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# Braddock District Supervisor The Braddock Beacon

Dear Neighbor,

Life has changed dramatically in the month since our last edition of the Braddock Beacon. The rapid spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 has led to 6,000 deaths across the United States, including five here in Fairfax County. By the time you receive the next edition of the

Beacon, those numbers will have increased significantly. Things will get worse before they get better. But they will get better.

Those of us not on the frontlines of the response have a simple mission -- support those who are and care for our neighbors. We can do that by following Governor Northam's statewide "Stay at Home" order, checking in on our older or immunocompromised neighbors, and contributing to local nonprofits providing emergency food assistance to families struggling to get by. I'm inspired each and every day by so many of you who are doing all that and more. Thank you.

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Fairfax County's government has been working nonstop to respond to the crisis, slow the spread of the virus, and continue to provide vital services. The Board of Supervisors, utilizing new video-conferencing and social distancing procedures, has been meeting and moving forward on critical initiatives. Perhaps most

significant is our work to adopt a Fiscal Year 2021 budget that reflects the new economic reality. The pandemic has already had a significant impact both in terms of increased expenditures and lost revenue.

The County Executive will present a new proposed budget on April 7. That proposal will restart a public process to solicit feedback and culminate in the adoption of a budget on May 5. Despite the challenging circumstances, my priority is to hear your thoughts, concerns, and ideas throughout the budget process. I'll be hosting a virtual budget town hall at 7:30 PM on April 13. It will be televised live on Channel 16 (COX Channel 1016; Verizon/Comcast Channel 16), streamed on Channel 16's **website**, and streamed on my **Facebook Page**. We will take questions by phone (703) 324-1114, email (Braddock@Fairfaxcounty.Gov), and in the comments section of my **Facebook Page**.

The Board of Supervisors will also hold public hearings April 14-16, with robust electronic and virtual options for citizens to submit testimony. We will share more detailed information as soon as it's available.

This month's edition of The Braddock Beacon is filled with Coronavirus-related resources. I know that keeping up with the ever-flowing flood of information has been a challenge and we've tried to consolidate as much of it as possible. There is up-to-date information on the closure of county facilities, resources for small businesses, ways to support the community, and much more.

If you have an unanswered question or unaddressed concern, please contact us at **Braddock@FairfaxCounty.gov**.

Yours in service,

Supervisor James Walkinshaw

### What exactly is COVID-19?

# The Following information is provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Protection (CDC)

COVID-19 is a new disease, and the CDC is still learning how it spreads, the severity of illness it causes, and to what extent it may spread in the United States. The virus is thought to spread mainly from people who are in close proximity to one another (within about 6 feet) and through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person



coughs or sneezes. It may also be possible to get COVID-19 by contact with a contaminated surface. People are thought to be most contagious when they are most symptomatic. Spread of COVID-19 might be possible before people show symptoms; there have been reports of this occurring with this new coronavirus.

#### Situation in the U.S.

Different parts of the country are seeing different levels of COVID-19 activity. The United States nationally is in the initiation phase of the pandemic. States in which community spread is occurring are in the acceleration phase. The duration and severity of each pandemic phase can vary depending on the characteristics of the virus and the public health response.

#### **Situation in Fairfax County**

As of this morning, there are 372 total positive cases within our Health District (includes, Fairfax County, City of Fairfax, City of Falls Church, and towns within the county). There has been a total of 5 deaths. The Virginia Department of Health reports numbers around 9 a.m. daily. Click <a href="here">here</a> to stay informed.

### **Family and Human Resources**

#### **Health Care Options for Uninsured Residents**

Nearly 8% of Fairfax residents do not have health insurance. Fairfax County is offering a list of clinics that offer low-cost or free medical care and pharmacies during the coronavirus outbreak. This list includes health care providers that offer primary care, dental care, behavioral health, and pharmacies. These clinics and centers serve people who have no insurance or have Medicaid. If you have coronavirus symptoms, call ahead to these clinics before you go, so they can put infection control measures in place. Do not go unannounced. Click <a href="here">here</a> to view a complete list of health clinics.

#### **Fairfax County Public Schools Will Begin Distance Learning**

Teachers have begun receiving remote training for distance learning and have been asked to reach out to their students. New teacher-directed instruction, delivered via distance learning and grade-appropriate learning packets, will begin for all students on Tuesday, April 14, after the scheduled spring break. Click **here** to read the press release.

#### **County Food Resources**

As the COVID-19 public health emergency continues to evolve, we understand that individuals and families in our communities may need food assistance. Fairfax County and <u>Fairfax County Public Schools</u> (FCPS) have worked together to develop a searchable map that shows community food distribution sites (including FCPS grab-and-go locations) community meal distribution sites, food pantries, and other related services. Click <u>here</u> to view the map. Click <u>here</u> to locate FCPS Emergency Meal locations, Food Bus Routes, and Pop-up Meal locations.

#### **State Food Resources**

If you know family, friends, neighbors, or coworkers who have children experiencing hunger in other parts of Virginia, refer them to No Kid Hungry's Emergency Text Line. Click <a href="here">here</a> to visit their website.





#### Food pantries in the community:

#### **Food for Others**

Food for Others has three food distribution programs and sites all around the neighborhood. Bring a picture ID with a current address. Click <a href="here">here</a> to view neighborhood sites. If you would like to donate, click <a href="here">here</a> to view their Amazon registry.

### **Every Saturday Columbia Baptist**

3245 Glen Carlyn Road Falls Church, VA 22041 (703) 820-6910 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### 4th Saturday of the month St. Stephens UMC

9203 Braddock Road Burke, VA 22015 (703) 978-8724 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

### 4th Saturday of the month Abiding Presence Lutheran Church

6304 Lee Chapel Road Burke, VA 22152 (703) 455-7500 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

#### **Britepaths**

Britepaths is closed, but still accepting monetary donations, please click here if you would like to **donate**.

#### **Other County Resources**

For help with rent, utilities, housing services, clothing, health services, and other needs, contact the following services:

#### Emergency Information and Referral Services

From anywhere in Northern Virginia, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, dial 2-1-1

#### Aunt Bertha – Connecting People and Programs

This website will connect you with social service programs and organizations based on your zip code. Click **here** to get more information.

#### County Services: Fairfax County Coordinated Services Planning

(703) 222-0880

Open Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

#### **Coordinated Service Planning**

Fairfax County's **Coordinated Services Planning team** provides access and referrals to both county and community-based resources for Fairfax County residents in need. During the COVID-19 pandemic, calls to CSP for support have increased significantly and call volume may result in longer than normal hold times to speak to a specialist. Some of the most frequent need requests can be addressed online. Fairfax County's Coordinated Services Planning (CSP) provides numerous resources that are available to help. Online Food Assistance, Utility Assistance, Eviction Suspensions, and additional aid is available. Click **here** for help.

#### Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke (SCFB) Medical Transportation

Drivers are scheduled five days a week to take older adults no longer able to drive to hospitals or other medical appointments. This service is available free of charge to all clients over 50 years of age residing in Burke or Fairfax, although trips frequently go outside these boundaries

to regional hospitals and doctors' offices, etc. The SCFB office is operated by a dispatcher on weekday mornings and afternoons. Backup answering machines ensure that no calls are missed. Call to reserve drivers at least five business days before the appointment at (703) 323-4788.

#### 24-Hour Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline

For many of us, home is the safest place to be right now. But for victims of domestic violence, that's not necessarily the case. If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, make the call to the Fairfax County Government Domestic and Sexual Violence hotline for help 24 hours a day at (703) 360-7273. If it is not safe to talk, text or chat (text LOVEIS to 22522 for the national domestic violence hotline, chat at RAINN.org for the national sexual violence hotline). If you are in immediate danger, please call 911.

#### Assistance from a Distance

With the closure of most county buildings, Community Services Board (CSB) has adjusted many of its services, transitioning mainly to telehealth services via Zoom for Healthcare, by phone or video. CSB Emergency Services at the Merrifield Center remains open, however we ask if possible, that you call ahead to (703) 573-5679 to see if you can be seen via telehealth services (phone or video). Click **here** to learn more.

#### From the Golden Gazette-Watch Out for Scams

As the coronavirus public health emergency continues, scam artists are taking advantage of the situation, including selling products that supposedly prevent, treat, or cure the virus and asking for donations to aid people who are sick.

#### Tips and ways to protect yourself from coronavirus scams:

- Ignore any offers (online or otherwise) for coronavirus vaccines, prevention, treatment, or
- Be wary of an email that claims to be from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control or the World Health Organization.
- Do not click on links from unknown sources, which could download a virus on your computer or phone.
- Thoroughly research any organizations or charities purporting to be raising funds for victims of the coronavirus.
- Be suspicious of "investment opportunities" surrounding the coronavirus.

#### **Introducing "Scam Slams"**

The best way to avoid a scam is to know what's going around. The Fairfax 50+ Podcast has just posted a new spin-off show called Scam Slams. This series of quick audio bulletins tells you what you need to know about current scams in our community including scams over the phone, on the internet, and at your front door. The first few Scam Slams feature Martin Bailey. Martin represents Virginia Senior Medicare Patrol and AARP Virginia on the Fairfax County's Silver Shield Anti-Scam Task Force. His two-minute slams cover everything you need to know about Genetic Testing Scams and Charity Scams. More Scam Slams will be posted throughout the year. Click <a href="here">here</a> to stay tuned. You also can get notifications of new shows by following on <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>.

#### **Reporting COVID-19 Scams**

To report scams and price gouging, consumers can contact the Virginia Attorney General's Consumer Protection Section for information or file a complaint at:

- Phone: 1-800-552-9963 (8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday)
- Email: consumer@oag.state.va.us
- Price Gouging Complaint Form
- General Online Complaint Form

### **Fairfax County Closures and Changes**

### **County Courts Further Postpone Dockets**

The Fairfax County courts are making new changes to their schedules and procedures in response to the coronavirus, including further postponing dockets. While the Fairfax County Courthouse remains open to the public, the Circuit Court, General District Court and Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court have changed their bond and arraignment schedule until further notice:



- **General District Court**: Bonds and Arraignments 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
- Circuit Court: Bonds and Arraignments -10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
- Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court: Bonds and Arraignments 2:30 p.m.

Click **here** to learn more.



### **Fairfax County Parks Are Closed**

All Fairfax County Park Authority parks and amenities are closed to the public until further notice.

Trails will remain open for individual use, but not group use. Adherence to all social distancing recommendations is required.

The closures are in response to Governor Northam's order to

close public access to recreational facilities. Closures will include parking lots, athletic

fields, sport courts, restrooms, nature centers, visitor centers, golf courses, historic sites, picnic areas, playgrounds, amusements, boat launches, skate parks, off-leash dog areas, outdoor fitness equipment, and any areas for open recreation. Click <a href="here">here</a> to learn more. Did you know Fairfax County has more than 330 miles of trails? Click <a href="here">here</a> to use the county's trail buddy program to locate a trail near you. Parking is allowed at many trail entrances near public streets. **Remember to check for Do Not Park signs.** 

#### **County Government Building Closures**

To help limit the spread of the coronavirus, Fairfax County closed all **government buildings and facilities** to the public until further notice. However, the county government remains open for business online and by phone and mail. Closing government buildings will help protect the health and safety of residents and employees; and will promote social distancing, a key action to help limit the spread of the coronavirus. Some specific public services may continue to be provided in person as determined necessary by county agencies. Employees will continue to be able to access these facilities. Nonprofit organizations located in county facilities will receive operational guidance from their partner agencies. Click **here** to learn more.

#### **Fairfax County Public Library Updates**

Effective this week, all Library, Parks (indoor), and Neighborhood and Community Service community facilities will be closed until further notice. Click **here** to learn ten ways you can use FCPL at home.

- Due dates for all library materials will continue to be extended to ensure that no late fees accrue while FCPL branches are closed. Please help the library by keeping your materials while the library is closed.
- All library-sponsored programs are cancelled through May 31.
- All meeting room reservations are cancelled through May 31.
- Overdue fines are suspended while the library is closed.
- Hold pick-up dates will be extended while the library is closed.
- No new interlibrary loan requests will be processed; current interlibrary loan requests will remain in production.
- No donated materials will be accepted while the library is closed.
- WiFi will continue during the library's normal operating hours and can be accessed in the parking lots.
- The Access Services Library will continue to provide materials via mail to homebound patrons.

#### Office of Elections

The <u>Office of Elections</u> will remain open for business during its regular office hours as required for voter registration and for mail absentee applications and ballot processing. Voter registration applications and absentee ballot requests will continue to be processed by the Office of Elections staff and in-person absentee voting is available (curbside only) and only at the Government Center. Voters should call (703) 222-0776 upon arriving, and materials will be brought out.

#### **Trash and Recycling Changes**

Several changes to Fairfax County's solid waste collection requirements have been made. The changes are temporary and in response to the current public health emergency. Reasons why the changes were made include:

- Protecting the workforce to ensure that personnel remain available to collect trash and protect public health.
- Minimizing workers' physical contact with surfaces where the coronavirus can survive for several days.
- Following social distancing guidance by reducing crew sizes and using automated collection vehicles.

#### Trash and Recycling changes include:

#### **Glass Recycling**

Temporarily removing the purple, glass-only recycling containers eliminates additional driving routes, and eliminates a place where people may congregate during the Virginia Governor's stay-at-home order. Glass can be stored at home until the purple containers return or placed in the trash.

#### **Yard Waste**

The county's Solid Waste Management Program is no longer requiring licensed companies to collect yard waste separately. Yard waste can be placed in the trashcan, but it cannot be left on the curb in bags or bundles. Residents are encouraged to manage yard waste on their property by mulching, backyard composting, or not generating yard waste at all if possible.

#### **Best Practices for Residents**

Residents can help reduce the volume of trash and create safer working conditions for workers by following these best practices:

- Reduce the waste you generate so the system isn't overwhelmed. (Postpone spring cleaning.)
- Wipe and disinfect cart handles and lids.
- Stop setting yard waste at the curb. Implement mulching or backyard composting.
- Seal sharp medical objects in a rigid plastic container with sturdy tape and label it "sharp."
- Bag all trash to limit workers' exposure to harmful materials.

Full service will be restored when the public health emergency is over. Thank you for your patience as we work to protect the men and women who keep Fairfax County's communities clean and healthy.

Click **here** to learn more about trash and recycling guidelines.

### The Animal Shelter has closed the building to the public and paused the following programs and services until further notice:

**Adoptions** - have paused while the shelter determines how to safely proceed; They hope to provide an update on Monday, April 6.

**Volunteer program** – for the safety of volunteers and staff, the shelter has paused the in-house volunteer program, and no one except staff will be allowed in the building.

**Return to Owner** – of stray pets by appointment only.

**Elective veterinary procedures** – this includes spay/neuter.

**Donations** – no donations will be accepted at the Shelter. Please do not leave items outside the Shelter doors.

Shelter Tours and Reading Tails TNR clinics - are paused.

No Elective surgeries – including spay and neuter.

**Dog licenses** – no dog licenses will be sold at the Shelter. Click <u>here</u> to purchase licenses online.



#### The Animal Shelter has cancelled the following programs and services:

April 5 low-cost rabies clinic; later dates TBD

#### Be Sure You Have a COVID-19 Plan in Place for Your Pets

Eight D.C., Maryland and Virginia animal welfare organizations — including Fairfax County's Animal Shelter — are uniting to urge the community to have a plan in place for your beloved companion animals in the wake of COVID-19. Though this illness has been fatal for some community members, countless residents may experience a hospital stay, potentially leaving untold numbers of companion animals needing care. Shelters are urging residents to have a preparedness plan in place. Click **here** to learn more.

#### **VDOT 2020 PAVING SCHEDULE**

VDOT is happy to announce that the map of VDOT Northern Virginia paving schedules is now available to the public. Click **here** to view it. This map shows all scheduled repaving work, as well as upcoming preventive maintenance work. Click on a road on the schedule, to see a popup box that identifies the name and contact information for the VDOT Construction Manager in charge of that road's project.



### **Economic Resources**

#### Congressman Gerry Connolly's Small Business Resource Guide

Congressman Gerry Connolly has compiled a Small Business Resource Guide that business owners and employees can use. Click **here** to access the business guide.

#### Vehicle and Business Tax Filing Deadline Extended to June 1

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved a one-month extension for filing vehicle and business personal property taxes and paying the first installment of real estate taxes. The board took action at its **March 24 meeting** to assist taxpayers during the coronavirus outbreak. With the extension, residents now have until Monday, June 1, to **report any changes in vehicle ownership and location**, among other changes. Normally, residents must file these changes with the county by May 1 or face a 10% penalty. However, the 60-day deadline to register any new vehicles with the county — whether newly purchased or moved into the county after June 1—remains the same. Vehicle owners can **register online**. Businesses now have until June 1 to file their **personal property taxes** with the county, which includes vehicles, furniture and fixtures, machinery and tools, and computer equipment that were located in Fairfax County as of January 1.

#### First Real Estate Tax Payment Deadline Extended to August 28

The county extended the deadline to pay the first installment of <u>real estate taxes</u> until Friday, August 28. Normally, the first installment is due by July 28. The extension will help homeowners who pay their real estate taxes directly to the county. Many homeowners pay these taxes as part of a monthly mortgage payment. The mortgage company then sends the taxes directly to Fairfax County. Homeowners should contact their mortgage company if they have questions. The county began mailing <u>real estate tax assessments last month</u>. However, the assessment notice is not a bill. In addition to these measures, the deadline for seniors and people with disabilities to apply for county tax relief has been **postponed to June 1**.

#### **Low-Interest Loans Available for Fairfax County Businesses**

H.R. 748, The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), which contains \$376 billion in relief for American workers and small businesses, was signed into law by President Trump on March 27, 2020. In addition to traditional SBA funding programs, the CARES Act creates temporary programs to address the COVID-19 outbreak. Click <a href="here">here</a> to learn more about SBA loans and view a comprehensive list of programs for small businesses.

#### **How to file for Unemployment**

The Virginia Employment Commission administers unemployment benefits in Virginia. The main phone number for the Virginia Employment Commission is 866-832-2363 and hours are Monday – Friday, 8:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Call volumes in contact centers are exceedingly high. You may have trouble getting through and wait times will be exceptionally long. You can also submit online claims **here**. Click **here** to learn if you qualify.

### Citizen of the Month

Fairfax County small business owner Mark O'Meara has demonstrated his commitment to serving the community time and time again. As the owner of Cinema Arts and University Mall theatres, Mark has seen first-hand how COVID-19 has affected not only his business but also his employees and community. With all recreational indoor facilities closed to help prevent further spread of COVID-19, Mark decided to act.

On March 18, in an effort to avoid having to lay off his employees, Mark started selling "Curbside

Concessions." Instead of having to come in and watch movies to purchase popcorn, patrons are now able to order popcorn and have an employee deliver their order to the car. This has allowed community members to enjoy a taste of their favorite neighborhood hangout spot, while practicing safe social distancing auidelines. More importantly, it has allowed his team of workers to continue earning a paycheck.



Mark has operated his theatres for decades and pointed out that his workers are the true Citizens of the Month. We thank Mark for demonstrating how small businesses can positively impact the community during stressful times.

#### **Help Cinema Arts Survive!**

**Keep watching your favorite films:** While Cinema Arts Movie Theatre is closed to the public, they are offering films for you to watch at home. You pay for the ticket on their website and receive a link to view the film at home.

**Buy** Gift Cards Online

**Buy** Curbside Concessions from 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Click **here** to learn more.

### Census 2020- Be Counted!

April 1 was Census Day! But there is still time to complete your census if you have not done so yet.

The census is important for Fairfax County residents because it directly benefits every resident. It determines how our tax dollars are distributed in Northern Virginia to better serve the community.

The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade. That funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size, no matter the location.

You should have received a census questionnaire in the mail with an access code. With that access code in hand, click <a href="here">here</a> and begin your questionnaire!



Census 2020

Census information provided by the United States Census Bureau.

### **Walkinshaw in the Community**



Supervisor Walkinshaw answering questions during the Braddock District Budget Town Hall, which was hosted in concert with the Braddock District Council on March 11.



Chairman McKay and Supervisor Walkinshaw attended Fairfax County's 2020 Affordable Housing Hackathon at George Mason University on March 11.



Supervisor Walkinshaw discussing future plans for Lake Accotink with environmental and community leaders on March 14.

#### Supervisor Walkinshaw also:

Joined a Shepherd's Center volunteer to drive a community member to a health clinic on March 5.

Attended the North Springfield Civic Association's General Meeting on March 4.

Visited Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church on March 1.

### **Ways to Help Our Community**

Many compassionate residents have reached out to ask how they can help during this difficult time. There are many ways you too can help! From donating resources and blood, to volunteering with local organization, here are some ways you can help.

#### Social Distance

The Governor along with medical professionals recommend that staying 6 feet away from other individuals in public helps reduce the probability of contact between persons carrying an infection.

#### Stay Home

On March 30, the Governor implemented a stay-at-home mandate to help prevent further spread of the virus. Until June 10, do not go out unless you're: Getting groceries or medicines,

caring for a sick family member or friend, getting medical care for yourself, going outside for exercise for yourself or pets (although not in groups larger than ten people) getting necessary social or government services, and traveling to and from work or place of worship.

#### Donate Blood

The Red Cross is in desperate need of blood due to the unprecedented number



of blood drive cancellations. Healthy individuals are needed to donate blood. The Red Cross has protocols in place to ensure you are safe while donating. Click **here** to make an appointment.

#### • Donate to local low-income families in Springfield and Burke

ECHO (Ecumenical Community Helping Others) provides food, financial help, and household items to low-income families in our community. Right now, their pantry is depleted, and they need funds to replenish it. Click **here** to make a donation.

#### Apply to join the Medical Reserve Corps

The Medical Reserve Corps serves as the official volunteer organization of the Fairfax County Health District. Click <a href="mailto:here">here</a> to sign up, or contact <a href="mailto:hdmrc@fairfaxcounty.gov">hdmrc@fairfaxcounty.gov</a> if you have questions or need assistance with the application process.

 Volunteer with Volunteer Fairfax

Volunteer Fairfax serves as one clearinghouse of volunteer opportunities in the county. Click **here** to volunteer.

 Fairfax County Volunteer Management System (VMS)

The Fairfax County Volunteer
Management System maintains a
database of all volunteer opportunities
with county agencies and programs.
Click **here** to search for current
volunteer needs or click **here** to
complete a volunteer application.



### **Land Use**

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

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee's scheduled meeting for April is cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m. in Braddock Hall. The agenda will include presentation of a proposal for Kenilworth II (see details below). Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee meetings are open to the public.

If you are interested in getting involved with others in the community to review and comment on land use, development, and environmental issues, including stormwater and tree preservation, the Land Use and Environment Committee is looking for new members. Click **here** to read more about the Committee's mission and download a membership form.

#### **Land Use Project Updates**

#### **Erickson Living at Braddock Road**

In July 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved a proposal from Erickson Living to allow a continuing care facility on the site of the former Northern Virginia Training Center on Braddock Road. Abatement and demolition is underway, and Erickson Living has submitted site plans for county approval. Construction of a temporary marketing facility will begin once the plans have been approved. Erickson Living anticipates that construction of the first phase of the development will begin in 2021. This will include the first three independent living buildings with approximately 220 units. The target opening of the first building is approximately two years after the start of construction. However, weather and other factors may affect the timeline. Our office will continue to work with Erickson Living to communicate any updates. For specific questions about Erickson Living and the new Braddock Road facility, contact the Greenspring sales office at (800) 917-3049.

#### **One University**

In September 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved development of the One University site, located at the northwest corner of Ox Road and University Drive. The approved development will provide 120 multifamily affordable units, 120 age-restricted affordable units for adults age 62 and older, and 333 units with a maximum of 798 beds targeted to serve the student population of George Mason University. The developers are currently putting together the financing package for the project, which includes Low-Income Housing Tax Credits. This process will continue into the summer. They are also working on the site plan for the property. Assuming the project financing is in place and the site plan processing is completed, the developers anticipate breaking ground in the summer of 2021. This schedule would allow for the residents of Robinson Square who have school-age children to relocate after the school year ends. The targeted completion date is 2023.

#### **Comprehensive Plan Amendment & Rezoning Proposal**

### Consideration of Plan Amendment 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 storage use onto that property. This area is planned for office use with an option for office/mixed use should it be redeveloped. However, 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. The review is considering what options might be appropriate for that site, whether self-storage or alternative uses, factoring in land use, design, park space, and transportation improvements. A report is expected this summer.

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 strip of its existing single-story strips of self-storage bays and

construct a modern 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. The existing overhead power lines along the Lee Highway frontage would be relocated underground. A trail would connect the existing asphalt paths along Waples Mill Road and Lee Highway. Consideration of this rezoning application will be deferred until the Comprehensive Plan review has been completed.

#### **Public Facility Review and Plan Amendments**

#### **Monument Drive Commuter Parking Garage and Transit Center**

Fairfax County's Building Design and Construction Division has proposed constructing a commuter parking garage and transit center on county-owned land bound by Random Hills Road to the north, Government Center Parkway to the east, and Monument Drive to the south. This property currently consists of approximately 300 parking spaces on the side adjacent to Fairfax Corner and a vacant undeveloped parcel on the west. The proposal would replace the existing surface parking lot with a nine-level structured commuter parking garage with approximately 820 parking spaces, a bus pavilion with eight bus bays, and related facilities including areas for kiss and ride, slug lines, and carpool/vanpool commuters on the I-66 corridor. The facility would also include bicycle parking and a bikeshare station. In addition, there would be a Fairfax County Department of Transportation office and support space. The garage would be open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Access to the property would be provided 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 I-66 Managed Lanes Project includes a direct express route to employment destinations in DC, a route that does not currently exist in either WMATA or Fairfax Connector bus service. This facility would be adjacent to the HOV exit off of I-66 and would provide access for a new commuter bus service that will be implemented as part of Transform I-66. It would also serve carpooling commuters.

This application is tentatively scheduled for hearings before the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors in September.

#### **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 Permit\*. 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. Click <a href="here">here</a> to register to testify. 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.

\*Please note that the Board of Zoning Appeals has cancelled hearings through April 29.

### Carmen Margaret Mandeville & Kyle B. Mandeville – 11921 Appling Valley Road, Fairfax

#### SP 2020-BR-005

The applicants are seeking to add an accessory dwelling unit for a family member to their current home. The addition would consist of a kitchen, living room, bedroom, and sewing room on the main level. This application was scheduled to go before the BZA on April 1; a new date has not yet been set. Click <a href="here">here</a> for Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available.

### Robert Estabrooke – 12213 Hollow Tree Lane, Fairfax SP 2020-BR-007

The applicant is seeking to reduce yard requirements to permit construction of an accessory structure 10.5 feet from a side lot line. The applicant is also seeking to allow an accessory structure to remain 1.6 feet from the rear lot line and 4.1 feet from the side lot line, an accessory storage structure to remain 0.1 feet from the side lot line, and an addition to remain 1.6 feet from the side lot line. This application was scheduled to go before the BZA on April 1; a new date has not yet been set. Click <a href="here">here</a> for information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available.

### Max Avary – 5415 Freemont Street, North Springfield SP 2020-BR-017

The applicant is seeking a reduction to yard requirements to permit construction of an addition 8.5 feet from a side lot line and enclosure of a carport to create a garage 10 feet from a side lot line. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on May 6. Click **here** for information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found.

### Gregory and Sarah Parris – 10907 Rippon Lodge Drive, Fairfax SP 2020-BR-024

The applicant is seeking a reduction to yard requirements to permit an addition 13.3 feet from the rear lot line. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on June 24. Click <a href="here">here</a> for information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available.

If you have questions regarding these land use cases or any other issues or concerns, please email **braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov**, or call us at (703)-425-9300.