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Dear Neighbor,

The violence that unfolded this week at the United States Capitol, just miles from our community, was a low and tragic moment for American democracy. Incited by a reckless President, a violent mob that included prominent White supremacists and holocaust celebrators ransacked the heart of our republic in an attempt to obstruct the final step of our free and fair Presidential election. They failed. Braddock District's Congressional representatives — Congressman Gerry Connolly, Senator Mark Warner, and Senator Tim Kaine — were undeterred and worked through the night to see the democratic process through.

But, nonetheless, real damage was done. Five individuals lost their lives in the violence, including one U.S. Capitol Police Officer who was killed by the insurrectionists President Trump encouraged. We mourn his death and the deaths of the other four individuals who died needlessly.

Fairfax County police officers and emergency personnel were deployed to the Capitol late in the evening and demonstrated the professionalism and commitment to service we've come to expect. We will remain vigilant as the Inauguration approaches to support our partners and keep our region safe.

On a brighter note, the COVID-19 vaccine is currently in its first phase — **Phase 1a** — of the Virginia Department of Health's (VDH) **COVID-19 Vaccination Response Plan**. With the supply of vaccines limited, the first vaccines are prioritized for healthcare personnel and long-term care facility residents.

My office has received calls from constituents asking when additional population groups can expect their vaccination — the short answer is that we cannot yet put a date on availability of the vaccine to the broader community. We've included more detailed information on the vaccine rollout on page 4 (including **Phase 1b** and **Phase 1c clarifications**).

Finally, after years of debate in Richmond, the New Year has brought us a new driver safety law. As of January 1, 2021, law enforcement has begun enforcing the new hands-free while driving law. Driving while holding a cell phone or other mobile device is now illegal and punishable with a fine of \$125 for the first offense, and \$250 for a second offense or if law enforcement sees you on your device while driving in a construction zone. I trust everyone will follow this commonsense rule — it will save lives.

Yours in service



Supervisor James Walkinshaw



FOCUS ON FACTS / mRNA COVID-19 VACCINES



- ✓ mRNA vaccines cannot give someone COVID-19.
- ✓ mRNA vaccines do not use the live virus that causes COVID-19.
- ✓ They do not affect or interact with our DNA in any way.
- ✓ mRNA never enters the nucleus of the cell, which is where our DNA (genetic material) is kept.



Facts matter.

Do your part to stop the spread of COVID-19 and the spread of disinformation.

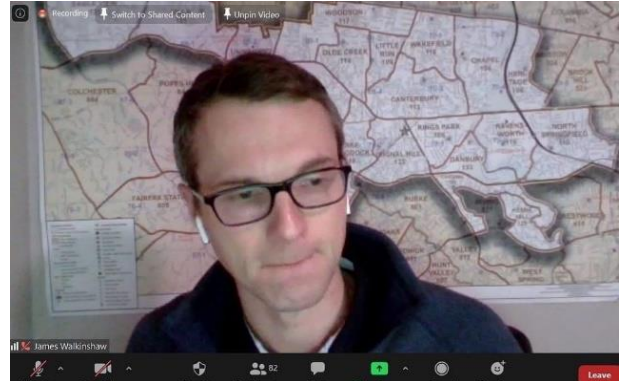


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Walkinshaw in the Community



Supervisor Walkinshaw joined Chairman Jeff McKay, Chief Roessler Supervisor Pat Herrity, and Supervisor Kathy Smith in celebrating the Fairfax County Police Department's Ride with Santa Toy Drive Campaign on December 8, 2020.



Supervisor Walkinshaw hosted a public meeting to provide an update on the Lake Accotink Dredging project with more than 90 community members on December 10, 2020.



Supervisor Walkinshaw chaired the Annual Fairfax County and City of Fairfax inter-jurisdictional meeting with Chairman McKay, Supervisor Palchik, Mayor David Meyer, and the Fairfax City Council on December 17, 2020.



Supervisor Walkinshaw led Fairfax County's Annual work session with the Virginia General Assembly Delegation on December 8, 2020.

Citizen of the Month

The number of families struggling to make ends meet has significantly increased because of the COVID-19 pandemic. One comforting silver lining has been the everyday silent heroes who have stepped up in waves to serve our community. Local Eagle Scout candidate, Michael Sorenson (15), of Robinson Secondary School, is one of these silent heroes who exemplifies the Braddock District spirit of volunteerism. In November, Michael found a meaningful and safe way to serve fellow families while uniting the community through his [Eagle Scout Project](#). With the guidance of his family, [local Troop 1966](#) (Chartered in Kings Park West Civic Association), and regional Boy Scout leaders, his Church's Bishop, and an ecumenical partnership between local congregations, Michael organized a contactless holiday food drive to benefit families in need. His efforts united 44 masked and socially distanced volunteers for a combined total of over 200 service hours! Community members responded generously to Michael's call for help by contributing over 3,250 food items and nearly \$1,000 in donations during the food drive. All donations were delivered to The Salvation Army Fairfax VA Corps food pantry to benefit families in need.

Michael would like to thank everyone for their help in making sure local families had a good Thanksgiving meal. The food drive turnout was a tremendous success, with reports that the food pantry was well stocked through the winter holiday season and beyond. Michael also said, "Many thanks to those who helped advertise and spread the word about this service opportunity — including Supervisor Walkinshaw and his staff."

Michael would like you to know that you can still make donations to help put food on tables, restore safety in homes, and inspire hope for a brighter future. All donations are welcome and [can be made online](#).



Michael hauling food donations



Michael in his official Boy Scout of America Uniform

Community News

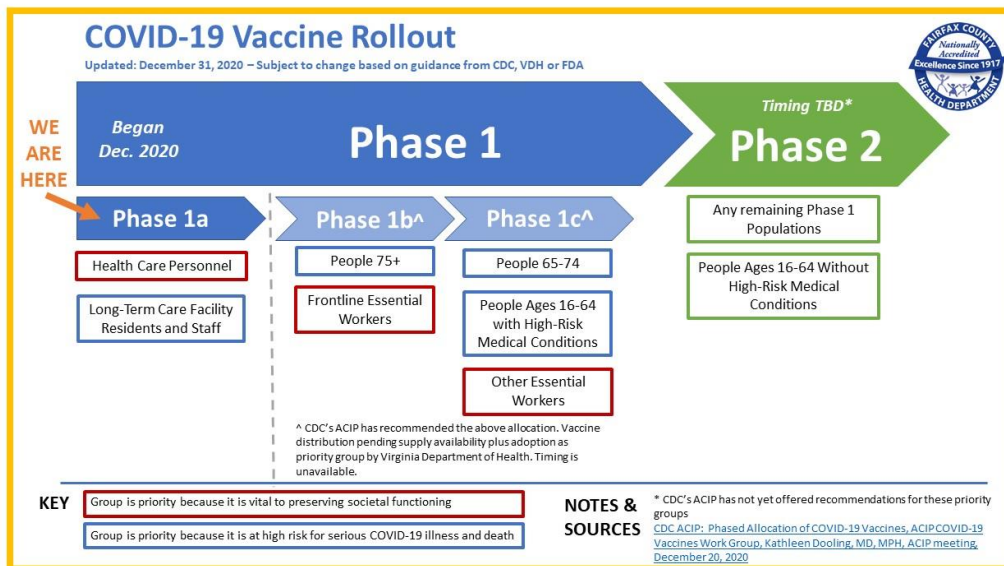
COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) is following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) recommendations for [phasing the distribution of the vaccine](#). At this time, the vaccine is only being distributed to the 1a priority group (health care and long-term care facility residents). The distribution phases are:

- ✓ [Phase 1a](#), which includes health care personnel and long-term care facility residents. **These individuals are currently being vaccinated.**
- ✓ [Phase 1b](#) (Click link for a detailed breakdown), which includes frontline essential workers, and people 75 and older.
- ✓ [Phase 1c](#) (Click link for detailed breakdown), which includes people ages 65-74, people ages 16-74 with high-risk medical conditions, and other essential workers.

When Will Other People Be Eligible?

The Health Department has been and will continue providing regular updates; however, the Health Department cannot put a date on when they will be able to provide vaccinations to people in the next phase. Find more information on the [County's website on vaccinations](#). Additional [Frequently Asked Questions](#) can be found on the website as well.



Where to Get Vaccinated:

For the general public, you will be able to get the vaccine, wherever you normally receive your flu shot. Once the vaccine is more widely available, residents will be encouraged to use [Vaccine Finder](#) to see which doctors are providing the vaccine in the community. Vaccines will be available at hospitals, public health facilities, private practices, pharmacies, urgent care centers, and safety net providers.

Facts and Statistics Provided During Governor Northam's January 6, 2021, Press Conference

On Wednesday, January 6, Governor Ralph Northam held a press conference with additional details on the COVID-19 vaccination rollout plan and new goals for Virginia. Watch Governor Northam's full briefing on his [Facebook page](#). A few key takeaways from his press conference are:

➤ **The clarification of who will be in group 1b, which includes:**

- Frontline Essential Workers (See below for a breakdown)
- Persons Aged 75 years and Older
- People Living in Correctional Facilities
- Homeless Shelters
- Migrant Labor Camps

➤ **Frontline Essential Workers include:**

- Police, Fire, and Hazmat
- Corrections and homeless shelter workers
- Childcare/K-12 Teachers/Staff
- Food and Agriculture
- Manufacturing
- Grocery store workers
- Public transit workers
- Mail carriers (USPS and private)

➤ **The Clarification of who will be in group 1c, which includes:**

- Essential workers not in 1b
- People aged 65-74
- People aged 16-64 with a high-risk medical condition or disability
- Utility workers
- Construction workers
- Food service

➤ **Vaccine Doses Distributed by Week in Virginia:**

Doses Distributed By Week		
	PFIZER	MODERNA
12/14/2020	72,150	
12/21/2020	118,950	138,700
12/28/2020	16,575	58,300
1/4/2020	28,275	48,600

Fairfax County General Assembly Delegation's Pre-2021 Session Public Hearing

The Fairfax County Delegation to the Virginia General Assembly will hold a virtual public hearing on the upcoming 2021 session tomorrow, Saturday, January 9, from 9:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m. Registration for this year's hearing is now closed. Here are some guidelines if you have previously registered and are interested in speaking at the public hearing or if you would like to watch:

- If providing phone testimony, callers will receive a phone call, originating from (703) 324-1000, just before their turn. For the best connection into the meeting, use a land line or, if using a cell phone, do not use the speaker function while testifying.
- The hearing will be televised live on Fairfax County Television Channel 16 (Channel 1016 in HD on Cox; Channel 16 on Verizon or Comcast) and can also be viewed online through the [Channel 16 stream](#).

Further information on the public hearing is available from members of the Fairfax County legislative delegation. Contact information for individual delegation members is available on the [Virginia General Assembly web page](#).

Meet the Braddock District's Newest Team Member

Ensuring that the Braddock staff maintain the level of service, responsiveness to concerns, spirit of community, and dedication to the issues important to Braddock District constituents is Supervisor Walkinshaw's top priority. This is why we are excited to introduce Braddock District's newest staff member, Aysha Arif. Aysha stood out amongst incredibly qualified candidates due to her skill set and proven dedication to issues important to residents in our community. She recently shadowed our newly retired and beloved staff member, Linda Bufano, before beginning fulltime employment. Aysha is eager and ready to serve you! You can reach Aysha at Aysha.Arif@fairfaxcounty.gov.



Learn more about Aysha:

"Aysha Arif is an alumnus of George Mason University where she studied Social Work. Previously, Aysha has interned with FACETS, helping families who are in need obtain services both before and during the pandemic and helped coordinate and develop programs for youth to improve overall well-being and health. Aysha will bring to this role her experience working in diverse populations, her fluency in four languages, and the patience obtained through her customer service background. Aysha's hobbies include exploring different cultures through TV, YouTube, and traveling."

Aysha will handle the following portfolio items for the office:

- Diversion First
- Human Services
- Mental Health
- Suicide Prevention
- Domestic Violence/ Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention
- Tax Issues
- Community Non-Profit Organizations
- Disability Services
- Seniors
- Aging in Place and Older Adults Committee

Park Authority Seeks Public Input on Pickleball

The county has received numerous requests from the public to provide additional pickleball facilities within its parks, RECenters, and community centers. To meet this need, the Park Authority began refurbishing existing tennis and multiuse courts to provide for multiple sports and restriping gym areas to accommodate pickleball. Given the need to balance competing recreational needs of residents in a fair and strategic manner, the Park Authority has initiated a pickleball feasibility study. The goals of the study are to determine how the Park Authority can equitably address pickleball requests, identify sites for improvements to existing courts or locations for new facilities, and develop siting criteria and design guidance for site selection and feasibility analysis. The study began last summer and will be completed in spring 2021.

The Park Authority invites the public to participate in an [online survey](#) on how to provide for pickleball. **This survey will be open through January 24.** It will be followed by a public meeting in the spring. More information may be found on the [Park Authority's Pickleball Study website](#). To find pickleball facilities near you, use the [Park Locator](#) and turn on the "pickleball lined court" filter on the right side of the top bar.



(Supervisor Walkinshaw playing his first game of Pickleball with local advocates of Pickleball. He lost.)

Stuff the Bus Food Drive Returns

Fairfax County is excited to announce the next Stuff the Bus Food Drives that will take place on Saturday, January 30, and Saturday, February 6, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. On these two dates, buses will be parked at locations throughout Fairfax County to collect nonperishable food donations for area food pantries. In the Braddock District, donations will be received at:

- The Braddock Supervisor's District Office ([9002 Burke Lake Rd, Burke, VA, 22015](#))
- The Commons Community Center in Burke ([5701 Roberts Pkwy, Burke, VA, 22015](#))
- The Pennino Building ([12011 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax, VA, 22015](#))



Rep. Connolly (Left) Local Scouts, and Sup. Walkinshaw (Right) collecting donations

Most Requested Items for the Stuff the Bus Food Drives Are:

- Canned Tuna, Salmon, or Chicken
- Soup
- Canned Pasta
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Canned Fruit (in light syrup or juice)
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Bag (Dry) Beans
- Rice - Brown or White
- Instant Potatoes
- Canned Tomatoes
- Pancake Mix
- Pancake Syrup
- Hot and Cold Cereal
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Beans

Fairfax County Seeks Input from Residents to Shape the Future of Bus Service in Fairfax County

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) continually evaluates bus service on [Fairfax Connector](#) to ensure responsiveness to the needs of the public. FCDOT is beginning outreach on the [ten-year Transit Strategic Plan \(TSP\)](#) and FCDOT wants to hear from Fairfax County residents at three upcoming, online community input meetings and through an online survey. FCDOT encourages residents to engage and share their ideas and concerns for the future of the Fairfax Connector bus system. Make sure to join one of FCDOT's public meetings:

- **Public Meeting #1** - Tuesday, January 12, 2021, 7:00 p.m. through 9:00 p.m. | [Meeting Link](#)
- **Public Meeting #2** - Wednesday, January 13, 2021, 7:00 p.m. through 9:00 p.m. | [Meeting Link](#)
- **Public Meeting #3** - Thursday, January 14, 2021, 12:00 p.m. through 1:30 p.m. | [Meeting Link](#)

Submit public comments until February 19, by [taking the survey online](#), emailing fairfaxconnector@fairfaxcounty.gov, calling (703) 339-7200, or mailing written comments to: TSP c/o FCDOT Planning, 4500 Legato Road #400, Fairfax, VA, 22033-2895.

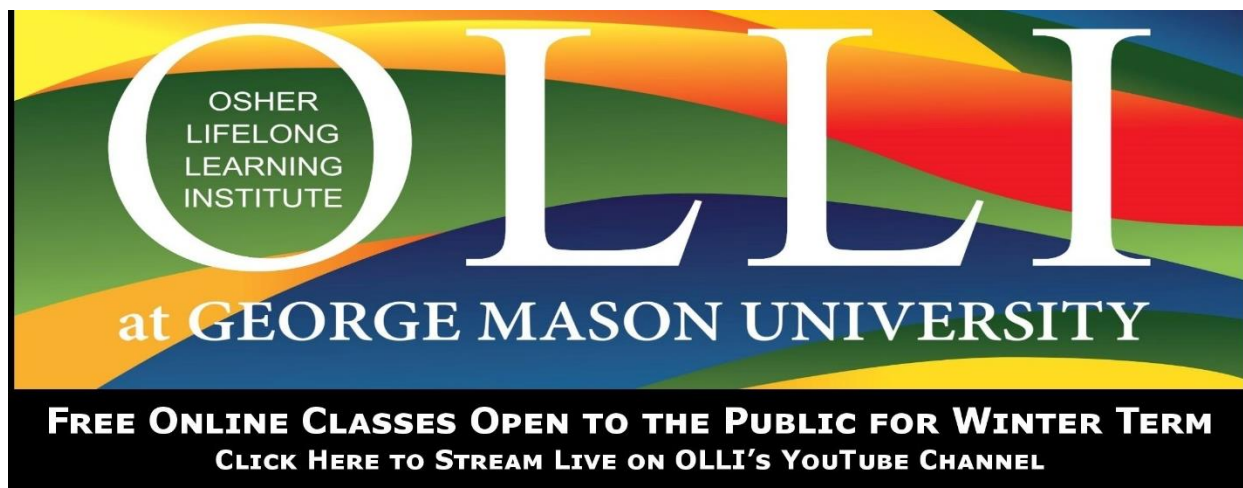
Recycling Reminder

Now that the holidays have passed, it's important to remember what [can and can't be recycled](#) here in Fairfax County. As recently stated by Charlie Forbes from Fairfax County Solid Waste in a [WDVM article](#), "As far as recycling goes...we don't really want tissue paper or gift bags. No tangles like ribbons, Christmas lights, or cords because they're not recyclable at all." To help you understand what can and cannot be recycled, we've compiled some tips below.

- Place all recyclable materials loose in the blue recycling cart. Do not collect your recyclables using plastic bags. This makes it harder to process.
- Place all recyclable materials in a blue recycling cart. Rinse and remove any remaining food or liquid contents from your recyclables.
- It is important to recycle as much as possible, however, some items go in the trash, including broken household goods.
- NO [glass](#), NO [plastic bags](#), NO takeout containers, NO diapers, NO pizza boxes, NO Styrofoam™, NO packaging peanuts, NO Clamshell containers made of Styrofoam™ or clear plastic.
- **Holiday Season Tree Removal**
 - Holiday season trees will be collected through Fairfax County's upcoming [tree disposal service](#)! Beginning January 11 until January 22, 2021, holiday season trees will be collected, but all lights, ornaments, decorations, and stands must be removed to ensure collection.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) Winter Term Now Open

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) is a nonprofit affiliate of George Mason University that offers courses, socials, and clubs each year to retirees and senior citizens of Northern Virginia. OLLI's Winter Term is now available on a space-available basis because the priority registration time has passed. You may still want to register for courses and special events, but you will be placed in courses on a space-available basis after all registrants in the priority period have been assigned. If you would like to [register or learn more](#), visit OLLI's website.



Watching TV on the Internet

Friday, January 29, 1:00–2:30pm
(1 session)

Allan Hide is a management analyst for the Fairfax County Department of Cable and Consumer Services.

Today's TVs, computers, and mobile devices offer "over-the-top" options to watch movies and TV programs via streaming video over the Internet. Services such as Netflix, Hulu, YouTube, Amazon, Sling TV, and Apple TV provide new alternatives. The presentation will discuss the benefits and limitations of these choices.

Lessons, Positive and Negative, from the 2020 Presidential Election Process

Friday, February 12, 1:00–2:30pm
(1 session)

Helen Desfosses is a public policy professor, a former City Council President in Albany, NY, and a consultant on international development.

The American presidential election process can highlight many negative forces swirling around, among them unscrupulous candidates, media outlets, both traditional and social, and candidates themselves that can try to make the election process undemocratic. Within this electoral maelstrom, America is fortunate that credible presidential candidates continue to emerge.

Independence Corrupted: How America's Judges Make Their Decisions

Tues, Feb. 9–Feb. 16, 11:50–1:15pm
(2 sessions)

Judge Charles Schudson graduated from Dartmouth College and Wisconsin Law School.

Judge Schudson knows how judges really make their decisions. He brings us behind the bench to probe judicial minds analyzing actual trials and sentencing of abortion protesters, murderers, sex predators, white supremacists, and others. Most significantly, he exposes the financial, political, personal, and professional pressures threatening judicial integrity as never before. This course is for all concerned about judicial independence and the future of America's courts.

The Impeachment of Andrew Johnson

Weds, Jan. 27–Feb. 17, 11:50–1:15pm
(4 sessions)

Heather Dudley taught history, economics, and psychology at Gonzaga High School for 20 years.

After President Lincoln's assassination, Andrew Johnson became the nation's 17th president. No man could have been more ill-suited to lead the nation during Reconstruction. Johnson's impeachment in 1868 involved issues limited to his time, but in the last 50 years we have confronted the impeachment of a US president three times.

Genes, Destiny, and Aging

Thurs, Jan. 28–Feb. 18, 2:15–3:40pm
(4 sessions)

Catherine Weir, studied and taught experimental psychology at the University College London and at Colorado College.

Behavior geneticists have shown it is possible, within limits, to disentangle the effects of genes and environment on our cognitive, social, and physical abilities. This course will cover what research has found about topics such as language learning, intelligence, memory, stress, personality, social attitudes, and disorders such as alcoholism and depression. Attendees will be invited to try out some methods used in the research to help in considering genetic and environmental influences operating on your own behavior and attitudes.

** Special **

Winter 2021 Promotion!

OLLI is offering a low fee of \$300 for those new to OLLI who purchase an annual membership winter term. (Available to those who have never been OLLI members, are returning to OLLI after more than a year's hiatus, or have previously been introductory members and haven't converted to an annual membership)

Classes Are Designed for Older Adults.
Questions? Contact: olli@gmu.edu.

Visit OLLI Mason at olli.gmu.edu or follow OLLI Mason on [Facebook](#)!

Human Services Corner

Effects of COVID-19 on Older Adults

Fairfax County's Older Adults Committee chaired by Supervisor Pat Herrity and Vice Chair James Walkinshaw asked the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging to develop a [response plan](#) that would address some of the immediate effects of COVID on older adults. After conducting several focus groups meetings, the three primary areas of concern with their solutions were:

➤ **Social Isolation**

Response: Neighborhood and Community Services in partnership with Service Source, the Department of Family Services, and other partners, created the [Virtual Center for Active Adults](#). Here older adults and adults with disabilities can gather, learn, talk, exercise, and remain engaged with one another.

➤ **Technology**

Response: The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board implemented virtual telehealth options to meet the needs of older adults, adults with disabilities, and other eligible residents. The Department of Housing and Community Development is piloting a "Tablets for Seniors" loan program at one of the senior communities. The Fairfax Area Agency on Aging's staff have established a virtual format to assist older adults who are enrolling in Medicare or who need help identifying appropriate insurance plans.

➤ **Wellness**

Response: The Neighbor 2 Neighbor Program of the Health Department, in partnership with Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department volunteers, created a free grocery shopping and pharmacy pick-up program. The Health Department continues to provide vital information through the COVID-19 Toolkit including tips on slowing the spread of COVID-19 and resources on contact tracing, testing, and more. ElderLink provides affordable care management to older adults and is now offering its evidence-based Chronic Disease Self-Management workshop via telephone. The program aims to build participants' confidence in managing their health and remaining engaged and active.

For more information on the programs and services listed, please contact the Department of Family Key Issues Facing Older Adults During COVID-19 Services' Aging, Disability and Caregiver Resource Line at (703) 324-7948, TTY 711. Read the [full COVID-19 response plan for older adults](#).

The Braddock Team has compiled a list of ongoing local community food drives and volunteer opportunities

- [Food for Neighbors](#), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit created in 2016, needs volunteers to help alleviate hunger in Northern Virginia by providing food assistance to middle and high school students. Their Red Bag Program addresses weekend food insecurity. Red Bag Program participants shop for nonperishable items at their convenience and set them on their own doorsteps for volunteers to collect approximately



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five times per year. Volunteers are also needed to collect, sort, organize, and deliver food. If you can volunteer or donate food, grocery gift cards, or even help financially, visit [Food for Neighbors' website](#).

- **[Annandale United Methodist Church Mission Center](#)**, located at 7901 Heritage Drive, Annandale, Virginia, currently has a food pantry accepting donations Monday – Friday from 10:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. Drop off donations in the boxes near the red double doors.
- **[Burke United Methodist Church](#)**, located at 6200 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke, Virginia, is collecting both perishable and nonperishable food donations. Their collection box is open 24/7. For perishable items, ring the doorbell on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. or Saturday from 8:00 a.m. through 10:30 a.m.
- **[Jubilee Christian Center](#)**, located at 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax, Virginia, is collecting nonperishable food items Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m.
- **[Prince of Peace Lutheran Church](#)**, located at 8304 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, Virginia, is holding contactless food drives every Sunday between 1:00 p.m. through 3:00 p.m.
- **[St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church](#)**, located at 5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, Virginia, is collecting food donations Tuesdays from 2:00 p.m. through 4:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. through 3:00 p.m. outside of door #4.
- **[St. Matthews United Methodist Church](#)**, located at 8617 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, Virginia, (alongside Virginia Avenue) is holding food drives on Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. at the rear of the church.

Fairfax County Self-Management Program Workshops

➤ **Diabetes Self-Management Program Workshop Series**

This free 6-week County program is for individuals interested in learning how to effectively manage their diabetes. The series will run from January 20 through February 24, from 1:30 p.m. through 3:30 p.m. Classes will be offered through Zoom. Space is limited, and registration is required. [Register online](#), or contact Dianne Duke at (703) 324-7721 to reserve your spot today.

➤ **Chronic Disease Self-Management Program Workshop Series**

This free 6-week County program is for individuals with ongoing health conditions who want to feel better, increase their energy, and get relief from pain and fatigue. The series will run from January 28 through March 4, from 11:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m. Classes will be offered over phone. Space is limited, and registration is required. [Register online](#), or contact Dianne Duke at (703) 324-7721 to reserve your spot today.

➤ **Caring for You, Caring for Me Virtual Program**

This free 5-week County program is for individuals who are caregivers of older adults. The series will run from January 25 through February 22, from 10:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m. Participants report increased confidence and competence in their caregiving role. Classes will be offered through Zoom. Space is limited, and registration is required. [Register online](#), or contact Kristin Martin at (703) 324-7577 to reserve your spot today.

Environmental News

Long Branch Central Watershed Management Area Project Update

A community meeting on the Long Branch Central Watershed Management Area Project is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will provide an update on the project, solicit input about the watershed condition, introduce the work plan to be developed late spring, 2021, and introduce some of the project partners. [Use this virtual meeting link](#) to join the community meeting.

The [Long Branch Central Watershed Management Area project](#) is a collaborative effort of the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, the Fairfax County Park Authority, and the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District. The project was developed because Long Branch Central was declared an impaired water area by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

The primary goals of the project are to:

- Meet the Long Branch Central waste load reduction requirements
- Improve water quality within the Long Branch Central Watershed
- Improve habitat and environmental health

A project implementation plan is being developed as a result of the study, and community input is expected to be completed by April 2021. You can visit the [Long Branch Watershed Study Public Input Map](#), which is a tool designed to gather local information and knowledge from watershed residents and users of the Long Branch Stream Valley Trail. Make sure to [submit and share your opinion and thoughts](#).

If you have questions, comments, or concerns, contact Charles Smith, Fairfax County Watershed Projects Implementation Branch - Central Chief at Charles.Smith@fairfaxcounty.gov.



Bank Erosion Long Branch Tributary in Old Forge Park

Public Meeting on Lake Accotink Dredging Project Held on December 10

Last month, Supervisor Walkinshaw joined County staff for a community meeting to discuss the dredging of Lake Accotink. Based on previous input, 90 percent of the public favored having a lake and 65 percent wanted to retain the existing footprint. As a result, the decision was made to dredge approximately 350,000 cubic yards of sediment to restore the lake to an average eight-foot depth. Data collection and field work is underway, including an aerial survey of the area, a hydrographic survey of the lake, sediment analysis, and a geotechnical investigation including soil borings. This information will be used to analyze the alternatives for this project regarding how the dredging is conducted, the pipeline for conveyance of the dredged material, and processing of that dredged material. County staff and contractors will be reviewing the data and developing an analysis of the alternatives for the project. Another public meeting will be held in summer 2021 to share the results of these evaluations and discuss options for the dredging operation.

A video of the meeting as well as links to the presentations are available on the [project webpage](#). We want to ensure that there is broad community input as the options for implementing this dredging project are considered. If you have additional questions or comments, you may submit them directly from the webpage.



Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP) Seeking Candidates

Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP), an official partner of the Fairfax County Park Authority (FPCA), needs help recruiting candidates for the Friends of Lake Accotink Park Board. FLAP's mission is to protect, restore, preserve, and educate the community concerning the natural, historical, and cultural resources of Lake Accotink Park. FLAP's President and Vice President Positions are currently open, and applications are presently being accepted. FLAP has accomplished many milestones over the past two years, but they need your help to ensure a seamless transition. If you or anyone you know is interested, please forward the information to president@flapaccotink.org. [Learn more about FLAP](#) and their mission on their website.



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Friends of Royal Lake (FORL)

Friends of Royal Lake (FORL) is a volunteer group of individuals who work to help preserve, protect, and improve Royal Lake and its surrounding parkland in Fairfax, Virginia. FORL's mission is to preserve Royal Lake and its surrounding parks' ecosystems, while helping to maintain the park's varied open green space, woodlands, lake, and stream landscapes. Would you like to get involved? Make sure to [contact FORL](#), and read their [latest newsletter](#).



Land Use and Development

Upcoming Meetings and Hearings

Zoning Ordinance Modernization Project Community Meeting – January 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting– January 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Supervisors Hearings

- Transfer of Government Center Parking Lots G and H to FCRHA for affordable housing – January 26 at 4:00 p.m.
- Zoning Ordinance Modernization Project – March 9 at 4:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Hearings

- Zoning Ordinance Modernization Project – January 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Providing Affordable Housing at the Government Center Complex

Addressing the critical shortage of affordable housing in Fairfax County is a priority for both Supervisor Walkinshaw and the Board of Supervisors. To help meet that need, Supervisor Walkinshaw has proposed redeveloping about 3.5 acres of excess parking in Lots G and H at the Government Center with a new affordable housing complex. On December 1, the Board of Supervisors authorized a public hearing to consider the transfer of this Board-owned property to the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) to pursue that use.



By using public/private partnerships through the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002 (PPEA), appropriate publicly-owned land can be developed by private developers to efficiently produce affordable housing units in a cost-effective manner through use of low-income housing tax credits. In 2017, the PPEA was used to deliver the Residences at Government Center, an award-winning, extremely successful housing development that provided 270

workforce housing units. A similar opportunity exists to develop this underutilized space with approximately 200 to 250 multi-family units and up to 15,000 square feet of support services. This site would provide access to employment opportunities, bus transit, is in walking distance of an elementary school, is near recreation and commercial amenities, and would be in walking distance of a future Metro extension of the Orange Line from Vienna. Because it is already paved, use of this land would not have the negative environmental impacts associated with many other sites.

A hearing before the Board of Supervisors to discuss the transfer of this land is scheduled for January 26, 2021. If you are interested in providing testimony, you may do so in writing, by phone, or by submitting video testimony. It is recommended that you sign up in advance to make sure you are on the speakers' list. For information on how to testify, please visit the [County website](#). If the land transfer is approved, then FCRHA could pursue partnering with other organizations to provide affordable housing at this site.

Braddock District Community Meeting on January 25 on Zoning Ordinance Modernization Project

Supervisor Walkinshaw will be holding a virtual community meeting to discuss the changes proposed in the Zoning Ordinance Modernization Project, or zMOD, on Monday, January 25, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting link will be available in upcoming Advisory emails. You are encouraged to participate to learn more, ask questions, and provide comments.

It has been nearly three years since the county began working to update its Zoning Ordinance, which regulates land use and development in Fairfax County. The current Zoning Ordinance is over 42 years old and is outdated in many respects. The proposed new Ordinance is intended to be easier to read and understand through the use of tables and illustrations and plain language. It is designed to be more flexible to accommodate existing and emerging trends. The revised Zoning Ordinance will also be more accessible online, including on mobile devices. Most uses, permissions, and standards are being carried forward without change. However, in some instances, emerging uses are identified (such as data centers and solar power facilities), similar uses are consolidated (such as indoor recreational uses), and outdated standards are being updated to reflect current practices. The outreach process has included over 90 in-person and virtual community meetings, including a presentation to the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee in September and to the Braddock District Council in October. Eleven draft installments have been released for review and comment.

The complete zMOD draft is available online on the [County website](#). While it is more consolidated than in the past, the document is still lengthy. Fortunately, the draft includes an Executive Summary which provides project background and an overview of the new structure and each of the new articles. Beginning on page 30 of the draft, there is a very helpful summary of proposed substantive changes. Two topics that have received a good amount of attention are Accessory Living Units and Home-Based Businesses. There is a detailed discussion of these issues on pages 40 and 47, respectively.

Public hearings on the consolidated zMOD draft will be held before the Planning Commission on January 28, 2021, and before the full Board at its March 9, 2021 meeting.

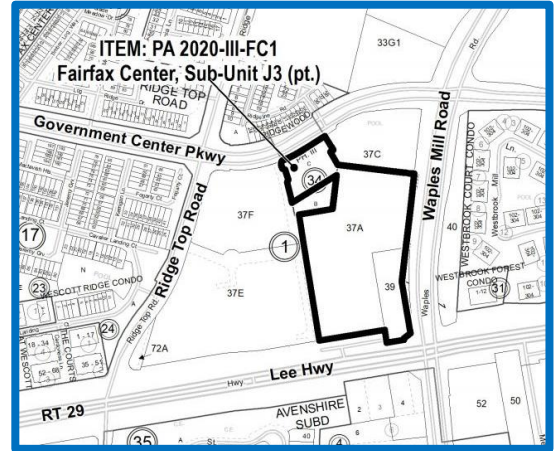
Plan for NW Corner of Lee Highway and Waples Mill Road

The northwest corner of the intersection of Lee Highway and Waples Mill Road contains an older house and an outbuilding that was formerly used as a contractor's office and workshop. An existing Public Storage facility surrounds the property on the north and west. The corner lot is for sale and Public Storage has expressed interest in expanding its self-storage use onto that property. This area is planned for office use with an option for office/mixed use should it be redeveloped. The intersection is also planned for a potential interchange after Shirley Gate Road is extended to the Fairfax County Parkway.

At Supervisor Walkinshaw's request, county planning staff began considering a Comprehensive Plan Amendment for both the corner lot and the surrounding Public Storage property to ensure that the plan for this corner remains in line with the vision for Fairfax Center. During this review,

consideration is being given to what options might be appropriate for the site, whether self-storage or alternative uses. Particular attention is being paid to architecture and design, landscaping, pedestrian improvements, and park/recreational space.

County planning staff and representatives of Public Storage have been meeting for several months to try to come to agreement on general concepts. The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee provided additional comments at its November meeting. Based on that feedback, along with staff comments, Public Storage is considering further modifications to their proposal. A staff report is being developed and is expected this winter. We anticipate that a Planning Commission hearing on the Comprehensive Plan Amendment will be scheduled for the spring.



A concurrent rezoning application has been filed by Public Storage Southeast One, Inc. to consolidate the corner parcel with their existing self-storage property. Public Storage is proposing to demolish one row of its existing single-story self-storage bays and construct a climate-controlled five-story self-storage facility of approximately 150,000 square feet on the southeast corner of the property. Access to the site would be provided through a modified and improved entrance along Lee Highway designed per VDOT standards and the existing service drive that is being used for parking of commercial vehicles, including food trucks, would be removed. Consideration of this rezoning application has been deferred until the Comprehensive Plan review has been completed.

Proposal for Second Phase of Kenilworth Development on Hold

In early 2020, Christopher Land, LLC filed a rezoning application for approximately 4.43 acres of land located just south of the Kenilworth community at Caprino Court and Braddock Road. This property is currently developed with one single-family home built in 1955 that will continue to be occupied by the current owner and would be included in a subsequent phase of the project. The applicant is requesting to rezone this land from the R-1 District to the PDH-3 District to build 12 single-family detached dwelling units at a density of 2.71 dwelling units per acre. Nine houses would be constructed in phase one, and an additional three houses would be part of phase two, when the existing house is removed. Access would be provided by connecting Banting Drive and Caprino Court.

County staff review of this application remains on hold while the applicants consider changes to the design. Supervisor Walkinshaw plans to hold a virtual community meeting after an updated plan has been submitted to the county. A hearing before the Planning Commission has been postponed until spring 2021.

Update on Erickson Living's Woodleigh Chase Retirement Community

Erickson Living is finalizing preparations for demolition activities on the former Northern Virginia Training Center site located on Braddock Road. Demolition of the former Commonwealth facility is expected to be complete in early 2021. The first phase of the continuing care retirement community planned for the property is currently going through permit review. Construction of the temporary marketing center and first phase of the development is anticipated to begin in late spring 2021. For specific questions about the new facility or the reservation list for apartments, please contact the Greenspring Village sales office at (703) 923-3187.

Erickson has also finalized an agreement with the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH) for development of the age-restricted affordable housing component of the project. APAH is a nonprofit affordable housing developer with over 30 years' experience in developing and managing quality affordable housing for Northern Virginia residents. This portion of the development will be constructed on the western portion of the property, where the group homes were located.

Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will be holding an electronic meeting on Tuesday, January 19, at 7:00 p.m. A draft agenda and details on how to connect to the meeting will be posted on the Braddock District website three days in advance. Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee meetings are open to the public and interested residents are encouraged to participate.

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. During January 2021, meetings will be held electronically with distance participation due to the State of Emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. 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 by phone or video at the hearing on the case. You are encouraged to pre-register to testify on the [Board of Zoning Appeals Electronic Meetings 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.

George E. Karch and Laquetta A. Karch – 4817 Marymead Drive, Fairfax SP 2020-BR-071

The applicants are seeking modifications to the limitations on the keeping of animals to keep up to 21 chickens on a 0.68-acre property. The chickens would be kept in a coop with a fenced run. The Zoning Ordinance allows chickens to only be kept on lots that are two acres or greater without Special Permit approval. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on January 13, 2021. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found on the [County website](#).

Deborah P. Buchanan – 10110 Round Top Court, Fairfax SP 2020-BR-075

The applicant is seeking modifications to the limitations on the keeping of animals to keep 4 dogs on the site. The Zoning Ordinance allows 1 or 2 dogs to be kept on a lot of this size, 10,537 square feet, without Special Permit approval. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on January 13, 2021. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found on the [County website](#).

Shin Hyo Jin Kim – 4927 Gadsen Drive, Fairfax SP 2020-BR-089

The applicant is seeking a reduction to minimum yard requirements based on an error in building location to permit an accessory storage structure to remain 2.9 feet from a rear lot line. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on February 10, 2021. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [County website](#).

**Gerald N. Miranda, Jr. – 8920 Rhyme Court, Annandale
SP 2020-BR-093**

The applicant is seeking a modification to the limitations on the keeping of animals to raise and keep up to 12 chickens and 4 ducks for meat and eggs on a 0.65-acre lot. The Zoning Ordinance allows chickens and ducks to only be kept on lots that are two acres or greater without Special Permit approval. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on February 10, 2021. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [County website](#).

**Leena Qazi Tukhi and Belleairs Little Learners – 6236 Belleair Road, Burke
SP 2020-BR-102**

The applicant is seeking expansion of a home childcare facility. The applicant currently cares for 7 children ages 3 months to 12 years old and has asked for an increase to care for 12 children at any one time. The applicant has one full-time employee and would add another part-time employee. Hours of operation would be from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on March 17. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [County website](#).

If you have any further questions regarding these land use cases or any other issues of concern to you, please email braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov or call us at (703) 425-9300.