



# The Braddock Beacon

**James R. Walkinshaw**  
Braddock District Supervisor

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Dear Neighbor,

Happy Pride Month! [Pride Month](#) marks the anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan and is an opportunity to recognize the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals have had on history.

There are several ways to celebrate Pride Month in our community, including [a poetry reading](#) featuring prominent LGBTQ+ poets and the City of Fairfax’s inaugural [“Fairfax Pride”](#) event tomorrow, June 3.

## VRE Free Fare Friday

As Chair of the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) Operations Board, I am especially excited to announce all Friday rides on VRE trains will be **free**, beginning today until September 1.

If you’ve been wanting to try out the Burke Centre VRE station to commute into D.C. or check out Fredericksburg for the day, now is your chance! Read the full release [online](#).



## Braddock District Shredding Event

I am excited to announce that I’ll be hosting a Community Shredding Event with local non-profit Marian Homes on [Saturday, June 10](#) from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Lake Braddock Secondary School (9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke).



Donations are accepted and go toward Marian Homes’ mission to purchase and maintain affordable homes for individuals with intellectual disabilities. This fosters independence and personal growth in a group home setting.

More information about the event can be found [here](#).

# Braddock Summer Entertainment Series Kicks off this Month!

This month I am thrilled to welcome back Children’s Arts in the Parks as part of the Braddock Entertainment Series!

This series of free children’s events, followed by the start of Braddock Nights in July, will present 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 [Irma.Mejia-Lewis@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Irma.Mejia-Lewis@fairfaxcounty.gov) if you are interested.

You can read more about the Summer Entertainment Series – including the entire County’s schedule – on the Fairfax County Government’s [Summer Entertainment Series webpage](#).

Yours in service,



Supervisor James R. Walkinshaw



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY  
**Summer Entertainment Series**  
**Braddock Nights** 2023  
Friday Evenings and Saturday Mornings

**FREE!**

I am excited to welcome you back to this year’s Braddock Nights summer concert series and Children’s Arts in the Parks series! This series of free concerts and children’s events will present a wide array of performances from classical, big band, to blues, rock, and salsa, with something for every music lover. I hope you’ll bring a picnic, snacks, blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy this fun-filled series. Come relax with friends, family and neighbors. Volunteers are always welcomed. For more information, please contact my office at 703-425-9300 or [braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov). I look forward to seeing you this summer.

Sincerely,  
James R. Walkinshaw, Braddock District Supervisor

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**Arts in the Parks**  
A Free Children’s Entertainment Series  
Saturday Mornings • 10 - 10:45 a.m.  
Wakefield Park in front of the Audrey Moore Rec Center  
8100 Braddock Road, Annandale

<p><b>JUNE</b></p> <p>17 Ms. Niki (Children’s Songs)</p> <p>24 Fairfax Symphony Orchestra – Percussion Ensemble (Children’s Music)</p>	<p><b>JULY</b></p> <p>1 Groovy Nate (Children’s Music)</p> <p>8 The Great Zucchini (Comedy, Magic)</p> <p>15 Mr. Lilo (Children’s Songs)</p> <p>22 Marsha and the Positrons (Family Show)</p> <p>29 123 Andrés (Children’s Songs)</p>	<p><b>AUGUST</b></p> <p>5 the grandsons, jr. (Children’s Songs)</p> <p>12 Rocknoceros (Children’s Songs)</p> <p>19 Geoff Marsh (Juggling/Puppetry)</p>
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Braddock Nights is presented in partnership with the supporters of Braddock Nights and generous contributions from the following sponsors:



The Summer Entertainment Series is made possible through corporate and private donations. To donate, visit [www.fairfaxparkfoundation.org/projects](http://www.fairfaxparkfoundation.org/projects).

Scan to donate!



For details, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances)

Performances are held outdoors, bring lawn chairs. In case of inclement weather call the concert hotline at 703-324-7469 before leaving home. Cancellations are posted one hour prior to the show time.

703-324-8563 TTY Va. Relay 711

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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).

- **Until June 7** ..... Kings Park Library National Geographic Sale
- **June 3** ..... Accotink Dam Crossing Ribbon-Cutting  
Friends of Burke Centre Library Book Sale  
Americana Drive Clean Up
- **June 6** ..... Board of Supervisors Meeting
- **June 10** ..... Braddock District Shredding Event with Marian Homes  
Saturday Voting Begins
- **June 11-22** ..... Fairfax County Park Authority Juneteenth Events
- **June 14** ..... Flag Day
- **June 16** ..... Last Day of School for Fairfax County Public Schools
- **June 17** ..... Braddock District’s Children’s Arts in the Parks Series Kicks Off  
Saturday Voting Ends
- **June 18** ..... Father’s Day
- **June 19** ..... Juneteenth (County Offices Closed)
- **June 20** ..... Democratic Primary (polls open 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.)
- **June 22** ..... Deadline for Environmental Excellence nominations
- **June 24** ..... Burke Centre Library 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event
- **June 27** ..... Board of Supervisors Meeting

# Walkinshaw in the Community



Supervisor Walkinshaw joined Volunteer Fairfax at their Annual Volunteer Service Awards Ceremony to honor those who have provided exceptional contributions to the community on May 10, including Charlotte Hannagan (pictured), the Braddock Community Champion.



Supervisor Walkinshaw, joined by Delegate David Bulova (second from right), served as a guest judge at the Middleridge Civic Association's Annual Pet Parade on May 6.



Supervisor Walkinshaw kicked off the opening day of the Wakefield Farmers Market with Fairfax County Park Authority Executive Director, Jai Cole, on May 3.



Supervisor Walkinshaw stopped by the Friends of Kings Park Library book sale on May 4.



Supervisor Walkinshaw attended the Kings Park Civic Association Meeting and thanked outgoing President Jim Sobecke



Supervisor Walkinshaw visited Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter in Falls Church on May 12.

**In May, Supervisor Walkinshaw also:**

- Attended the Jack Wood Award Celebration on May 4 to honor former Fairfax City Mayor David Meyer
- Took part in the Fairfax County Police Department's Fallen Officer Memorial Ceremony on May 4
- Attended the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens' Associations Citizen of the Year Banquet on May 7
- Spoke at the Kings Park West Civic Association's Volunteer Appreciation Meeting on May 9
- Attended the Southport Homeowners Association's Annual Meeting on May 10
- Spoke with rising leaders at Leadership Fairfax's Board of Supervisors Breakfast on May 11
- Presented a proclamation celebrating the Main Street Child Development Center's 50th Anniversary at their Community Celebration on May 12
- Participated in the Little Run Civic Association Annual Meeting on May 12
- Hosted the Marian Homes Shredding Event at Lake Braddock Secondary School on May 13
- Presented a proclamation recognizing the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra's contributions to the arts at their 65th Anniversary performance on May 13
- Attended the dedication ceremony of the Long Nguyen and Kimmy Duong Theater and Forum at Northern Virginia Community College-Annandale on May 17
- Met with the Truro Homes Association during their meeting on May 17
- Joined the Braddock District Council Annual Legislative Meeting on May 17
- Attended the Woodhirst Homeowners' Association Meeting on May 18
- Participated in the Council to End Domestic Violence Retreat on May 19
- Hosted Braddock Bark on May 21
- Presented the 50+ "Shark Tank" Assistive Technology Challenge awards on May 23
- Joined the Burke Conservancy/VFW for their Memorial Day Observance on May 29
- Participated in the Country Club View Memorial Day Ceremony on May 29

# Braddock Bark Photos

[Visit Celebrate Fairfax's Facebook page to view all photos.](#)



# June Citizen of the Month

## **Terence "Terry" Powers**

Braddock District's June Citizen of the Month is Terry Powers!

Terry is an Annandale resident who has been a valued member of the Fairfax County community since moving here in 1989.

Working with the members of the Annandale North Springfield Little League, Terry has preserved the memorial at Howrey Field that serves to honor the six U.S. Army soldiers who lost their lives while erecting a flagpole at [the field](#) on June 1, 1967.

In the 1990s, local citizens established a memorial plaque and flagpole to preserve the memories of the soldiers who sacrificed for their community. Even with those valuable developments, many members of the community would remain unaware of the tragedy as time passed and the memorial became obscured by weeds.

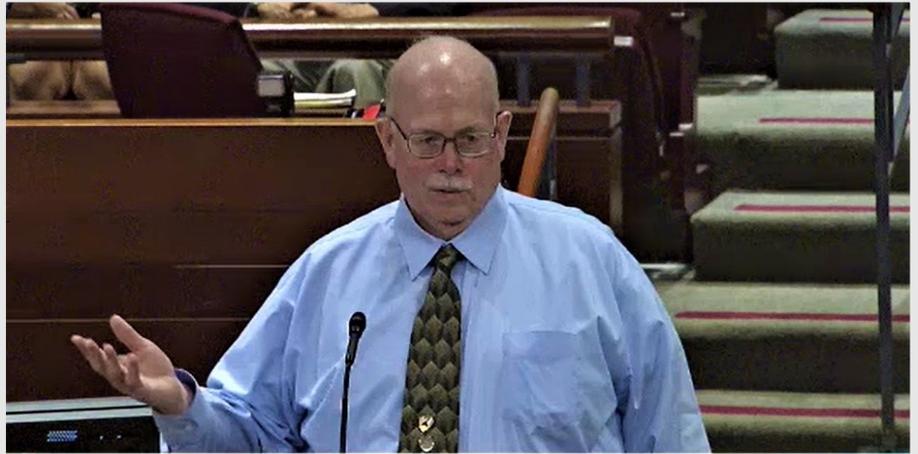
Several years ago, Terry discovered that there was no commemorative event for the anniversary of the accident. The lack of recognition hit close to home for him as a retired Army officer; he wanted to actively honor those who were lost while serving.

In 2017, he created and placed a flag display at the site and began visiting with flowers every year on the anniversary. Terry kept the story of the soldiers of Howrey Field Park alive by co-founding a non-profit group to maintain the site and memorialize the soldiers. Terry's efforts are why the Board of Supervisors now annually recognizes the Soldiers of Howrey Field Park Day on June 1. He personally brought the story to the attention of Supervisor Walkinshaw, which led to the presentation at the Board of Supervisors meeting on June 8, 2021.

The first annual memorial service was hosted on June 1, 2022, by the non-profit organization Friends of Soldiers Memorial Fields at Howrey Park, and this year's ceremony was led by Richard Elliot and many other community members with support from the Fairfax County Government and the U.S. Army. To this day, Terry is the person who maintains and landscapes the memorial site.

For his dedication to both his community and his nation, Supervisor Walkinshaw is proud to recognize Terry Powers as the Braddock District Citizen of the Month. Congratulations Terry and thank you for your service!

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



**PROCLAMATION - To designate June 1, 2021 as Soldiers of Howrey Field Day**

# Community News

## Braddock Shredding Event

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Information about this event can be found on Marian Homes' [website](#). Donations are accepted and benefit Marian Homes' mission to purchase and maintain affordable homes for individuals with intellectual disabilities, allowing independence and personal growth in a group home setting.

## From the Braddock District Council Chair

I have always believed that a community association by whatever name is the basic building block of democracy. Each association is established for the common good of its members, has a 'constitution' (Bylaws), an elected 'government' (board of directors), and can 'tax' (collect dues, whether voluntary or required); some even have 'laws' (restrictive covenants) and enforcement powers (liens, fines). It is closest of all governments to its citizens and like all governments, it is only as effective as the active and informed participation of its citizens makes it.

Braddock District has over 165 associations, be they HOAs, civic, community, condominium, or swimming pool associations. To enable these bodies to serve their members more effectively, the Braddock District Council of Community Associations was established some decades ago. The Council has as its stated purpose "to collectively represent the interests of community associations that are members in good standing that lie within the Braddock Magisterial District, to facilitate cooperation and coordination between community associations of the Braddock District, and to provide a path of communications between associations and officials/elected representatives for the Braddock District—both as part of normal business and for disaster preparedness purposes, if necessary." In other words, the Council exists to promote the "general welfare" of the citizens of the district. Does that phrase sound familiar?

During all the social disturbances of the COVID-19 pandemic years, the Council was unable to continue as it had and ceased to function. Rebooted in June 2022, it is now approaching the end of the first post-pandemic year of operation. Accomplishments include:

- BDC membership reached 24 associations.
- We implemented a Strategic Communications Plan to provide information to all associations in Braddock District via various communications means, including a brand-new website.
- The Council supported the supervisor's annual "Best of Braddock" awards event.
- The Council sponsored the annual Legislative Review meeting featuring eight elected officials who discussed various state and local issues with constituents.
- The Braddock District Council "Aging in Place" program founded in 2011 and still run by Bruce Wallachy continued to be a valuable resource for seniors.

- The Council arranged three presentations on the topics of association insurance matters, an award-winning neighborhood litter cleanup program developed by a high-school student in the Villa community, and the Braddock Road Multimodal Improvements Project.

Of note, the Council’s Webmaster, Charlotte Hannagan, was recognized on May 10 by Volunteer Fairfax as a “Community Champion” representing Braddock District. In addition to being involved in a number of other community volunteer efforts, Charlotte was specifically cited for her role in developing the new Council website and handling other aspects of the Council’s Strategic Communications Plan. Well done, Charlotte!

In order to build on the success of the first year of the “new” Braddock District Council, we need two things: elected officers and more members. Secretary Susan Di Maina and I are continuing for another year. However, the positions of vice-chair and treasurer are becoming vacant. I can’t say enough about how hard the current incumbents, Sarah Lennon, and Kevin Morse, respectively, have worked to get the Council up and running from the moment they were elected in June 2022. While we do have a candidate for vice-chair, we definitely need someone to come forward to be put on the ballot for treasurer. We also are looking for a replacement for Bruce Wallachy to keep the “Aging in Place” program going. I am very cognizant of the fact that I am asking for volunteers to give that most precious of commodities: their personal time. But I also offer them the opportunity to contribute in a very visible and most meaningful way to making Braddock District the best place in Fairfax County in which to live.

I look forward to seeing you at the June 21 meeting for the Braddock District Council elections. Beyond that, I look forward to what the Council can accomplish in the 2023-2024 year with more new members, two new officers, and many new ideas coming from member associations.

Bob Cosgriff  
*Chair*

## Braddock Elementary Ribbon-Cutting



On May 23, Fairfax County Public Schools held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the renovation and expansion of Braddock Elementary School.

The renovation added 38,000 square feet and a multitude of modern amenities, with funding provided by bonds passed by Fairfax County voters in 2017 and 2019.

You can read more about the project on the Braddock Elementary Capital Project’s [page](#).

## Burke Centre Library’s 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Shindig

On June 24, from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., the Burke Centre Library will be celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Burke Centre Library has been serving the community since 2008. There will be live music, refreshments, and programming for all



ages! At 11:00 a.m., Jessica Hudson, the Director of Fairfax County Public Libraries, will give remarks, followed by some words from Supervisor James Walkinshaw. Additionally, there will be a fencing demonstration and stories of Burke's history from the Burke Historical Society.

Find more information on the Fairfax County Library [website](#).

## ECHO (Ecumenical Community Helping Others)

ECHO helps people in need who live in Burke, Springfield, and part of Alexandria. This month, they are looking for new or gently used:

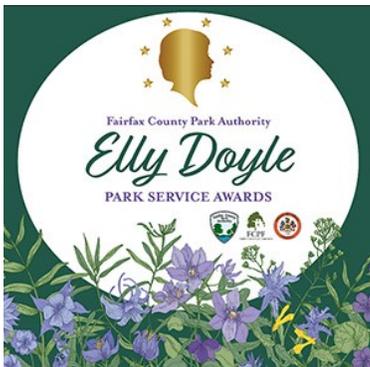
- Girls' clothing
  - Pajamas, sizes 3 - 18
- Boys' spring and summer clothing
  - Pajamas, sizes 6-18
- Boys' and girls' sneakers, sizes 1 - 5
- Men's sneakers, sizes 7 and 8
- Men's jeans, sizes 30/30 and 32/30
- Men's summer shirts, in all sizes
- Men's underwear (new only, please)



ECHO's Food Pantry usually has an abundance of breakfast cereal and soup, but there are so many food requests now that even those staples are currently in short supply.

In addition, ECHO welcomes all kinds of donations, especially cooking oil, bags of rice or beans, sugar, honey, spaghetti, toothpaste, dish detergent, and deodorant. Visit the [ECHO website](#) for a list of the most needed items. Donations may be delivered directly to ECHO or dropped off in the box at the Braddock District Office (9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke) during working hours.

## Elly Doyle Park Service Awards Nominations



There are thousands of individuals and many organizations that volunteer each year in local parks and support the many programs and initiatives of the Fairfax County Park Authority. It would be difficult, if not impossible, to operate our park system without volunteers. Making sure that their service is recognized is very important.

The Annual Elly Doyle Park Service Awards, established in 1988, recognize those who have made outstanding contributions over the last year. These are individuals and/or groups who have given of their time or expertise to the Fairfax County Park Authority for the advancement of recreational and/or educational opportunities for the protection of natural, cultural, or historic resources in Fairfax County.

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2023 Elly Doyle Park Service Awards and will close on Friday, June 23. Individuals may be nominated for multiple awards, but each nominee may only receive one Elly Doyle Park Service Award per year. Nominations are being accepted for the following awards:

- Elly Doyle Park Service Award & Youth/Student Award
- The Harold L. Strickland Partnership and Collaboration Award
- The Mayo Stuntz Cultural Stewardship Award

- The Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award
- The Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Award

Award recipients will be honored later this fall. Check [here](#) for more information on the awards.

# Seasonal Items

## FCRP Clean the Bay Day Americana Drive Clean Up



Fairfax County Restoration Project is joining forces with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for a Clean the Bay Day Clean-Up on Americana Drive on Saturday, June 3 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The tent will be at the corner of Americana and Patriot Drives. Students needing service hours will need to sign out at the same location so the event organizers can track the hours. The Vistas Apartments has offered up their business

restrooms as a comfort station for all volunteers. If you are interested in joining, sign up on the Fairfax County Restoration Project [page](#).

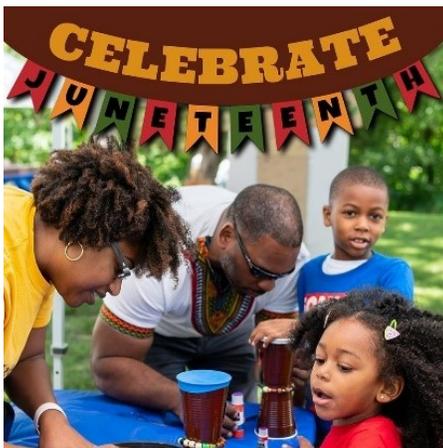
## Graduations at EagleBank Arena

George Mason University will be hosting graduation ceremonies on campus at EagleBank Arena through Tuesday, June 13 at various times of the day.

Traffic impacts will vary depending on the day but be sure to subscribe to [Mason alerts](#) for up-to-date details on high impact areas and alternative routes.

You can view a full list of high school graduations [online](#).

## Celebrate Juneteenth



The Fairfax County Park Authority

(FCPA) is committed to sharing stories, artifacts, and archives to recognize the contributions, struggle, and history of African Americans in Fairfax County and our parks. Commemorate Juneteenth with programs, tours, or blog offerings from the Park Authority between June 11 – June 22.

For more information on these programs and Juneteenth, check out the Park Authority's [website](#).

TRAFFIC ADVISORY: June Graduation Ceremonies at EagleBank Arena		
<u>Thursday, June 1</u> 2:00pm 7:00pm	<u>Saturday, June 3</u> 9:00am 2:00pm 7:00pm	<u>Sunday, June 4</u> 2:30pm 7:00pm
<u>Monday, June 5</u> 9:30am 2:00pm 7:30pm	<u>Tuesday, June 6</u> 9:30am 2:00pm 7:30pm	<u>Wednesday, June 7</u> 9:30am 2:00pm 7:30pm
<u>Thursday, June 8</u> 9:30am 2:00pm 7:30pm	<u>Friday, June 9</u> 9:30am 2:00pm 7:30pm	<u>Saturday, June 10</u> 9:30am 2:30pm 7:30pm
<u>Sunday, June 11</u> 2:30pm 7:00pm	<u>Monday, June 12</u> 9:30am 2:00pm	<u>Tuesday, June 13</u> 2:30pm 7:00pm

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## Library Sales

### Friends of Burke Centre Library's Summer Reading Book Sale

Stock up for your summer reading at Burke Centre Library. Visit the Meeting Room 116 and Meeting Room 117 within the Burke Centre Library on Saturday, June 3 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. to shop for a great selection of gently used books for all ages, plus DVDs, CDs, and vinyl.

### Friends of Kings Park Library Special Sale

Stop by Kings Park Library during open hours until June 7 for a special sale provided by the Friends of Kings Park Library that features over 200 *National Geographic* magazines in excellent condition spanning from 1960 to modern day. Take home two magazines for 25 cents or 10 magazines for \$1. All proceeds from this sale will directly benefit and support Kings Park Library. This event is suitable for all ages.

Visit the Fairfax County Library's [Events Page](#) for more library sales events.



## Audrey Moore Rec Center Camps



As summer approaches, so does the end of the school year! Have your kids explore a variety of academic, art, sports, and other camps at Audrey Moore Rec Center! Their programs target a wide range of ages and activities from acting to baseball to chess to archaeology.

Find more information on the Fairfax County Park Authority [website](#).

## Early Primary Voting and Election Officer Info

Early, in-person voting for the June 20 Democratic Primary Election continues through Saturday, June 17.

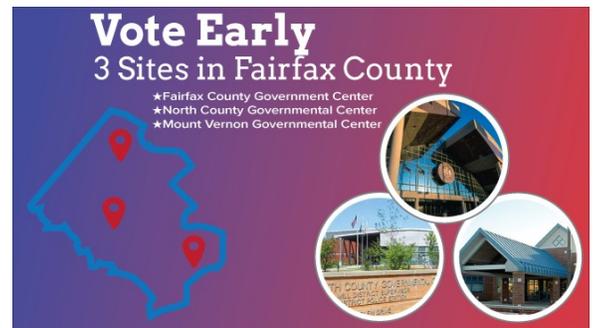
Through June 9, voting is available at three locations:

- Fairfax County Government Center | Conference Rooms 2/3 - 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax
  - Weekday hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Mt. Vernon Governmental Center - 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria
  - Weekday hours: 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- North County Governmental Center - 1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston
  - Weekday hours: 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Next Saturday, June 10, an additional 13 early voting locations will open across the County, including at Burke Centre Library (5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke).

You can find all the locations, operating hours, and detailed information about Saturday voting on the Office of Elections' [website](#).

- Find a list of qualified candidates [here](#).
- You can verify your new districts [here](#).



*\*The Republican Party has opted not to nominate candidates by primary in Fairfax County\**

## Environment & Parks News

### Resurfacing Work Begins on Rutherford Park Tennis Courts

The Fairfax County Park Authority has begun the work of resurfacing the tennis courts at Rutherford Park. To complete the work, the courts will be closed until June 12.

The project will include pressure washing the three tennis courts, cleaning and filling existing cracks, resurfacing, color coating and lining for tennis, and installing new net posts. Rutherford Park is not a candidate for pickleball courts and will not receive any pickleball lining. This project costs \$38,000 and is funded by monies allocated within the FY 2023 budget.



To locate alternative nearby park facilities with tennis courts during the construction period, please use the online Park Locator [tool](#).

Rutherford Park is located at 4710 Guinea Road, Fairfax. For more information, please contact the Public Information Office at [parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov).

### 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 [here](#).

Additionally, every Fairfax County Park Authority 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 Farmers Markets was run. In 2022, nearly 37 tons of compost had been collected at the markets. Find more information about the program [here](#).

## Tax Credits for Energy Upgrades from Fairfax County and the Inflation Reduction Act

As a local government leader for electrification, Supervisor Walkinshaw encourages Fairfax County residents who are prepared to make household energy upgrades to take advantage of current federal Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) tax credits and incentives offered by Fairfax County government.

The federal tax credits include:

- **[The Residential Clean Energy Credit](#)**: A 30% tax credit for the purchase of residential equipment like rooftop solar, wind and geothermal equipment, and battery storage with the capacity of at least three kWh; and
- **[The Energy Efficient Home Improvement Credit](#)**: A tax credit for residential energy-efficiency improvements, like insulation, new doors and energy efficient windows. The base credit amount is 30% of total costs with limits on each type of improvement. The total annual credit is capped at \$1,200, with a separate annual limit of \$2,000 for heat pumps and heat pump water heaters.

### Energy Efficient Home Improvement Credits

<b>25C Tax Credit</b> For Qualified Electrification Upgrades	
<b>Total Annual Credit</b>	<b>\$3,200</b>
Heat pumps and HPWHs	<b>\$2,000</b>
Other upgrades	<b>\$1,200</b>
<b>Annual Credit for Heat Pumps and HPWHs</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
Heat Pump	<b>\$2,000</b>
HPWH	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>Annual Credit for Other Upgrades</b>	<b>\$1,200</b>
Insulation	<b>\$1,200</b>
Doors	<b>\$500</b>
Windows	<b>\$600</b>
Electrical panel	<b>\$600</b>
Energy Audit	<b>\$150</b>

The federal tax credit limit resets each year and can be used again for qualifying upgrades. For an estimate of federal tax credits and possible up-front, point-of-sale discounts, use the [IRA calculator](#) to see your savings based on household income, tax filing status and other factors. Also, be sure to take advantage of incentives offered by Fairfax County. Currently, the permit fee for solar applications is being waived and a tax exemption is offered for installation of solar equipment through the Solar Energy Equipment Tax Exemption Program. For more information, check the Fairfax County Real Estate Assessments & Taxes [website](#) or call the County Permit Application Center at (703) 222-0801 and the Department of Tax Administration at (703) 222-8234.

## 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 chances of them encountering a snake.

Further information about snake bite prevention can be found [here](#).

## Difficult Run Stream and Trail Restoration to Begin this Summer

Beginning this July, the County Stormwater Planning Division (SWPD) will begin restoration work on approximately 1,600 linear feet of the Difficult Run Stream and water basins around the Fairfax County Government Center. Residents who utilize the walking trails behind Government Center will need to find alternative routes as the closure of walking trails is phased in. Trail and pond closures are expected to last through October 2024.



The project will involve grading, excavation and filling of soil, stream alignment, installation of in-stream and log structures, riparian corridor improvement, native species landscaping, and trail restoration. Before contractors dredge the ponds, County staff will relocate fish and other aquatic life to the Herrity Building Pond. Upon completion, SWPD will restock the two Government Center ponds.

For exact trail closure locations, refer to the map above. Further information can be found at the Difficult Run Tributaries and Basins Restoration on Government Center's [project page](#).

## 2023 Environmental Excellence Awards Nominations

The call for nominations for the 2023 [Environmental Excellence Awards](#) is still open! If you know of an individual, business, organization or County employee who deserves recognition for their accomplishments in the past year, consider submitting a nomination.



The awards celebrate those who advance or support the County's environmental goals and policies, those who dedicate personal time or expertise beyond their normal fiscal or civic responsibilities, and those who demonstrate leadership as a role model for others. Submit a nomination **by June 22** on the [online submission form](#).

## FLAP Events

The Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP) host several events each month and invite the community to join. In April you can join FLAP for:

- [National Trails Day](#) on June 3 at 10:00 a.m.
- [Monthly Clean-Up](#) on June 11 at 9:00 a.m.
- [Caring for the Pollinator Garden](#) on June 11 at 10:30 a.m.
- [Exploring the Pollinator Garden](#) on June 11 at 10:30 a.m.

You can view all volunteer opportunities for FLAP on their [event page](#) or by checking out [their website](#).



# Compliance Corner

**Help the Department of Code Compliance help you** – If you report a potential code violation to the Department of Code Compliance (DCC), you have the option to provide contact information or remain anonymous. This decision is up to you, but DCC encourages giving contact information because it can help their team provide the best quality service, including to:

- Provide investigation status updates.
- Confirm information about potential violations - such as the exact location or when the issue typically occurs, especially if staff is not observing the same conditions described in the complaint.
- Discuss personal experiences to better understand the situation.
- Ask permission to observe the potential violation of the property, like when it's difficult to observe from a public street or right-of-way.
- Get help identifying neighbors or others to contact, such as a property manager or a homeowners' association.

Personal information is protected and will only be disclosed if it is required by law to do so. For more information on this, check the Department of Code Compliance (DCC)'s [Frequently Asked Questions](#) under DCC PROCESSES.

## How does DCC enforce the maintenance code?

- 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

## Fairfax Connector I-66 Corridor Feedback until June 5

Fairfax Connector is looking for feedback on their proposed service changes along the I-66 corridor from Centreville to Tysons and in the Franconia-Springfield area. These changes are being made to allow riders to travel through the region more easily, improving access to local and regional routes and Metrorail Stations. They hosted three meetings in late March. General information, recordings of the meetings, and the surveys (in English, Spanish, and Korean) are available [here](#).

## Bus Fares

Last month, the Fairfax Connector expanded their fare free service to riders ages 12 and younger, when accompanied by a paying adult. The current youth fare free policy is for riders ages 4 and younger who are accompanied by a paying adult.



The policy will support their goals for [One Fairfax](#) by increasing access to public transportation and eliminating financial barriers.

There are currently four other fare reduction programs for Connector riders:

- Free Student Bus Passes for Fairfax County students in 7th-12th grade with a [Student Bus Pass](#) (a previous Advisory incorrectly stated that passes were available for 6th grade students).
- Free transfers to and from WMATA Bus and Rail Stations.
- Seniors and passengers with disabilities [receive half fares](#).
- Economically disadvantaged passengers can access the [Transit Ridership Incentive Program](#) (a Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation grant-funded program).

You can read more about the policy change on the Fairfax Connector's [website](#).



## Better Bus Visionary Network Feedback Accepted Through June 18

On April 17, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) began asking the community for feedback on their Better Bus Visionary



Network program. The Better Bus Visionary Network aims to improve the frequency, speed, and reliability of the Washington Metropolitan Area to advance equity, sustainability, and access to opportunities.

There are a variety of methods for you to provide input, including a route feedback map, a survey, and events. They have extended the deadline for feedback to June 18. Share your thoughts and find more information about the program on the Better Bus [website](#).

# Public Safety

## 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.

## Public Safety Day

June 10 is Public Safety Day! The Fairfax County Department of Public Safety Communications and their public safety partners are hosting a free open house.

Join the festivities on Saturday, June 10 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at 4890 Alliance Drive, Fairfax. There will be displays from Fairfax County 9-1-1, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, Fairfax County Police Department - including Animal Protection Police, Virginia State Police, Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, Department of Emergency Management and Security, and Virginia Department of Transportation. There will be fun and games for families and all attendees. Parking will also be free of charge.

## Community Advisory Committee's June Community Engagement Meeting

The West Springfield District Community Advisory Committee (CAC) will be hosting a Community Engagement Meeting on Tuesday, June 6, 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.

Officers from the Public Affairs Bureau will be speaking about Financial Crimes and how to avoid becoming a victim. The meeting will be held in person at the West Springfield District Station (6140 Rolling Road, Springfield). They follow the Fairfax County Public School system for any weather-related cancellations.

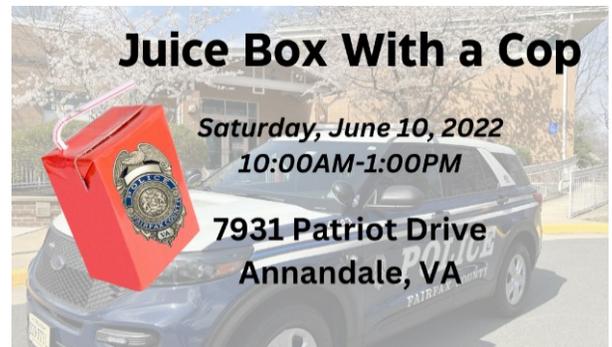
To sign up for the West Springfield CAC meeting reminders, agendas, and minutes, contact [wscacmailbox@gmail.com](mailto:wscacmailbox@gmail.com).

The CAC meetings are generally held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. (except for July and August), and all ages are welcome to attend.

If you have any questions, contact MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363.

## Juice Box with a Cop

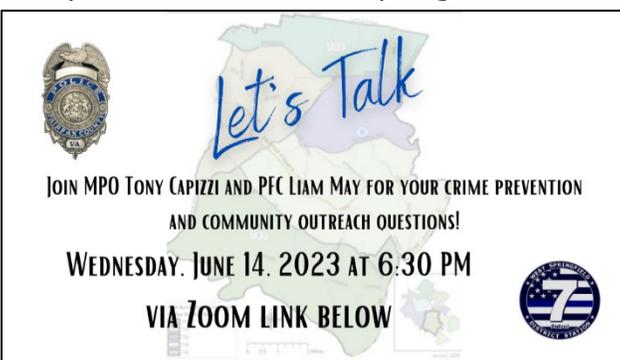
Curious about police officers and what they do? The West Springfield Police Department is hosting a "Juice Box with a Cop" event on June 10 at 7931 Patriot Drive, Annandale. Join them for juice boxes, snacks, and fun. There will also be free car seat inspections. Members of other police departments and Opportunity Neighborhood-Annandale Council Members will be in attendance.



If you have any questions before the event, contact MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363.

## Let's Talk

Did you know the West Springfield District Station covers over 66 square miles, and has over 200,000 community members, 40 public schools, 70 houses of worship, around 110 police officers, and ten different patrol areas? If you would like to know more about the West Springfield District Station, crime prevention, or just have questions, attend the virtual community meeting on Wednesday, June 14, at 6:30 p.m. Use the Zoom link below to join us. If you have any questions before the meeting, contact MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363.

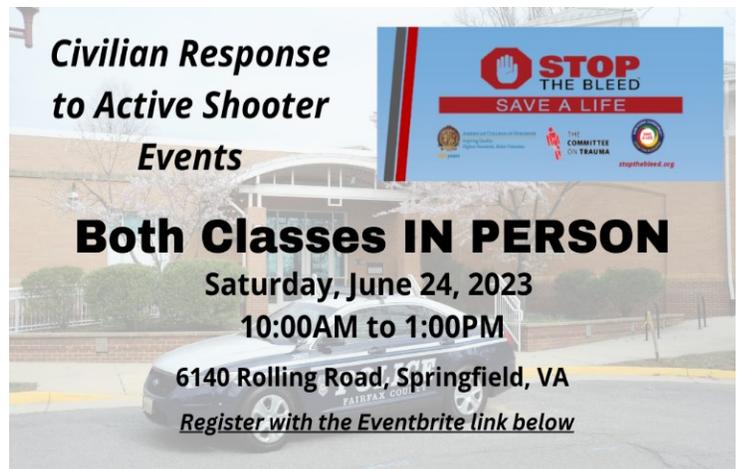


## Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events/STOP THE BLEED Training

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, June 24, 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.



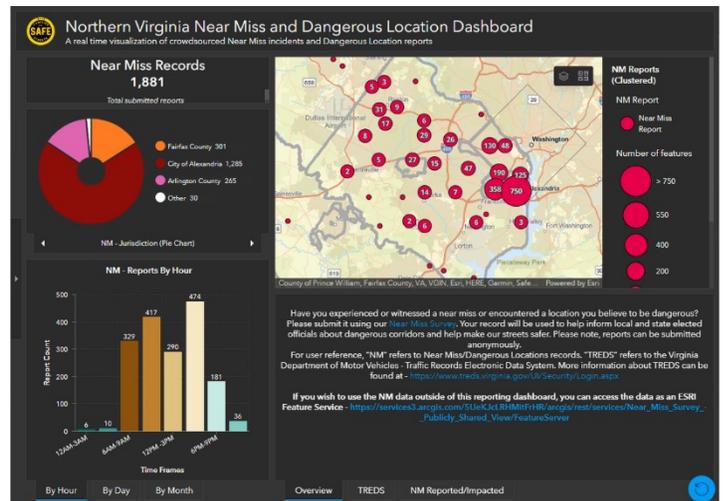
This training will be in person at the West Springfield District Station community room (6140 Rolling Road, Springfield). Register for the class [here](#). Contact MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363 with further questions.

## 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

## 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 afterward. 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.

There is a training on [June 27 at 1:00 p.m.](#) that will be presented in Spanish. More details about this training session can be found on the Community Service Board's [website](#).



## Virginia Energy Assistance Program; June 15 – 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 from June 15 through 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](#).

## Free Summer Parenting Classes

Are you interested in learning a variety of parenting techniques? The following programs, hosted by the Fairfax County Department of Family Services, teach communication strategies, understanding youths, and more for a variety of age groups:

Parenting Children Ages 12-18 (English): Thursdays, June 8 – August 24 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.  
Grace Presbyterian Church (7434 Bath St, Springfield)

- Parenting Children Ages 12-18 (Spanish): Tuesday, June 20 – August 29 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
  - Virtual, contact Alba Quinones at (703) 324-7310
- Parenting Children Ages 5-11 (English and Spanish): Wednesdays, June 14 – September 27 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
  - TBD, contact Sammy Zeballos at (703) 324-3532

Contact the Parenting Education Programs by email at [ParentingEducation@FairfaxCounty.gov](mailto:ParentingEducation@FairfaxCounty.gov) or call (703) 324-7720. Learn more about the variety of parenting classes available [here](#).

## Creative Engagement Series

Learn how to use the right and left brain to improve your sense of well-being during this interactive intergenerational workshop hosted by the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging on June 9 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Patricia Dubroff, creative aging specialist, will lead a left brain/right brain warm-up and demonstrate a simple, hands-on project to create individualized note cards. Register online through the County's Health and Wellness Free Webinars for Family Caregivers of Older Adults [website](#).

Learn more about programs and services for family caregivers on the Department of Family Services Family Caregiver Support Programs [website](#).

## Free Hybrid Kinship Café with Open Forum Discussion

Are you raising a child for a family member or friend? If you answered "yes," you are a kinship caregiver, and you are not alone. The Department of Family Services' hybrid (in-person and virtual) Kinship Cafés encourage and foster a sense of community among kinship caregivers. Dinner and childcare are provided.

Register to participate on Thursday, June 15 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Providence Community Center (3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax) by sending an email to [BuildingStrongerFamilies@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:BuildingStrongerFamilies@fairfaxcounty.gov). You can also call (703) 324-7720.

Are you raising a child for a family member or friend?  
**You are Not Alone!**



Join our  
**Kinship Cafés**

**June 15, 2023 | 6:30–8 p.m. Hybrid (In Person/Virtual)**

Registration required, email: [BuildingStrongerFamilies@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:BuildingStrongerFamilies@fairfaxcounty.gov)  
or call **703-324-7720**

 FAIRFAX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
**FAMILY SERVICES** 

Registration is required at least one business day before the Kinship Café date. Learn more about Kinship Cafés and check out future dates on the Fairfax County Department of Family Services' Parenting Education Program's website.

## Tier 1 Domestic Violence Training

This training is designed for professionals interested in learning the dynamics of domestic violence to deepen their work with clients and community members, and anyone interested in volunteering with Domestic and Sexual Violence Services.

Participants must [register](#) and participate for both days (Wednesday, June 28, and Thursday, June 29) from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. This training will be held at the Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway Conference Room 2/3, Fairfax). Those who complete both days of this training will receive a Certificate of Completion. Tier 1 training explores topics that may be challenging.

Sometimes learning about these topics or providing support to other people impacted by domestic and sexual violence may trigger difficult feelings for participants.

If you have questions about the training content or concerns about participating, please contact John Crowover at [john.crowover@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:john.crowover@fairfaxcounty.gov) or (703) 324-6860. Reasonable accommodation can be provided upon request.



# Resources for Older Adults

## Free Community Events at the Wellness Center for Older Adults, June 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
<b>June 2023</b> Call 703-970-3601 or email <a href="mailto:VAwellnesscenter@servicesource.org">VAwellnesscenter@servicesource.org</a> *Activities are streamed with in-person adaptation **Red = A Community Partner led event				
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			1:00 Chair Yoga*	10:30 Food Delivery Apps tech class 1:00 Movie Club: Homeward Bound
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	10:00-2:00 <b>'Brown Bag' Medication Safety Event</b> 1:00 Chair Zumba*	10:30 Creativity Leads to Wellness	10:00-2:00 <b>Blood Pressure Screenings</b> 1:00 Chair Yoga*	10:30 Mindfulness Apps tech class
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10:00-2:00 <b>Memory Screenings</b> 1:00-2:00 Nutrition Demonstration: Rainbow Fruit Salad	1:00 Chair Zumba*	10:30 Creativity Leads to Wellness	1:00 Chair Yoga*	10:30 Digital Storytelling tech class
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CLOSED	1:00 Chair Zumba*	10:30 Creativity Leads to Wellness	10:00-2:00 <b>Blood Pressure Screenings</b> 1:00 Chair Yoga*	1:00 Movie Club: 13 Going on 30
26	27	28	29	30
	1:00 Chair Zumba*	10:30 Creativity Leads to Wellness <b>1:00 Fraud Watch</b>	10:00-noon Tiki Bar Mocktails and Karaoke 1:00 Chair Yoga*	1:00 Birthday Bingo Celebration

### Program Descriptions (listed alphabetically)

#### 6 Pillars of Brain Health

Join a discussion by [AARP](#) to explore information on the pillars of ongoing exercise, restorative sleep, and eating right. Puzzle books will be provided!

#### 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

Am I getting old or getting Alzheimer's? Is forgetfulness a natural part of aging? When does memory difficulty signal a larger problem? This program by the [Alzheimer's Association](#) provides an understanding of the difference between normal aging and when symptoms reveal a larger problem.

#### 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, June babies! Play Bingo at 1:00 p.m. Reserve your 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., 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\**

### **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.

### **Digital Storytelling**

Do you have a good story to tell? This lecture by [Senior Planet and AARP](#) covers digital tools to bring out your creativity. You'll explore ways to use social media like Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter to write and share stories. You'll also learn about popular platforms like Enwoven and StoryCorps.

### **Fraud Watch**

This presentation by [AARP](#) includes information on how to spot and avoid scams, how to protect yourself and your family, and what you should do if you think you've become a victim of a scam.

### **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.

### **Mindfulness Apps**

Mindfulness is the ability to be fully present and aware. You can practice mindfulness through simple activities. This lecture by [Senior Planet and AARP](#) introduces mindfulness and its physical and mental benefits, such as reducing anxiety, improving memory, and lowering blood pressure. You'll learn about popular apps that teach breathing and meditation techniques, as well as new technology like wearable breath monitors and smart yoga mats.

## Movie Club

Join others for a movie club experience. This activity is centered around watching a quality movie and having a discussion after the showing.

- **13 Going on 30** is a 2004 romantic comedy about a girl who is sick of the social structures of junior high and is transformed into a grownup overnight.

## 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.

## Tiki Bar Mocktails and Karaoke

Open invitation to community members to come experience a Beach Day and be our guest for the day. "Fun in the sun" activities, music, beachball volleyball, and nonalcoholic drinks while singing your favorite beach tunes.

## Virtual Center for Active Adults Programs

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

## Shepherd's Center's Lunch N' Life



With  
**Kathy Trichel**

Learn about Green Spring Gardens history, current projects (including the Moon Gate), plans, the glass house and the FROGS



Join us for lunch, lecture, then a stroll around the Gardens.  
Visit the gift shop for unique gifts.

Join us on  
**Thursday, June 15th, 2023**  
11:30am – 1:00pm

Location:  
Green Spring Gardens  
4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria, VA 22312

Must order boxed lunch at the time of reservation. Cost of Lunch: \$15 per person

To Register: Call the SCAS Office at (703) 941-1419 by Monday, June 12th or send an email to [shepherdscas@vacoxmail.com](mailto:shepherdscas@vacoxmail.com)

*Our lunches are catered so pre-payment is required.*  
Send Check To: SCAS, 7610 Newcastle Drive, Annandale, VA 22003.

Join the Shepherd Center of Annandale Springfield for their Lunch N'Life lunch on June 15 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens (4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria).

Register by calling (703) 941-1419 or emailing [shepherdscas@vacoxmail.com](mailto:shepherdscas@vacoxmail.com) by June 12.

## 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 from May 1 through October 31, 2023.

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@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Allegra.Joffe@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call (703) 324-2019.



# Land Use & Development

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & HEARINGS

### Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee Meeting

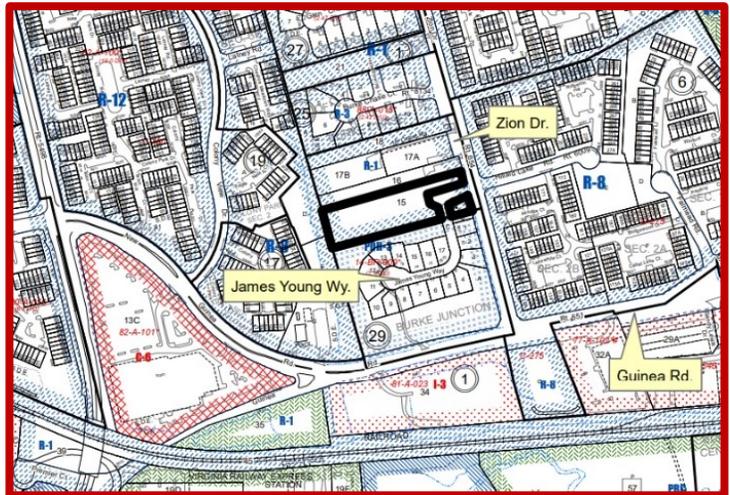
- June 20 at 7:00 p.m. – Braddock Hall

### Planning Commission Hearing on Rezoning Proposal for Day Property

- June 21 at 7:30 p.m. – Board Auditorium

## Planning Commission Hearing on Proposal to Develop Day Property on Zion Drive Now Scheduled for June 21

As we have reported, 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. The proposal would complete the sidewalk network along Zion Drive.

The applicant has continued to make revisions to the details of the application in response to concerns from the community, staff, and the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee. In their most recent submission, the applicant modified the proposed recreation amenity areas to include a pollinator garden with birdhouses and two benches, and an open flex-use lawn area replaces the previously proposed tot lot. The new private street has been shifted slightly to the north in order to add a small buffer area along portions of the southern property line. This would provide more protection for off-site trees near the property line. The applicant has also proposed to add some overstory trees, understory trees, and shrubs along the southern boundary.



A Staff Report analyzing the previous proposal was published on February 1, and a memo updating the Planning Commission on subsequent revisions was issued on May 17. Additional minor clarifications to the application are expected to be filed next week. County staff will analyze that information and we expect another memo reflecting those changes to be issued on June 15. 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 hearing on this application is scheduled for June 21 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. ***If you signed up for a previously scheduled—but then deferred—hearing date, be sure to register again to ensure you are on the list for June 21.*** 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.

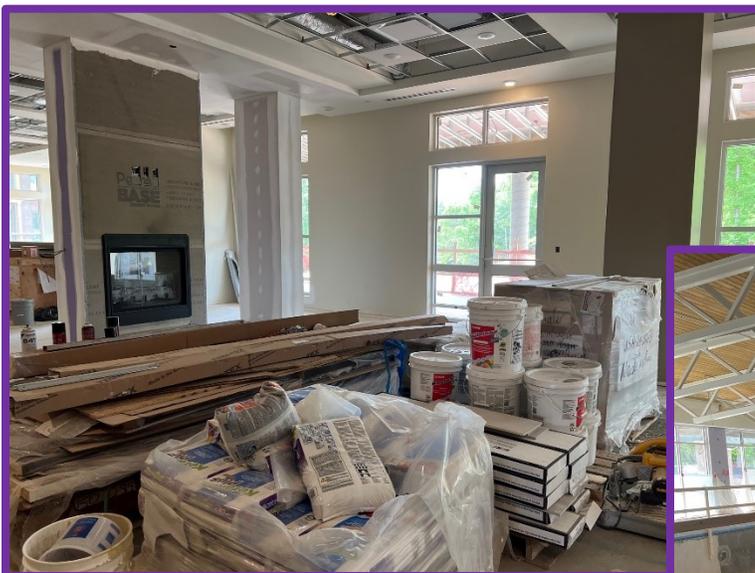
### **Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting**

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 20, at 7:00 p.m. in Braddock Hall. The agenda is expected to include an update on the Day property rezoning and other 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.

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

Erickson Living is continuing to install sidewalks at its Woodleigh Chase site. The retaining walls along Braddock Road are nearly complete. At the community building, they are installing paneling in the natatorium, progressing with the installation of kitchen equipment, and putting door and base trim in place. On the two residential buildings on either side of the community building, they are installing sprinklers, completing utility tie-ins, and hanging drywall.

If community members have questions about the project, contact the Woodleigh Chase sales office at (703) 259-5300 or at [www.WoodleighChase.com](http://www.WoodleighChase.com).



Common Area and Natatorium in Community Building



## Update on Braddock Senior

Braddock Senior is being constructed by the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing at Braddock Road and Red Spruce Road. It 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.

The project is currently a little over halfway complete. The brick façade installation is continuing and should be finalized in mid-June. Installation of siding will follow. Rough-in work for the mechanical-electrical-plumbing systems and installation of the rooftop mechanical equipment will also continue over the next few weeks. Unit insulation work is underway, along with hanging of drywall. In mid-June, concrete footings will be poured for the new project monument sign.



## Update on One University Affordable Housing Development

At the affordable housing buildings on the western portion of the One University site at University Drive and Ox Road, brick and block are being installed on the façade of the senior building. Mechanical, electrical, sprinkler, and plumbing rough-in work is complete through the third floor. On the family building, half of the building has windows installed and roofing in place, while the remaining half has roof trusses set. Plumbing rough-ins are ongoing on the first floor. Base paving has been done on the driveway and parking garage entrance. The contractor anticipates completion of the affordable housing portion of the development in the second quarter of 2024.



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

Work is underway at the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles future Braddock Road Customer Service Center, located adjacent to the Erickson Living facility. DMV's contractor has poured footings and begun framing the building. We will update the community when we receive information from the DMV about the construction schedule.



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## 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.

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

The applicant requested a Variance to reduce the setback requirements to allow construction of a single-family house 19.7 feet from the eastern front lot line (40-foot setback required) and 19.7 feet from the western side lot line. BZA staff worked with the applicant to revise the proposal with a slightly smaller footprint and no encroachment into

the rear yard. On May 10, the BZA approved this application, subject to Development Conditions. Information, including a map of the site, 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 requested 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 approved this application on May 17, subject to Development Conditions. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

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

The applicant requested 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 7 feet. In addition, the applicant is requesting a reduction in setback requirements to permit an accessory structure (shed) with a height of 9.8 feet to remain 1 foot from the property line. The BZA approved this application on May 17, subject to Development Conditions which include providing screening with evergreen plants. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, 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 deferred until June 14. 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 child care 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](#).

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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