#) to soak up some nature!

Supervisor Walkinshaw joined FCPA's Executive Director, Jai Cole, for a tour of Royal Lake Park during her tour of the County's 400+ parks. [Check out a clip of their day](#) at the park.



## Recycle Batteries at the Government Center

You can now recycle old and dead batteries at the Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax). The Solid Waste Management Program office is currently accepting rechargeable batteries and singleuse/Alkaline batteries in their battery collection box inside the main doors of Suite 458. Types of batteries you can bring in are:

- Lithium Ion (Li-Ion)
- Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd)
- Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH)
- Nickel Zinc (Ni-Zn)
- Small Sealed Lead Acid (SSLA/Pb)
- AA
- AAA
- 9V
- C
- D
- Button cells
- Lithium Primary

Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Contact the [Department of Public Works and Environmental Services](#) with questions.

## Rescue a Fairfax County Urban Forest with Community Mini-Grants

Are native trees being threatened by invasive plants in your neighborhood or on a faith community property? The Audubon-at-Home Program is accepting applications now until August 15, 2023, to jump-start invasives removal programs in ten communities across Fairfax County. Audubon will provide mini-grants of \$3,000 each to pay for removal of invasive plants that threaten trees in either landscaped or natural areas for communities that match the award with \$1,500 in local funds or labor. If your not-for-profit community or faith organization owns



commonly owned open space with trees endangered by invasives, this is a great opportunity to get the help you need! Read a general outline of the grant program and [request a pre-application visit](#).

## Reducing PFAS in Your Home

Per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of [chemicals](#) that have been produced for industrial and consumer products since the 1940s. These chemicals do not break down in the natural environment and instead pollute the soil, air, and water.

### CHEMICAL NAMES TO LOOK OUT FOR IN INGREDIENTS

- polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE)
- perfluorononyl dimethicone
- perfluorodecalin
- C9-15 fluoroalcohol phosphate
- octafluoropentyl methacrylate
- perfluorohexane
- pentafluoropropane
- methyl perfluorobutyl ether

[Research](#) indicates that high levels of exposure to PFAS can have various impacts on human health. Particularly, studies have found links between PFAS exposure and harm to the body's immune, cardiovascular, and reproductive systems, and certain forms of cancer.

You can lessen PFAS exposure by minimizing the number of PFAS-containing products in your home. Non-stick cookware, stain-resistance carpets and fabric, fast food packaging, and waterproof clothing are types of products that likely contain PFAS. More information is available on the Northern Virginia Regional Commission's [website](#).

## FLAP Events

The Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP) host several events each month and invite the community to join. In July, you can join FLAP for several events including the [Quarterly High School Trash Challenge](#) on July 23 at 12:00 p.m.

You can view all volunteer opportunities for FLAP on their [event page](#), [website](#), or by texting FLAP to 22828 to receive monthly updates.



## Fairfax Water's 2023 Annual Water Quality Report

Fairfax Water's 2023 Annual Water Quality Report is available to [view now](#).

## Task Force on the Future of Lake Accotink Begins Work

On June 26, the Task Force on the Future of Lake Accotink held its first meeting at the Fairfax County Government Center. The Task Force, chaired by former Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, was established in response to County staff's recommendation that Lake Accotink not be dredged due to significant costs, environmental impacts, and difficulties in processing and disposing of sediment. It is made up of approximately 30 representatives of surrounding neighborhoods, the greater community, environmental groups, and nonprofit organizations. They will review and consider the staff recommendation, ensuring that all options have been



considered to preserve Lake Accotink in the most sustainable, equitable, and cost-effective manner. The Task Force will also explore and consider options other than traditional dredging for the future of Lake Accotink, including options for a managed wetland and/or hybrid options for managed wetlands with a smaller open water feature. The Task Force will develop findings on these matters and submit them to the Board of Supervisors to inform the Board's decision regarding the future of Lake Accotink.

At its initial meeting, the Lake Accotink Task Force reviewed the group's mission and timeline. Staff from the Fairfax County Park Authority and Department of Public Works and Environmental Services presented a brief history of Lake Accotink and description of the Accotink Watershed to lay the groundwork for future discussion. A recording of the first meeting is available [here](#). The second meeting, to be held on July 10 in Conference Room 11 at the Government Center, will focus on County staff's recommendation, including discussion of the impediments to dredging and a look at past dredging operations.

The biweekly meetings are open to the public and interested community members are welcome to attend to observe the task force's work or livestream the meetings on [Channel 16](#). Updates on the Task Force and project background and materials can be found on the [Lake Accotink Dredging website](#).

## Friends of Trees Nominations

If you have demonstrated outstanding conservation-based actions in preserving, protecting, or planting trees, you may be eligible for an award from the Tree Commission.

The nomination period for the commission's annual Friends of Trees is open until Monday, July 31.

A Friends of Trees award recognizes efforts made for exceptional, outstanding, and innovative conservation-based tree actions in Fairfax County that do one or more of the following criteria:

- Protect and preserve existing trees and associated habitats
- Increase Fairfax County's tree canopy and its related habitats
- Educate and inspire people to plant more trees and properly maintain them and convey an understanding of both the value and benefits of trees
- Developers who go 'above and beyond' Fairfax County requirements to preserve and protect trees and associated habitats

More information and nomination forms are [available](#) from the Tree Commission.

## Solarize NoVA 2023 Has Launched

Fairfax County and [Solarize NoVA](#) are making it easy for homeowners to lower energy costs by switching to solar. Managed by the nonprofit partner Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP), Solarize NoVA connects homeowners with vetted installers who have agreed to offer discounted rates. Participants also receive expert advice from Solarize throughout the process.

Why go solar now?

- You will receive a 30 percent solar tax credit.
- Solarize Virginia is a limited-time program. Signups are only open through August 31.

Not sure if solar is right for you?





- Solarize Virginia provides ongoing support and education, so there's always someone available to help guide you through the process.

Solarize will host informational webinars this month and next:

- July 19 at 12:30 p.m.
- August 1 at 6:00 p.m.
- August 17 at 3:00 p.m.

Register at [Solarize VA's website](#) to get started.

## **Park Authority Seeks Information for Potential Sports Tourism Project**

Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) has issued a Request for Interest (RFI) from interested entities to explore the development and operation of a new multi-sport tournament complex in Fairfax County. The FCPA is seeking information that could potentially lead to a future Request for Proposal or partnership solicitation under the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act for a new facility to be developed as early as spring 2028.

Complete details of the RFI, as well as a submission package overview and requirements, are available at the [Design and Construction webpage](#). Submissions are due no later than 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19. This RFI represents the first step in information-gathering and no contract will be awarded as a result.

A virtual Pre-Submission Meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 3. Attendance is highly recommended but not required. This meeting will include a briefing from Park Authority staff on the RFI parameters and an opportunity to ask questions. A meeting link will be provided to registered participants. To register, please contact [Heather Lynch](#). For more information, contact the [Public Information Office](#).

## **Compliance Corner**

**Gardening** – Warm weather is here, and if this has inspired you to grow food on your residential lot, there are Zoning Ordinance regulations to consider in your plans. The Zoning Ordinance defines a “garden” as “An area of cultivated ground or a structure such as a planter box, pot, or raised bed, devoted in whole or in part to the growing of herbs, fruits, or vegetables for consumption.”

For front yards, gardens are limited to the following:

- Gardens need to be located at least 15 feet from the front lot line or street line.
- On lots 36,000 square feet or less, gardens can't exceed 100 square feet.
- On lots larger than 36,000 square feet, gardens can exceed 100 square feet if located outside the required front setback. [Find your front setback dimensions.](#)

For side and rear yards, there are no limits on the size or location of your garden.

Additional information is available from the [Department of Planning and Development](#).

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 to resolve the violation.
- The NOV provides the owner with a specific timeline to come into compliance.
- DCC Investigators reinspect the property after the provided time to comply has expired, to determine whether the violation has been resolved.
- Failure to comply with the NOV can result in the County taking legal action, such as seeking civil penalties or a court order to resolve the violation.

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

### Lee and Lee Jackson Memorial Highways Renamed Route 29 and Route 50

Lee Highway (Route 29) and Lee Jackson Memorial Highway (Route 50) began changing their route numbers 29 and 50 in Fairfax County on July 5. The decision to [change the highway names](#) was made after careful consideration and input from community members and business owners.

Residents and business owners on Route 29 and Route 50 will need to update their address records. The address change occurred automatically on July 5 for County-related records, including property tax and voter registration. You can find a list of items that need to be updated on the Fairfax County Government News Center [webpage](#). The County is developing a grant program to aid those impacted by the change.

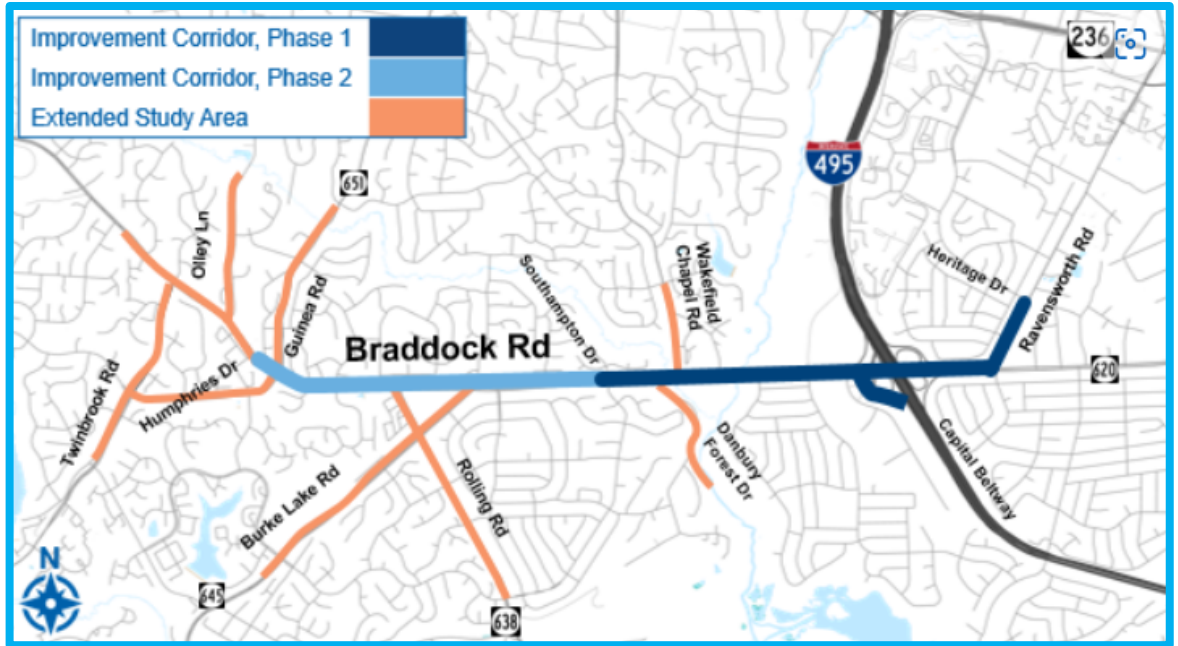
For more information about the highway name change, visit the Confederate Names in Fairfax County [webpage](#).

### Braddock Road Multimodal Improvements Meeting

The Virginia Department of Transportation is hosting an in-person public information meeting on Wednesday, July 26, from 6:30-9:00 p.m., in the cafeteria of Lake Braddock Secondary School, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Information will be presented on constructing multimodal and access management improvements along three miles of Braddock Road (Route 620), between Humphries Drive in Burke and Ravensworth Road in Annandale, including the eastbound and westbound Braddock Road ramps to southbound I-495 (Capital Beltway Outer Loop) and half a mile of Ravensworth Road, between Braddock Road and Heritage Drive. This third Public Information Meeting will focus on updates made following last November's public meeting. Staffed stations will also be available focusing on specific aspects of the project. We expect that

the presentation will be available in advance of the meeting; look for updates in upcoming Advisories.

Details are available [on VDOT's website.](#)



## Bike to Market

Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling is looking for volunteers during Bike to Farmer's Market Week (July 16-22). Volunteers will speak with potential cyclists and encourage them to bike to the market and use bikes for other short trips. FABB will provide merch and outreach materials for volunteers. [Sign up for a shift today.](#)

## New Bike Maps Available at Supervisor's Office



In the last 20 years, there's been a significant increase in bicycling in the County. The Bike Fairfax program, part of the Fairfax County Department of Transportation, is working to improve and expand cycling facilities, accelerate the implementation of projects, and enhance the overall environment for cycling. If you need a hard copy of the Fairfax County Bike Map, you may pick one up in Spanish or English from the Braddock District Office (9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke), or [view bike maps online.](#)

# Public Safety

## Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events/STOP THE BLEED Training

Because an active violence event can take place anywhere in the world, the community needs to be prepared with how to respond. This lecture, on Saturday, July 22, 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.



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

STOP THE BLEED training will also be presented with this program. This training can be used anywhere to assist someone who has a severe bleeding emergency. Participants will be shown how to utilize direct pressure, wound packing, and tourniquets.

This training will be in person at the West Springfield District

**Civilian Response  
to Active Shooter  
Events**

**STOP  
THE BLEED  
SAVE A LIFE**

**Both Classes IN PERSON**  
Saturday, July 22, 2023  
10:00AM to 1:00PM  
6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA  
Register with the Eventbrite link below

The poster features a background image of a police car and a building. The 'STOP THE BLEED' logo includes a red hand icon and the text 'STOP THE BLEED SAVE A LIFE'. Logos for the American Red Cross, Fairfax County, and the Committee on Trauma are also visible.

Station community room (6140 Rolling Road, Springfield). Register for the class [here](#).

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

## National Night Out

It's time to register for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1! Help make this a memorable event by connecting with officers of the West Springfield District. Whether it's a simple ice cream party or an all-out festival, National Night Out is an opportunity to gather with your neighbors, get better acquainted, and talk about issues of common concern. You also get the chance to:

- Have fun, food, and fellowship in your community
- Get to know your Police and Public Safety Team
- Heighten crime prevention awareness
- Send the message that your neighborhood is organized against crime

*\*Please note that only neighborhood associations can register events, not individual citizens.*

[Sign up for National Night Out](#) or Contact MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363 with further questions.



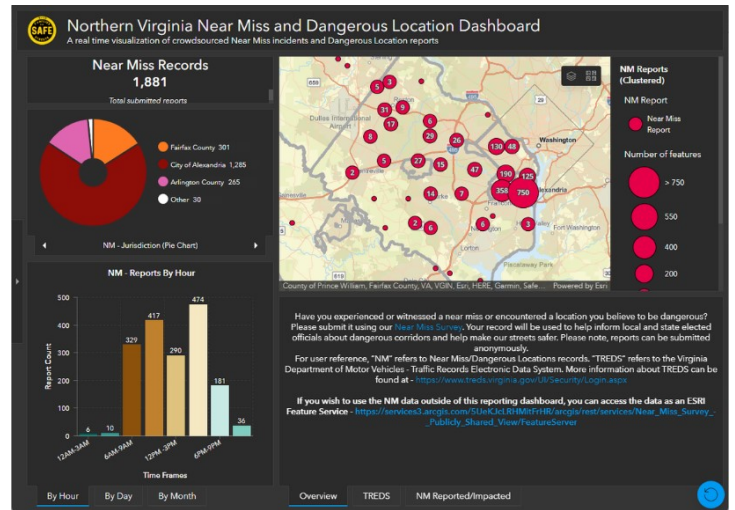
## Hurricane Season Has Begun

The Atlantic Hurricane Season is from June 1 to November 30. During this time, it is important to prepare in case a hurricane does impact Fairfax County. This can help ensure that if an event does occur, the impact is lessened. For more information on how to prepare for an emergency hurricane event, check the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management's [Emergency Response Guide](#) and their [webpage](#). Additionally, sign up for [Fairfax Alerts](#) to receive Emergency Alerts.

# Fairfax Families for Safe Streets Location Survey

Have you almost been hit by a driver when walking or cycling? Do you know of a dangerous location that needs a crosswalk, signal, sidewalk, or other safety improvements?

Use the Northern Virginia Families for Safe Streets (NoVA FSS) [Near Miss/Dangerous Location Survey](#) and report what, where, and when it happened. Reports can be submitted in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and all languages spoken by Fairfax County residents based on your browser's language settings. NoVA FSS uses these crowdsourced reports to inform VDOT, FCDOT, and elected officials of high-risk locations requiring attention.



The newly upgraded [Near Miss/Dangerous Location dashboard](#) is easy to use. It enables you to view neighborhood streets and see high-risk areas identified by the NM entries. You can also see where pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries have occurred.


## Human Services Corner

### Cox's Affordable Connectivity Program

Cox offers several budget-friendly plans and monthly credit through the [Affordable Connectivity Program](#) (ACP), available for families and individuals receiving government assistance.


You can view available programs and apply for ACP on [Cox's website](#).

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- Must receive government assistance




**ACP - Affordable Connectivity Program**

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- Government sponsored


For more information and qualification requirements




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### New School Supply Donations and Volunteers Needed

ECHO collects new school supplies to fill new backpacks for more than 1,200 local students. New school supplies needed include:

- Wide rule composition books
- High school-size backpacks
- Blunt scissors
- 2" binders

- College rule spiral notebooks

[See the full list of supplies needed](#); they ask for new items only so students can enjoy fresh supplies.

Volunteers are needed to organize supplies and fill the backpacks on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at ECHO's Office (7205 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield).

Volunteers must be at least 13 years old and all volunteers under 18 must return an information form signed by them and a parent. Hours cannot fulfill court-ordered service hours. [Sign up to volunteer.](#)

## **LGBTQIA+ Youth Resources**

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) recently eliminated their resource page for LGBTQIA+ youth from their website – including suicide prevention and support group materials. Fairfax County agencies offer alternative pages with a collection of resources.

You can [view the archived VDH page](#) or County agency pages:

- Fairfax County Library's [LGBTQIA+ resources](#)
- Fairfax County Public Schools' [LGBTQIA+ Youth Resources](#)
- Healthy Minds Fairfax [Behavioral Health Directory](#)

## **Virginia Energy Assistance Program Open until August 15**

The Virginia Energy Assistance Program (EAP) assists low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs. To be eligible, households must have a heating or cooling expense and gross monthly income may not exceed 150 percent of the federal poverty level. Information about the U.S. federal poverty guidelines used to determine financial eligibility can be found [here](#).

Applications for Fuel, Crisis, and Cooling assistance are accepted at the local departments of social services until August 15. The EAP consists of four components: Fuel Assistance, Crisis Assistance, Cooling Assistance, and Weatherization Assistance. For application information about each specific program, please click [here](#).



# Resources for Older Adults

## Free Community Events at the Wellness Center for Older Adults, July/August 2023

4027B Olley Lane, Fairfax, VA

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
July 3	July 4	July 5	July 6	July 7
	<b>CLOSED</b> Happy Independence Day!	10:30 Creativity Leads to Wellness	1:00 Chair Yoga*	1:00 Movie Club: The Goonies
10	11	12	13	14
10:15 VCAA: T.H.A.Y Yoga	10:30 'Brown Bag' Medication & Workshop 2:00 Chair Zumba*	10:30 Creativity Leads to Wellness 1:00 Music Lover's Unite*	10:00-2:00 Blood Pressure Screenings 1:00 Chair Yoga* 1:30 Nutrition Demonstration	
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10:15 VCAA: T.H.A.Y Yoga	1:00 Better Brain Health as You Age 2:00 Chair Zumba*	10:30 Creativity Leads to Wellness	1:00 Chair Yoga* 1:30 Nutrition Demonstration	
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10:15 VCAA: T.H.A.Y Yoga	11:00-2:00 Christmas in July Mocktails and Karaoke 2:00 Chair Zumba*	10:30 Creativity Leads to Wellness 1:00 Movie Club: Pirates of the Caribbean	July B-Day Celebration 10:00-2:00 Blood Pressure Screenings 1:00 Chair Yoga* 1:00 Movie Club: Key Largo	<b>CLOSED</b> Staff Development Day
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## Program 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 from [Insight Memory Care Center](#) what to expect, what's "normal," and when it's time to seek a doctor's input.

### Birthday Celebration

Happy Birthday, July and August babies! Watch a movie and enjoy a slice of Key Lime Pie at 1:00 p.m. in July or play Bingo at 1:00 p.m. in August.

### 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., and walk-ins are welcome. You can also call or email to reserve an appointment.

### 'Brown Bag' Medication & Workshop

[NOVA Scripts Central](#) will present a workshop at 10:30 for all to join. They also offer free confidential medication reviews and educational materials to people with concerns about their health. Reserve your 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\**

### Christmas in July Mocktails and Karaoke

Oh, the weather outside is warm and we invite you to come experience a Beachy Holiday. Be our guest for the day with some "Fun in the sun" activities, music, beachball volleyball, and nonalcoholic drinks while singing your favorite beachy tunes.

### Creativity Leads to Wellness

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

### 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.

### Movie Club

Join us for a movie club experience. This activity is centered around watching a quality movie and having a discussion following the movies.

- ***Pirates of the Caribbean*** is a 2003 romantic comedy about Blacksmith Will Turner who teams up with an eccentric "Captain" Jack Sparrow to save his love, the governor's daughter, from Jack's former pirate allies (who are now undead!).

- **Key Largo** is a 1948 American film noir drama about a man who visits his war buddy's family hotel and finds a gangster running things. As a hurricane approaches, the two end up confronting each other.

### **Nutrition Demonstration**

Aprons on, everybody! These simple recipes require no cooking and are delicious. Call or email to save a seat for the "cooking" demonstrations.

- July 13: Yogurt Parfaits
- July 20: Banana Splits

### **VCAA – Virtual Center for Active Adults Programs**

Join live, interactive programs and engage with other adults. *\*These activities are streamed for in-person adaptations.*

- Music Lover's Unite
- S.A.I.L. = Stay Active and Independent for Life exercise
- T.H.A.Y. Yoga

## **Webinars for Caregivers**

### **How Aging Affects Your Nutritional Status** *Wednesday, July 19 | 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.*

Aging is a subtle and quiet process that occurs each day which often goes unnoticed. As we age, our nutritional needs change. For example, we need to consume fewer calories due to decreased activity and muscle loss. In this presentation, participants will learn how the aging process, and its associated physiological changes, can impact one's ability to meet one's nutritional needs and ultimately age well. Diane Reinhold's presentation will touch several topics:

- Nutrition basics
- Impact of lifestyle on overall health
- Aging effects on nutritional needs
- Nutritional challenges and needs of aging adults
- Nutrient-rich foods
- Strategies to navigate nutritional challenges

[Register to participate](#) in this free, virtual webinar on Wednesday, July 19 from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

For questions, contact [Tammi Cave](#) or call (703) 481-4036. Learn more about programs and services for family caregivers on the Department of Family Services Family Caregiver Support Programs [website](#).

### **Aging in Place: Transitional Care from Hospital to Home** *Friday, July 28 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.*

Often when a loved one is discharged from a hospital, family caregivers do not anticipate the challenges that can happen during this process. Care transitions involves the coordination and transfer of information between healthcare providers, community organizations, patients, and family caregivers. This session will explore what family caregivers need to know and be aware of before their loved ones are discharged from the hospital, so they can get appropriate care along the way.

[Register to participate](#) in this free, virtual webinar on Friday, July 28 from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

For questions, contact [Allegra Joffe](#) or call (703) 324-2019. Learn more about programs and services for family caregivers on the Department of Family Services Family Caregiver Support Programs [website](#).



## Senior Cool Care Program



Are you in need of additional cooling during the summer? The Senior Cool Care Program is a public-private partnership sponsored by Dominion Energy and administered by the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services through the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging that helps low-income older citizens in the Fairfax County jurisdiction keep cool during the summer months. The program runs until October 31.

The program provides additional cooling at home, for eligible older adults, aged 60 and older. If you are interested in learning more about the program, contact [Allegra Joffe](#) or call (703) 324-2019.

## Loneliness Support Groups

[Recovery Program Solutions of Virginia \(RPSV\)](#) supports adults with mental health, substance use, and homelessness issues across Fairfax and Arlington Counties. RPSV's programs are all free and individuals do not need a referral or insurance to access them. RPSV operates five in-person Recovery Centers across Northern Virginia (in Annandale, Arlington, Merrifield, Reston, and South County Alexandria). RPSV's Consumer Wellness Center (CWC) is located at 7611 Little River Turnpike, Suite E100. RPSV meets people where they are in life and supports them as they move forward to pursue their dreams.

In addition to in-person services, RPSV offers more than a dozen virtual groups throughout the week at various times daily. On the second and fourth Friday of every month, RPSV offers a group titled Facing and Overcoming Loneliness. During the groups, individuals get to know others across Fairfax and Arlington Counties and make new friends. You will always find participants laughing, sharing, and relating to each other in the group. For many, the experience can be life changing.

During virtual groups, you may join with your camera off and do not need to participate if you do not feel comfortable. You can just be there, with others, and enjoy the camaraderie. Most often, when people join in such a fashion, by the end of the group they have their cameras on and do not want to leave because they are having so much fun interacting with others.

Additionally, RPSV offers virtual one-on-one calls via Zoom on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

RPSV follows the peer support model so staff have experienced similar issues with mental health, substance use, and/or homelessness issues, including loneliness. As a result, programs and actions are led with empathy and understanding. It is truly a nonjudgmental environment. Staffed by trained Certified Peer Support Specialists and volunteers, these calls offer a unique way to share how you are feeling with someone who is there to listen and support you on a more personal level.

To access virtual programming, [register here](#). If you have difficulty signing on, [email RPSV](#).

# Land Use & Development

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & HEARINGS

Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee Meeting

- July 18 at 7:00 p.m. – virtual

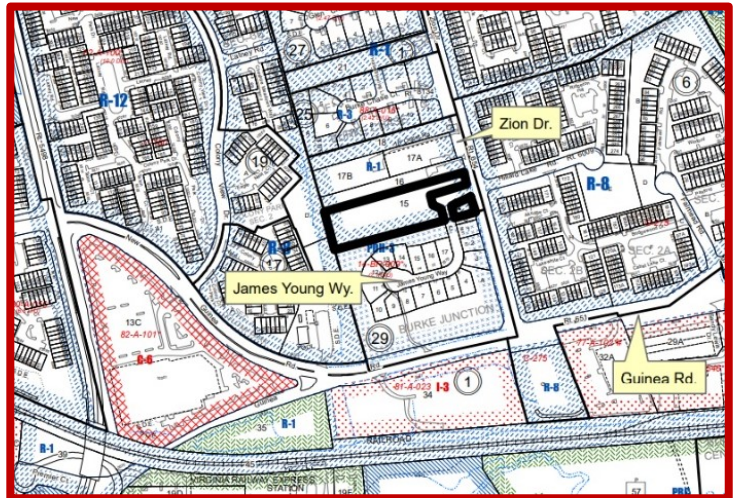
Planning Commission Decision on Rezoning Proposal for Day Property

- July 19 at 7:30 p.m. [tentative] – Board Auditorium

## Planning Commission Hearing on Day Property Rezoning Held on June 21, Decision Deferred

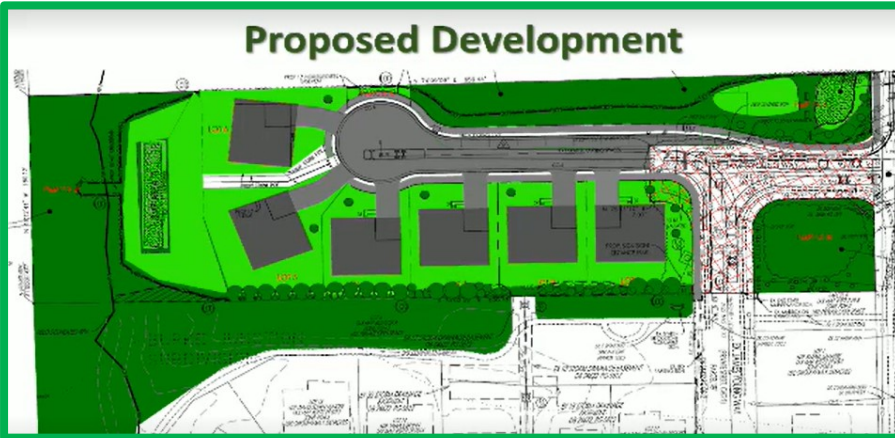
A rezoning proposal was filed for 10121 Zion Drive, a wooded, undeveloped site known as the Day property. This 2.8-acre site is located on the west side of Zion Drive, just north of its intersection with Guinea Road and adjacent to the Burke Junction community. A Resource Protection Area (RPA) is located 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 that 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.



On June 21, the Planning Commission held a hearing on this rezoning application. The applicant outlined revisions to the plan and proffers in response to concerns from the community, staff, and the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee. In lieu of a tot lot, a 2,100-square foot recreational lawn space is proposed for active and passive activities, and a pollinator garden with benches and birdhouses is proposed at the front of the site. To address concerns about screening and landscaping, the applicant has proposed a narrow landscaped buffer along the rear of Lots 1, 2, 3, and 5, and a landscape easement along the rear of Lot 4. They are proffering to tree protection measures to protect existing off-site trees on the adjacent Burke Junction property and prevent damage to the trees' critical root zones. Because of questions regarding implementation of a proffer in the Burke Junction rezoning which would allow the new single-family detached homes to join the existing Burke Junction Homeowners Association (HOA), the applicant has submitted an interpretation request; a response is expected on July 10. Proffers would also provide for an easement to protect the view of the existing Burke Junction

monument sign or its relocation to Zion Road, depending on whether the new houses join the Burke Junction HOA.



Planning Commissioners asked about consolidation of parcels, raised concerns about how the new houses relate to the existing Burke Junction community and requested updated diagrams, and asked that details on the plan be clarified. Community members continued to express concerns about the grading plan, preservation of the existing treed buffer, privacy, parking, and suggested reducing the number of

houses to provide better flexibility in the layout. The Planning Commission voted to defer their decision for three weeks.

A Staff Report analyzing the previous proposal was published on February 1, and memos updating the Planning Commission on subsequent revisions were issued on May 17 and June 14. The applicant is expected to file additional clarifications to the application next week. County staff will analyze that information, and we expect another memo reflecting those changes to be issued prior to the Planning Commission vote on whether to recommend approval of this application.

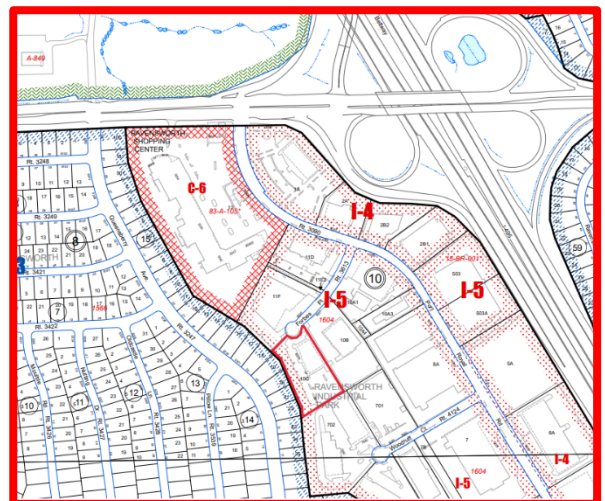
Reports and project plans are available on the [PLUS website](#). Select the "Zoning" tab and enter the application number, RZ-2021-BR-00018, in the search box on the right side. Click on the "Record Information" arrow on the left and then click on "Attachments" in the drop-down menu. The most recent documents should be at the end of the list. The PLUS website is updated in real time, so any revised information will be available when submitted.

The Planning Commission decision on this application is scheduled to be issued on July 19 in the Board Auditorium, although we anticipate that date may be administratively moved to July 27. A hearing before the Board of Supervisors has not yet been scheduled.

## Application Filed for Adult Day Care Facility

Friends Adult Day Care has filed an application for a Special Exception to operate an adult day care facility on the third floor of an existing office building at 8003 Forbes Place in Springfield, near the intersection of Forbes Place and Port Royal Road and south of the Ravensworth Shopping Center. The property is zoned to the I-5 District.

The applicant had operated an adult day care within the Calvary Church of the Nazarene in Annandale and now proposes to relocate and enlarge its operation. They are proposing to convert the third floor, or approximately 15,329 square feet, of the office building to adult day care use for up to 200 adults,





with the first two floors of the building remaining occupied by office uses. A grassy area measuring approximately 20 feet by 170 feet would be used for outdoor recreation, consisting primarily of walking. Approximately 40 employees will be on site at any one time. Operating hours would be 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays. The applicant has stated that there would be minimal traffic impact, because the majority of clients will arrive by buses or minivans. The daily impact is estimated at 100 trips, primarily at 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors hearing dates have 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, July 18, at 7:00 p.m.** The agenda will include updates on Braddock District land use cases and related proposals.

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

### **Two Feasibility Studies Underway at George Mason University**

George Mason University is conducting a mixed-use feasibility study to evaluate and propose alternatives for redeveloping three University-owned sites on and around the Fairfax campus: the 190-acre West Campus, 30 acres at the northeast corner of Braddock Road and Route 123, and the 75-acre parcel at the northeast corner of Braddock Road and Shirley Gate Road. The study is exploring if the market could support future mixed-use development and its financial impact. At this point, the study does not provide recommendations for specific uses that would occupy the complex. Mason has engaged various stakeholders from Fairfax County to help inform recommendations for future development of the Fairfax campus by establishing context for the planning effort; to understand potential opportunities and challenges as perceived by the Mason community and the City of Fairfax and Fairfax County; and to identify prevailing themes and key priorities across the University in relation to its surroundings. Phase I of the study (stakeholder interviews, market feasibility, potential financial return) is nearing completion. Phase II (determine potential program, siting, preliminary utility plans, traffic impacts, economic and fiscal benefits to the County, a preliminary concept, and a comprehensive community engagement plan) will begin this summer.



Last November, Mason announced it would conduct an additional feasibility study in partnership with Major League Cricket to determine if professional cricket and collegiate baseball could share a joint facility, explore economic impacts to the County, and conduct a market analysis to determine support for professional cricket. Adult and youth cricket leagues are popular recreational sports in the area, which provide a base of grassroots support for a professional cricket franchise. Mason's West Campus, which includes over 190 acres, would be the site for the potential joint cricket and baseball facility. It would host the new Washington Freedom Major League Cricket team, the Mason Baseball program, and a wide range of special events. The West

Campus' redevelopment would align with Mason's Campus Master Plan. The initial feasibility study is close to completion. Siting and traffic impacts will be analyzed as part of the Mixed-Use Feasibility Study Phase II. If approved, a joint ballpark could be operational by Summer 2025.

## **Update on The Main at One University Student Housing Development**

Significant progress has been made at The Main at One University, the student housing development at the northwest corner of Ox Road and University Drive. The last concrete slab on grade has been poured. Curb/gutter and asphalt internal to the site is expected to be completed in August. The contractor continues to install windows, with a focus on first completing installation along the north side adjacent to the Fairfax City neighbors. Areas within the parking garage have been dedicated for construction crews to have lunch and breaks, which should significantly reduce workers going back to their vehicles or congregating outside of the work zone. Roofing work continues and mechanical units are beginning to be set on the roof. Installation of lap siding has begun. Both tower cranes on the student housing site are scheduled for removal in August. The photos below provide a great overview of the student housing development and the entire One University project.





## Update on One University Affordable Housing Development

Work is also progressing on the affordable housing buildings on the western portion of the One University site on University Drive. Brick and siding are being installed on the exterior of the senior building while inside drywall installation is 50 percent complete and painting has started. On the family building, installation of the vapor barrier is complete and brick installation is ongoing. Roofing and shingle work is 880 percent complete and mechanical units are being set on the roof. Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing rough-in work is ongoing on the first floor. Framing is complete on the community building and the roof is sheathed. The project is experiencing electrical equipment supply chain delays that could impact project delivery. The developer is currently projecting substantial completion of the project in April 2024.





## 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.

➤ **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 continued to July 12. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

➤ **Sara Marie Burke – 6709 Caneel Court, Springfield  
SP-2023-BR-00013**

The applicant is requesting approval to expand a home childcare facility to care for 12 children. Arrival times would be between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m. School-age children would be transported to school via the daycare van at 8:40 a.m. and returned to the site after school at 3:30 p.m. Pick-up times would be between 4:45 and 6:00 p.m. The BZA hearing on this application has been scheduled for September 20. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

➤ **Ste. Bernadette Catholic Church and School – 7600 Old Keene Mill Road,  
Springfield  
SP-78-S-276**

The applicant is requesting to amend their Special Permit previously approved for a Place of Worship, Private School of General Education, and Child Care Center to allow for modifications to site and development conditions to permit construction of a fellowship hall, and to make condition modifications. A new two-story building with 13,500 square feet of gross floor area would be added on a portion of the existing parking lot and connect to an existing church building. The first floor would include meeting rooms, classrooms for church programs, and administrative facilities. The second floor would include a fellowship hall. Although the number of parking spaces would be reduced, the total would exceed the requirement under the previously granted parking reduction. The BZA hearing on this application has been scheduled for September 13. Additional

information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

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

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