



# The Braddock Beacon

## **395 Express Lanes Set to Open on November 17!**

We all recognize and appreciate that your time is better spent just about anywhere but stuck in traffic. That's why we're pleased to share that the 395 Express Lanes will open on November 17. Below is a quick snapshot of changes to come with the 395 Express Lanes opening:

- The 395 Express Lanes will offer the same quick, simple and predictable travel that drivers have come to know and trust from the 495 and 95 Express Lanes.
- The 395 Express Lanes will add another lane to give drivers 3 free-flowing, reversible lanes 24/7.
- Drivers will need an E-ZPass or E-ZPass Flex to travel the 395 Express Lanes 24/7.
- The 395 Express Lanes will run for 8 miles from near Edsall Road to the 14th Street Bridge.
- Drivers will have quicker access to the Pentagon and Pentagon City thanks to improvements at the Eads Street Interchange.
- Even if drivers don't choose to use the Express Lanes, everyone wins when it's easier to travel in the area. Northern Virginia has seen a 20% reduction in congestion on the regular lanes on I-95 and I-495 since the Express Lanes opened, and we anticipate that the 395 Express Lanes will further reduce congestion in the region.
- As part of the project agreement, Transurban will provide the Commonwealth with \$15 million per year to invest in transit projects in the 95 and 395 corridors. The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission will administer the program and choose projects that benefit toll-paying customers and travelers in the corridor.
- On behalf of the Commonwealth, the project is also delivering added capacity to the regular lanes. A fourth southbound I-395 regular lane will eliminate a bottleneck between Duke Street and Edsall Road. This portion of the project will be completed in the summer of 2020.
- In June of 2019, the project also delivered improvements to the Pentagon South Parking Lot by installing a dedicated bus loop and a dedicated loop for sluggers and carpoolers. These changes are already benefiting travelers by improving connectivity and reducing congestion at the Pentagon
- If there are three or more people in the car and their E-ZPass Flex shows "HOV ON," they can ride for free.
- Motorcycles and buses always ride free, and motorcycles don't need an E-ZPass.

With changes coming to the corridor, please remain alert and aware of the new traffic patterns. Safe travels! For up-to-date information regarding the Lanes and your travel needs, please visit [expresslanes.com](http://expresslanes.com).

## Board of Supervisors Approves Funds for Lake Accotink

The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously on October 29 to fund the plan to save Lake Accotink. Braddock District Supervisor John C. Cook organized community meetings over the last two years to make sure the community had a voice in the planning process.

The Board approved an initial wet dredge of the lake to an average 8-foot depth. Regular dredging on a much smaller scale will continue in future years. The initial dredge will cost a total of \$30.5 million to complete and \$2.013 million annually to maintain. This is much less than the \$50 million the county expected last year. The sediment collected in the dredging will be brought by pipe to an unused area of Wakefield Park under the power lines for dewatering. Once it dries, the dirt will be trucked out of the county via the I-495 beltway. No truck will need to use neighborhood roads. The Wakefield dewatering area gives direct access to Braddock Road and will have a minimal impact on wetlands in the area. Further study found trucking was the best way to move the final dirt. The motion by Supervisor Cook also committed the county to continue to work with the community to mitigate any adverse environmental impacts caused by the dredging and dewatering.

"This is a great day for the people of Fairfax County," Supervisor Cook said. "The amount of community involvement that came with saving the Lake was something we have never seen before. I am thrilled that we are finally saving Lake Accotink forever!"

Supervisor Cook thanked Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay for his partnership on this effort and the group Save Lake Accotink for its critical efforts to raise awareness and garner public support.



## Cook in the Community



**Out of the Darkness Walk:** Supervisor Cook along with Supervisor Kathy Smith led the "Team BOS" in the walk to end suicide on October 5.

**Fire Safety Week:** Supervisor Cook attended the open house at the Burke Volunteer Fire Department on October 12. (Photo)

# Braddock Neighborhood News

Supervisor Cook hosts a monthly television show, Braddock Neighborhood News, on Fairfax County Channel 16, which is available on most cable networks. Supervisor Cook invites special guests to cover topics on important matters that affect the Braddock District. The November episode features an interview with Fairfax County Executive Bryan Hill, who will be discussing his first two years working in the county. Episodes air on Sundays at 5 pm, Wednesdays at 7 pm and Fridays at 5 pm. You may also watch the episodes online.



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## Community News

### HYPOTHERMIA PREVENTION PROGRAM 2019-2020 SEASON



**The Hypothermia Prevention Program** is an integral part of Fairfax County’s programs to prevent and end homelessness that incorporates the collaborative work of area faith communities, civic organizations, businesses, and individual volunteers. The program represents a shining example of collaborative effectiveness in serving the critical needs of those experiencing homelessness when they are in most danger of exposure to cold weather.

The Hypothermia Prevention Program expands shelter capacity for individuals experiencing homelessness in two main ways – overflow space at the existing shelters that serve single adults and auxiliary off-site programs that are hosted largely in partnership with various faith communities throughout the county. All three emergency shelters that serve single adults activate a “no-turn-away” (NTA) policy by providing overflow space at the current shelter facilities. NTA Overflow shelter is also implemented in non-winter months in extreme temperature and weather conditions. Individuals staying in NTA Overflow shelter or the off-site program can engage in case management services, including assistance with basic needs, housing, employment, benefits,

behavioral or physical health, etc. For general questions about the Hypothermia Prevention Program, please contact Abby Dunner in the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH) at [abby.dunner@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:abby.dunner@fairfaxcounty.gov).

- In the South County/Route One Area – Human Services Region 1, **New Hope Housing (NHH)**
  - **NTA Overflow (November 15 – March 31; access available 24/7)**
    - Located at Eleanor U. Kennedy Community Shelter (EUKS) at 9155 Richmond Highway, Ft. Belvoir.
    - For further program information, please contact Chandra Beander at [cbeander@newhopehousing.org](mailto:cbeander@newhopehousing.org) or (703) 799-0200 or Steve Lonon at [slonon@newhopehousing.org](mailto:slonon@newhopehousing.org) or (703) 822-1520.
  - **Off-Site Program (December 1 – March 31)**
    - Located at Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church at 8220 Russell Road, Alexandria.
    - Operational hours from 6:30 pm – 7 am.
    - Can accommodate up to 24 guests per night in partnership with Ventures in Community Hypothermia Outreach Program (VIC-HOP), a coordinated effort of faith communities in the South County area.
    - For further program information; please contact Sherry Edelkamp at [sedelkamp@yahoo.com](mailto:sedelkamp@yahoo.com).
    - To volunteer or donate please contact Sami Smyth at [ssmyth@newhopehousing.org](mailto:ssmyth@newhopehousing.org).
- In the Central/Eastern County, including Annandale and Seven Corners – Human Services Region 2, **New Hope Housing (NHH)**
  - **NTA Overflow (November 15 – March 31; access available 24/7)**
    - Located at Bailey’s Shelter and Supportive Housing (BSSH) at 5914 Seminary Road, Falls Church.
    - For further program information; please contact Alfred Grant at (703) 820-7621 or [agrant@newhopehousing.org](mailto:agrant@newhopehousing.org) or Khristina Koontz at [kkoontz@newhopehousing.org](mailto:kkoontz@newhopehousing.org).
  - **Off-Site Program (December 1 – March 31)**
    - Located at rotating faith community sites throughout Fairfax County.
    - Operational hours from 7 pm – 7 am. Guests are given the option of being transported to the hosting faith community by assembling at BSSH at 5 pm.
    - For further program information; please contact Alfred Grant at (703) 820-7621 or [agrant@newhopehousing.org](mailto:agrant@newhopehousing.org) or Khristina Koontz at [kkoontz@newhopehousing.org](mailto:kkoontz@newhopehousing.org).
    - To volunteer or donate please contact Leo Patrician at [lpatrician@newhopehousing.org](mailto:lpatrician@newhopehousing.org).
  - **The Friends of Falls Church Winter Shelter (November 15 – March 31)**
    - Located at 217 Gordon Rd, Falls Church.
    - Operational hours from 6 pm – 8 am. Guests cannot walk-in and must be referred.
    - Can accommodate up to 12 guests per night.
    - For further information or to find out how to be referred; please contact Steve Lonon at (703) 822-1520 or [slonon@newhopehousing.org](mailto:slonon@newhopehousing.org) or Chandra Beander at [cbeander@newhopehousing.org](mailto:cbeander@newhopehousing.org) or (703) 799-0200.
- In the North County, including Herndon and Reston – Human Services Region 3, **Cornerstones**
  - **NTA Overflow (November 15 – March 31; access available 24/7)**
    - Located at Embry Rucker Community Shelter (ERCS), 11975 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston.
  - **Off-Site Program (December 1 – March 31)**
    - Located at the North County Human Services Building at 1850 Cameron Glen Dr, Room #200, Reston.

- Operational hours from 5 pm – 7 am.
  - For further information, please contact Missy Norquest at [missy.norquest@cornerstonesva.org](mailto:missy.norquest@cornerstonesva.org), Milton Rodriguez at [milton.rodriguez@cornerstonesva.org](mailto:milton.rodriguez@cornerstonesva.org), or Jeanine Gravette at [jeanine.gravette@cornerstonesva.org](mailto:jeanine.gravette@cornerstonesva.org) or (703) 437-1975.
  - To volunteer or donate, please contact Susan Alger at [susan.alger@cornerstonesva.org](mailto:susan.alger@cornerstonesva.org).
- In the Central/West County, including Fairfax and Centreville – Human Services Region 4, **FACETS**
    - **NTA Overflow** – there is no NTA Overflow program in Human Services Region 4
    - **Off-Site Program (December 1 – March 31)**
      - Located at rotating faith community sites throughout Fairfax County.
      - Operational hours from 5 pm – 7 am.
      - For location information, guests can visit [www.facetscares.org/programs/hypothermia-prevention-and-response-program](http://www.facetscares.org/programs/hypothermia-prevention-and-response-program) or call 703-352-5090 ext. 302 (ext. 303 for Spanish) for an automated voicemail recording of the current hosting location.
      - For further information, please contact Maria Avila at [mavila@facetscares.org](mailto:mavila@facetscares.org) or Khadija Long at [klong@facetscares.org](mailto:klong@facetscares.org).
      - To volunteer or donate, please contact Tammy Voss at [tvoss@facetscares.org](mailto:tvoss@facetscares.org) or (703) 865-4251.

In addition to the nonprofit providers and faith communities above, the Hypothermia Prevention Program relies on the effective collaboration and partnership of many other county agencies, including the **Community Services Board (CSB), Fairfax County Health Department’s Homeless Healthcare Program (HHP), Department of Family Services (DFS), Police Department, Sheriff’s Office, Fire Marshal’s Office, Land Development Services, and the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH)**. These groups support the program and its client’s essential service and safety needs throughout the season.

Fairfax County continues to operate the three shelters that serve single individuals and the four shelters that serve families (six facilities total) year-round for those experiencing homelessness. Families with children who need shelter must contact [Coordinated Services Planning](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/Coordinated-Services-Planning) at (703) 222-0880 between the hours of 8 am and 4:30 pm to gain access. After business hours, families with children in need of shelter should go directly to the nearest family shelter. The phone numbers and addresses for the year-round shelters [are available on the county webpage](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/Coordinated-Services-Planning).



On October 15, Supervisor Cook joined staff and volunteers in the county who are working to end domestic violence to proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

## County Holds Successful “Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout”

The County coordinated with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, the [Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board](#) and [Health Department](#) for a successful 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, Oct. 26. Each of our district stations along with Wegmans in Chantilly served as collection sites. A total of 1,246 pounds of unused and expired prescription drugs were collected.

Sully	5 bags	93 pounds
Mount Vernon	3 bags	127 pounds
McLean	6 bags	210 pounds
Mason	5 bags	91 pounds
Reston	13 bags	145 pounds
Franconia	7 bags	131 pounds
West Springfield	12 bags	249 pounds
Fair Oaks	7 bags	153 pounds
Wegmans	3 bags	47 pounds
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>61 bags</b>	<b>1,246 pounds</b>

This initiative addresses vital safety and public health issues. Unused or expired over the counter or prescription medicine left unsecured are susceptible to misuse and can contribute to overdoses and accidental poisonings.

### 4 Ways to Safely Dispose of Unused Medications

In addition to this annual initiative, drug take back boxes are available year-round at each of our eight police stations. Accepted items include prescription medication (schedule II-V controlled and non-controlled), prescription ointments, over-the-counter medications and medications for pets. Prohibited items include needles (sharps), liquids of any kind, illegal drugs, non-prescription ointments and lotions, aerosol cans, and inhalers.

Since the implementation of the drug take back boxes in November 2017, we have collected 4,183.5 lbs. of prescription drugs. This includes 3,448.5 lbs. of prescription drugs collected to date in 2019. These amounts do not include the Drug Take Back Day collections.

Our district stations are always open to the public. Addresses and additional information on each of our stations are available at the following links:

[Sully District Station](#)

[Mount Vernon District Station](#)

[McLean District Station](#)

[Mason District Station](#)

[Reston District Station](#)

[Franconia District Station](#)

[West Springfield District Station](#)

[Fair Oaks District Station](#)

# Human Services Corner

**Medicare 101:** Braddock District Council's Aging in Place will be about Medicare 101 on Wednesday, Nov. 20, 1 pm to 2:30 pm at the Kings Park Library's meeting room, with reps from the [Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program](#).

**George Mason University's women's basketball!** Join George Mason women's basketball for their first home game of the season on Sunday, November 10 at 2 pm versus Virginia Tech! Upcoming November games: Saturday, November 16 at 12 pm versus Detroit Mercy; Thursday, November 21 at 7 pm versus American; and Tuesday, November 26 at 7 pm versus UMKC. Tickets for the general public are \$6, \$4 for seniors and children, and \$3 for groups of 15 or more. **Seating is open.** Season tickets start at just \$56 to attend 14 home games! Nine (9) games start before 7 pm. If you are interested in buying season, group or individual tickets, getting a package deal for the daytime games, or have any questions, please call Brian Banks at (703) 993-3236 or email him at [bbanks@gmu.edu](mailto:bbanks@gmu.edu). For a full schedule of all Mason basketball games, go to [www.gomason.com](http://www.gomason.com).

## GOLDEN GAZETTE ENTRIES

**Nov. 10, 4 pm-5 pm - Fall Foliage Tour Boat Ride:** Join us for a special tour that captures the beauty of fall from our pontoon boat's unique perspective. The tour includes a one-hour ride and a hot beverage. \$8. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Rd., Fairfax Station. For reservations, call 703-222-4664.

**Nov. 14, 7 pm-8:45 pm - Watercolor Paint:** Learn the joys and therapeutic effects of watercolor in a quiet, serene environment taught by a local artist. Caregivers welcome. Supplies provided. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Rd., Burke. To register, call 703-644-7333.

**Nov. 14 & 15 (Two-Day Class), 10 am-3 pm - AARP Smart Driver Class:** This class, designed for those 50+, helps keep you and your loved ones safe on the road. \$15 AARP Members/ \$20 Non-members. Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Rd., Fairfax. To register, call 703-246-4495.

## Library Launches New Catalog in November by Mary Mulrenan, Fairfax County Public Library via Golden Gazette

On November 13, Fairfax County Public Library is launching Polaris, a new catalog to help you explore our collection of more than 2.3 million books, eBooks, audiobooks, eAudiobooks, movies and more. To manage the transition all Fairfax County Public Library branches will be closed on Tuesday, Nov. 12, for the transition to the new catalog. (The library also is closed Nov. 11 for Veteran's Day.) The new catalog will provide a more user-friendly experience and feature an updated design, plus:

- Smarter, faster and more intuitive searching.
- Account customization, including the abilities to log in with a unique username of your choice instead of your library card number and to choose text notifications.
- Auto-renewal, up to three times, of physical items borrowed from the library.
- Access to a wish list to save items to borrow later.

The catalog will be available in Korean and Spanish, as well as English. While we are transitioning from the current catalog to the new one, you may experience a few inconveniences:

- The old catalog will not be available between Nov. 8 and Nov. 12.
- Between Oct. 28 and Nov. 12, you will not be able to put books on hold, but you can pick up holds placed earlier and check out materials.
- During this transition period, no fees will be charged, and due dates will be automatically extended.
- You may notice a reduced number of books in the library's Wowbrary newsletter.

For more information, you can visit the new catalog information webpage at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/new-library-catalog](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/new-library-catalog), talk to staff in a library branch or email [librarycatalog@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:librarycatalog@fairfaxcounty.gov).

**The Village Concept Conference:** The all-day conference is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 14 and takes place at Marymount University Conference Center, 1000 North Glebe Rd., Arlington. Registration ranges from \$15 to \$25 depending on membership status and includes breakfast and lunch. Go to [www.wavevillages.org](http://www.wavevillages.org) for registration information.

### **The federal government's open season for federal employees and retirees to change their health plans is Nov. 11–Dec. 9, 2019.**

To help navigate the 2020 Federal Employees Health Benefits Plans, plus dental and vision insurance programs, Congressman Gerry Connolly presents an open season workshop that includes a panel discussion and plan exhibitor booths on Saturday, Nov. 23, 10 am–1 pm, at the Fairfax County Government Center, 2000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Federal employees, retirees and annuitants, as well as active duty and retired service members are welcome to attend this informative workshop. For more information, call 703-256-3071.

**Volunteers Needed for the 2020 Tax Season:** The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program needs the following volunteers: greeters, interpreters (including ASL), screeners and tax preparers. No tax training is needed for greeters and interpreters. Free training (classroom and online) is available for screeners and tax preparers. The VITA program offers free income tax preparation and filing services to individuals and families who earned less than \$56,000 in 2019. Opportunities are available throughout Fairfax and Prince Williams counties. Hours are flexible, including evenings and weekends. For more information and/or to register to volunteer, go to [www.nvacash.org](http://www.nvacash.org). Submit county volunteer opportunities to Tanya Erway at [Tanya.Erway@FairfaxCounty.gov](mailto:Tanya.Erway@FairfaxCounty.gov).

**Study Buddy:** Do you have strong academic skills? Consider becoming a study buddy tutor. Provide one-on-one tutoring to elementary, middle or high school students. For more information or to apply, contact [Francesca.Watson2@FairfaxCounty.gov](mailto:Francesca.Watson2@FairfaxCounty.gov).

**Nov. 23, 2 pm-3 pm Acoustic Coffeehouse:** Ritorno A Musica! Usher in the holiday season with a lovely musical concert by Ritorno a Musica featuring a repertoire from the Baroque, Classical, Romantic and Contemporary eras. Free. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Call 703-293-6227.

### **November is the National Family Caregiver Month**

November is the National Family Caregiver Month, a time to celebrate and recognize the thousands of families who provide care for an older adult or an adult with a disability. In 2018, The Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services reported that 1 in 5 Virginians is a caregiver. The report stated that currently 1.8 million Virginians are over the age of 60, and this number is expected to increase to 2.3 million by 2030. The report added that 35 percent of the caregivers are adult children, and 13 percent are aging spouses. As the nature of caregiving becomes more complex, family caregivers may face a significant financial and emotional burden, which in turn can lead to serious health problems. If you are a family caregiver of an older adult or an adult with a disability, The Department of Family Services, Adult & Aging division offers information, support, and resources to assist family caregivers. Some of their programs include in-home care, respite services, caregiver support and consultation, bathing services, care management, as well as monthly webinars on caregiving topics. For more information on our programs and services, call: 703-324-7948 TTY 711 (Monday – Friday; 8 am-4:30 pm) or visit our web page at: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/OlderAdults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/OlderAdults).

### **ANGST**

A short documentary designed to raise awareness around anxiety will be shown on Tuesday, November 19 at 7 pm at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, 6304 Lee Chapel Road, Burke, sponsored by the Mental Health Team at Abiding

Presence Lutheran Church, the White Oaks Elementary PTA Wellness Team and the Terra Centre Elementary PTA Wellness Team. This film focuses on how to understand, identify and help youth manage anxiety, where to turn for resources. Childcare is provided for ages 5 – 9 if you register. <https://abidingpresence.net/angst> A free pizza dinner is available before the film. Following the film, there will be an expert panel from the community to answer questions and offer resources.



Supervisor Cook was honored to meet with leaders from the Danbury Forest Community Association as they proclaimed Nov 11, 2019 as “John Cook Day” for his service to the county

### **Transitions Possibilities Workshop, Thursday, December 5**

**7 pm–9 pm @ the J (Jewish Community Center), 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, VA 22031**

Transitioning to adulthood involves many challenges and possibilities for individuals with special needs. This workshop will provide options to think about and explore as you and your child begin to plan for adulthood. Learn more about resources in employment, housing, transportation/travel, higher education, social and recreational, and skill development. All individuals with special needs, regardless of the level of support needed, have options and support to help them plan for their vision and future. Although this is a transitions themed workshop, many of the topics and resources are appropriate for ages beyond. Who should attend? Individuals, families, case managers, and community members who want to learn about transitions possibilities for individuals with special needs.

Speaking Organizations:

- George Mason LIFE Program
- City Center NOVA
- ServiceSource
- ENDependence Center of NOVA (Travel Training Program)

### **NOVA Relief Center Coat Drive**

NOVA Relief Center is hosting a Blanket and Coat Drive for Syrian refugees November 23 through December 9, 2019. My office located at 9002 Burke Lake Road, as well as many additional Board offices and other locations throughout the region, are serving as drop-off locations for new or gently used blanket and coats. Since 2013, Northern Virginia has sent over 100,000 blankets and coats abroad to refugees in need. For more information and a complete list of drop-off locations for this year’s drive, please visit [novareliefcenr.org](http://novareliefcenr.org)

# Citizens of the Month



The Citizens of the Month for November are Paul and Kathy Gross. Paul and Kathy are 35-year residents of Kings Park West and love working with other dedicated volunteers to make Braddock District a better place to live, in particular volunteering on parks and environment issues. Paul has served as the President of Friends of Royal Lake for the past five years. During that time, the Friends developed a Royal Lake Community Vision Plan, which was followed up with a list of specific short and long-range improvement projects that were presented to the County Park Authority. These efforts were based on extensive community inputs using both a survey and a number of community meetings. They are actively involved in Royal Lake park trail improvements and cleanup events. Paul and Kathy have enjoyed pitching in for the past two years at Braddock Nights doing whatever is needed. Paul also volunteers six hours a week at Twin Lakes golf course, a Fairfax Park Authority course. They are active in the Kings Park West Civic Association where Kathy has been a Block Captain for a number of years, and Paul is a past Vice President. In addition to park activities, Paul and Kathy are actively involved in church and charity functions. Paul is the treasurer of his church and they are actively involved in study and fellowship activities.

# Environmental News

## **Do Your Part! Sign Up for a Watershed Clean-Up Day**

Grab a bag and go on a trash scavenger hunt as the Park Authority hosts “Watershed Clean-Up Days” again this fall.

Join with family, friends, neighbors or work colleagues and lend a hand by helping to remove tires, bottles, cans and other debris from local waterways. Helping to clear the earth’s vital arteries is a great community volunteer project for service groups and students. All ages are welcome.

Clean-up events kick off on Saturday, September 7, 2019, at Pine Ridge Park from 8 am to 11 am and run throughout the Fall at park locations around the county. The sites include:

Saturday, November 16  
John Byers Park, 8 am to 11 am

Additional sites may be added. For a complete listing and to sign up as an individual volunteer, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/volunteer](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/volunteer). Groups, please call the site of your choice.

For more information, contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662 or at [parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov).

Web: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/park-news/2019/z-ir123>

## **Join the Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP)**

Volunteers are needed to help clean the park the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month. Join them on November 10 from 9 am to 11 am as they pick up trash in the park. Long sleeves, gloves, boots, and long pants are encouraged. There are several meeting locations:

- Lake Accotink Trail entrance – Ellet and Inverchapel Road
- Lake Accotink Marina
- Lake Accotink Trail entrance – End of Danbury Forest/Lonsdale Drive
- Lake Accotink Trail entrance – Queensbury and Hatteras

Any questions or to learn about additional volunteer opportunities, please email [contact@flapaccotink.org](mailto:contact@flapaccotink.org).

## **Join the Friends of Accotink Creek & Fairfax County Restoration Project to clean up Americana Drive**

Join Friends of Accotink Creek, Fairfax County Restoration Project, and neighbors of Americana Drive to get trash out of this location plagued by illegal dumping.

We can expect to encounter large quantities of trash of all kinds, from bottles and cans, to tires, to construction debris. Come prepared to get tired and dirty!

Monday, November 11  
10 am - 12 pm

How can you help? - Join us for an hour or for the day.

Have friends? - Invite them to join. Spread the word. Your civic association, club, school, business, etc. is welcome to join or share the news in newsletters or websites!

Are you a leader? - Take charge of registering and directing volunteers.

Please direct any questions and to sign up at [contact@accotink.org](mailto:contact@accotink.org)

# Land Use

## **UPCOMING BRADDOCK DISTRICT LAND USE MEETINGS**

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

Tuesday, November 19 at 7:30 pm – Braddock Hall

## **UPCOMING PLANNING COMMISSION & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARINGS**

### **Planning Commission – Decision on Rezoning Application for 9730 Maury Road, Fairfax**

Wednesday, November 20 at 7:30 pm – Government Center Auditorium

### **Board of Supervisors – Rezoning Application for 9730 Maury Road, Fairfax**

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 4 pm – Government Center Auditorium

## REZONING PROPOSAL

### **Planning Commission Recommendation on Rezoning Proposal for 9730 Maury Road Scheduled for November 20**

Virendra Bery and Amit Bery have submitted an application to rezone 2.32 acres at 9730 Maury Road, Fairfax, from the R-1 District to the R-3 District to build 5 single-family dwellings. This property is currently developed with one house. The proposal would extend the existing Maury Court eastward to a new cul-de-sac on the subject property. Three of the proposed lots would be oriented toward the relocated cul-de-sac. The other two lots would be located on and accessed from Maury Drive.

The application states that the proposed lots would average 13,160 square feet in size. The architectural design and materials would be compatible with the surrounding area, and the materials would include brick, stone, and/or HardiePlank siding. On-site stormwater management is proposed with individual treatment facilities on each new property. An interior outlot has been proposed to act as a tree save area for the development. A five-foot-wide sidewalk is proposed on both sides of the extension of Maury Court and curb/gutter would be provided. Frontage improvements would also connect existing curb/gutter and sidewalk along Maury Road.

The Planning Commission held a hearing on this application on October 16. Commissioners raised a number of questions regarding stormwater, tree save, and the location of two of the houses. The applicants said they planned to change the design to substitute a meandering stream for an underground pipe to convey stormwater across the property to an existing stormwater inlet. In order to allow the applicants time to rework the plans and respond to the other questions raised at the hearing, and for staff from Stormwater and Urban Forest Management to review and comment on the revisions, the Planning Commission deferred its decision. An addendum to the staff report reflecting the proposed changes is scheduled to be published on November 13. The current staff report is available at:

<http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ldsdwf/4690880.PDF>. The addendum link will be available under “Imaged Documents” at this site once it has been published:

<http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMain.aspx?cde=RZ&seq=4260087>.

The Planning Commission will make its recommendation on the rezoning application on Wednesday, November 20, at 7:30 pm in the Government Center Auditorium. Because the hearing has been completed, no additional verbal testimony will be accepted. However, written comments may be submitted to [plancom@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:plancom@fairfaxcounty.gov).

Because the Board of Supervisors does not consider land use cases in November and December of election years, a hearing before the Board of Supervisors has been scheduled for 4 pm on January 28, 2020. To testify before the Board of Supervisors, go to: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speakers-form>.



Supervisor Cook and members of the Board honored the Fairfax County Professional Fire Fighters & Paramedics - IAFF Local 2068 for their successful 2019 "Fill the Boot" campaign for the Muscular Dystrophy Association

## **BRADDOCK DISTRICT LAND USE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will meet on **Tuesday, November 19, at 7:30 pm in Braddock Hall**. The Committee will review the rezoning application for 9730 Maury Road. Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee meetings are open to the public.

### **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 am in the Board Auditorium of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. BZA meetings are also 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. You may register to testify at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/bza/bzaspeaker.htm>. These matters will not come before the Board of Supervisors but will be decided by the BZA. Staff reports are normally available two weeks before the scheduled hearing.

#### **Chae M. Ko – 4903 King Richard Drive, Annandale SP 2019-BR-075**

The applicant was seeking to add an accessory dwelling unit and also was seeking a reduction to minimum yard requirements based on error in building location to permit an accessory storage structure to remain 4.1 feet from the rear lot line and 3.3 feet from a side lot line. This application was approved by the BZA on November 6. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found here:

<http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMain.aspx?cde=SP&seq=4263408>.

#### **Haze Hookah Café 2 – 9565 Braddock Road, Fairfax SP 2019-BR-082**

The applicant is seeking a Special Permit for Commercial Indoor Recreation Use to open a hookah lounge within the Twinbrooke Shopping Center on Braddock Road. The proposed use would occupy 2,000 feet of existing space and would not serve food or alcohol. There would be four employees and approximately 150 patrons daily. No impact on AM peak hour traffic is expected, and the applicant predicts approximately 30 PM peak hour trips. The proposed hours of operation are from 12 pm to 1 am Sunday through Thursday and from 12 pm to 2 am on Friday and Saturday. The applicant operates a similar use in a shopping center off Route 50 in Chantilly. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on December 4. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found here:

<http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMain.aspx?cde=SP&seq=4265051>.

#### **Ana Vargas – 7803 Harwood Place, Springfield SPA 2014-BR-111**

The applicant is seeking to amend the previous approval for a home child care facility to permit modifications to the development conditions. At the applicant's request, this application was rescheduled to go before the BZA on January 15, 2020. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found here:

<http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMain.aspx?cde=SPA&seq=4259545>.

If you have any further 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 us at 703-425-9300.

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# You are cordially invited to the Taste of Braddock

Join Braddock District Supervisor John C. Cook for his last community event, along with other community leaders, residents, and county employees at the annual "Taste of Braddock," a holiday celebration of the food and spirit of the Braddock District.

Food donated by Braddock District businesses.  
Come join this celebration of community.

Please RSVP if you intend to join us  
Call 703-425-9300 or E-mail us at  
[braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov)

Location: Braddock Hall and the  
Kings Park Library Meeting Room  
9002 Burke Lake Rd  
Burke, VA 22015

Time: Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>  
From 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm