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# James R. Walkinshaw

## Braddock District Supervisor

# The Braddock Beacon

October 2020 Edition

Dear Neighbor,

First, thank you for your incredible support of our Braddock District Stuff the Bus food drive locations. Thanks to your generosity, we collected 13,905 lbs. of food! That food is already on the shelves of ECHO's food pantry in Springfield and is helping our friends and neighbors make it through a difficult time. If you were not able to donate in person, you can still [make a contribution online](#).



*Supervisor Walkinshaw, Rep. Gerry Connolly, and the Stuff the Bus Team.*

It was great to see so many of you in person, and I want to especially thank those who came out to help, including Robinson SGA, Boy Scout Troop 1967, and Congressman Gerry Connolly, who spent a couple of hours unloading and loading bags of food for us.

We have received a number of inquiries regarding Halloween and traditional Trick or Treating activities this year due to the continued risk of COVID-19. To give our residents time to plan alternative activities, the Fairfax Health Department has released [guidance consistent with that from the CDC](#) that outlines safe alternatives to traditional activities.

Activities not recommended are:

- Traditional door-to-door trick or treating where children are handed candy
- Trunk-or-treats where candy is handed to children from trunks of cars
- Crowded indoor costume parties
- Going to an indoor haunted house

On a personal note, Yvette and I welcomed our first child in the early morning hours of September 30. Mom and baby are doing well, and we couldn't be happier. While representing you isn't the kind of role from which I can completely disconnect, I do plan to limit my activities for the next six weeks and focus on my most important role — Dad. So while you might see and hear less of me for the time being, rest assured that our Braddock District staff team remains available to serve you.

Yours in service,

Supervisor James Walkinshaw

# Walkinshaw in the Community



Supervisor Walkinshaw met with a Webelos AOL Den in Middleridge to discuss local government and civic duty on September 27.



Supervisor Walkinshaw joined VA Delegates Sullivan, and Rasoul for a George Mason University Climate Change Panel on September 24.



Supervisor Walkinshaw, Rep. Gerry Connolly, and Del. David Bulova celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Middleridge Civic Association on September 15.



Supervisor Walkinshaw played his first pickleball match with members of the Fairfax County Advocates of Pickle Ball at Wakefield Park on September 1st. He lost.

In September Supervisor Walkinshaw also:

- Joined Country Club View Civic Association for their ice cream social on September 20 and their membership meeting on September 28.
- Spoke to members of the Burke Lion's Club on September 14.
- Hosted a Long Branch Stream Trail project community meeting with more than 70 attendees in concert with the Fairfax County Park Authority on September 10.
- Participated in a community meeting for Wakefield Forest Elementary School's Renovation on September 2.
- Spoke to members of the West Springfield Police Station CAC on September 1.

# Citizen of the Month

This month's Braddock District Citizen of the Month is playwright Jennie Berman Eng from Annandale, Virginia. Jennie was recently named the winner of, Jewish Plays Project's [\*\*Ninth Annual Jewish Playwriting Contest\*\*](#). This organization works to put Jewish conversations on the world stage by investing emerging artists in their Jewish identity and engaging Jewish communities to vet and select new voices. The organization also secures mainstream opportunities for artists and their plays. Talented artists such as Jennie have played increasingly larger roles during the pandemic. Their ability to capture history and stories for the public to view serves an important function in our society — even more so during the social distancing era. [\*\*Watch Jennie Berman Eng's explanation\*\*](#) on why she wrote her award-winning play, *A Moving Picture*.

Jennie gave a special thanks to the [\*\*Pozez Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia\*\*](#) (JCC of NOVA). The JCC of NOVA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to building a strong and vibrant Jewish community through meaningful opportunities to engage in Jewish life. "They [JCC of NOVA] were a big supporter of my play" said Eng.



*Jennie Berman Eng*

"Being a part of the Jewish Plays Project gave me the extraordinary opportunity to stay connected with my community, reach a national audience, and meet other playwrights and actors. During a dark time, the JPP brought art into people's homes. And though I'm not accustomed to seeing my audience in their pajamas in bed, their gratitude for the chance to laugh, to question, to be transported, will stay with me always." – said Jennie Berman Eng on the [\*\*Jewish Plays Project website\*\*](#).

# Community News

## County Fire and Rescue's Fill the Boot Campaign

Fairfax County firefighters and communications professionals, working in concert with the Fairfax County Professional Firefighters & Paramedics - IAFF Local 2068, have for more than 40 years been a leading contributor to our local office of the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). This has been accomplished through the annual Labor Day Weekend Fill the Boot Campaign. With the pandemic, the Fairfax County campaign has moved to October and is going virtual.



When COVID-19 hit, public donations to MDA decreased dramatically and, in order to keep the available money going to their core mission of client support and funding neuromuscular research, MDA had to furlough about 70% of their staff nationwide, decrease the working hours of the remaining 30%, and make some difficult cuts. Also, because many children with neuromuscular disease are also immunocompromised, the annual summer camp was also cancelled. This was a huge disappointment to the children who look forward to typical camp activities like boating, fishing, swimming, and arts and crafts with kids just like them.

As a result of the pandemic and social distancing, the traditional Labor Day Weekend intersection collection that the community has grown accustomed to was deemed impossible. Given Fairfax County's long tradition of helping MDA and those with neuromuscular disease, a secure [donation website](#) has been set up. For those who prefer a more traditional method of donation, checks made out to the Muscular Dystrophy Association can be mailed to or dropped off at:

### Fairfax County Fill the Boot

c/o Fairfax County Professional Firefighters & Paramedics  
10500 Sager Ave, Suite A  
Fairfax, VA 22030

If you plan to drop a check off, please call the office at (703) 591-9271 to ensure someone is there to receive your donation.

Any questions about the campaign should be directed to Joel Kobersteen at (571) 437-4031 or [Joel.Kobersteen@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Joel.Kobersteen@fairfaxcounty.gov).



## **Virginia Department of Health (VDH) Halloween Guidelines**

While Halloween typically represents a time of fun and excitement for many children and adults, the current Halloween season will be different than prior years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In general, the more closely people interact with each other and the longer that interaction lasts, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread. The best way to avoid becoming infected is to avoid being exposed to the virus altogether. This is particularly important for people at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19. This may mean choosing not to participate in Halloween activities during the pandemic. Read [\*\*VDH's entire message\*\*](#) by visiting their website.

### **Lowest Risk:**

- Carving or decorating pumpkins with members of your household and displaying them
- Carving or decorating pumpkins outside, at a safe distance, with neighbors or friends
- Decorating your house, apartment, or living space
- Doing a Halloween scavenger hunt where children are given lists of Halloween-themed things to look for while they walk outdoors from house to house admiring Halloween decorations at a distance
- Having a virtual Halloween costume contest
- Having a Halloween movie night with people in your household
- Having a scavenger hunt-style trick-or-treat search with your household members in or around your home rather than going house to house

### **Moderate Risk:**

- Participating in trick-or-treating with distancing strategies in place
- Individually wrapped goodie bags lined up for families to grab and go while continuing to social distance (such as at the end of a driveway or at the edge of a yard)
- If you are preparing goodie bags, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before and after preparing the bags
- Stopping only at houses where individuals are wearing masks, and it is easy to maintain six feet of distance between the host and other trick-or-treaters
- Attending a small, outside event such as trunk-or-treat, where social distancing can be maintained, and everyone is wearing a mask
- Visiting pumpkin patches or orchards, where wearing masks is encouraged and enforced and people can maintain at least six feet of physical distance

### **Highest Risk:**

- Trick-or-treating to many houses or visiting multiple neighborhoods, where participants go door to door
- Trick-or-treating at houses where individuals are not wearing a mask, and where six feet of physical distance is not maintained between individuals
- Attending parties or events that may become crowded and social distancing is difficult to maintain
- Going on hayrides or tractor rides with people who are not in your household
- Going to indoor haunted houses where people may be crowded together and screaming

## **Virginia Department of Health (VDH)'s New Pandemic Metrics Dashboard**

The Virginia Department of Health's Pandemic Metrics Dashboard is up and running. The Metrics Dashboard contains a comprehensive visualization of COVID-19 data by region. The Metrics Dashboard also shows daily and weekly COVID-19 transmission information and trends. Additionally, VDH created visualizations to help communities understand the risks of COVID-19 transmission within schools. Visit the [Pandemic Metrics Dashboard](#) to stay informed.

## **Braddock District Council Will Meet Via Zoom October 21. Everyone is Welcome to Participate!**

On Wednesday, October 21, at 7:00 p.m. the Braddock District Council will host its October meeting via Zoom. The topic this month will be the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance Modernization Project, otherwise known as zMOD.

In 2017, Fairfax County launched a major initiative to modernize its Zoning Ordinance that was first established more than 40 years ago. Dubbed "zMOD," the effort will help the county carry out its [strategic plan](#) to grow and diversify its economy. The modernization plan was presented on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors' Development Process Committee.

"We want to be sure that our ordinance is forward-thinking in terms of being able to accommodate uses that we don't know about today that will be here in the future," said Barbara Byron, Director of the Department of Planning and Development. zMOD will work in tandem with the County's [existing process](#) for amending its zoning laws by prioritizing proposed changes of County-wide significance. Zoom invitation details for the BDC October Meeting are below. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom connection will be open at 6:30 p.m. for first-time users to confirm audio and video settings.

**Topic:** Braddock District Council October 2020 Meeting

**Time:** Wednesday, Oct 21, 2020 7:00 p.m.

**URL:** [Click here for the link.](#)

**Meeting ID:** 847 0122 9448

**Passcode:** 764971

**Dial In:** (301) 715-8592

## **Braddock District Council Aging in Place**

Braddock District Supervisor James Walkinshaw and the Braddock District Council Aging in Place Committee will present Financial Basics for 50+ Adults by Ridge Multop, an AARP Volunteer, on October 21 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. If you'd like to join, email Bruce Wallachy at [wallbdc@gmail.com](mailto:wallbdc@gmail.com). If you have attended the program in the past, Bruce will automatically be sent the link closer to the date.

## **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Walk**

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) is having their "Out of the Darkness Walk" on October 3, 2020. Instead of gathering in Fairfax City, AFSP is asking participants to gather, socially distancing yourselves, in your local neighborhoods with signs, using sidewalk chalk to write messages of inspiration and to put it all on social media with the hashtag #StopSuicideNCAC. Your hash-tagged post will be shared on their website. If you are interested in participating, register your team on their [website](#).



### **Neighborhood & Community Services' Virtual Center for Active Adults**

The goal of the Virtual Center for Active Adults is to enrich the lives of adults in Fairfax County while combatting isolation. Here you can connect with your peers, engage in a variety of activities, and discover useful resources. Join live, interactive programs and engage with other adults. You can also watch programs on demand on your own schedule. They have also included a [curated list of virtual activities](#) and useful services and resources available to residents of Fairfax County.

### **Neighborhood and Community Services' Connects Program for Youth and Teens**

Fairfax County's Neighborhood & Community Services launched its NCS Connects program on September 21. This is a virtual platform that provides programming for youth and teens after school hours Mondays – Fridays from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. The virtual Center for youth, teens, parents, and guardians is located on the [county website](#). This site is updated every Monday. Check back on October 5 for an up-to-date weekly schedule.

### **Workhouse Arts Center's Drive-Thru Nightmare Alley**

[Nightmare Alley: Drive-Thru Terror](#) is the latest addition to the Workhouse Arts Center's annual "Haunt" tradition, with a contemporary twist — this year's attraction is Northern Virginia's first-ever haunted drive-thru, meaning that visitors can experience all the thrills of Haunt while staying safely socially-distanced in their cars. The event runs every weekend starting October 2 and ending October 31. Specific times and dates (as well as a special promo code) are listed on their [website](#).

Not only is this an opportunity to safely celebrate Halloween, it also serves as an extension of the Workhouse Performing Arts program, allowing local youth to practice their set production and theatrical skills, a unique opportunity given the limited theatrical opportunities available right now.



# Human Services Corner

## **Fairfax County Economic Development Authority's Upcoming Virtual Job Fair**

Amazon, Walmart, and Wegmans are among more than 20 companies in Northern Virginia that will be seeking candidates for thousands of open positions at the October 8 Hiring and Reskilling Virtual Career Fair. The event is the third in a series of virtual career fairs presented by the [Fairfax County Economic Development Authority](#) (FCEDA) and is open to anyone looking for job and/or reskilling opportunities.

- In addition to Amazon, Walmart, and Wegmans, companies and organizations seeking candidates for jobs and/or job training programs during the event include Cox Communications, Fairbrook Hotels, George Mason University's Continuing and Professional Education Division, Marymount University, Navy Federal Credit Union, the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association, Revature, Securitas, and Smoothstack.
- The Hiring and Reskilling Virtual Career Fair will welcome job seekers of all backgrounds, especially those unemployed due to COVID-19. The open positions will span a variety of industries, and some do not require a college degree – including store clerks, construction, program managers, information security analysts, and more. For those interested in training programs, there will be organizations that train and place candidates in lucrative tech careers in a matter of months at no cost to participants.
- Participation is free of charge, and you must [register to attend](#).

## **Upcoming Free Medicine Cabinet Cleanout**

Take advantage of free, convenient, confidential, and safe disposal of unused or expired medications during Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout on Saturday, October 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Drop off medications at any of the eight [Fairfax County District Police Stations](#). The following are accepted items: pills, liquids, e-cigarettes, and vaping devices with batteries removed. No pressurized canisters or needles are allowed.

- Drug take-back programs are a safe way to dispose of prescription drugs and are organized and closely monitored by local, state, and federal government agencies.
- Safe disposal of unused or expired medications prevents drug abuse and misuse, accidental poisoning, and protects the environment.

If you would like to learn more, visit the [Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board webpage](#).

## **Personal Property Taxes are Due Monday, October 5**

The Personal Property Tax Deadline is October 5, 2020. With a variety of payment options, you do not need to go to the Fairfax County Government Center to pay (expect long lines if you do).

## **Payments can be made by:**

### **[MyFairfax Secure Portal](#)**

- MyFairfax, an ongoing, county-wide initiative, to provide you faster and easier access to all your county information in a secure environment.



## Phone

- If using VISA, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express, call (703) 222-6740, TTY 711 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week).

## Mail

- Make checks made payable to "County of Fairfax"
- Use the envelope provided with your bill, or mail it to: Department of Tax Administration, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 223 Fairfax, VA 22035
- Do NOT send cash
- Payment must be postmarked on or before the due date to be considered on time

## Dropping off your payment at any of the following drop-off box locations:

- Government Center - 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA (See Government Center Map for the drop box location on page 10)

## The Following Fairfax County Library locations:

- Reston - 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston
- Sherwood - 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria
- George Mason - 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale
- Dolly Madison - 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue, McLean
- Oakton - 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton
- Burke Centre - 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke

## Automatic Installments

- Prepay real estate and vehicle taxes through automatic installments debited electronically from your bank account.
- For more information, refer to the [Automated Payment Program](#) Frequently Asked Questions page, or contact the [DTA](#) office.



# Upcoming General Election Information

- **September 18 - October 31:** Absentee in-person/early voting is underway at the Office of Elections, 12000 Government Center Pkwy., Fairfax, VA.
- **October 12:** Office of Elections/Absentee Voting **Closed for Columbus Day**
- **October 13:** Voter Registration Deadline. In-person: 5:00 p.m., [online](#): 11:59 p.m.
- **October 14:** Absentee in-person/early voting begins at [14 satellite locations](#).
- **October 23:** Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail, 5:00 p.m.
- **October 31:** Final day for absentee in-person/early voting, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- **November 3:** Election Day. Your regular polling place will be open from 6:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. Check the [Citizen Portal](#) to find your polling place and confirm your voter registration status.

## Returning Ballots Received by Mail:

- **November 3:** Deadline for mailed absentee ballots to be postmarked. Deadline to hand deliver absentee ballots to the Office of Elections is 7:00 p.m.
- **November 6:** Ballots postmarked by November 3 must be received by the Office of Elections by 12:00 p.m. (noon).

## Absentee Ballot Drop boxes

The Virginia General Assembly has approved the use of drop boxes at precincts and satellite locations as well as at the Office of the General Registrar (Office of Elections).

During the dates and times that the Office of Elections is open, voters can return their ballot to the Office of Elections. During the dates and times that the satellite locations are open for absentee person/early voting, voters can return their ballot to the satellite locations. On Election Day, November 3, from 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., voters can return their ballot to their regular polling place.

Currently, there is a drop box at the Office of Elections at 12000 Government Center Parkway and outside of the Government Center (see map above for outside location). **You do not have to wait in line to drop off your completed and sealed absentee ballot.**



Government Center Map

## **Important Notice**

Only when the Office of Elections or absentee in-person/early voting satellite locations are open can a voter return their ballot to the drop box at those locations. Drop boxes will be at the Satellite locations and at the polls on Election Day, November 3.

For information on the [Virginia Constitutional amendments](#) and the four bond questions about Public Libraries, Parks, Transportation and Health & Human Services, visit the [elections website](#).

## **Constitutional Amendments on your ballot**

### **Question 1:**

Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to establish a redistricting commission, consisting of eight members of the General Assembly and eight citizens of the Commonwealth, that is responsible for drawing the congressional and state legislative districts that will be subsequently voted on, but not changed by, the General Assembly and enacted without the Governor's involvement and to give the responsibility of drawing districts to the Supreme Court of Virginia if the redistricting commission fails to draw districts or the General Assembly fails to enact districts by certain deadlines?

### **Question 2:**

Should an automobile or pickup truck that is owned and used primarily by or for a veteran of the United States armed forces or the Virginia National Guard who has a one hundred percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability be free from state and local taxation?

## **Bond Ballot Questions**

There are four [bond questions](#) on the [Nov. 3, 2020, general election](#) ballot. Voters will be asked to vote YES or NO on each of these questions.

### **1)Public Library Bond**

Bonds to raise \$90,000,000 to build, renovate, equip, and purchase land for library facilities.

### **2)Transportation Bond**

A bond in the amount of \$160,000,000 for the purpose of financing Fairfax County's share, under the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact.

### **3)Health and Human Services Bond**

A bond in the amount of \$79,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to improve community health and human services facilities and if necessary, to acquire additional land.

### **4)Park Bond**

A bond in the amount of \$112,000,000 to finance the Fairfax County Park Authority in order to preserve open-space land, and to develop and improve existing parks and park facilities; and to finance Fairfax County's contribution to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority.

**The Following Article was Submitted by the Fairfax County Department of Family Services:**

When children experience domestic violence in their homes, it can follow them for a lifetime. October 1, 2020 marked the beginning of Domestic Violence Awareness Month in our community and across the United States. Did you know: 1 in 4 children in the U.S. will experience domestic violence in their homes before they turn 18. Children who witness domestic violence are often forgotten in conversations about domestic violence, but what they experience can stay with them long after the violence ends.

Here is something else we do not often discuss: The younger a child is when domestic violence occurs, the more severe the effects are on their growth. That is because an infant's brain is still developing and is easily changed by events and emotions around them. Children might experience domestic violence just by seeing the fear or anger in their parent's face or hearing yelling in the next room. Children might also be used to control a parent victim. These scary experiences can change how they relate to family, friends, and the world around them as they grow.

The more often children experience domestic violence in their homes, the more likely they are to be victims of other forms of child abuse and neglect, including physical and sexual abuse. Children who live with domestic violence are also more likely to have emotional and behavioral problems than children who live in homes without violence. A child's school performance can be affected, too. While some children might have a drop in their grades or miss school more regularly, other child victims might be more driven to over-perform and feel especially anxious about failing or doing poorly in school.



Children who experience domestic violence are at increased risk of abusing drugs and alcohol or developing mental health concerns, even as adults. They are more likely to run away from home as youth or encounter the law. And they are more likely to be victims of violence or use violence in their own dating and intimate relationships, even as teenagers.

But there is hope and help! Every one of us can step up to help a child have a better future. Just one caring, safe adult in a child's life makes it more likely that child will do well in school, learn how to solve problems without violence and feel they have a safe place to turn. A child's chances at success only increase as the circle of supportive adults around them grows.

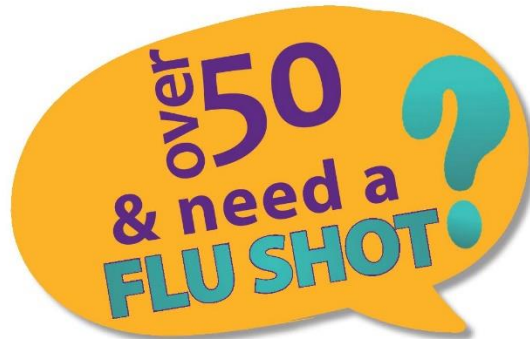
If you would like more information about how you can help a child or family, call Fairfax County's Domestic and Sexual Violence 24-Hour Hotline: (703) 360-7273. Resources are available for anyone experiencing domestic violence, or for those who want to find ways to support friends or loved ones. All calls are free and confidential, and callers can remain anonymous.

If you would like to volunteer, visit [fairfaxcounty.gov](http://fairfaxcounty.gov) and search "volunteer" to learn more about opportunities within Fairfax County Government programs, or visit our community organizations, such as [Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates](#) or [Shelter House](#). Or learn about more specific ways you can [Step Up 4 Kids](#).



## Upcoming Senior Citizen Flu Shot Clinics

To help protect senior adults in our community, the Fairfax County Health Department and Department of Neighborhood and Community Services are offering flu vaccination clinics at select Senior Centers. See the information below for upcoming flu clinics, or visit the [county webpage](#).



# We got you covered

### Flu vaccination clinics at select senior centers

**October 6, 9am - 3:30pm**

Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace St., Herndon  
(times also available Oct. 8 & 9)

**October 19, 9am - 3:30pm**

Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 N. Chambliss St., Alexandria  
(times also available Oct. 21 & 22)

**October 26, 9am - 3:30pm**

Original Mt. Vernon High School, 8333 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria  
(times also available Oct. 28 & 29)

**November 2, 9am - 3:30pm**

Little River Glen Senior Center, 4001 Barker Ct., Fairfax  
(times also available Nov. 4 & 5)

**November 9, 9am - 3:30pm**

Lewinsville Senior Center, 1613 Great Falls St., McLean  
(times also available Nov. 10 & 12)

### FOR YOUR SAFETY

Limited appointments

Face coverings/masks required

Temperature checks at entrance

Clients spaced 6 ft. apart

**NO** covid-19 services offered

**Available by appointment only: 703-246-6010, TTY 711**

## Flu Vaccine Protects You & Your Community

The flu can be a serious illness, especially for older adults and those with underlying health conditions. An annual flu vaccine is the best way to reduce your risk of getting sick. Flu vaccine is recommended for everyone 6 months of age and older. Fairfax County Health Department and Neighborhood and Community Services are offering flu vaccine clinics at select senior centers for Fairfax residents 50 years of age and older. Take control of your health this season and get a flu vaccine.

Call for details.

Pneumonia vaccine also available. Must be requested when making your appointment.

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/flu](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/flu)

A Fairfax, Va., publication. Sept 2020. For more information or to request information in an alternate format, call the Fairfax County Health Department at 703-246-2411. TTY 711.



# Environmental News

## **Lake Barton Dredging, Restoration, and Riser Modification Project**

The Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) Maintenance and Stormwater Management Division (MSMD) has completed survey, permitting, design, and support services for the Lake Barton Dredging, Restoration, and Riser Modification project. The purpose of this project is to maintain and improve the functionality of the lake by dredging accumulated sediment and make facility improvements for sediment capture and future maintenance. The project will include:

- Dredging and removal of approximately 12,580 cubic yards of sediment
- Improving an existing sediment forebay on the western tributary, including improvements to the existing berm and installation of a secondary sediment pool/berm
- Installing a new sediment forebay for the southern tributary
- Maintaining and modifying the existing riser
- Rehabilitating a portion of the shoreline and upstream dam bench



The construction project bid was awarded in August. Pre-construction kick-off and Lake Barton dewatering activities is anticipated to begin within the next several weeks. MSMD will oversee a controlled drawdown of the lake, which can be highly weather dependent but is anticipated to take one to two months to complete, to prepare the site for construction activities. The lake will remain in a dewatered condition through the duration of the project. Construction is expected to take one year following contractor mobilization.

To minimize impacts to wildlife, DPWES conducted a fish capture and relocation effort permitted by the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources prior to dewatering. County staff worked with the State Fisheries Biologist to determine appropriate sites for fish relocation. Fish species native to the area were captured and relocated to Lake Royal and Huntsman Lake. Non-native invasive fish species cannot be relocated under the state permit, so you may notice some increase in bird activity concentrating on these fish in addition to other changes in wildlife activity at the Lake during drawdown and dredging.

Construction access will be provided through the existing access road from Burke Centre Parkway. The trails will remain open, with trail rerouting along the access road as well as signs and gates to maintain public safety. Other than areas designated for pedestrian crossing, the access road will be closed to all but construction use. Please be mindful of the active construction work when using these trails. and avoid all areas designated as closed for construction.

## Friends of Lake Accotink (FLAP) Updates

Have you heard? FLAP will be having a lake clean-up on Sunday, October 11, at 9:00 a.m.

Report to the sign-in table adjacent to the large pavilion located by the FLAP shed. Pick up your Carry All bag that includes gloves, FLAP information, clean-up bags, map, and more. Participants will also be loaned a FLAP Safety Vest and clean-up equipment. Contact FLAP for any additional questions by emailing [contact@flapaccotink.org](mailto:contact@flapaccotink.org). Make sure to [register](#) for this event.

- **Special Note:** A few Friends of Lake Accotink Park Board positions are currently open. Please email [Contact@flapaccotink.org](mailto:Contact@flapaccotink.org) to receive additional information and apply.

## Friends of Royal Lake Park Clean-Up

The [Friends of Royal Lake](#) are planning a park clean-up on Saturday, October 17, from 8:00 a.m. through 10:00 a.m. Clean-up teams will start at Royal Lake Park (by tennis courts) and Lakeside Park (by playground). A sign-up genius will be used to eliminate the need for sign-ins on the day of the clean-up; it will be posted on Facebook and Next-door. We ask everyone to practice appropriate social distancing and to wear a face covering. Gloves are strongly encouraged. Please consider lending a hand for this clean-up. For additional information, contact Friends of Royal Lake President, Paul Gross, and Sarah Lennon at [parks@kpwca.org](mailto:parks@kpwca.org).

## Fairfax County Launches HomeWise Program

Fairfax County has announced a new program to educate, empower, and enable residents to make changes that reduce energy use, water use, and associated costs in their homes. The program brings qualified volunteers together with low- and moderate-income county residents to make physical improvements to their homes and to provide support for behavior changes that are proven to conserve resources and money.

The program is currently recruiting its inaugural class of volunteers in three different categories:

- HomeWise Pros are individuals with substantial hands-on experience with residential weatherization and home improvement projects.
- HomeWise Ambassadors are individuals who excel at connecting with others and have an interest in home weatherization, energy, and water efficiency.
- HomeWise Apprentices are those interested in learning basic hands-on skills for weatherization and home improvement projects.

Volunteer applications will be accepted until 11:59 PM on November 1, 2020. [Learn more and apply to volunteer online.](#)

**Apply To Volunteer by November 1**



HomeWise Pros | HomeWise Ambassadors | HomeWise Apprentices

HomeWise Pros | HomeWise Ambassadors | HomeWise Apprentices



# Land Use and Development

## Upcoming Meetings and Hearings

**Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting** – October 20

### **Planning Commission Hearings**

- Trinity Christian School boundary adjustment – October 14
- Monument Drive Commuter Parking Garage and Transit Center – November 4
- Proposal for Second Phase of Kenilworth Development – December 3

### **Board of Supervisors Hearings**

- Monument Drive Commuter Parking Garage and Transit Center – November 17

## **Commuter Parking Garage and Transit Center Proposed at Government Center Parkway and Monument Drive**

Fairfax County's Building Design and Construction Division has proposed constructing a commuter parking garage and transit center on county-owned land located at the intersection of Government Center Parkway and Monument Drive, adjacent to the HOV exit from I-66. The site currently contains approximately 300 surface parking spaces on the side next to Fairfax Corner and a vacant undeveloped parcel on the west. This facility would provide parking for a new express lane commuter bus service to DC and Arlington that will be implemented as part of Transform I-66. It would also serve carpooling commuters.



The proposed parking garage would have an open first floor area for rideshare pickup and dropoff and seven levels of parking with 820 parking spaces. It would also house a Connector Store, restrooms for bus drivers, a Capital Bikeshare facility, secure bicycle storage and bike racks. The transit area would consist of a bus pavilion with eight bus bays and a kiss-and-ride area. The garage would be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Access to the site would be from Random Hills Road for commuter buses and from an existing entrance on Government Center Parkway for commuter, kiss-and-ride, and slug vehicles. The building is designed to achieve Parksmart certification and would feature solar panels surrounded by green roof features, 40 spaces with electric vehicle infrastructure, stormwater enhancements, and natural landscaping. The staff report is available on the county [webpage](#).

Because of an error in the published advertisement of the hearing, the application was deferred to allow it to be readvertised. This application is now scheduled for a Planning Commission hearing on November 4. It is scheduled to go before the Board of Supervisors on November 17.



## Proposal for Second Phase of Kenilworth Development

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

Connection of these streets has been a primary topic of discussion with the neighboring communities. Banting Drive and Caprino Court were intended to connect when the Penns Crossing and original Kenilworth developments were planned and approved. The accepted proffers providing for future interparcel access are nearly identical: "In the event the property to the [north/west] is subdivided, rezoned, or otherwise developed, the Applicant (or successor HOA) shall permit an extension of [Banting Drive/Caprino Court] in the location shown..." When Caprino Court was accepted into the public street system earlier this year, it was done with the understanding that it would connect to Banting Drive if this adjacent site were developed.



VDOT adopted a connectivity policy over a decade ago to provide for a network of local streets and to address concerns with cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets. Street connectivity requirements are included in the *Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan Transportation Plan and Public Facilities Manual* as well as in the State Code. These connections provide flow for both vehicles and pedestrians within local developments rather than requiring people to go out onto a larger collector road to access a neighboring house. Connectivity is vital in providing timely access for emergency vehicles. It is also important for street maintenance and snow plowing.

County staff review of this application is on hold while the applicants consider design options. Supervisor Walkinshaw plans to hold a virtual community meeting after an updated plan has been submitted to the county. A hearing before the Planning Commission is scheduled for December 3.

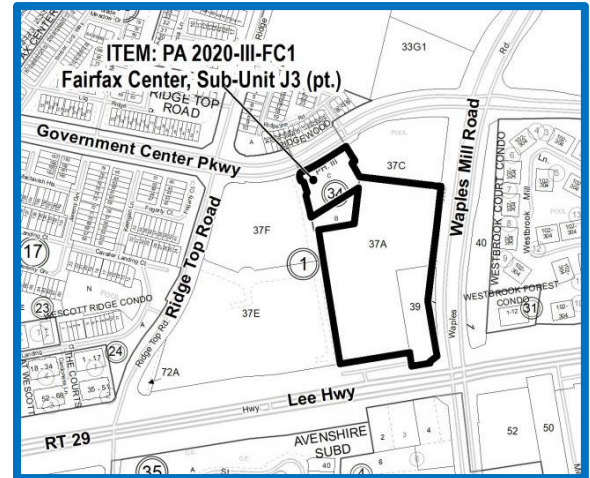
## Trinity Christian School Boundary Adjustment

The Trinity Christian School (TCS) is a 25.27-acre private school of general education located on the north side of Braddock Road between Ox Road and Shirley Gate Road. Jonathan Meisner is the owner of property directly adjacent to TCS on the northern side. Mr. Meisner has filed a Special Exception Amendment to adjust the limits of the school's approved Special Exception area to permit a lot line adjustment between his and TCS's properties. The land swap of approximately 21,000 square feet would allow both parties to use the land more efficiently and optimize space. No additional square footage or operational changes are being requested for the school. This application is scheduled for a Planning Commission hearing on October 14. No date has been set for a hearing before the Board of Supervisors.

## Comprehensive Plan for NW Corner of Lee Highway and Waples Mill Road

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

At Supervisor Walkinshaw's request, county planning staff are considering a Comprehensive Plan Amendment for both the corner lot and the surrounding Public Storage property to ensure that the plan for this corner remains in line with the vision for Fairfax Center and the recent developments around these sites. During this review, consideration is being given to what options might be appropriate for the site, whether self-storage or alternative uses, factoring in land use, architecture and design, landscaping, park space, and pedestrian and transportation improvements. A report is expected this fall.



A concurrent rezoning application has been filed by Public Storage Southeast One, Inc. to consolidate the corner parcel with their existing self-storage property. Public Storage is proposing to demolish one row of its existing single-story self-storage bays and construct a climate-controlled, five-story self-storage facility of approximately 149,050 square feet on the southeast corner of the property. To do this, the applicant is seeking to rezone both parcels to the Planned Development Commercial District. The proposed new self-storage building would feature office-like architecture. Access to the site would be provided through a modified and improved entrance along Lee Highway designed per VDOT standards and the existing service drive that is being used for parking of commercial vehicles, including food trucks, would be removed. Consideration of this rezoning application has been deferred until the Comprehensive Plan review has been completed.

## Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will hold an electronic meeting on Tuesday, October 20, at 7:00 p.m. The agenda will include a presentation on the Workforce Dwelling Unit policy recommendations as well as updates on Braddock District land use cases. A draft agenda and details on how to connect to the meeting will be posted on the Braddock District website three days in advance. Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee meetings are open to the public, and interested residents are encouraged to participate.

## zMod Project Update Video Now Available

At its September meeting, the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee featured a presentation on zMOD, the county's Zoning Ordinance Modernization Project. The purpose of zMOD is to update the Zoning Ordinance to make the regulations easier to understand, remove outdated land uses and regulations, and simplify the format, structure, and language. It also includes some proposed substantive changes of interest to communities, including modifications to Accessory Living Units (previously called Accessory Dwelling Units), Home-Based Businesses, and Freestanding Accessory Structures. The Department of Planning and Zoning has created a [video](#) that provides a 20-minute overview of the zMOD project. The video and a link to the

complete consolidated draft ordinance is also available on the [zMOD webpage](#). A Spanish language version of the video is being finalized and will be released soon.

### **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](#) on the county webpage. These matters will not come before the Board of Supervisors but will be decided by the BZA. Staff reports are normally available online two weeks before the scheduled hearing.

➤ **Calvary Hill Baptist Church – 9301 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax  
SP 2020-BR-039**

The applicant is seeking to operate a childcare center within the church building. The childcare center would provide both day care and preschool for up to 60 children from 3 months to 5 years of age. Hours of operation would be from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. This application was unanimously approved by the BZA on September 16. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found on the [county webpage](#).

➤ **Ayesha Sheikh – 9610 Braddock Road, Fairfax  
SP 2020-BR-043**

The applicant is seeking to expand a home childcare facility. The applicant currently cares for 7 children and would like to expand to care for up to 12 children at any one time with one full-time assistant. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on October 7. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [county webpage](#).

➤ **Thu Thi Pham – 9249 Kristin Lane, Fairfax  
SP 2020-BR-056**

The applicant is seeking modifications to the limitations on the keeping of animals to keep 8 to 10 chickens, and a reduction in the minimum yard requirements based on error in building location to allow an addition to remain 6 feet from a side lot line. The Zoning Ordinance allows chickens to only be kept on lots that are two acres or greater without Special Permit approval. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on November 4. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [county webpage](#).

➤ **Derek and Yongxia Cosby – 4819 Ponderosa Drive, Annandale  
SP 2020-BR-063**

The applicants are seeking to add an accessory dwelling unit and are requesting a reduction to minimum yard requirements based on error in building location to allow an accessory storage structure to remain 2.6 feet from the rear lot line. The entrance for the accessory dwelling unit would be located at the rear of the structure and the application states that parking for the tenant would be on the street in front of the house. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on November 18. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [county webpage](#).

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

The applicants are seeking modifications to the limitations on the keeping of animals to keep up to 21 chickens on the site, including 4 bantams. The chickens would be kept in a coop with a fenced run. The Zoning Ordinance allows chickens to only be kept on lots that are two acres or greater without Special Permit approval. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on January 13, 2021. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [county webpage](#).

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

The applicant is seeking modifications to the limitations on the keeping of animals to keep 4 dogs on the site. The Zoning Ordinance allows 1 or 2 dogs to be kept on a lot of this size, 10,537 square feet, without Special Permit approval. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on November 18. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [county webpage](#).

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