

# James R. Walkinshaw

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## Braddock District Supervisor The Braddock Beacon

Dear Neighbor,

Following a thorough review by the CDC, children ages 5-11 are now eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine with an appointment. The authorization provides our community another effective and reliable way to keep our children safe while reducing health risks to friends and family. Parents can now schedule an appointment for their child for as early as next week. There are multiple ways for children to get a vaccine, including:

- Pediatric and Family Medicine Providers: call your child's doctor to make an appointment.
- Pharmacies, grocery stores, and urgent care facilities: visit <u>vaccines.gov</u> (<u>www.vacunas.gov</u>) to search for a vaccine appointment.
- Health Department Vaccination Centers: visit the website to make an appointment, or call (703) 324-7404 if you need assistance.
  - Fairfax County Government Center (<u>12000 Government Center Parkway</u>, <u>Fairfax</u>, <u>22035</u>)
  - Mount Vernon District Office (<u>Gerry Hyland Government Center</u>), 8350 <u>Richmond Highway</u>, Alexandria, 22309)
- Tysons Community Vaccination Center, 7950 Tysons Corner Center, Tysons: <u>Register</u> online or call 877-VAX-IN-VA (877-829-4682, TTY users call 711). Appointment assistance is available in English, Spanish, and more than 100 other languages.
- Inova Children Vaccination Clinic: <u>Make an appointment online</u> for their weekend clinics at the <u>Inova Center for Personalized Health</u>, 8100 Innovation Park Drive, Fairfax.

I'm glad to report the Fairfax County Health Department is working in concert with Fairfax County Public Schools to ensure equal access to vaccines. Vaccine clinics will eventually be offered at certain schools and community centers during off-school hours. This will reduce scheduling and logistical issues for appointments. I will share additional details as soon as they are available.

#### **Election Results**

It was wonderful to see so many of you exercising your right to vote during early voting and on Election Day. I congratulate Governor-Elect Youngkin, Lt. Governor-Elect Sears, Attorney General-Elect Miyares, and the members of the House of Delegates representing the Braddock District, all of whom were re-elected. I also want to thank those who put their name forward to run and were willing to serve our community during a challenging time, but came up short. They served an important role in our democratic process and undoubtedly made personal sacrifices to do so.

While the results are not yet certified, it's clear that, once again, the process worked and Virginia conducted a free and fair election. You can view Fairfax County's unofficial results <u>here</u>.

#### **Children's Corner**

On page 17, you'll find our latest newsletter addition, Children's Corner. Following a number of requests, we've included a section dedicated to readers with children. We will share monthly updates, children-oriented resources, and fun kid-focused activities in this section. Make sure to share this newsletter with a friend who might be **interested in subscribing**.



Supervisor James Walkinshaw

## Walkinshaw in the Community



Supervisors Walkinshaw, Smith, and Foust leading Team Fairfax during the annual Out of the Darkness Walk hosted by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention on October 2.



Supervisor Walkinshaw raising awareness and funds for survivors of Domestic Violence at the first Annual Survive to Thrive festival hosted by Shelter House and Expectation Church on October 23.

#### In October, Supervisor Walkinshaw also:



Supervisor Walkinshaw marching in W.T. Woodson High School's Homecoming parade alongside Braddock District staff and Braddock School Board Member Megan McLaughlin on October 15.



Supervisor Walkinshaw alongside John and Bartley, the editors of *Stuffyland Times newsletter*, on October 28.

- Received a briefing on Northern Virginia Community College's (NVCC) progress by NVCC President Anne Kress on October 4.
- > Collected food donations at the Stuff the Bus Food Drive on October 9.
- Celebrated Eagle Scout Autumn D's Eagle Scout Achievement during Troop 1345G's Court of Honor on October 10.
- > Attended ChathamTowne HOA's Ice Cream Social on October 14.
- Welcomed George Mason University President Dr. Gregory Washington during his official Investiture on October 21.
- ▶ Hosted a Community Meeting on the Sekas Homes rezoning proposal on October 25.

## **Citizen of the Month**

The November Braddock District Citizen of the Month is Kate Mattice. Kate has been a Burke Centre resident since 2002 alongside her husband Matt. As soon as she moved here, she became involved in Braddock District civic activities. In 2003, she became a member of the Burke Centre VRE task force organized by former Braddock District Supervisor Sharon Bulova. She helped shape the design of the Burke Centre VRE garage and pressed for good pedestrian and bike access to the station.

Following the birth of her sons, Ben and Josh, Kate became active in Boy Scouts here in Burke, starting as a volunteer with Pack 1345 (Terra Centre), then as Committee Chair for Pack 1346 (Fairview). In 2019, she was asked by parents to become the founding Scoutmaster of Troop 1345G, Burke Centre Conservancy's all-female Scout troop under the Boy Scouts of America. Now with over 20 Scouts from around our area, she has helped lead the Scouts on dozens of weekend campouts, community projects, international exchanges, and even a couple of high-adventure treks.

This summer she joined girls from Lake Braddock and Robinson Secondary Schools on a weeklong backpacking adventure at the famous Philmont Scout Reservation in New Mexico. This winter, she plans on joining both female and male Scouts on a winter-high adventure trek to a camp in Northern Minnesota.

The Troop honored its first Eagle Scout, Autumn D., earlier this fall, and three more Scouts are close to reaching the ultimate Scout rank. Even though Kate doesn't have any daughters by blood, she has a great deal of enthusiasm mentoring the young women of Troop 1345G. The girls are truly remarkable. Scouting helps them build confidence and make them amazing leaders both in their Troop and community.

Kate's day job is also in public service as the executive director of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission where she manages state and regional funding for WMATA and Virginia Railway Express and helps our local bus and rail systems work to create a strong public transit network for Northern Virginians.

Kate would like all readers to know this weekend is the beginning of the National Capital Area Council's Scouting for Food annual food drive. Scouts will be around our neighborhoods this weekend dropping off information about how to donate food to this important event. Food donations will be picked up on Saturday, November 13 by 8:30 a.m. Consider donating!



**Kate Mattice** 

## **Community News**

## Public Hearing on County's Draft Legislative Program Tuesday, November 9

Supervisor Walkinshaw chairs the Board of Supervisors' Legislative Committee. The Legislative Committee develops Fairfax County's annual state Legislative Program and Human Services Issue Paper, as well as the federal Legislative Program.

The Legislative Program outlines the County's priorities to the Virginia General Assembly. The Board of Supervisors and County staff have been updating the Program and will hold a public hearing at their regular meeting, scheduled for **Tuesday**, **November 9**, at **3:00 p.m**. Final adoption of the Program is scheduled for December 7.

On October 26, the Board reviewed the draft Legislative Program and <u>related materials</u>. You can <u>review the updated Draft Legislative Program</u> in advance of the November 9 meeting. Residents are invited to <u>provide testimony</u> in person, by phone, in writing, or by video.

## Friends of the Kings Park Library Book Sale

Friends of the Kings Park Library is hosting a book sale at the Kings Park Community Library (**9000 Burke Lake Rd, Burke, VA 22015**) on:

- Friday, November 5 from when you receive this newsletter until 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Proceeds go to support the library. Books are sorted into many categories, so it will be easy to find what you want.

## Public Hearing on Proposed Redistricting Plan on November 9

The Board of Supervisors authorized a public hearing for Tuesday, November 9, to consider proposed redistricting plans.

These plans propose new local election districts for the Board of Supervisors and School Board, and, after the new districts are adopted, they will be in place for the next 10 years. **Please note, the County's redistricting effort will not change school boundaries.** 

There were 64 plans submitted in total by the Board-appointed committee established to recommend new maps and the public, and these plans may be reviewed through an <u>online dashboard</u>.



The public is strongly encouraged to **<u>submit input or comments</u>** on these plans before the hearing, as well as provide testimony on November 9. Submit input **<u>by email</u>**, mail, video, or phone, or **<u>sign up to speak</u>** at the public hearing.

Learn more by visiting the **<u>County's website</u>**.

## Provide Feedback on the Possible Renaming of Lee and Lee-Jackson Memorial Highways

The Fairfax County Confederate Names Task Force wants to hear from County residents on whether Lee (Route 29) and Lee-Jackson Memorial (Route 50) Highways should be renamed.

## You can share your thoughts on this topic with the task force through Friday,

November 12, in the following ways:

- <u>Taking a survey</u> <u>online</u> now. Printed copies are available at Fairfax County libraries and Supervisor district offices.
- Emailing comments



to DOTConfederateNamesTaskForce@fairfaxcounty.gov

- Mailing comments to Fairfax County Department of Transportation, 4050 Legato Road, Suite 400, Fairfax, VA 22033
- Calling Fairfax County Department of Transportation at (703) 877-5600, TTY 711

## **Adoption Awareness Month**

November is Adoption Awareness Month, a time to celebrate adoptive parents for taking an extraordinary step in opening their hearts and homes to children in need of a safe place to call home! Did you know there are children in foster care waiting for adoptive homes? Many of these children have special needs, are over the age of 9, or are part of sibling groups that would like to find a permanent home together. Adoptive parents support children as they recover from past traumatic experiences they can thrive. Children like Adame, an adventurous, funny, creative, and curious 12-year-old boy, are hoping to connect with such a loving parent. Explore the path to **becoming a foster or adoptive parent** or email **BeAFosterParent@fairfaxcounty.gov** to learn more.



## New Submission Date for Barbara Varon Volunteer Nominations

The Barbara Varon award is given annually to a Fairfax County resident whose dedication to improving the community through volunteer service honors the memory of Barbara Varon, former Chairman of the Fairfax County Electoral Board. **The nomination process has been extended to Friday, December 15, 2021.** 

Nominees must:

- Live in Fairfax County
- Demonstrate an appreciation for the diversity of our community's population
- Exhibit patriotism by participating in the electoral process, by educating others about all voters' rights and privileges, and/or by performing voter registration outreach

To be considered, nominees must perform all of the above activities in a voluntary capacity. **Download** a fillable PDF nomination form. Then select "save as" or "save target as."

 Learn more about Barbara Varon's service to Fairfax County and this award at <u>visiting Fairfax County's</u> website.



### Kamp Washington Small-Area Plan

Fairfax City is conducting a small-area plan for the Kamp Washington Activity Center, a triangular slice of land located in the west end of the city and bounded by Fairfax Boulevard, Lee Highway, and Jermantown Road. Small-area plans are neighborhood-level plans intended to provide the city with guidance on each of its five activity centers defined in the 2035 Comprehensive Plan. They provide specific guidance for a desired mix of uses, residential density, building density, design aesthetic, street locations, multimodal connections, infrastructure improvements, parking, and open space.

You are invited to join City of Fairfax staff and the project consulting team, led by Cunningham Quill Architects, on November 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Katherine Johnson Middle School cafeteria (3801 Jermantown Road, enter from the Bevan Drive side of the building), for a public stakeholder meeting for the Kamp Washington Small-Area Plan. At this meeting, attendees will review early conceptual designs for the Kamp Washington study area, engage with the project team, and provide feedback that will influence the Kamp Washington Small-Area Plan.

For more meeting details and information about the Kamp Washington Small-Area Plan, visit the project website.



### **Brain Injury Services Duck Race**

On Monday, November 8, at 10:30 a.m., Lake Accotink will be invaded by rubber ducks. Some will be yellow. Some may be pink, blue, or green. Some may even wear uniforms. Brain Injury Services will host its second annual Rubber Duck Race to raise awareness of brain injuries in Northern Virginia.

Show your patriotism and honor a veteran with a military duck. By sponsoring a military duck, you will help our veteran's programs and services that serve local veterans who have a traumatic brain injury.

If you know someone who has a traumatic brain injury from a fall, an accident, or has suffered a stroke, consider sponsoring a yellow duck. By sponsoring a yellow duck, you will show support for thousands of Northern Virginians living with a disability resulting from a traumatic brain injury or stroke. Ducks also may be sponsored in memory of family members and friends.

Sponsor a neon duckling and you will show support for our pediatrics program and honor hundreds of kids in Northern Virginia who have a traumatic brain injury related to a sports injury, accident, or abuse.

Brain Injury Services is a Northern Virginia nonprofit with the mission to empower those impacted by a brain injury. We touch the lives of more than 1,000 adults, children, and their caregivers through community supports, person-centered case management, counseling, support groups, and much, much more. Learn more about this event by visiting the **Brain Injury Services' website**.



### **Consider a Career in Public Service**

Have you considered a career in public service? Fairfax County has a variety of full-time and part-time positions available in departments such as Health, Parks, Public Works, Libraries, Family Services, and more. Visit the **County Jobs page** for more information.



## **Environmental News**

## **Americana Drive Clean Up**

Friends of Accotink Creek and the Fairfax County Restoration Project will hold another <u>Clean Up</u> <u>event along Americana Drive in Annandale</u> on Veteran's Day, Thursday, November 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Interested in helping out? <u>Sign up to volunteer</u>!

Sign in will be set up at Americana & Patriot Drive. All volunteers MUST sign in as part of their VDOT permit requirement. Students needing community service hours must sign in AND sign out at that location. Friends of Accotink Creek will be forwarding more information as the event gets closer.

## Last Month's HomeWise Program Update

The Fairfax County HomeWise program educates, empowers, and enables residents to make changes that reduce energy use, water use, and associated costs in their homes. Volunteers assist low- and moderate-income residents with physical improvements to their homes and provide support for behavior changes that are proven to conserve resources and money. Educational ambassadors connect with Fairfax County students and residents to raise awareness of personal actions that can save energy, water, and money.



The team is also preparing for an upcoming volunteer recruitment period. Starting November 10, the application period to become a member of the

second class of HomeWise volunteers will open. The application period will close on December 10. Training for this class of volunteers will begin in January 2022. They will join our existing volunteers for exciting community engagement opportunities starting in the spring.

Stay tuned for more information on upcoming events and opportunities to get involved with the **HomeWise program**.

## **County Kicking Off America Recycles Day with a Poster Contest**

This year the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services is sponsoring an America Recycles Day Poster Contest focusing on the three Rs – Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

Posters must be ledger-size, (11x17 inches). Digital versions should be high resolution so they can be enlarged and reproduced. By entering the contest, artists are granting permission to DPWES to reproduce their submissions.

Those submitting entries should follow the instructions on the accompanying entry form. All entries must be received by Monday, November 8, 2021. Visit America Recycles Day Poster Contest for the entry form and details. Learn more by **visiting DPWES' website**.

## **Compliance Corner**



## **Vehicle Storage**

#### Do you know Fairfax County's rules for storing vehicles on residential property?

Fairfax County regulates the storage of inoperative vehicles, vehicles under tarps, and vehicles that are covered with fitted car covers.

#### **Inoperative Vehicles**:

- Chapter 110 of the Fairfax County Code and Article 4 of the Zoning Ordinance regulate inoperative vehicle storage in residential areas.
- An inoperative vehicle is any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer that is not in operating condition, does not display valid license plates, or does not display an inspection decal that is valid or does display an inspection decal that has been expired for more than 60 days.
- On residential properties, inoperative vehicles must be kept within a fully enclosed structure or completely screened from view in accordance with the County Code.
- To make a complaint about more than five inoperative vehicles located on private property, call the **Department of Code Compliance** at 703-324-1300, TTY 711 or report online at **www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code**.
- To make a complaint about five or fewer inoperative vehicles located <u>on private property</u>, please contact the Fairfax County Police Department's Impound Office at 703-280-0716 or report online at <u>www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/report-inoperable-vehicle</u>.
- To report an inoperative vehicle on a public street, please call the Police Department's nonemergency number at 703-691-2131.

**Vehicles under Tarps**: Any vehicle covered by a tarp is subject to the outdoor storage regulations of Article 4 of the Zoning Ordinance.

**Vehicles under Fitted Car Covers**: On a residential lot, up to two vehicles may kept under fitted car covers specifically designed for this purpose.



To report a possible violation OR for more information contact:

Fairfax County Department of Code Compliance 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035 Phone: 703-324-1300, TTY 711 Web: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code



To request this information in an alternate format, call the Department of Code Compliance. This Fairfax County, VA Publication (published July 2021) summarizes a few regulations. See relevant codes for specific requirements.

## **Transportation Updates**

## **Provide Feedback on the Springfield to Quantico Enhanced Public Transportation Feasibility Study Until November 17**

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) is conducting a feasibility study of enhanced public transportation services between the Franconia-Springfield Metro station in Fairfax County and the Quantico Marine Base in Prince William County. Enhanced transit could include options such as additional express bus services, increased VRE commuter rail expansion, Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), or an extension of Metrorail.

On October 18, 2021, DRPT released the **Springfield to Quantico Enhanced Public Transportation Feasibility Study Executive Summary** for a 30-day comment period. Please send any comments to **drptpr@drpt.virginia.gov** by Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

### **Proposed Safe Streets for All Program to be Discussed at Two Community Meetings in November**

The ActiveFairfax Transportation Plan team is developing recommendations for a Fairfax County Safe Streets for All Program, a comprehensive initiative to address systemic transportation safety issues for people walking, biking, and using other forms of active transportation. Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) will hold two virtual public meetings to present the draft recommendations and take questions and comments from attendees. Now is a great time to think about pedestrian safety during October's National Pedestrian Safety Month. Click here for some safety tips you can use while walking. Attend a Virtual Community Meeting and Bring Your Ouestions and Comments

- > Monday, November 8, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
  - <u>Attend online</u>
  - Dial In: (844) 621-3956; Access Code: 2335 968 6742
- > Thursday, November 18, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

#### <u>Attend online</u>

• Dial In: (844) 621-3956; Access Code: 2349 915 0152

#### Share Your Thoughts! Comments accepted through Friday, December 10, 2021

- Email: <u>activefairfax@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>
- > Call: (703) 877-5600, TTY 711
- Mail: Fairfax County Department of Transportation, Suite 400, 4050 Legato Road, Fairfax, VA 22033
- > For more information on the Safe Streets for All Program, visit the website.

## Northern Virginia District Transportation Update, Fall 2021

The **2021 Transportation Update provides an overview** of the current, recently completed, and proposed projects in VDOT's Northern Virginia District as well as a report of the district's overall performance during the fiscal year. This publication serves as a reference guide for state legislators and local officials and is updated annually.

For more information about the projects and initiatives covered in this document, contact the Northern Virginia District Communications Office at **novapublicaffairs@vdot.virginia.gov**.

## **Public Safety**

## **Community Engagement Meeting Featuring Chief Kevin Davis**

The West Springfield District Community Advisory Committee (CAC) will be hosting a Community Engagement Meeting on Tuesday, November 9, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting enhances communication between the residents and the Fairfax County Police Department. This meeting offers residents a chance to speak with the officers of the West Springfield Station.

The speaker will be Chief Kevin Davis. He will discuss various concerns in the community and answer questions. The meeting will be held via Zoom at the link provided below.

Consider joining the West Springfield District Station Community Advisory Committee. This is a free program, and all ages are welcome to attend. The meetings are generally held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. (except for July and August).

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

#### Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

Password: 029069

Or Telephone: Dial: USA (636) 651-3141 USA (877) 402-9753 (US Toll Free) Conference code: 404496

> West Springfield District Station Community Advisory Committee

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING**

November 9, 2021 at 7:00PM



**Guest Speaker:** 

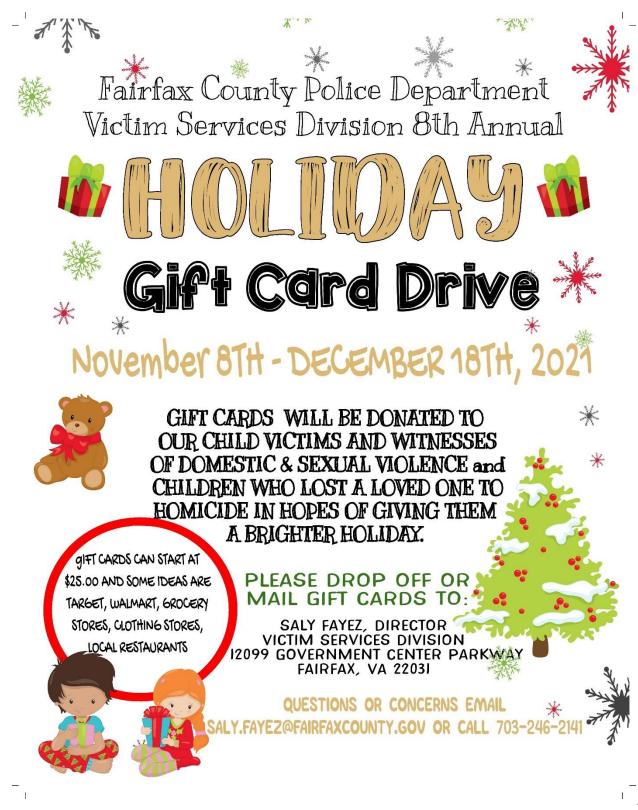


Chief Kevin Davis Fairfax County Police Department <sup>Chief of Police</sup>



### **Fairfax County Police Department Victim Services Division 8th Annual Holiday Gift Card Drive**

In 2021, the Victim Services Division handled over 350 cases involving child victims and witnesses of domestic and sexual violence as well as children who lost a loved one to homicide. Many of these children will not get to celebrate holidays this year due to the financial burden that comes with being a victim of crime. In the true spirit of the season, we ask you to please join us in brightening the holidays for our courageous children by participating in this drive.



## **Human Services Corner**

## **Eligible Individuals Recommended to Get COVID-19 Booster Shots**

If you received a COVID-19 vaccine, you have a much lower chance of developing severe illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19.

However, as the length of time since vaccination has increased, the Health Department is starting to see reduced protection, particularly for mild or moderate COVID-19 infection. As a result, following FDA authorizations, the CDC has now recommended a booster dose for eligible individuals who have received any one of the three FDA-authorized vaccines.

#### > Pfizer and Moderna

For individuals who received a COVID-19 vaccine made by Pfizer or Moderna, the following groups are now eligible for a single booster shot at six months or more after completing their initial series:

- All persons age 65+ years
- Persons age 18+ years who live in <u>long-term care settings</u>
- Persons age 18+ who have <u>underlying medical</u> <u>conditions</u>



Persons age 18+ who work or live in <u>high-risk settings</u>

#### > Johnson & Johnson

For individuals who received the COVID-19 vaccine made by Johnson & Johnson, a single booster shot is recommended at two months or more after receiving the initial vaccination for all persons 18 years of age and older.

Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine to receive as a booster dose. Booster doses can be

received before, on the same day, or after getting the flu shot.

## Help a Local Family in Need This Holiday Season

Local nonprofit Britepaths provides necessities and a variety of support to help Fairfax County and Northern Virginia residents stay in their homes and work toward financial self-sufficiency.

This holiday season, Britepaths is seeking donations of funds and gift cards to help 500 local families in need enjoy festive holiday meals and gifts for their children. Britepaths will provide gift cards to social



workers at its Fairfax County Public Schools partner schools in Fairfax, Annandale, and Falls Church to distribute to families with identified need. To donate or learn more, **visit Britepaths' website**. Contact (703) 273-8829 or email **info@britepaths.org** with questions.

## Need Help with Heat? Don't Be Left Out in the Cold

The Fuel Assistance Program helps eligible households meet their energy needs by supplementing the cost associated with their primary heat source. Eligible households must meet income requirements. Applications for the Fuel Assistance Program are accepted until Friday, November 12, 2021.

The Crisis Assistance Program is designed to help households overcome energy emergencies that cannot be met by other resources. An energy emergency is determined when a household has no heat or is in imminent danger of being without heat. Applications for the Crisis Assistance Program are accepted Monday, November 1, through Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

#### Apply for Fuel Assistance and/or Crisis Assistance:

- > <u>Online</u>
- > **Phone**: Enterprise Call Center at 833-5-CALL-VA (833) 522-5582.
- **Fax**: Send completed the application to (703) 653-1355.
- In Person: Applications for Energy Assistance are available at the <u>Fairfax County</u> <u>Human Services Centers</u>.

## 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Caregiver's Conference: Caregiving as Memories Fade Virtual Three-Day Event

The Northern Virginia Dementia Care Consortium has been educating caregivers since 1986. This year's conference will be held on Tuesday, November 9, from 10:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m. The keynote speaker is Gary Chapman, PhD, author of *Keeping Love Alive as Memories Fade: The 5 Languages and the Alzheimer's Journey*. There will also be additional speakers and subject matter experts. Join to become better prepared to



provide care and support at home or in a facility, learn new ways to engage individuals with dementia, and visit with exhibitors who offer supportive services.

This conference is open to family caregivers, volunteers working with older adults, and professionals in aging and related services. <u>Learn more and register online</u>, or call (703) 270-0043.

## Free Virtual Support Call for Family Caregivers of Older Adults

Finding the Rewards in Caregiving. This topic brings to light the many good things caregivers do and how they, as informal (family, non-paid) and formal (professional) caregivers, are in this journey together with their collaborative and cooperative relationships. Join Tuesday, November 9, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to share your observations about what it means to you to be a caregiver — the downs and the ups, the lows and the highs, the challenges and the victories. Learn more and register to join.

## HYPOTHERMIA PREVENTION PROGRAM

## **About the Program**

Since 2005, the Hypothermia Prevention Program has prevented death and serious injuries among Fairfax County's most vulnerable residents by ensuring that no one must sleep outside during the winter months. This program - available to any adult in need of immediate shelter - provides warm shelter, food, and other supportive services to help connect guests to a variety of basic needs such as clothing, employment, housing, and more.

Note: Adults with children (ages 0-17) should contact Coordinated Services Planning at 703-222-0880 (TTY 711), Monday - Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., for referrals to family-oriented support and services. If you need assistance after hours, please contact or visit one of the county's family shelters – locations and contact information are available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/emergency-shelters







For more information: https://bit.ly/Fairfax-Hypothermia-Program



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Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in all county programs, services and activities. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request. For information, call 703-246-5000 or TTY 711.

## **Children's Corner**

## **COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens**

Widespread vaccination for COVID-19 is a critical tool to best protect everyone, especially those at highest risk, from severe illness and death. People who are fully vaccinated can safely resume many activities that they did prior to the pandemic. Children ages 5 years and older are able to get an age-appropriate dose of **Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine**. Learn more about what you and your child or teen can do **when fully vaccinated**.





## Free Virtual Parent CAFÉ

Virtual Parent Cafés are a great way for parents to learn from each other as they grow in their parenting skills. Join Monday, November 8, from 7:30 p.m. through 9:00 p.m. All Parent Cafés are open to Fairfax County parents or guardians with children ages 0-18 years old. Sign up by sending an <u>email</u> or call (703) 324-7720 to register at least one business day before the Parent Café date. Learn more about <u>Virtual Parent Cafés</u> and check out future dates.





### **Parenting Education Programs**

The Department of Family Services offers free parenting education classes, videos, and articles at no cost to all Fairfax County residents. These services help families develop important skills to grow healthy relationships with their children. Click the video (to the right) to learn more and <u>visit</u> <u>the Department of Families Services' website</u> for in-depth information.

## Land Use & Development

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS & HEARINGS**

#### **Parking Reimagined Town Hall**

• November 8 at 7:00 p.m. - virtual

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

November 16 at 7:00 p.m. – virtual

#### **Planning Commission Hearings**

• Sekas Homes – December 1 at 7:30 p.m. – Board Auditorium

### Parking Reimagined Town Hall Scheduled for November 8

Join Supervisor Walkinshaw for a virtual Town Hall meeting on Monday, November 8, at 7:00 p.m. to kick off the **Parking Reimagined** project. This new initiative will review the County's off-street vehicle parking and loading requirements. Although updates to parking requirements have occurred over the years to address specific needs, a full review hasn't occurred since 1988. Driving a personal vehicle isn't going away, but remote working, car sharing, online retail, and delivery services have changed parking needs.

The Parking Reimagined project has four goals:

- Creating opportunities to balance on-site parking supply and demand to meet day-to-day needs for the use without over- or under-building parking areas.
- Identifying methods to provide more flexibility in the parking regulations to address site and area-specific circumstances.
- Streamlining County review and approval of parking proposals
- Reviewing and updating vehicle loading requirements.

Having sufficient parking in the County is important, but excess parking comes at a cost. The price of building parking is passed on to others to pay for and maintain. There is also a cost to the environment in terms of impervious surfaces, which contribute to heat island effects, water runoff issues, and lost opportunity costs for green alternatives.

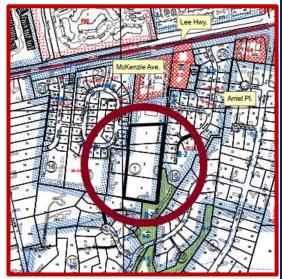
Community feedback will play an important role in guiding proposed changes to the county's offstreet parking and loading regulations. Think about your residence, place of work, where you shop, your place of worship, or offices and businesses you visit. Do you see too much, too little, or just the right amount of parking? Plan to attend the town hall next Monday, and engage in this important conversation.

> Join <u>online</u> or by phone: (571) 317-3116 or (866) 899-4679 (toll free) Access Code: 729-602-757

## Planning Commission Hearing Scheduled for December 1 on Application to Redevelop McKenzie Avenue Properties

Supervisor Walkinshaw held a community meeting on October 25 to discuss an application filed by Sekas Homes, Ltd. 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 vacant single-family homes.

The applicant has proposed rezoning the property from R-1 to R-2 Cluster to allow 11 new lots developed with singlefamily dwellings. The development is being called Marshall Hills. Access would be provided through a new public street extending from an existing stub off Robertson Farm Circle. The development would also connect to Lee Plaza Center just west of KinderCare, which would provide a second access point through the shopping center parking lot. McKenzie Avenue would be closed. Stormwater management is proposed to be handled through installation of an underground vault facility.



Community members raised questions about removal of trees, on-street parking, additional traffic through Robertson Farm, and access to Lee Plaza Center. The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will discuss the proposal at its November 16 meeting.

A Planning Commission hearing has been scheduled for December 1 at 7:30 p.m. Community groups or individuals who are interested in providing testimony on this application are encouraged to do so. Information on how to testify may be found on the **Planning Commission website**. The application number is RZ 2021-BR-009. No date has been set for a hearing of the Board of Supervisors.

## Board of Supervisors Approves Comprehensive Plan Amendment for NW Corner of Lee Highway & Waples Mill Road

In January 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved Supervisor Walkinshaw's motion to authorize consideration of a Comprehensive Plan Amendment for a portion of Fairfax Center Sub-Unit J3, the northwest corner of the intersection of Lee Highway and Waples Mill Road. This came about as the result of a proposal by Public Storage to expand their existing self-storage use onto the adjacent corner residential parcel, which contains a vacant house and outbuilding. Expanding self-storage would require rezoning the corner property to industrial use, which is not currently supported by the Comprehensive Plan recommendations. 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 grade-separated interchange after Shirley Gate Road is extended to the Fairfax County Parkway. Although Parcel C was included in the Board's authorization, it was excluded from further consideration in this Plan Amendment, which focuses only on Parcels 37C and 39.

On October 19, the Board of Supervisors approved a Plan Amendment to add an option to allow self-storage use on the two parcels, subject to consolidation and other conditions, in order to allow Public Storage to construct a new five-story self-storage building. Allowing this use would achieve many of the Plan's goals. Consolidation of the corner lot and existing self-storage property would limit access points on Lee Highway and Shirley Gate Road and allow removal of the small section of service drive, which is currently being used for parking of commercial vehicles, including food trucks and contractors' equipment. It would also facilitate connection of pedestrian trails across the site and offer the potential for new parkland and community amenities.

In order to integrate the self-storage use into the vision of the mixed-use suburban center context, the Plan Amendment requires that any new multi-story structure be designed with the general size and appearance of an office building. Expansion of the existing self-storage use may be considered under the following conditions:

- Building height is limited to 65 feet.
- The architecture of the multi-story building should resemble an office building, using neutral or muted colors and high-quality building materials.
- Signage is to be compatible with the surrounding area and avoid adverse visual impacts.
- A minimum 40-foot setback should be provided from each street, similar to nearby residential and mixed-use buildings.



- Parking should be screened from view from the roadways.
- Extensive landscaping is recommended to screen the building, present an attractive appearance, and add visual interest.
- The property would be subject to current stormwater management regulations.
- Trail improvements and connections, lighting, and public art should be provided to create a pedestrian-friendly environment.
- A community park should be developed, which would include amenities such as a dog park or other community-serving features.
- The developer is expected to contribute to the Fairfax County Housing Trust Fund to compensate for the loss of potential affordable or workforce housing units that may have been developed under the mixed-use option.

The **<u>Staff Report</u>** on the Plan Amendment, which contains the language approved by the Board, is available on the County website.



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

## **Public Storage Rezoning Application Under Consideration**

With the Board's adoption of a Plan Amendment to allow self-storage to use at the northwest corner of Lee Highway and Waples Mill Road, attention now turns to a concurrent application filed by Public Storage Southeast One, Inc. to consolidate the corner parcel with their existing self-storage property and rezone the corner lot into the I-5 District.

Public Storage is proposing to remove the vacant house on the corner, 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 site (see illustration). The building would be red brick with stucco accents and spandrel glass windows to resemble the nearby residential and office buildings. A subdued, darker-colored brick and white lettering would be used for signage. The area near the existing office and lighthouse at the south end of one of the existing single-story buildings would also be demolished, and a new office with up to 1,500 square feet and reconfigured parking area would be constructed.

The applicant is proposing to develop a new pocket park, which would 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 and a children's play area. Trails on the site would be upgraded. 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, including natural landscape features, 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, with alternating decorative art panels along the façade. The stormwater management system for the site would be upgraded and would include an underground storage facility.

A Planning Commission hearing on the rezoning application is anticipated in either January or February. No date has been set for a hearing of the Board of Supervisors.

### Proposed Kenilworth II Development Approved

On October 5, the Board of Supervisors approved a zoning application submitted by Christopher Land, LLC to build 12 single-family houses on 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 owners and would be included in a subsequent phase of the project. The majority of the site is not developed. The approved application rezones 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 will be constructed in phase one, and an additional three houses would be part of phase two, when the existing house is vacated and removed.

Access to the new development will be provided by connecting Banting Drive and Caprino Court at a "T" intersection with a three-way stop. A portion of the project will be served by a private

street that must be maintained by the future homeowners. An underground stormwater management system will handle stormwater runoff. Additional environmental features include green infrastructure, additional trees, and plantings in the buffer and amenity areas, as well as biofilters, bioretention, and bioswales. The new houses must be constructed to achieve either Energy Star<sup>®</sup> or Earth Craft green building certification. All landscaping is to be native to Fairfax County, and invasive plant species will be removed from the tree save areas. A number of clarifications were made in the project's proffers. Further information, including the Staff Report and Addendum, may be found on the **PLUS website**. Click on "Record Info," then "Attachments" in the dropdown menu.

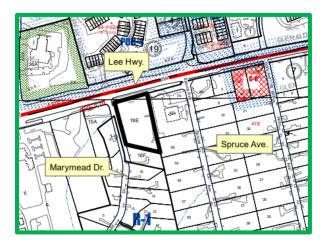
### **Child Care Facility Proposed for 12019 Lee Highway**

A Special Exception application has been 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.

Community members have expressed concern about traffic movement 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 are concerned that the additional traffic generated by the proposed use would worsen the situation.

In late August, the applicant submitted revised plans that would move the entrance to the new facility further south on Marymead Drive. The proposal would also remove the existing portion of the service road and instead provide access to Spruce Avenue and Marymead Drive for both the new child care facility and Sparkles! through connected parking areas. These plans are intended to improve safety by limiting vehicular conflicts at the intersection of Marymead Drive and Lee Highway.

A Planning Commission hearing on this application has been rescheduled for February 2, 2022, in order to allow sufficient time for staff review.



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

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will hold an electronic meeting on Tuesday, November 16, at 7:00 p.m. The agenda will include discussion of the McKenzie Avenue rezoning proposal, the Public Storage rezoning application, and updates on pending Braddock District cases. Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee meetings are open to the public, and interested residents are encouraged to participate. Join **online** or by phone: (571) 429-5982, Phone Conference ID: 730 922 969#.

## Update on Erickson Senior Living's Woodleigh Chase Community

Nearby residents have noticed the work that is underway on Erickson Senior Living's Woodleigh Chase continuing care community on Braddock Road. At full buildout, it will consist of 12 buildings with 1,050 independent living units and 175 assisted living/skilled nursing units. Here is an update:

- The former Northern Virginia Training Center buildings were demolished over the summer.
- Construction has begun on the temporary Marketing Center (see photo). It is anticipated to open in Summer 2022.
- Site plan review for the first two residential buildings and community building is complete. The developer and contractor held a pre-construction meeting with the County last week, and clearing of the site for the development has begun.
- Site plan review is underway for the affordable senior housing building to be constructed by Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing on the western edge of the site.
- Due to some processes taking longer than expected, Erickson does anticipate a delay in opening the first three buildings, but work is progressing, and we look forward to continued updates.
- For specific questions about the new facility or the reservation list for apartments, please contact the Greenspring Village sales office at (703) 923-3187.



**Progress on the Woodleigh Chase Marketing Center** 

## **Update on Construction of the One University Project**

Work has begun on the One University project at the northwest corner of the intersection of Ox Road and University Drive, which will provide 120 affordable family units, 120 affordable agerestricted units for seniors, and 333 units of purpose-built housing with up to 798 beds to serve George Mason University students.

- A six-foot security fence has been erected around the perimeter of the site for safety. A silt fence is also in place inside the site to control erosion.
- Demolition of the Department of Housing and Community Development building should be completed this week. Excavation of the underground garage for the student building has begun.
- Utility work for the entire site is underway. The sidewalk on the north side of University Drive will be closed in mid-November, and parking in front of the site will be restricted. Pedestrians are encouraged to use the south side of University Drive. The contractor will provide a path as necessary in places where no sidewalk currently exists. This work is

being coordinated with George Mason University and the Virginia Department of Transportation.

• The student building is planned for completion in August 2023, in time for the beginning of the GMU school year. The affordable family and senior buildings are planned for completion in January 2024.

Updates will be provided in future Braddock Beacons and Advisories. If you have constructionrelated questions, you may either contact our office at **Braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov** or direct them to Mike Newman, Site Superintendent for the Whiting-Turner Contracting Company at **mike.newman@whiting-turner.com**.

### **Cases Filed with the Board of Zoning Appeals**

The Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) hears and makes decisions on requests for variances (relief from specific zoning regulations such as lot width, building height, or minimum yard requirements) and Special Use Permits. It meets on Wednesdays beginning at 9:00 a.m. BZA meetings are aired live on the County government's cable TV Channel 16. Residents who have concerns about an application are encouraged to submit a letter for the record or testify at the hearing on the case in person, by telephone, or by pre-submitted video. For information on how to submit comments or testify, please visit the **Board of Zoning Appeals website**. These matters will not come before the Board of Supervisors but will be decided by the BZA. Staff reports are normally available online a week before the scheduled hearing.

Please note that in some cases, two application numbers are listed. The first one is the number that was assigned in the old system, and the second is the number in the new Planning and Land Use System, or PLUS, which came online for zoning applications on July 1, 2021. Applications submitted before July 1 continue to be available in the old system, but many have been assigned a new number as well. Applications submitted after July 1 will only be available in the PLUS system. The new system allows users to create and submit applications online, pay fees, track the status of applications, and receive electronic notifications. It also offers more information to the public and does so in real time. Visit the **PLUS Information and Support** website for more information on this new land use platform.

#### Young Wan Lee & Hee Yun Lee – 4807 Piney Branch Road, Fairfax SP 2021-BR-050

The applicants requested a reduction in setback requirements to allow an addition 11.2 feet from a side lot line and an open deck 12.9 feet from the other side lot line, and an error in building location to allow a shed to remain. This application was approved by the BZA on October 6. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found on the **Land Development Services website**.

#### JoAnn M. Majesky and Path for Healing, LLC – 7700 Carrleigh Parkway, Springfield SP-2021-BR-00052

The applicant is seeking a Special Permit to operate a home-based psychotherapy office. The hours of operation would be 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursdays. Fifteen to 17 patients are seen a week, with some expected to continue virtual visits. The office would be located in the basement, with entry from the rear of the house. Parking would be in the driveway. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on December 1. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the **PLUS website**.

#### Wayne J. Campagna – 8333 Chapel Lake Court, Annandale SP 2021-BR-062

The applicant is seeking approval for a reduction in setback requirements to permit addition of a screened porch 13.3 feet from the rear lot line. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on December 1. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the **PLUS website**.

#### Alberto Gonzalo Acha – 7517 Hamlet Street, Springfield SP 2021-BR-063/SP-2021-BR-00088

The applicant is seeking a reduction in setback requirements based on errors in building location to permit an addition 6.6 feet from the side lot line, a 7.2-foot-high deck that is 6.6 feet from the side lot line, and an accessory structure (shed) that is 1.7 feet from the side lot line and 5.7 feet from the rear lot line. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on December 1. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the **PLUS website**.

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

The applicant is seeking a Variance to reduce the setback from 40 feet to 20 feet on the Ox Road side of this corner property to allow construction of a 6,000-square foot house. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on December 8. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the **PLUS website**.

#### Erwan Dapoigny & Sandra P. Lukic-Dapoigny – 4217 Holborn Avenue, Annandale VC 2021-BR-00

The applicants are seeking a Variance to allow an accessory structure (treehouse) in a front yard, located 13.9 feet from a from lot line, to remain. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on January 5, 2022. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the **PLUS website**.

#### Donald T. Stemetzki & Kathleen M. Stemetzki – 7813 Glenister Drive, Springfield SP 2021-BR-0058

The applicants are seeking a reduction in setback requirements to allow a carport located 2.4 feet from the side lot line to remain. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on January 26, 2022. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the **PLUS website**.

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