

Time is Running Out to Comment on Pedestrian Overpasses



The deadline to comment on Pedestrian Overpasses on Braddock Road is fast approaching. My office and the Fairfax County Department of Transportation will hold a second and final meeting to collect feedback on overpass locations and designs in early November, which will be announced on social media and the Cook Advisory. This meeting will give residents another chance to ask FCDOT questions about the overpasses and voice their opinions

to staff.

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. These overpasses would further promote connectivity in Braddock by providing pedestrian access to more neighborhoods, shopping centers, and public transportation.

After receiving feedback from the community and the Braddock Road Task Force, the County planned a pedestrian overpass across Braddock Road in between the Red Fox Drive (East) intersection and the Burke Lake Road/Woodland Way intersection. This option is depicted in the photograph above. The County also offered the option of placing an overpass "across Braddock Road in between the Kings Park Drive intersection and the Stone Haven Drive intersection" or "across Braddock Road in between the Southampton Drive intersection and the Wakefield Chapel Road intersection (closer to the Wakefield Chapel Road intersection)." There is also a third option to place a pedestrian overpass near the beltway ramps. Ultimately, the location of additional overpasses would depend on community interest. The County is open to any viable location with community support.

This is a great opportunity for Braddock citizens to plan their community's infrastructure that will be here for years to come. Please take part in this democratic process by contacting my office and attending the upcoming

community meeting. If you have any questions please contact my office by email at braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov or by phone at 703-425-9300.

University Tank Replacement

To improve service to customers, Fairfax Water will be replacing its existing water storage tank located on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University (GMU). The existing tank controls water pressure on the campus as well as surrounding areas in Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax. These areas experience delivery pressures that are lower than those typically experienced elsewhere in Fairfax Water's system. The replacement tank will be taller than the existing tank, which will increase delivery pressures to customers in the areas shown on the map below. Changes to the style of the tank will also ensure water quality will be maintained.

The new tank will be constructed on the same site as the existing tank between University Drive and Sideburn Road as shown on the map above. Demolition of the existing tank is expected to begin in the summer of 2018 with construction of the new tank beginning shortly thereafter.

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Cook in the Community

Braddock Nights: Supervisor Cook went to multiple Braddock Nights concerts this month on Fridays at Royal Lake Park and Lake Accotink Park with dozens of Braddock District residents to listen to free live shows by local artists.

VietFest: On August 11, Supervisor Cook attended the VietFest Opening Ceremony in Tysons Corner.



Shop with a Sheriff: Supervisor Cook opened the annual Shop with a Sheriff event on August 14 at the Burke Target with Sheriff Stacey Kincaid, Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn, and newly appointed Office of the Family and Student Ombudsman, Armando Peri. At this event, 40 children from the Katherine K. Hanley, Patrick Henry and Next Steps family shelters went back-to-school shopping with sheriff deputies.

Church of the Apostles Ground-Breaking: Supervisor Cook spoke at the official groundbreaking ceremony for the Church of the Apostles on August 19.

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. Supervisor Cook invites special guests to cover important topics on important matters that affect the Braddock District. This month's episode will feature several community-



based non-profit organizations. The guests will be Bobbi Longworth, the Executive Director of the Fairfax County Park Foundation; Linda Sullivan, the President and CEO for ArtsFairfax; and Brian Engler, the Former Chairman of the Fairfax Library Foundation and the current Braddock District Representative to the Fairfax County Library Board.

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

Proposed Regulation Changes Impacting Parking of Fleet Vehicles in Fairfax County Set for Public Hearing on Sept. 25, 2018

At a public hearing set for Tuesday, September 25, 2018, at 4 p.m., at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will consider changes to the Fairfax County Code that would affect the ability of organizations to park company-owned vehicles on public roadways in Fairfax County. These proposed changes to Section 82-1-19 of Fairfax County Code would prohibit the parking of "fleet vehicles" on public Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) maintained roadways while the vehicles are not in use.

- Proposed changes to Fairfax County Code (PDF)
- Public hearing advertisement (PDF)
- Outreach letter (PDF)

For Businesses - 3 Key Things to Know

- 1. Fleet vehicles, for this purpose, are defined as "...any vehicles and/or trailers, greater than one, that are controlled, owned or leased by a single company and are used in the normal business operations of that company." This definition includes fleets of revolving inventory, and vehicles that are available for rent or lease to individuals or businesses.
- 2. The restriction would not apply to vehicles registered to individual employees that are used in the normal course of business. The restrictions would also not apply to any commercial vehicles when picking up or discharging passengers; when making a pickup or delivery of merchandise; or when temporarily parked while employees perform work or deliver service at a location, if parking of the fleet vehicle does not obstruct traffic.

3. It's not always easy to determine if a street is a public street that is maintained by VDOT, or a private street owned by a business or another private entity. To check your street - or any street - in Fairfax County, please visit the <u>Fairfax County Road Maintenance Map</u>.

Comments or Questions

- Anyone who wishes to speak at the Sept. 25, 2018 public hearing, or wishes to submit written comments
 on the proposal to the Board of Supervisors should contact the Office of the Clerk to the Board of
 Supervisors at (703) 324-3151, TTY 711.
- For questions about the proposed changes, please contact Fairfax County Department of Transportation Parking Group by calling 703-877-5600, TTY 711.

Eaglebank Arena, George Mason University

For the General Community:

The EagleBank Arena, Mason's 10,000-seat sports and entertainment arena, located on the Fairfax Campus, is the venue for more than 140 sports, music, and family entertainment events each year, including the Mason Patriots basketball games. The Box Office, located at 4500 Patriot Circle in Fairfax, on the building's west side, is open Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tickets for EagleBank Arena events are available through www.ticketmaster.com. Web: eaglebankarena.com

For the Business Community:

Advertising at EagleBank Arena and use of Mason Athletics logos are represented by George Mason Sports Properties. They are committed to extending the affinity of the Patriots' brand to businesses and corporations of all sizes looking to align with the undeniably loyal and passionate collegiate fan base in the region, and can help you advertise to the community attending year-round events hosted at EagleBank Arena. Phone: 703-993-3740; Email: gdunn@georgemasonsportsproperties.com; Web: https://www.learfield.com/partner/george-mason-patriots/

Rent EagleBank Arena - a facility that can be configured to seat up to 10,000. Phone: 703-993-3009.

Mason Speakers: A free resource connecting the university to the community

Are you looking for a speaker who can inform, inspire and engage your audience at your next meeting or event? George Mason University's Mason Speakers program has more than 100 professors, researchers and administrators who are experts on a wide range of topics. They will come to your location, free of charge! Visit Masonspeakers.gmu.edu Questions? Contact Sarah Gallagher at 703-993-8761 or sgallag5@gmu.edu

Citizen of the Month



The Braddock District Citizen of the Month goes to two local brothers Rohil and Samik Bhinge who won multiple awards at the International Geography Bee World Championship in Berlin, Germany.

The two brothers brought back six medals combined – two golds, one silver and three bronzes for their performance in the competition. The rigorous academic challenge featured students from 21 countries in a weeklong jeopardy style trivia competition with questions focusing on geography, current events, culture, history and politics.

Prior to this competition, both brothers received First Place National Champions in the US Geography Olympiad and the International geography Bee-USA. Aside from their academic achievements, the boys are also well-traveled. They have visited 38 states and 12 countries to date. When they aren't traveling or studying, the brothers can be found running track or practicing their instruments, with Rohil on the piano and Samik on the violin. Rohil is starting his sophomore year at Woodson High School and Samik is entering 8th grade at Frost Middle School.

Constituent Services

Our office received an email on August 27 about a downed communications pole. The pole's wires fell across a sidewalk used frequently by children who walk to North Springfield Elementary School, which was starting the next day. A staff member immediately contacted Cox Communications and Dominion Energy to secure the scene and have the wires removed. Crews worked into the night to ensure that it was cleared up and safe before the kids made their way to school.

Our office received a constituent call about a shopping center that was paving between the hours of 7 p.m. - 7 a.m., which violated the noise ordinance. A staff member called the county to make sure the company had a waiver. The county confirmed that the company did not have a waiver. The staff member then called the shopping center management team to inform them of the noise ordinance. The company agreed to cancel its night time work and performed it during the day instead.

Constituent asked for recommendations for concrete company. We explained we cannot recommend anyone but instead offered to do a Google search for him and printed out the names and addresses of several companies. Also gave him the link to the Better Business Bureau and suggested he check out the companies first.

Human Services Corner

Welcoming Inclusion Network meeting –

Monday, September 17, 2018 6:30 p.m.

Fairfax County Government Center Room 4&5

12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax, VA 22035

Are you interested in developmental disability services in Fairfax County and the Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church? Do you want to connect with others who want to work toward creating a more integrated community?

You are invited to join the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board's "Welcoming Inclusion Network" (WIN). Find out more about <u>WIN</u>.

Out of the Darkness Community Walk

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention/Fairfax Chapter, will hold their annual walk on Saturday, September 29 at the Veteran's Amphitheater, 10489 Armstrong Street (in front of City Hall), Fairfax, VA. Check-in/Registration begins at 9:00 am, the walk begins at 11:00 am and ends at 1:00 p.m. More information can be found at https://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=5353. Supervisor Cook has put together a team of county leaders to participate in the walk. To join Supervisor Cook's team, contact his office at braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-425-9300.

Raising Grandkids

Tuesday, September 11, 2018 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Burke Centre Library 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke

Are you involved in raising your grandchildren? Discuss ways to successfully co-parent with your child. Adults. For information and reasonable ADA accommodations, call 703-249-1520.

REVIVE! Training of Trainers

Tuesday, September 25, 2018 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

<u>REVIVE</u>! trains individuals on what to do and not do in an overdose situation, how to administer naloxone, and what to do afterwards.

Participants who successfully complete this Training of Trainers class will be able to administer naloxone as well as train others to administer naloxone.

Advance registration is required. Confirmation of registration will be mailed a week prior to the training, if you receive a "survey complete" screen after completing the online registration form, then you have been successfully registered.

Contact Lauren Krause Nickum (703-352-3431) with questions.

Registration: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FMGP2QN

CSB's Wellness, Health Promotion & Prevention

CSB's Wellness, Health Promotion & Prevention unit has launched a new educational website, <u>KNOW the RxSK - Use with Caution (KnowRX.org)</u>, to help educate the public about the risks of prescription drug misuse and importance of proper disposal. The website features information about opioids, what opioid addiction "looks like," where to get help across the region, and locations to safely dispose of leftover or expired opioid medications. The locations to dispose of opioids closest to the Braddock District are:

- West Springfield District Police Station, 6140 Rolling Rd Springfield, VA 22152
- Kaiser-Permanente Burke Pharmacy, 5999 Burke Commons Rd Burke, VA 22015
- CVS #1383, 7205 Little River Turnpike Annandale, VA 22003
- Inova Pharmacy Plus at Inova Fair Oaks, 3600 Joseph Siewick Drive, Fairfax, VA 22033
- CVS #1417, 1331 Lee-Jackson Highway, Fairfax, VA 22033

Older Adults Mental Health First Aid

Older Adults Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is an 8-hour training course designed for adults – family members, caregivers, nursing staff, health and human services workers, etc. – who interact with people over the age of 65. The program gives community members key skills to help an older person who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. The first aid is given until appropriate professional treatment is received or until the crisis resolves.

The program expands mental health "literacy" and reduces the social distance created by negative attitudes and perceptions of individuals with mental illnesses. The standard course is based on the international MHFA Guidelines and adapted for the U.S. These guidelines were developed using consensus of mental health consumers and professionals. The Wellness, Health Promotion & Prevention staff of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board is training our County government workforce and our community members in Mental Health First Aid for Older Adults. Developing mental health problems covered includes depression, anxiety, traumatic events, psychosis, substance abuse and unique risk factors and warning signs of mental health

problems in older adults. Mental health crises covered: suicidal thoughts and behaviors, non-suicidal self-injury, panic attacks, severe psychotic episodes, effects from substance and alcohol use, aggressive behavior.

Participants will learn the signs and symptoms of these mental health problems in older adults, where and how to get help and what sort of help has been shown by research to be effective. Individuals trained in this program increase their knowledge of signs, symptoms and risk factors of mental illnesses and addictions in older adults, can identify multiple types of professional and self-help resources for older adults with a mental illness or addiction, have more confidence that they can and are more likely to help older adults who are in distress, better understand the impact mental illnesses have on an older adult, their family, and communities, help to reduce stigma associated with mental illnesses, and show increased mental wellness themselves. If you have more questions, contact Lori Naveda (703-538-7476).

September 29: FCPS Mental Health and Wellness Conference

The fifth annual FCPS Mental Health and Wellness Conference will be held on Saturday, September 29 at Fairfax High School (3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax) from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.. Teens, parents, coaches, educators, mental health providers, and community and faith-based organizations that work with teens are invited to participate. For the first time, the conference will also include an Our Minds Matter Teen Summit for middle and high school students, sponsored by the Josh Anderson Foundation. Registration can be done through https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4537905/FCPS-Mental-Health-and-Wellness-Conference-September-29-2018

Diversion First Stakeholders Meeting

Monday, September 10, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. in Rooms 2/3, 12000 Government Center Parkway. Diversion First offers alternatives to incarceration for people with mental illness or developmental disabilities, who come into contact with the criminal justice system for low level offenses. The goal is to intercede whenever possible to provide assessment, treatment or needed supports. People needing diversion may also have a substance use disorder, which often co-occurs with mental illness. Diversion First is designed to prevent repeat encounters with the criminal justice system, improve public safety, promote a healthier community and is a more cost effective and efficient use of public funding.

Free Legal and Financial Planning Workshops for Seniors

September 14 and 21, 7 p.m.- 9 p.m.

How to pay for long term care, essential legal documents for seniors, reverse mortgages and more are discussed. Ravensworth Baptist Church, 5100 Ravensworth Rd., Annandale. Call 703-941-4113. (Source: Golden Gazette)

Lake Accotink Accessible Kayak Launch Ramps

The Fairfax County Park Authority is scheduled to install the accessible kayak launch ramps at Lake Accotink on September 11 and 12, weather permitting. Once installed, it should be ready for everyone to enjoy. Many thanks to the Braddock District's Committee on Aging appointee, Mike Perel, for pushing this forward!

In-Person Absentee Voting Schedule

Fairfax County Government Center Conference Room 2/3 12000 Gov't Center Pkwy., Fairfax

September 21 – October 12

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Thursday: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 6 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Oct. 13 to Nov. 3

Weekdays: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturdays: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Note: Monday, October 8, Columbus Day-

Office of

Elections is closed.

Countywide Satellite Absentee Voting Stations Dates and Location

October 13 to November 3

Monday through Friday: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturdays: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Satellite Voting Locations

- Providence Community Center, Fairfax
- Franconia Governmental Center, Alexandria
- McLean Governmental Center, McLean
- North County Governmental Center, Reston
- West Springfield Governmental Center, Springfield
- Mason Governmental Center, Annandale
- Mount Vernon Governmental Center, Alexandria
- Sully Governmental Center, Chantilly
- Lorton Library, Lorton

Consider Absentee Voting for November 6 Election

The 2018 General Election will held on Tuesday, November 6. If you are disabled, ill or are a caregiver you are eligible to absentee vote in the election. Below is helpful information for absentee voting, which begins on September 21. If you have any questions about voting, call 703-222-0776 or email voting@fairfaxcounty.gov. (Source: Golden Gazette)

- 1. Your absentee ballot is counted on election night, and your vote is included with the results reported that night. Absentee voting begins September 21 at the Government Center and on October 13 at nine additional locations.
- 2. There are 20 valid reasons to vote absentee in Virginia, including being a caregiver or a person with disabilities. To check your eligibility, call the county's Office of Elections at 703-222-0776 or email: voting@fairfaxcounty.gov.
- 3. There are two ways to absentee vote, in-person and by mail. To do either, you should first check your voter registration status to make sure it is up-to-date (deadline is October 15 to make any changes). You can check online at vote.virginia.gov, call the county's Office of Elections at 703-222-0776 or email: voting@fairfaxcounty.gov.
- 4. You can now apply for a mail-in absentee ballot online at vote.virginia.gov. You will need your Social Security Number and information on your Virginia driver's license to

complete the application. Information also is provided on how to apply if you do not have a driver's license.

5. You will need a photo ID to vote absentee or in-person. You can get a free photo ID at the Office of Elections, call 703-222-0776.

Land Use

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee Meeting Monday, September 17 at 7:30 p.m. – Braddock Hall

Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee Meeting

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

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 – Government Center Auditorium

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

Tuesday, November 20 – Government Center Auditorium

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 Comprehensive Plan process is now reaching its conclusion. County Planning staff will present their draft language at the September 17 meeting of the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee. The Committee will then have an opportunity to discuss the recommendations with staff. We expect that the staff report will be released later in September; a link will be available on the Braddock District website and on the Planning Division's website at:

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/plan-amendments/training-center-site. In order to have sufficient time to consider the language and review the final report, the Land Use and Environment Committee will 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 9.56 acres of land at the northeast corner of Braddock Road and Roberts Road. This area is currently planned for one to two 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.

County Planning staff have been gathering information from other county agencies on concerns raised by the community, including density, transportation, stormwater, and tree save, and are finalizing their recommended language. The staff report should be available in early October. Planning staff will be presenting their recommendation to the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee at its meeting on October 16. The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment is scheduled for a public hearing before the Planning Commission on October 25, and a hearing before the Board of Supervisors on 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.

BRADDOCK DISTRICT LAND USE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will be on **Monday**, **September 17**, **beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Braddock Hall**. Please note that the date has been changed so that it does not conflict with the observance of Yom Kippur. County Planning staff will report to the Committee on their recommendations for a Comprehensive Plan for the former NVTC and adjacent sites.

The Committee is scheduled to meet twice in October. On October 9, beginning at 8 p.m., they will vote on a final recommendation for the former NVTC site. On October 16, County Planning 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. Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee meetings are open to the public.

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.

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 is scheduled to go before the BZA on September 12. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found here: http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMain.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 is scheduled to go before the BZA on October 3.

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/ZAPSMain.aspx?cde=SP&seq=4241223.

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/ZAPSMain.aspx?cde=SPA&seq=4247798.

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:

 $\underline{http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMain.aspx?cde=VC\&seq=4240430}.$

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/ZAPSMain.aspx?cde=SP&seq=4246763.

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/ZAPSMain.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/ZAPSMain.aspx?cde=SP&seq=4251349.

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 or call us at 703-425-9300.