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Braddock District Supervisor

The Braddock Beacon

Dear Neighbor,

I want to wish you a safe and happy 4th of July! After the necessary cancellation of most Independence Day activities due to the pandemic last year, I know we're all looking forward to resuming our community and family traditions. Tomorrow, June 3, I'm looking forward to joining the City of Fairfax for their [55th Annual Independence Day parade](#). On Sunday, July 4, I'll join Chapel Square, Kings Park, and Little Run for their neighborhood parades and picnics. I hope to see you there!

If you're planning to celebrate at home, please take a moment to review these [fireworks safety guidelines](#)!

Lake Accotink Dredging Community Meeting -- July 29

After months of site assessment, sediment sampling, and analysis, county staff and a team of consultants are finalizing an alternatives analysis to inform the community regarding the options available for the location of dredge staging, dredge sediment dewatering/processing, and/or pipelines for the [Lake Accotink Dredging project](#).

The dredging project is necessary because the lake is filling with sediment from runoff, exacerbated by the stronger storms we are experiencing due to climate change. The project will maintain the recreational value of one of our county's prized assets and is a key component in meeting federal environmental requirements to prevent sediment from flowing into the Chesapeake Bay.

We will share that analysis with the community at a meeting on July 29. The details are still being finalized and will be included in an upcoming Walkinshaw Advisory email.



No decision has been made regarding the preferred location or locations of the staging site, processing site, and/or pipelines. The purpose of the meeting is to transparently share the full analysis and present every option that is technically and legally feasible. Each feasible location will cause some disruption to surrounding communities and park users during the dredging process. The purpose of the meeting is to solicit your input before the decision is made and help us identify the option that minimizes environmental impacts and is least disruptive.

While this will be a challenging process that is sure to cause some frustration, I'm looking forward to the opportunity for us to come together as a community and identify the best way to save Lake Accotink!

Yours in service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James W." followed by a stylized surname.

Supervisor James Walkinshaw



Summer Entertainment Series



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY
Summer Entertainment Series
 2021
Braddock Nights
 Wednesday and Friday Evenings • Saturday Mornings

FREE!

I am excited to welcome you back to this year's Braddock Nights summer series! These free concerts present a wide array of performances from classical to bluegrass, with something for every music lover. I hope you'll bring a picnic dinner, blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy this fun-filled series. Come relax with friends, family and neighbors in a safe, socially distant atmosphere. Volunteers are always welcomed. For more information, please contact my office at 703-425-9300 or braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov. I look forward to seeing you this summer.

Sincerely,
 James Walkinshaw, Supervisor, Braddock District

Royal Lake Park

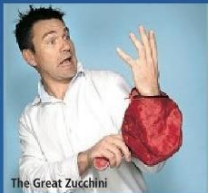
5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax
 Friday Evenings • 7:30 p.m.

- | JULY | AUGUST |
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| 9 Paul Reisler & Three Good Reasons (Folk Jazz) | 6 Mark Puryear and friends (Blues) |
| 16 Little Red & The Renegades (Zydeco) | 13 The Hillbilly Gypsies (Bluegrass) |
| 23 Kadencia Orchestra (Bomba, Plena, Salsa) | 20 Mars Rodeo (Rock) |
| 30 Lesson Zero (Roots Rock) | |

Rutherford Park

4743 Guinea Road, Fairfax
 Wednesday Evenings • 7:30 p.m.

- | JULY | AUGUST |
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| 7 Karl Stoll & The Danger Zone (Rock, Blues) | 4 City of Fairfax Band - Alte Kameraden German Band (Music of Germany) |
| 14 Linwood Taylor (Blues, Rock) | 11 Karen Collins & The Backroads Band (Honky Tonk Country Band) |
| 21 Soul Crackers (Motown, Soul) | 18 Common Ground (Smooth Jazz) |
| 28 The Nitehawks Swing Band | |



ARTS in the PARKS

A Free Children's Entertainment Series

Saturday Mornings • 10 a.m.

Wakefield Park

8100 Braddock Road, Annandale

- | JULY | AUGUST |
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| 10 Blue Sky Puppet Theater (Puppets) | 7 Rocknoceros (Children's Songs) |
| 17 Marsha and the Positrons (Children's Songs) | 14 Mr. Gabe & the Circle Time All-Stars (Children's Songs) |
| 24 Ray Owen (Children's Songs) | |
| 31 The Great Zucchini (Comedy, Magic) | |



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.



Performances are subject to change due to pandemic-related issues. For schedule updates and COVID safety information prior to attending, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance. Call 703-324-SHOW (7469) before leaving home for inclement weather updates.

FCPA's Summer Entertainment Series follows current CDC and Health Department COVID guidelines for events and the Governor's mandates for entertainment venues.



703-324-8563 TTY Va. Relay 711

Walkinshaw in the Community



Supervisor Walkinshaw speaking to Osher Lifelong Learning Institute's (OLLI) Perspectives on Local Government class of 40+ students on June 24.



Supervisor Walkinshaw celebrating the ribbon cutting of the Smokewood Park Pedestrian Bridge with Braddock School Board Member Megan McLaughlin, Olde Creek Elementary School Principal Melissa Miller, Community Organizer Sue Murray, and the community on June 5.



Supervisor Walkinshaw thanking the Neighborhood Health vaccination team for an efficient and successful equity pop-up clinic at the Annandale United Methodist Church on June 18.



Supervisor Walkinshaw providing a Braddock District update to the Friends of Royal Lake on June 23.

Supervisor Walkinshaw visiting the soon-to-open Bunnyman Brewing in Burke on June 30.



In June, Supervisor Walkinshaw also:

- Attended the W.T. Woodson High School Class of 2021 graduation on June 2.
- Attended the groundbreaking ceremony of the Oakwood School on June 3.
- Met with officers and participated in ride-alongs with West Springfield, Franconia, and Fair Oaks Police Stations on June 4, June 15, and June 18. Delegate David Bulova joined on June 15 and June 18.
- Attended the Northern Virginia Regional Commission's ceremony to remember and honor the lives lost to COVID-19, on June 9.
- Spoke to members of the Stone Haven Civic Association on June 17.
- Celebrated the unveiling of the Ona Judge Historical Marker at the Mount Vernon Estate on Juneteenth, June 19.
- Administered the oath of office for newly-elected officers of the Fairfax Federation of Citizens Associations on June 24.
- Hosted a community meeting to discuss the Everbrook Academy's application to develop a child care facility at 12019 Lee Highway on June 28.

Citizens of the Month

The Braddock District Citizens of the Month are the members of the W.T. Woodson High School Environmental Club who took it upon themselves to help struggling local food pantries during the pandemic. Early in the pandemic, local food pantries announced a critical shortage of food resources.

In the spring of this year, the Environmental Club students developed a plan by building a garden and growing vegetables at the school. Since March, they harvested and donated six pounds of lettuce, spinach, and rainbow chard to Food for Others --a local organization that helps connect families in need with food. The students and faculty have future plans for their eight garden beds and will harvest squash, cucumber, tomatoes, and eggplant. I am proud to know that we have local youth who are ready to help when they are needed! Congratulations!



Woodson juniors Victoria Caswell and Kimberly Austin harvest lettuce for use at a local food bank.



Master Gardener Tony Makara and Woodson Environmental Club adviser Lauren Kinne guide students as they weed and harvest.

Community News

Fairfax County's Recovery Grant Program, PIVOT, is Closing in One Week

Fairfax County is offering \$25 million in small grants for COVID-19 impacted businesses to support their recovery. The pandemic has affected everyone, but many businesses that rely heavily on customer interaction have been affected more severely than others. These grants are designed to strategically support the hardest hit sectors and help them to PIVOT from survival to future success.

The grants are available in the following categories:

- [Food Service \(including Food Trucks\)](#)
- [Retail, Services and Amusements](#)
- [Arts Organizations, Museums and Historical Sites](#)
- [Lodging](#)



The grant portal is now open for applications through **Friday, July 9, at 11:59 p.m.** Review the following checklist to see [examples of eligible businesses](#).

Fairfax Water 2021 Water Quality Report

The Fairfax Water [2021 Water Quality Report is now available](#) to review. By every July, Fairfax Water releases an annual water quality report with important information about your water quality and Fairfax Water's services. Under federal law, Fairfax Water is required to provide this information to customers every year by July 1.

If you would like a paper copy, please feel free to email your address to pr@fairfaxwater.org. Or request a copy by filling out their [electronic form](#).

Fairfax County Microloan Program

Last year, the Fairfax County Supervisors created a microloan fund for small businesses affected by the COVID-19 downturn. These funds are immediately available for businesses struggling for capital. Financing can be used for working capital, equipment, rent, or inventory.

Eligible for-profit businesses must be:

- Established in Fairfax County for one year and have 50 or fewer employees.
- Must be established and operating in Fairfax County (including the Towns of Herndon, Vienna and Clifton) for one year.

The maximum loan amount is \$30,000 with manageable interest, low fees, and up to six-year terms. Interested in a microloan? Learn more by visiting the [Community Business Partnership's website](#) or [apply today](#).

Small Business Administration Reconvenes the Council on Underserved Communities

The [U.S. Small Business Administration](#) (SBA) recently announced that it is reconvening the Council on Underserved Communities (CUC) under the authority of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The Council will consist of 20 diverse stakeholders from every region of the country tasked with advising the SBA on strengthening and improving its strategies to help underserved communities.

The Council on Underserved Communities was established to focus on communities and populations that have traditionally faced barriers in accessing credit, capital other resources necessary to start and grow businesses. The CUC's mission is to collectively provide SBA with input, advice, and recommendations on strategies to improve and strengthen equity among women -, veteran-, and minority-owned businesses and/or businesses from low-to-moderate income or rural communities.

With this announcement, the SBA is soliciting nominations from members from the public with a deadline of Tuesday, July 20, 2021. The requirements for nominations include:

- Must be representative of the interests of urban or rural underserved communities
- Former or current small business owner
- Community leader
- Official from a small business trade association or academic institution

Nominees should send a letter of self-nomination or a letter of nomination from a peer, professional organization, society, or member of Congress. The letter must indicate which underserved community – rural or urban – the nominee will represent and highlight accomplishments and experience working with small businesses in the previously mentioned communities.

Along with the [Nominee Information Form](#) and resume, nominees should include the following:

- Full name of nominee
- Occupation
- Physical address
- Telephone number
- Email address

Free Mosquito Dunks Are Now Available at the Braddock District Office

Mosquito season is here! The Braddock District Office is happy to announce that Mosquito Dunks® (pellets that release a biological pesticide to kill mosquito larvae) are available in our office at [9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, Virginia 22015](#).

Dunks are useful if you cannot get rid of standing water -- which are breeding grounds for mosquitos. Follow label instructions when applying. Quantities are limited; we will give out up to two Mosquito Dunk packs per household.

Learn how to [fight the bite!](#)



Mosquito Prevention Video

New Laws in Effect July 1

Several new laws are in effect in Virginia and in Fairfax County beginning July 1. We've highlighted a few for you to be aware of (with Virginia House or Senate bill numbers in parentheses if you want to look up more details).

TRANSPORTATION

- Drivers are required to change lanes when overtaking a bicycle or certain other vehicles when the travel lane is not wide enough to pass by at least 3 feet to the left. The limitations on riding bicycles and certain other vehicles two abreast is removed. (HB 2262)
- Larger localities can adapt local parking requirements or ratios in comprehensive plan reviews when transit-oriented development is promoted. (HB 2054)

CLUTTER REMOVAL

Localities can require the removal of clutter from property, or have it removed, charging the property owner for the removal. "Clutter" may include mechanical equipment, household furniture, containers, and similar items that may be detrimental to the well-being of a community when they are left in public view for an extended period or are allowed to accumulate. (HB 1778)

EDUCATION

Requirements and guidelines outlined for virtual and in-person learning for public elementary and secondary schools, early childhood care and education programs. Mitigation strategies addressed to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 provided by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (SB 1303)

CLEAN ENERGY

Localities can establish green banks to promote investment and financing for clean energy technologies, including renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. (HB 1919)

MARIJUANA AND OPIOIDS

- Home cultivation and legal possession of up to one ounce of marijuana authorized. (HB 2312/SB 1406)
- The Opioid Abatement Authority will ensure that funds from lawsuits against opioid makers and distributors are used to support addiction prevention and treatment. (HB 2322/SB 1469)

FIREARMS

A person who has been convicted of assault and battery of a family or household member is prohibited from purchasing, possessing or transporting a firearm. (HB 1992)

ABSENTEE VOTING AND ELECTIONS

New legislation (HB 1888 and SB 1245) makes several changes to voting processes, including:

- Absentee ballot processing procedures.
- Drop-off locations for absentee ballots.
- Voters can fix any potential errors on their absentee ballot envelopes.
- Voting technologies and procedures to assist visually impaired voters casting their ballots independently and remotely.

Additional legislation permits:

- The option of in-person absentee voting on Sundays. (HB 1968)
- Curbside voting for voters with a permanent physical disability, temporary physical disability or injury, and any voter during a declared state of emergency related to a communicable disease of public health threat. (HB 1921)
- Changing the date of the June primary from the second Tuesday in June to the third. (SB 1148)

SOCIAL SERVICES

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients can satisfy or earn exemptions from work and training requirements if they are enrolled in postsecondary education. (HB 1820)
- The state-funded Kinship Guardianship Assistance program facilitates child placements with relatives, including fictive kin, to ensure permanency for children. (SB 1328)
- Local departments of social services and licensed child-placing agencies are required to involve the child's relatives and fictive kin in the development of a child's foster care plan. (HB 1962)

BALLOONS

The releasing of balloons outdoors is prohibited. Any person convicted of such a violation is subject to a civil penalty of \$25 per balloon. (HB 2159)

ALL STATE LAWS

This is not a comprehensive list of new state laws. For a complete overview of all new state laws, visit the [Virginia Division of Legislative Services](#) website.



Environmental News

Update on Lake Barton Dredging Project

On July 1, Supervisor Walkinshaw hosted members of the community for a tour and discussion of the Lake Barton Dredging, Restoration, and Riser Modification Project.

The contractor has completed the majority of the riser modifications/repairs and wave berm improvements. They are continuing dredge efforts and starting the in-lake improvements. The southern tributary forebay berm is currently being constructed.



There has been a change from the original contract for total dredge material to be removed. The total quantity of material has increased from the base bid of 12,580 cubic yards to approximately 19,140 cubic yards due to increases in sediment accumulation following the original design survey. This change has resulted in an extension of the contractor's overall schedule from a projected substantial completion date in late October to early December. To date, the contractor has removed approximately two thirds of the total material.

Latinx Conservation Month of Northern Virginia

Join the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) in celebrating the culturally rich Latinx and Spanish-speaking community and the contributions from this community to the conservation of our natural areas. During the month of July, FCPA - in partnership with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, *Defensores de la Cuenca*, Northern Virginia Soil and Water District, and other community partners - will host **free, family-friendly activities** to engage the Latinx community, establish a relationship with participants, increase knowledge of the environment and awareness of environmental issues, increase understanding of the connections between our health and the health of the environment, help raise awareness of the various resources and programs that currently exist, and invite participants to stay engaged and grow in their interest of the environment.

Latinx Conservation Month is inspired by the **[Hispanic Access Foundation's Latino Conservation Week](#)**. It is an inclusive celebration, and everyone is invited to celebrate with the FCPA. Take the opportunity to learn about the Park Authority's offerings and connect with our green spaces.

Find an event to celebrate Latinx Conservation Month by **[visiting FCPA's website](#)**.

Value Your Power with Virginia Energy Sense

[Virginia Energy Sense](#) is the Commonwealth's energy education program under the guidance of the State Corporation Commission. Virginia has set a goal to reduce electric energy consumption 10 percent below 2006 levels by 2022.

Virginia Energy Sense's mission is to work toward that goal by helping Virginians understand their energy use, and what they can do to save energy easily and cost-effectively. Energy efficiency and energy conservation are the most affordable, available tools to achieve this goal. That is where Virginia Energy Sense comes in: Everyone can do their part to help, with the right information.


Take the following steps to help value your power:

- Use the [My Energy Star tool](#) to find tips and home improvement projects to take your home to the next level
- Take the 10% Challenge to reduce your own energy use
- Find [residential, industrial](#) and [commercial](#) incentives available for energy-saving purchases and upgrades
- Read about Virginia's [energy use, policy and plans](#)

Energy savings can provide a valuable boost to a family budget

By reducing energy consumption by 10%, a Virginia household can

save nearly \$200 every year



Calculated with data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA):

$$\left(\frac{\text{Annual Virginia Residential Energy Costs}}{\text{Virginia Residential Energy Customers}} \right) \times 10\% \text{ savings} \times 12 \text{ months}$$

Human Services Corner

Cooling Assistance Program Accepting Applications

Cooling Assistance is a program designed to help keep vulnerable Fairfax County residents cool during the summer months. To be eligible, at least one household member must be: 60 or older, 5 or younger, or disabled according to Social Security, Medicaid or 100% Veteran's Administration.

Applications for Cooling Assistance will be accepted June 15 through August 16.



Cooling assistance can help with:

- Payment of electric bills to operate cooling equipment.
- Payment of electric security deposit that is needed to establish new service.
- Repair of a central air conditioning system, heat pump, ceiling fan, attic fan or whole house fan.
- Purchase of a whole-house fan, including ceiling or attic fans when there is no other working cooling equipment in the home.
- Purchase and installation of one window unit air conditioner for households when there is no other working cooling equipment in the home.

Applications for Cooling Assistance can be submitted in the following ways:

- **[Online at commonhelp.virginia.gov](https://www.commonhelp.virginia.gov)**
- **Phone:** Call the Enterprise Call Center at 1-855-635-4370.
- **Paper Application:** Call (703) 324-7500 to request an application be mailed to you.
 - **Fax** a completed application to (703) 653-1355.
 - **Mail** a completed application to: 12011 Government Center Parkway, Suite 232, Fairfax, VA 2203.

Under the American Rescue Plan, Employers Are Entitled to Tax Credits for Providing Paid Leave to Employees Who Take Time off Related to COVID-19 Vaccinations

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) allows small and midsize employers, and certain governmental employers, to claim refundable tax credits that reimburse them for the cost of providing paid sick and family leave to their employees due to COVID-19, including leave taken by employees to receive or recover from COVID-19 vaccinations. The ARPA tax credits are available to eligible employers that pay sick and family leave for leave from now through September 30, 2021.

An eligible employer is any business, including a tax-exempt organization, with fewer than 500 employees. An eligible employer also includes a governmental employer, other than the federal government and any agency or instrumentality of the federal government that is not an organization described in section 501(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code. Self-employed individuals are eligible for similar tax credit. Learn more by **[visiting the IRS' website.](#)**

The Child Tax Credit

The Child Tax Credit in the [American Rescue Plan Act](#) -- which was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021 -- provides the largest Child Tax Credit ever and historic relief to the most working families ever and most families will automatically receive monthly payments without having to take any action.

For those with children, the American Rescue Plan increased the Child Tax Credit from \$2,000 per child to \$3,000 per child for children over the age of six and from \$2,000 to \$3,600 for children under the age of six and raised the age limit from 16 to 17. All working families will get the full credit if they make up to \$150,000 for a couple or \$112,500 for a family with a single parent (also called Head of Household).

People who receive payments by direct deposit will get their first payment on July 15, 2021. After that, payments will go out on the 15 of every month. (In August the payment will go out on August 13 since the 15 falls on a weekend.) If you haven't provided the IRS with your bank account information on a recent tax return, a check will be sent out to you around the same time to the address the IRS has for you.

For additional information, visit the [The White House's](#) website.

Little River Glen Senior Center Earns SAGECare Credential for LGBT-Inclusive Services and Culturally Competent Care

Neighborhood and Community Services is proud to announce that Little River Glen Senior Center in Fairfax has completed [SAGECare's LGBT cultural competency training program](#) and has earned the SAGECare Platinum credential. SAGE, which stands for Services and Advocacy for LGBT Elders, assists senior care agencies in creating fully LGBT-inclusive services for the growing LGBT senior population, which will number 7 million by 2030.

Since launching in 2016, more than 300 agencies have earned SAGECare's respected credentials. The Platinum credential is given when 80 percent of employees have completed 1 hour of LGBT Aging Training and 80 percent of executives/administrators have completed 4 hours of training. Over the next year, NCS aims to achieve the SAGECare credential for all Fairfax County Senior Centers.

Adults, Join the 2021 Summer Reading Adventure

For the third summer in a row, Fairfax County Public Library (FCPL) is offering a systemwide series of challenges and prizes for the grown-up readers in our community. As part of the 2021 [Summer Reading Adventure](#) (SRA), adults are challenged to read 100 minutes or choose from five summer activity challenges — for example: spend an evening stargazing — and log them online with [Beanstack](#) to earn a virtual badge.

Upon signing up for the SRA, which began June 11, adults can visit their local branch to pick up a free reusable straw (while supplies last). Earn five badges for the chance to win a \$150 Amazon eGift card. Earn 10 badges by August 13 to complete the program and have the chance to win a \$200 card.

Check out FCPL's [virtual summer event offerings for adults](#), including a musical performance by Spanish guitarist Gladius July 15.

Transportation Updates

Continuous Right Turn Lane at Guinea Rd. & 236 (Little River Turnpike) Complete



VDOT has completed the construction of a continuous right-turn lane from Guinea Rd. to 236 that will significantly reduce backups at the intersection and reduce rush hour cut through traffic through the Truro neighborhood. Drivers can now proceed through the intersection and on to 236 without stopping, unless pedestrians are present. An ADA-compliant pedestrian island and new signage was also installed.

According to VDOT data, the previous intersection design of two right turn lanes resulted in an average wait time of 195 seconds for drivers making the right turn onto 236. This new design should result in an average wait time of 4 seconds. We encourage morning rush hour drivers to use this new lane, rather than cutting through the neighborhood.

Metro is Doing its Part

As the Washington, DC area continues to reopen, Metro is doing its part to keep the region moving. Whether you're taking Metro as a regular part of your commute, or just enjoying a day out on the town, here are the steps Metro is taking to keep riders safe.

- Face masks are required for all Metro riders and employees
- New air filtration systems on buses, trains, and in stations circulate fresh air from outside every three minutes
- Metro stations, rail cars, and buses are cleaned each day with hospital-grade cleaners
- Hand sanitizing stations are available throughout the Metro system
- Riders can see crowdedness estimates of trains and buses on [Metro's website](#) and participating apps



Watch Metro's Video Above

Metro service information for July 4 and July 5, with additional trains operating on the Independence Day holiday

Metro riders going out to celebrate Independence Day can count on Metro to get you there. Additional trains will be operating to accommodate crowds attending the fireworks display on the National Mall and other festivities around the region.

On Sunday, July 4, Metrorail service will operate from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. During the day, trains will run on a regular weekend schedule, (every 12 minutes on the Red Line and every 15 minutes on all other lines) until 4:00 p.m., at which time service will ramp up to rush-hour service levels or better before and after the fireworks. Trains will run every 6 minutes on the Red Line, every 8 minutes on the Orange Line and every 12 minutes on all other lines from 4:00 p.m. until closing.

All stations will be open; however, after 9:00 p.m. the National Mall entrance at Smithsonian Station will become "entry only" to accommodate returning crowds. Customers using the Arlington Cemetery Station are reminded that the station closes at 10:00 p.m. April 1 through September 30.

Off-peak fares will be in effect all day, and parking will be free at all Metro-operated facilities. Bicycles and large coolers will not be permitted aboard trains after 2:00 p.m. due to space constraints.

For complete service details for July 4 and July 5 and additional travel tips, please see [Metro's service advisory](#).



Route 236 (Little River Turnpike) Study

The Virginia Department of Transportation study team wants your feedback regarding Route 236 (Little River Turnpike) corridor priorities. View the presentation in [English](#), [Spanish](#), or [Korean](#) and take a survey in [English](#), [Spanish](#), and [Korean](#) through **Wednesday, July 28**.



About the Study

- This STARS (Strategically Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions) study is assessing potential operational, safety, and accessibility improvements for about four miles of Route 236 (Little River Turnpike) between I-495 in Annandale and I-395 in Alexandria.
- The study is assessing existing traffic and safety conditions along Route 236 (Little River Turnpike) and congestion that occurs during morning and evening peak periods. The study team will solicit public input regarding corridor priorities during the first round of virtual public involvement in June and July. This feedback will be used to help develop potential operational, safety and accessibility alternatives that will be evaluated and presented during the second round of virtual public involvement planned for later this fall.
- Route 236 (Little River Turnpike) averages up to 55,000 vehicles a day within the study limits.

Fairfax Connector to Assume Operations of Select Metrobus Routes, Announces Changes to Existing Bus Service Effective July 10, 2021

To continue to improve transit service in Fairfax County, effective Saturday, July 10, 2021, [Fairfax Connector](#) will assume operations of five (5) Metrobus routes from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and make minor service changes to five (5) existing Fairfax Connector routes, as approved by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Members of the public provided input on these proposed service changes in the fall of 2020 at virtual community meetings and through an online survey.

On July 10, 2021, Fairfax Connector will assume operations of five Metrobus routes, four of which are currently not operating due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Fairfax Connector will restore and provide enhanced service on these routes serving key areas in Fairfax County with connections to the McLean, East Falls Church, West Falls Church, and the Pentagon Metrorail stations. These routes serve approximately 69,000 residents and provide access to more than 36,000 jobs within the County. The Metrobus routes being converted to Fairfax Connector routes are:

Old Metrobus Route	New Fairfax Connector Route
3T	703
15K	715
3A	803
29C	834
29W	835

Visit the [Fairfax Connector website](#) for more information.

Land Use & Development

UPCOMING MEETINGS & HEARINGS

Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting – July 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Supervisors Hearings

- Annandale United Methodist Church Rezoning Proposal – July 13 at 3:30 p.m.

Planning Commission Hearings

- Kenilworth II Rezoning Proposal (decision only) – July 14 at 7:30 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION DEFERS RECOMMENDATION ON KENILWORTH II PROPOSAL UNTIL JULY 14

On June 23, the Planning Commission held a hearing on the zoning application submitted by Christopher Land, LLC 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 vacated and removed. The application shows that access would be provided by connecting Banting Drive and Caprino Court at a “T” intersection with a three-way stop. An underground stormwater management system would handle stormwater runoff.



During a site visit in late April by members of the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee, the Braddock District Planning Commissioner, and staff, a previously unidentified wet area was seen on the site. The applicant’s engineer evaluated the area and identified wetlands and an ephemeral stream, which would need to be confirmed by the Army Corps of Engineers. The wetlands

are located near the center of the site on the eastern side, in an area the developer plans to fill to build the road connection and use for the underground stormwater detention facility.

Seven residents from Penns Crossing testified before the Planning Commission, stating their strong opposition to the development based on the connection of Banting Drive and Caprino Court to Braddock Road. The residents cited safety concerns, including narrow streets, increased traffic, and speeding vehicles, and told the Planning Commission that they did not feel the benefits of connectivity outweighed the negative impacts to their community. One resident also expressed concern about removal of the wetlands currently on the site.

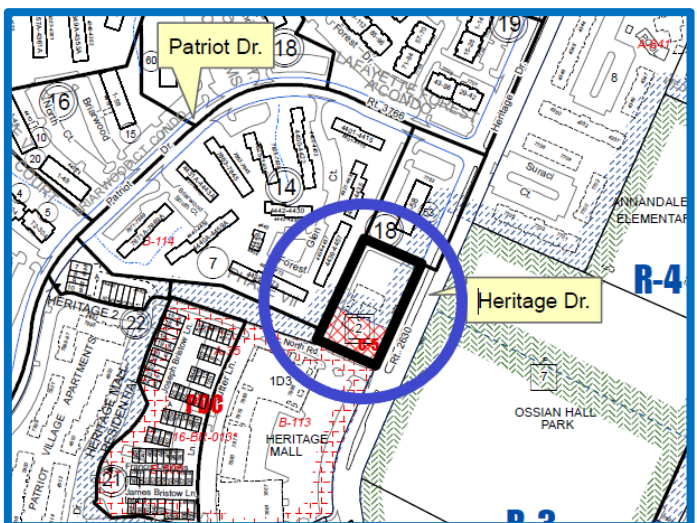
Planning Commissioners asked additional questions regarding the encroachment into the wetlands area to construct a road connection, stormwater management, tree save, spacing of houses, and timing of phase two. The applicant responded that the wetlands would be assessed during the subdivision plan process, which would come after the project approval. Final engineering of the stormwater management system would also be done at time of subdivision review.

County staff and the Virginia Department of Transportation continue to emphasize the need to connect Banting Drive and Caprino Court. VDOT adopted a connectivity policy over a decade ago in order to provide for a network of publicly maintained streets and to address concerns with cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets. The State Code requires that when new streets are dedicated, they must be connected to road and pedestrian networks with the existing and future transportation network. Connections provide flow for both vehicles and pedestrians within local developments rather than requiring people to go onto a larger collector road to access neighboring houses. Connectivity is vital in providing timely access for emergency vehicles. It is also important for school buses, trash collection, street maintenance, and snow plowing.

A staff report on this application was published April 7 and is available at [\[Date\] \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#). An addendum was published June 9 and is at [\[Date\] \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#). In order to provide time to get responses to questions and further examine this application, the Planning Commission has deferred their decision until July 14. No additional testimony will be permitted, but the record remains open for the submission of written comments. They may be sent to Plancom@fairfaxcounty.gov. A Board of Supervisors hearing date will be scheduled following the Planning Commission's recommendation regarding this application.

ANNANDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH REZONING APPLICATION MOVES TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR APPROVAL

The Trustees of Annandale United Methodist Church have requested approval to rezone their 1.77-acre property located on the west side of Heritage Drive and adjacent to Heritage Mall from the current split zoning in the C-5 and R-20 Districts to be entirely in the C-5 District to allow a public benefit association, or community resource center, associated with an existing place of worship. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this application on June 16 and a Board of Supervisors hearing is scheduled on July 13.



The existing building was constructed and originally used solely as a place of worship. However, more recently, the Church has increasingly used the site to provide social services to address significant unmet needs in the surrounding community. Residents in the area walk to the Church property to access a food pantry and clothes closet operated by Church volunteers. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Church collaborated with Chef Jose Andres of the World Central Kitchen to coordinate and distribute over 18,000 meals in the Annandale community. Many of these meals were targeted to families who were unable to access free and reduced meals from Fairfax County Public Schools.

The Church now proposes to formalize this operation and, in addition to the place of worship, create a community resource center that will provide a range of supportive educational and healthcare services, including a robust food distribution program, health and wellness screenings, and a mobile dental clinic, among other initiatives.

They intend to expand existing collaborations with the Fairfax County Health Department, Department of Family Services, and Neighborhood and Community Services; Food for Others, George Mason University, Northern Virginia Community College; Medical Care for Children Partnership Foundation; and other public and charitable organizations.

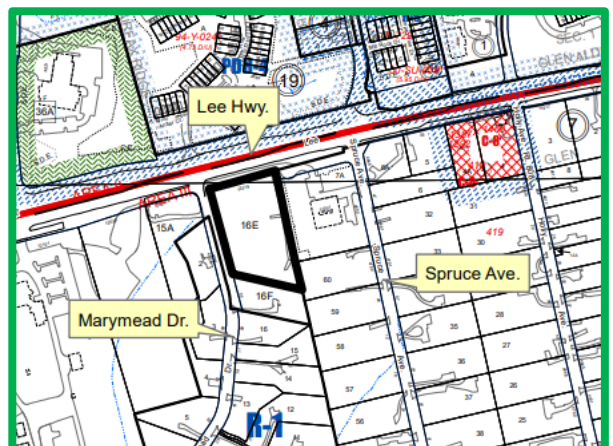
Under the county's Zoning Ordinance, this operation would be considered a Public Benefit Association. However, the site is currently split zoned to the C-5 and R-20 Districts. Given this unique split zoning, such a use is not permitted on the residential, or R-20, portion of the property, which encompasses nearly half of the building. For that reason, the Church has filed an application to rezone the property to entirely C-5, which would allow the public benefit use to legally operate and expand the valuable work and services it provides to the community. No construction or physical changes to the existing site or buildings is planned. The Church will re-stripe the existing travel aisle and parking spaces in accordance with recommendations from the Fairfax County Fire Marshal.

If you would like to provide public testimony for the Board of Supervisors hearing on July 13, there are a number of ways you may do so—in writing, by phone, through video, or in person. Please visit [Ways to Provide Public Hearing Testimony | Clerk Services \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#).

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD TO DISCUSS CHILD CARE FACILITY PROPOSED FOR 12019 LEE HIGHWAY

On June 28, Supervisor Walkinshaw held a virtual community meeting to discuss a Special Exception application filed by NLD Fairfax, LLC to permit a child care center at 12019 Lee Highway. This 2.32-acre site is located south of Lee Highway between Spruce Avenue and Marymead Drive. It is currently developed with a single-family dwelling, with the remainder of the property as open space.

The applicant has proposed an Everbrook Academy, operated by child care provider Learning Care Group, Inc.



The facility would be approximately 13,000 square feet with a 12,500-square foot play area to the rear of the building. Access would be provided from the Lee Highway service road. Enrollment would be up to 151 children at any one time, and they would have 26 employees. Thirty-six parking spaces are proposed. Hours of operation would be from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

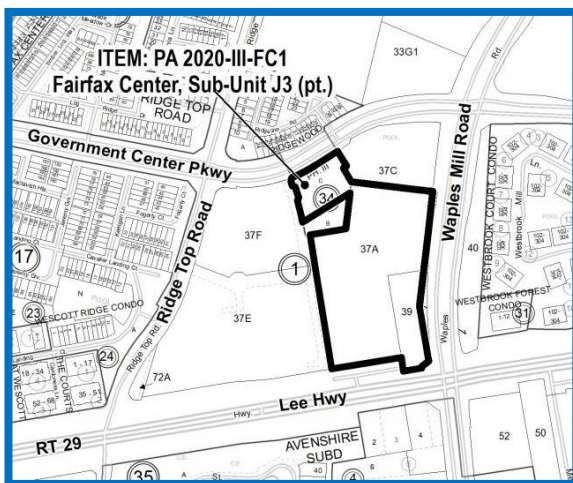
After the applicant briefly described the project, the community had an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments. The primary concern was traffic and safety at the intersection of Marymead Drive and Lee Highway. The service road along Lee Highway that would provide access to the site is now used by clients of the neighboring Sparkles! child care center. Because the intersection does not have a traffic signal, residents find it difficult to make a left turn onto Lee Highway from Marymead Drive and they are concerned that the additional traffic generated by the proposed use would worsen the situation.

It is very early in the process of consideration of this application, and the applicant stated that they would be working with staff, including Fairfax County and Virginia Department of Transportation staff, to try to address these concerns.

The applicant will be discussing this proposal with the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee at their July 20 meeting. A Planning Commission hearing has been scheduled for November 3. The Board of Supervisors hearing has not yet been scheduled.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR NW CORNER OF LEE HIGHWAY & WAPLES MILL ROAD BEING FINALIZED

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.



For the past year, county planning staff has been 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 regularly to try to come to agreement on general concepts.

Draft Comprehensive Plan language consistent with these discussions is being finalized and will be discussed with the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee at their July 20 meeting. Community members who are interested in future plans for this site are encouraged to attend the meeting and share their thoughts. A Planning Commission hearing on the Comprehensive Plan Amendment is tentatively scheduled for September 15.

A concurrent rezoning application was filed by Public Storage Southeast One, Inc. to consolidate the corner parcel with their existing self-storage property. On July 1, based on feedback from meetings with staff and input from the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee, Public Storage resubmitted their plans to reflect modifications to their original proposal. Public Storage is proposing to remove the existing house, demolish one row of its existing single-story self-storage bays, and construct a climate-controlled five-story, 63-foot tall self-storage facility of approximately 150,000 square feet on the southeast corner of the property (see illustration). The area near the existing office and lighthouse at the south end of one of the existing single-story buildings will be demolished and a new office of up to 1,500 square feet and reconfigured parking area will be constructed.

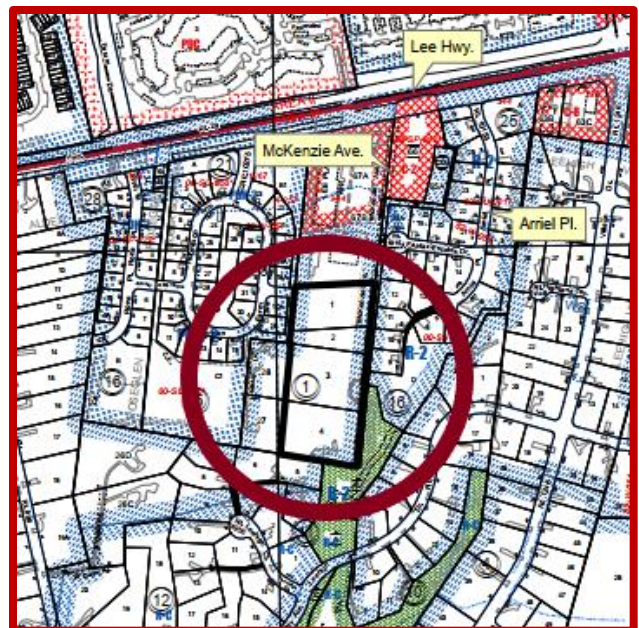


Proposed – Waples Mill Road, looking south toward intersection with Lee Highway

The applicant is proposing to develop a new pocket park, which will be open to the public, adjacent to the existing pocket park on the interior portion of the block. It would include a dog park with seating. The existing service road along Lee Highway, currently being used for parking of commercial vehicles, including food trucks and contractors' equipment, would be removed and replaced with landscaping and a pedestrian pathway. Additional landscaping would be provided around the new building. The doors of the existing single-story building along Waples Mill Road would be painted a brick color. A path with public artwork would lead from Waples Mill Road to the new park and dog park. The details of this revised application are being reviewed by county staff. A Planning Commission hearing on the rezoning application is tentatively scheduled for November.

APPLICATION FILED TO REDEVELOP MCKENZIE AVENUE PROPERTIES

Sekas Homes, Ltd. has filed an application to rezone 6.51 acres of land located along McKenzie Avenue, south of its intersection with Lee Highway in Fairfax. The land consists of four properties developed with three single-family homes, two of which are not currently occupied. The applicant has proposed rezoning the property from R-1 to R-2 Cluster to allow 11 new lots developed with single-family dwellings. Access would be provided through a public street extending from an existing stub



off Robertson Farm Circle. Stormwater management is proposed to be handled through installation of an underground vault facility.

The applicant will be presenting this proposal to the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee at their July 20 meeting. A Planning Commission hearing has been scheduled for December 1. No date has been set for a hearing of the Board of Supervisors.

ONE UNIVERSITY PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

The site and building plans for the One University project, which will provide 120 affordable family units, 120 affordable age-restricted units for seniors, and 333 units of purpose-built housing with up to 798 beds to serve George Mason University students, are in the final stages of review by county staff. Nearby residents may begin to notice tree staking and flagging of the limits of clearing on the site. The contractor will also begin abatement of the existing buildings in preparation for demolition. Once a demolition date is set—which could be as early as mid-July—Supervisor Walkinshaw will schedule a virtual “Pardon the Dust” community meeting to let nearby residents know what to expect. The contractor will lay out their expected timeline for demolition to begin, when they anticipate starting construction, where construction entrances will be located at the site, and provide a contact number in case there are issues. Representatives of the developer and county staff will be available to answer any construction-related questions. Please watch for an upcoming Walkinshaw Advisory with the date and link to the meeting.

BRADDOCK DISTRICT LAND USE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will be holding an electronic meeting on Tuesday, July 20, at 7:00 p.m. The agenda will include presentation of the NLD Fairfax, LLC application to build a child care facility; presentation of the Sekas Homes, Ltd. application for McKenzie Avenue; discussion of the draft Comprehensive Plan Amendment for the northwest corner of Lee Highway and Waples Mill Road; the Fairview Fire Station project; and updates on other pending Braddock District cases. Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee meetings are open to the public and interested residents are encouraged to participate.

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NEW ZONING ORDINANCE NOW IN EFFECT

As of July 1, the new Zoning Ordinance is in effect with new regulations on accessory living units, home-based businesses, accessory structures, and much more. A new website called enCodePlus [hosts the new Ordinance](#), allowing everyone to access the zoning regulations in a simple format. Upcoming lunch-and-learn events and educational meetings are scheduled for the months of July and September, and information is available on the [zMOD Outreach Page](#). Learn more about the new Ordinance and online platform in this [press release](#).

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. Meetings are currently being 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. For information on how to submit comments or testify, please visit [Board of Zoning Appeals Electronic Meetings | Planning Development \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#). 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.

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The applicants are seeking a reduction in certain yard requirements to permit addition of a one-story garage 6.2 feet from a side lot line. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on September 22. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found here: [ZAPS Overview - Land Development System - Fairfax County, Virginia](#).

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.