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# The Braddock Beacon

## Supervisor Cook Leads Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Services in Fairfax County

Our community is not immune to the epidemic of suicide. Our goal in Fairfax County is to support those with mental illness, improve the community’s overall mental health, and end suicide in our community. Last month, I organized a team of public officials to partake in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention’s Out of Darkness Walk in Fairfax City at the Veterans Amphitheater on September 29. This was the first time in the walk’s 11 years that a team of county officials participated in the event.

I was honored to have Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn, Chairman Sharon Bulova, Sheriff Stacey Kincaid, Supervisor Kathy Smith, Police Chief Ed Roessler Deputy Fire Chief Richard Roatch, Deputy County Executives Tisha Deeghan and Dave Rohrer, Director of the Juvenile & Domestic Court Relations Bob Bermingham, Department of Family Services Director Nannette Bowler, and Department of Human Resources Director Cathy Spage, along with many other County employees join Team Cook.



The event could not have happened on a better day. The air was crisp, the sun was out, and over 1,200 people congregated for the march. There was an incredible sense of hope among the participants, even though many of them have lost someone dear to suicide. It was particularly inspiring to see so many people come together in community for an issue that is wrongly stigmatized and hidden from the world. The members of Team Cook are all dedicated to ending the stigma and preventing suicide through a comprehensive approach. Fairfax County is working to bring more services to those who experience suicidal thoughts, depression, and mental illness through multiple agencies. The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board provides emergency mental health services to anyone experiencing a mental health crisis. Their 24/7 hotline 703-573-5679 will direct callers to find resources, which includes the Merrifield Crisis Center and the Mobile Crisis Unit. This system

helps everyday people navigate the complicated mental healthcare landscape and find the best care for their situation.

The County has also bolstered mental health resources in the criminal justice field through programs such as Diversion First. When someone with mental illness or substance abuse issues commits a non-felony, the Diversion First program will provide the person with mental health treatment instead of placing the person in jail. When these individuals are able to improve their mental health, they are less likely to re-enter the criminal justice system. These kinds of mental health resources are key to ending suicide and improving the overall wellbeing of our community. I will continue to support these and other mental health programs in Fairfax County.

### **October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

The month of October is dedicated to educating the community about Domestic Violence and how to help end it. The County is hosting several events to commemorate Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Domestic Violence Annual Meeting was held on September 27 to celebrate the hard work and dedication for the employees and volunteers who work year round to end domestic violence and aid victims. Supervisor Cook, who serves as chairman of the Domestic Violence Prevention, Policy & Coordinating Council, delivered opening remarks to the audience and thanked them for another year of inspiring work and progress in ending domestic violence. County staff then announced a new program called [Step Up 4 Kids](#), which will help child witnesses and victims of domestic violence. Attendees were given purple shoelaces to celebrate this new endeavor.

County officials gathered at Kings Park Library on October 4 for the Leaders “Make the Call” to End Domestic Violence event. Speakers included Supervisor Cook Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn (VA-41), Delegate Mark Levine (VA-45), Delegate Kathleen Murphy (VA-34), Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey A. Kincaid, and Secretary, Shelter House Board of Directors, Valisha Jackson. Each panelist shared their own personal experience with domestic violence and sexual assault, both in their professional and personal lives.

For those who would like to participate in Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the County has launched a campaign to end domestic violence called #BeThe1. The Fairfax County [website](#) lists 31 different ways for anyone to help in ending domestic violence. If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic or sexual violence, please call the 24-hour Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline at 703-360-7273. All calls are confidential and secure.

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# Cook in the Community



**Burke Centre Festival:** Supervisor Cook opened the Annual Burke Centre Festival on September 9 with Congressman Gerry Connolly, Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn, and Chairman Sharon Bulova.

**LBSS Homecoming Parade:** Supervisor Cook rode in the Lake Braddock Secondary School homecoming parade on September 21 with his twin boys.



## **Domestic Violence Prevention Annual Meeting:**

Supervisor Cook delivered opening remarks for the Domestic Violence Prevention Annual Meeting at the government center on September 27.

**Fairfax Out of the Darkness Walk for Suicide Prevention Awareness:** Supervisor Cook gathered a team of County leaders to walk in the Fairfax Out of Darkness Walk on September 29.

**Country Club View Ice Cream Social:** Supervisor Cook joined the residents of Country Club View for a neighborhood ice-cream social on September 30.

**Chapel Square Annual Picnic:** Supervisor Cook visited the Chapel Square neighborhood for its annual picnic on September 30.

**Fairfax County Leaders “Make the Call” to End Domestic Violence:** Supervisor Cook invited county and state leaders for a special leadership event addressing the many ways the government is working to domestic violence in Fairfax County on October 4 at the Kings Park Library. Speakers included Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn (VA-41), Delegate Mark Levine (VA-45), Delegate Kathleen Murphy (VA-34), Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey A. Kincaid, and Secretary, Shelter House Board of Directors, Valisha Jackson.



**KORUS Festival:** Supervisor Cook attended the 2018 KORUS annual festival at Tysons Corner on October 7 to thank the Korean Community for its contribution to the County.

# Braddock Neighborhood News



Supervisor Cook hosts a monthly television show, Braddock Neighborhood News, on Fairfax County Channel 16, which is available on most cable networks. For each episode, Supervisor Cook invites special guests to cover important topics on important matters that affect the Braddock District. This month’s episode will focus on domestic violence and feature guests who are at forefront in bringing awareness to the issue. The guests include:

Toni Zollicoffer, Director of the Office of Women and Domestic and Sexual Violence Services; Helen McDonald, Youth Education & Outreach, OWDSVS; and MaryAnn Panarelli, Director, Intervention and Prevention Services, Fairfax County Public Schools. Episodes air on Sundays at 5 p.m., Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Fridays at 5 p.m. You may also watch the episodes [online](#).

## Community News

### **Public Safety Committee Meeting on Hate Crimes in Fairfax County**

Following the recent vandalism of the Jewish Community Center, Supervisor Cook has placed the topic of hate crimes, recent trends, and County efforts to combat them, on the agenda for the November 27 Public Safety Committee meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Committee meetings are open to the public and can also be viewed live online at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cableconsumer/channel-16/fairfax-county-government-television>.

### **Election Day 2018**

November 6 is Election Day. Polls will be opened from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. The deadline for voter registration is October 15. You can register to vote at <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/Registration/Eligibility> or in person the Fairfax County Office of Elections (12000 Government Center Parkway Suite, 323 Fairfax, VA, 22035) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. You can find your local polling place online at <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation> or contact the Fairfax County Office of Elections at (703) 324-4735.

In person absentee voting will begin on October 13 at the satellite polling places: West Springfield Governmental Center, Franconia Governmental Center, Lorton Library, Mason Governmental Center, McLean Governmental Center, Mount Vernon Governmental Center, North County Governmental Center, Providence Community Center, and Sully Governmental Center. For more information on absentee voting please visit: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee>.

### **On the Ballot**

**Elected Offices:** The Braddock District will have 11th Congressional District U.S. Representative on the ballot and one U.S. Senate seat up for election. The 11<sup>th</sup> District candidates (listed alphabetically by last name) are Gerald Edward Connolly, Jeff A. Dove Jr., and Stevan M. Porter. The U.S. Senate Candidates are Tim Kaine, Corey Stewart, and Matt J. Waters.

**Public Safety Bond:** Voters will be asked to vote “yes” or “no” on a \$182 million public safety bond question. If approved, the county would sell bonds to provide funding for maintenance, renovation, or construction of aging public safety facilities in Fairfax County. For a full breakdown of how the money would be spent please visit: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bond/>.

**Virginia Constitutional Amendments:** There will be two proposed Virginia constitutional amendments on the ballot. The first will ask if counties and other localities should be allowed to authorize tax exemptions for flood prone properties that have undergone recent flood improvements. The second question will ask if surviving spouses of disabled veterans should receive tax exemption on their primary residence if they move to a new

residence. For the full language of the ballot and further explanation please visit:

<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/election-law/proposed-constitutional-amendment-2018/index.html>.

### **Community Meeting to Discuss Pedestrian Overpasses**

As part of the Braddock Road Multi-Modal Project, Supervisor Cook will host a meeting on November 8 at the Lake Braddock Secondary School Cafeteria to discuss the proposed Pedestrian Overpasses on Braddock Road. A workshop was held in June with FCDOT and the slide presentation from that meeting can be found at <https://www.slideshare.net/fairfaxcounty/braddock-road-pedestrian-bridge-workshop-june-20-2018>. Members of the community suggested the County research pedestrian overpasses as part of the Braddock Road Multimodal Study. The overpasses would provide an "elevated crossing alternative" that would not affect traffic flow at major intersections on Braddock Road. After receiving feedback from the community and the Braddock Road Task Force, the County has proposed an overpass across Braddock Road between Red Fox Drive (East) and the Burke Lake Road/Woodland Way intersection.

In addition, the County also offered the option of placing an overpass across Braddock Road between the Kings Park Drive intersection and the Stone Haven Drive intersection or across Braddock Road between the Southampton Drive intersection and the Wakefield Chapel Road intersection (closer to Wakefield Chapel Road). Ultimately, the location of additional overpasses would depend on community interest. The County is open to any viable location with community support.

The meeting will take place at 7:30 PM at the Lake Braddock Secondary School Cafeteria on Thursday, November 8. Please feel free to contact Ann Sharp at [ann.sharp@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:ann.sharp@fairfaxcounty.gov) or 703-425-9300 for more information.

### **Mason/Community Forum**

Thursday, October 11, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

City Hall, Council Chambers

10455 Armstrong St. • Fairfax, VA 22030

AGENDA:

Times are approximate

7:30 – 7:40 – Opening and Welcome – Traci Kendall, Government and Community Relations (Discover Mason Handout) and Elected Officials

7:40 – 7:55 - Center for the Arts Renovations (including Q&A) – Rick Davis, Dean, CVPA/Executive Director, Hylton Performing Arts Center, College of Visual and Performing Arts

7:55 – 8:10 – West Campus Update (including Q&A) – Marc Fournier, Associate Vice President, Real Estate and Business Services, Auxiliary Enterprises; Doug Lipscomb, Assistant Vice President, Campus Planning, Facilities

8:10 – 8:25 – One University Project Update (including Q&A) – Stephanie Marcus, Vice President, SCG Development; Matthew Marshall, Vice President of Development, RISE A Real Estate Company; Greg Blais, President, Rise A Real Estate Company

8:25 – 8:40 – Capstone Project Update (including Q&A) – Lynne Strobel, Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley & Walsh, P.C.

8:40 – 8:45 – Wrap up and adjourn

# Citizen of the Month



Former Staff Sgt. Ronald J. Shurer II, a Braddock resident, was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions in April 6, 2008. That morning Shurer and his team from the 3rd Special Forces Group boarded chinook helicopters and headed to Shok Valley in eastern Afghanistan to find a high-valued target. Moments after Shurer got out of his helicopter his team came under heavy fire from insurgents armed with RPG's and machine guns. Shurer fought his way up a mountain to give medical aid to his wounded teammates.

He sustained a gunshot wound to his arm and his helmet caught a bullet in the melee, but he continued to fight and care for the wounded. Shurer saved the lives of all the men he aided, including four critically wounded service members whom he gave care to for 5 ½ hours on the battlefield. Shurer is the 11th soldier to receive the Medal of Honor from the war in Afghanistan.

For more details on his heroic actions you can find his Medal of Honor citation online at <http://themedalofhonor.com/medal-of-honor-recipients/recipients/ronald-j-shurer>.

# Constituent Services

A constituent didn't know if they had paid their personal property tax bill. We put the person in touch with the Department of Tax Administration, the constituent was sent a copy of the bill and the taxes were paid before the October 5 deadline.

Constituent received letter with penalty for not paying the real estate tax bill. We had the Department of Tax Administration reach out to the individual, discuss what happened and the constituent paid the tax bill and the penalty was forgiven.

Constituents have asked about SLOW DOWN WE LIVE HERE signs. In the 2018 Budget carryover, Supervisor Cook requested funds be set aside for more signs. The Board of Supervisors passed this item. Signs should be available in 2019.

# Human Services Corner

## **Help Keep Those with Alzheimer's and Special Needs Safe with Project Lifesaver**

Project Lifesaver is a search and rescue program employed by the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office designed for "at risk" individuals who are prone to the life-threatening behavior of wandering. The program serves the needs of children and adults with Autism, Down-syndrome or a cognitive impairment, such as dementia or Alzheimer's, that may cause them to chronically wander and not find their way back home. Ultimately, it provides a timely response to save lives and reduce potential injuries. It also offers peace of mind for the caregivers of those people with a cognitive condition.

Project Lifesaver clients wear a wrist or ankle band that emits a silent radio frequency. When caregivers notify

the Sheriff's Office that their loved one is missing, specially-trained Sheriff's deputies respond to the area and conduct a search with state-of-the-art locating equipment. Project Lifesaver has a 100 percent success rate in locating wandering children and adults and bringing them safely home.

Project Lifesaver equipment is funded through individual and corporate donations, not taxpayer dollars. Clients pay \$300 per year or \$25 per month. However, no one is ever turned away. The inability to pay does not prevent participation in the program. Please visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/sheriff/community-project-lifesaver> for more information or call (703) 246-3227.

### **Protect Yourself from Fraud & Identity Theft**

October 17 at 1 pm "Protect Yourself from Fraud & Identity Theft" by Subhaker Satyanarayan, AARP Volunteer, Kings Park Library room, 9000 Burke Lake Road, sponsored by the Braddock District Council Aging in Place Committee.

### **Free Financial Planning in Fairfax County**

October 20 from 9 am – 2 pm. Sponsored by the Financial Planning Association of the National Capital Area, this event offers a free, private one-on-one session with Certified Financial Planners, sessions with certified debt counselors and workshops dealing with a wide range of personal finance topics. To make a reservation, go to <https://www.fpanca.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1061506>. The event takes place at UVA's West Falls Church campus location, 7405 Haycock Road, Falls Church, VA 22043.

### **CarFit for Personal Safety & Mobility**

CarFit is a free interactive educational program that teaches people how to make their personal vehicles fit them to increase safety and mobility when driving. You will learn about adequate space from the steering wheel; proper seat belt use and correct head restraint adjustments for example. The checkup takes up to 20 minutes, and you can call and set up an appointment. Tuesday October 16 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm you can schedule an appointment at the Mott Community Center, 12111 Braddock Road, Fairfax by calling 703-324-5600.

### **Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout (Prescription Drug Take Back Day)**

Saturday, October 27, from 10 am – 2 pm at all Fairfax County police stations. The closest stations to the Braddock District are the West Springfield Police Station, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield and the Fair Oaks District Station, 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax.

### **Small Business Forum**

Fairfax County's annual Small Business Forum (previously the Vendor Forum). Take advantage of learning from business experts and connect with county procurement representatives. Bring your entrepreneurial spirit and learn how to grow your business opportunities.

Thursday, October 11, 2018, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/procurement/sites/procurement/files/assets/documents/small%20business%20forum%20speakers%20and%20schedule.pdf>

# Land Use

## UPCOMING BRADDOCK DISTRICT LAND USE MEETINGS

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

Tuesday, October 9 at 8:00 p.m. – Braddock Hall

### **Mason/Community Forum (brief presentation on One University proposal)**

Thursday, October 11 at 7:30 p.m. – Fairfax City Hall Annex, 10455 Armstrong Street, Fairfax

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

Tuesday, October 16 at 7:30 p.m. – Braddock Hall

### **Community Meeting to Discuss Comprehensive Plan for One University, at University Drive and Ox Road**

Wednesday, October 17 at 7:30 p.m. – Robinson Secondary School, Gold Cafeteria

### **Planning Commission Hearing on Comprehensive Plan for Former Northern Virginia Training Center Site**

Thursday, October 18 at 7:30 p.m. – Government Center Auditorium

### **Planning Commission Hearing on Comprehensive Plan for Northeast Corner of Braddock and Roberts Roads**

Thursday, October 25 at 7:30 p.m. – Government Center Auditorium

### **Board of Supervisors Hearing on Comprehensive Plan for Former Northern Virginia Training Center Site**

Tuesday, November 20 at 4:00 p.m. – Government Center Auditorium

### **Board of Supervisors Hearing on Comprehensive Plan for Northeast Corner of Braddock and Roberts Roads**

Tuesday, November 20 at 4:00 p.m. – Government Center Auditorium

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## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS

### **Training Center Site Comprehensive Plan**

One year ago, Erickson Living announced its plan to purchase from the Commonwealth of Virginia the 78.8-acre property on Braddock Road that was formerly home to the Northern Virginia Training Center. In October of 2017, the Board of Supervisors approved Supervisor Cook's motion to authorize consideration of a Comprehensive Plan for this site, which was previously categorized as institutional. Since that time, Supervisor Cook has held three community meetings, sponsored a half-day planning workshop, conducted an online survey, and appointed a task force that held 11 public meetings, all with the goal of writing a Comprehensive Plan that would provide for uses that fit into and address the community's needs, both in the near future and for

decades to come. Various county agencies have also been asked to provide their input and expertise at various stages during the process.

The Staff Report for this property has just been released. County Planning staff are recommending residential options for the area consistent with the character of the surrounding neighborhood at 2 to 3 dwelling units per acre. Staff has determined that the option for a continuing care facility may be appropriate for the former NVTC site if designed to be sensitive to the residential character of the surrounding community. For the current State Police/National Guard and planned DMV sites, the Plan Amendment recommends supporting the continuation of these important public services. Should the state property be sold into private ownership, the proposed Plan Amendment adds options for residential use at a density of 2 to 3 dwelling units per acre or an option of public park use.

The proposed Plan Amendment notes that each type of land use impacts public facilities differently. The degree of the impact depends on the mix of uses and the amount of development. The proposed new residential and continuing care facility uses have greater transportation impacts than the existing and former uses. Residential uses have the greatest impacts to schools and some impact to parks. A continuing care facility has the greatest impact to fire and rescue services and to parks and recreation facilities. The staff report recommends that the option that is pursued should appropriately address the impacts to public facilities and be designed to be compatible with the surrounding residential neighborhood and minimize the impact to the natural environment. The staff report also endorses affordable housing components and the concept of community recreation amenities as complementing a continuing care community. The full text of the Staff Report is available at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/sites/planning-zoning/files/assets/documents/compplanamend/trainingcentersite/nvtc-staff-report.pdf>.

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will discuss and vote on the Planning staff's recommendation at a special meeting on Tuesday, October 9. A public hearing before the Planning Commission has been scheduled for October 18, and a hearing before the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for November 20.

To review information about the Comprehensive Plan process, visit: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/plan-amendments/training-center-site>.

Training Center Site Task Force meeting agendas, handouts, PowerPoints, and minutes are available at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/plan-amendments/training-center-site/meetings>.

### **Comprehensive Plan for Northeast Corner of Braddock Road and Roberts Road**

A proposal was submitted last fall for a high-end residential development on approximately 9 acres of land at the northeast corner of Braddock Road and Roberts Road. This area is currently planned for 1 to 2 dwelling units per acre and is zoned R-1. The property owner has proposed approximately 49 single-family detached homes and related amenities. Access to the property would be from a single entrance on Roberts Road, midway between Braddock Road and Shenandoah Lane.

The recently released Staff Report for this property continues to recommend single-family detached residential use at 1 to 2 dwelling units per acre, but includes a redevelopment option at a density of 3 to 4 dwelling units per acre if certain conditions are met. These include full consolidation of all parcels, environmentally sensitive design, and improved pedestrian conditions. Access is recommended to be limited to a single entrance/exit as far north as possible. Improvements should include a sidewalk or trail on the east side of Roberts Road to serve the new development. Staff further recommends that any redevelopment be sensitive to environmental features, particularly major tree stands. The full text of the Staff Report is available at:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/sites/planning-zoning/files/assets/documents/compplanamend/robertsroad/2018-ii-f1.pdf>.

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will discuss and vote on the Planning staff's recommendation at its meeting on Tuesday, October 16. A public hearing before the Planning Commission has been scheduled for October 25, and a hearing before the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for November 20.

Information about this Comprehensive Plan Amendment may be found here:  
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/plan-amendments/roberts-road>.

The PowerPoint presentations with the owner's proposal may be found at:  
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/roberts-road-proposed-residential-development> and  
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/roberts-road-developers-presentation-community-meeting-2>.

### **October Community Meeting on Comprehensive Plan Amendment for One University**

Supervisor Cook will be holding a community meeting on Wednesday, October 17, to discuss the benefits and impacts of a proposed redevelopment of the One University site, located along University Drive at its intersection with Ox Road, including on transportation and other infrastructure. The meeting will be held at Robinson Secondary School, Gold Cafeteria, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, at 7:30 p.m. Plans will be available beginning at 7:15 p.m. for community members to review.

In July of 2017, the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) received an unsolicited proposal for the redevelopment of the One University site, approximately 10.7 acres located in the northwest corner of the intersection of Ox Road/Route 123 and University Drive, across from the George Mason University fieldhouse. It is owned by the FCRHA and contains the offices of its Board, its operational and maintenance facilities, and a 46-unit affordable townhouse community known as Robinson Square. Due to its location, the property has been seen as a potential site for housing for GMU students as well as a location for additional units of affordable housing.

Following the statutory process, a Request for Competing Proposals for development of the site was issued in September of 2017. The FCRHA laid out its vision for redevelopment, which included: new additional affordable housing with an affordable senior housing component; revenue to the FCRHA; and viable solutions for the redevelopment of the existing FCRHA and Department of Housing and Community Development Uses. Offerors were also required to provide transportation solutions, community outreach, and relocation plans for existing residents. A county review and selection team evaluated the proposals received and has recommended a development partner, who is now in discussion with the FCRHA.

The development proposal calls for construction of approximately 240 affordable multi-family units, including 100 affordable senior units, in four-story buildings with surface and deck parking. It also would provide approximately 360 units of student housing with 713 beds in five- to six-story buildings with similar parking. This would present an opportunity to meet a number of important community needs, but would also have significant community impacts. Therefore, Supervisor Cook offered a motion, approved by the Board of Supervisors on July 31, to have county staff begin a Comprehensive Plan Amendment process in order to solicit community input regarding this proposal. Plan to attend the community meeting on October 17 to get more information, ask questions, and share your thoughts.

## **TESTIFYING BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION OR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Are you interested in offering testimony before the Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors? You should sign up in advance to make sure you are on the speakers list. There are helpful videos that provide background information on the process and explain details on how to submit comments or testify before each body.

To testify before the Planning Commission, sign up at:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planningcommission/speaker>. See the video on how to testify at:  
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cableconsumer/channel-16/how-testify-planning-commission-meeting>.

To testify before the Board of Supervisors, you can sign up and see a video on how to testify at:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speakers-form>.

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

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will meet twice in October. On **October 9, beginning at 8 p.m.**, they will consider the staff report and vote on a final recommendation for the Comprehensive Plan for the former NVTC and adjacent sites.

On **October 16, at 7:30 p.m.**, county Planning Division staff will present their recommendations for a Comprehensive Plan for the property at the northeast corner of the intersection of Braddock Road and Roberts Road. The Committee will discuss the staff report and vote on their recommendation for this site.

Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee meetings are held in Braddock Hall and are open to the public.

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### **LAND USE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE SEEKING NEW MEMBERS**

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee is seeking additional members. If you have an interest in helping plan our community, this is a great place to get involved. The Committee reviews all proposals for modifying existing land use in the Braddock District. It also reviews stormwater and other environmental regulations that could impact our communities. The Committee is an independent, nonpartisan, volunteer group made up of interested Braddock District citizens. Its purpose is to advise the Braddock District Supervisor and Planning Commission on preserving stable neighborhoods in the district while allowing for change that improves our community. The Committee normally meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Braddock Hall. To learn more about how the group operates, come to the next meeting. Additional information and an application for membership can be found on the Braddock District website at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/braddock-district-land-use-and-environment-committee>.

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### **CASES FILED WITH THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

The Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) hears and makes decisions on requests for variances (relief from specific zoning regulations such as lot width, building height, or minimum yard requirements) and Special Use Permits. It meets on Wednesdays beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Auditorium of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. BZA meetings are also aired live on the county government's cable TV Channel 16. Residents who have concerns about an application are encouraged to submit a letter for the record or testify at the hearing on the case. You may register to testify at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/bza/bzaspeaker.htm>. These matters will not come before the Board of Supervisors, but will be decided by the BZA. Staff reports are normally available two weeks before the scheduled hearing.

**Patriot Pawsability – 10611 Braddock Road, Fairfax  
SP 2018-BR-051**

The applicant is seeking a Special Permit for an indoor commercial recreation use to open a cat café, a place where patrons can relax and interact with cats and kittens from local cat rescues. In the application, the developer stated that the hours of operation would be from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week, as well as 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on weekdays for community outreach. There would be four employees and two volunteers, and they estimate 50 patrons per day. The facility would serve the Fairfax area, but focus on the students of George Mason University. The applicant has stated that they plan to offer different classes and activities such as Trivia Night, Music with Cats, Paint Night, and Board Game Night, as well as quiet study time. Community outreach would focus on Wounded Warriors and the elderly. This application was approved by the BZA on September 12. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found here: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMMain.aspx?cde=SP&seq=4247934>.

**David Thomas Freeman – 4819 Spruce Avenue, Fairfax  
A 2018-BR-017**

Appeal of a determination that the appellant is maintaining a contractor's office and shop and a storage yard on property in the R-1 District in violation of Zoning Ordinance Provisions. This appeal was withdrawn.

**Pilgrim Community Church/Pilgrim Christian Daycare Center – 4925 Twinbrook Road, Burke  
SPA 81-A-002-07**

The applicant is proposing to amend a previously approved Special Permit to add a daycare center. The proposed hours of operation would be from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The center would care for up to 99 children, with up to 6 full-time teachers and 4 part-time teachers. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on October 31. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found here: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMMain.aspx?cde=SPA&seq=4247798>.

**Patrick J. & Sunyoung C. Sullivan – 7317 Leesville Boulevard, Springfield  
SP 2018-BR-075**

The applicants have requested waiver of the minimum side yard to 3.8 feet instead of the required 12 feet to enclose an existing carport. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on October 31. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found here: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMMain.aspx?cde=SP&seq=4241223>.

**Nattaya Cleary/Nattaya Daycare – 4010 Elizabeth Lane, Fairfax  
SP 2018-BR-077**

The applicant currently operates a home child care facility with a maximum capacity of 7 children ages 2 months to 5 years. She is seeking to increase in the number of children permitted to a maximum of 12. The number of employees would increase from the current 4 part-time employees to 6 part-time employees. Hours of operation would continue to be 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on

November 7. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found here: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMMain.aspx?cde=SP&seq=4246763>.

**James P. Chao – 4936 Americana Drive, Annandale  
VC 2018-BR-014**

The applicant is seeking a variation to permit construction of a dwelling with stoop and steps 18 feet from a front lot line. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on November 7. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found here: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMMain.aspx?cde=VC&seq=4240430>.

**Beverly & Terry Boschert – 8816 Victoria Road, Springfield  
SP 2018-BR-085**

The applicants have requested a reduction in yard requirements to permit construction of a garage 9.5 feet from a side lot line. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on November 28. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found here: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMMain.aspx?cde=SP&seq=4250908>.

**Nicholas Hutchins – 10812 Braddock Road, Fairfax  
SP 2018-BR-088**

The applicant is seeking a variation to permit a fence greater than 4.0 feet in height in a front yard. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on December 5. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found here: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMMain.aspx?cde=SP&seq=4251349>.

**Laura M. Newbold – 7507 Inzer Street, Springfield  
SP 2018-BR-106**

The applicant is seeking a reduction in minimum yard requirements to permit construction of an addition 10.1 feet from a side lot line and a reduction in minimum yard requirements based on an error in building location to permit an accessory storage structure to remain 1.5 feet from a side lot line and 1.9 feet from the rear lot line. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on January 30, 2019. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found here: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMMain.aspx?cde=SP&seq=4249563>.

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