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The BRADDOCK BEACON

A Monthly Newsletter from Braddock
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Community Workshop for Training Center and State Police Site

The community is invited to participate in a comprehensive planning workshop for the former Northern Virginia Training Center site and the adjacent State Police site on **Saturday, January 20, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.**, in the **cafeteria of Lake Braddock Secondary School, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke**. The snow date for the meeting is **Saturday, February 3**, also at Lake Braddock Secondary School. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the program beginning promptly at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served.

On October 24, the Board of Supervisors adopted my motion to authorize the consideration of a Comprehensive Plan amendment for the Training Center and State Police site. This property has never been considered in any kind of a planning exercise and it is important to put a base plan in place to guide future development for this very large site. The current plan for this area reflects its historic uses—public facilities, governmental and institutional. A small area on the western edge of the parcel lies within a stream valley and Resource Protection Area and is planned for public parks. Staff has begun a process to consider all potential uses for the site and their Needs Assessment will be available to participants prior to the meeting.

The workshop will consist of:

- Introductory remarks by Supervisor Cook
- Overview of the site characteristics and history
- Review of the area Needs Assessment
- Community input – focused discussion groups
- Report out and full group discussion

The members of the community task force will be introduced at the workshop. They will use the input from the discussions as a starting point as they review and provide recommendations for the site.

In order to plan for breakout groups and make sure we have enough box lunches, those who wish to attend are asked to register with our office either by [email](#) or phone (703) 425-9300 prior to January 16 so that we will have an accurate count. A link to the Needs Assessment will also be sent several days before the workshop to those who have registered so that participants can review it in advance.



Supervisor Cook has served on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors since 2009 and lives in Kings Park with his wife and six children.

Lake Accotink Park Master Plan Community Meeting



Please join us on Monday, January 22, 2018 from 7 until 8:30 p.m. at North Springfield Elementary School located at 7602 Heming Court in Springfield when the Park Authority will host a community

meeting to continue to gain public input towards developing a vision for the future of Lake Accotink Park. This meeting will focus on management of the lake and a few key design ideas. Please note that if inclement weather results in the closure of Fairfax County Public Schools or the cancellation of evening events, this meeting will be held on Monday, February 5, 2018 instead - same time and location.

A lot of analysis has gone into investigating options for managing Lake Accotink and the long-standing issue of sediment accumulation. This topic and some options for addressing the sediment problem were shared with the community in May 2016. The Park Authority would like to provide an update to their research and gauge the community's preference for the future of Lake Accotink. Like to read ahead? The Lake Accotink Sustainability Plan has been posted to the project [website](#) for you to review. Too much on your plate to review the full report? Don't worry. A summary will be provided at the meeting with time to consider the options.

If you are unable to join us at this meeting, the presentation will be shared online after the meeting with an opportunity to provide your comments. You can always find presentations and comment summaries from previous community meetings at the [Lake Accotink Park Master Plan Revision](#) website.

If you have questions please contact Gayle Hooper, Project Manager, at 703-324-8741 or by email at

Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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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 topical guests to share pertinent and informative items with the viewers. 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](#).

Many students in our schools are challenged by learning disabilities, physical or developmental disabilities, mental or behavioral health conditions. Parents are sometimes at a loss when it comes to getting assistance and schools often need guidance on how best to educate these students. To assist in these challenges, we are fortunate to have a Special Education Parent Teacher

Association, or SEPTA.

For the January edition, to discuss their advocacy, my guests are Diane Cooper-Gould, President and founding member of SEPTA, Joanne Walton, SEPTA Delegate to Fairfax County Council of PTAs, and Rachna Sizemore-Heizer, SEPTA Board Member and the representative to the Fairfax County School Board's Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities.

Community News

Community Parking Districts and Commercial Vehicle Restrictions

Our office has received several calls and emails about the legality of parking of boats, trailers and other large vehicles on public roads in the Braddock District, so we decided an article explaining Community Parking Districts and Commercial Vehicle Restrictions might be in order.

Fairfax County has a definition for what commercial vehicles are based on size, numbers of axles and weight, and you can read the complete code at [the County's website](#). Those vehicles that meet that definition may not park on residential streets. The only exception is that one resident of each single family dwelling unit may park one vehicle licensed and registered in the Commonwealth of Virginia as a taxicab or limousine.

Vehicles that may not park on residential streets are:

- Any vehicle licensed as a common or contract carrier or limousine (except as above)
- Vehicles that exceed size and weight limits: more than 21 feet long, more than 8 feet high including appurtenances, width of 102 inches or more, or gross vehicle weight of 12,000 or more pounds
- Vehicles carrying commercial freight in plain view
- Trailers or semitrailers except for campers, boats or single axle utility trailers (utility trailers are defined as a small non-motorized trailer generally pulled by a motorized vehicle and features an open-top rear cargo area)
- Any vehicle with 3 or more axles

Commercial vehicles used by public service companies, vehicles driven by or used for transporting persons with disabilities, vehicles for cable television service, moving vehicles for 48 hours, vehicles for propane gas services, and school buses may park in a residential area unless restricted elsewhere in the Code.

Boats, motor homes, and trailers may legally park on residential streets in the Braddock District unless there is a Community Parking District (CPD) in effect on that block. CPD's prohibit the parking of watercraft, motor homes, campers, trailers, vehicles greater than or equal to 3 axles, vehicles with a gross vehicle weight greater than or equal to 12,000 lbs., and vehicles transporting greater than or equal to 16 passengers (except school buses) on public streets in residentially zoned areas. Vehicles parked in violation are subject to a \$75 fine for each violation and may be towed at the owner's expense.

A CPD can be established by a large area application or by petition. The Braddock District does not have a large area CPD like the Springfield, Mount Vernon, Lee and Mason Districts do, which restricts boats, motor homes, and trailers on residential streets throughout the entire district. More information can be found at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/parking/community-parking-districts>. Some streets in the District do have restrictions after their community went through the petition process. If you would like more information on how your community can petition for restrictions on designated streets, please contact my office.

If you have concerns about the legality of a vehicle parked on a public roadway, please call the Fairfax County Police Department's Non-Emergency number at 703-691-2131 and ask for someone to come see if the vehicle in question should be ticketed. If you and your neighbors would like to see about having a CPD in your area, our office would need to receive a letter from your HOA or civic association or one with signatures from 10 households in the area of the proposed CPD to begin the process.

Meeting for Independent Pools in the Braddock District January 8

On Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:30 PM, Supervisor Cook will be hosting a meeting for independent pools and swim clubs in the Braddock District. This meeting provides the leaders of swim clubs the opportunity to talk with one another about the challenges and successes that experience, as well as to talk with Supervisor Cook and representation from the county regarding changes in regulations and opportunities for improvement that affect swim clubs. These meetings have been well attended in the past, and we hope to see many of you again. This meeting will take place in Braddock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015. If you have questions, please feel free to call our office at 703-425-9300 or email braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov

Events at Burke Centre Library

Genealogy One-on-One

Saturdays in January, 10:00, 11:00 - Research your family history with a genealogy volunteer using library online resources.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Saturdays, January 6, 20, 10:30 - Teen volunteers help develop programs and services of interest to their peers. Find out more about the TAB group at www.burkecentretab.com. Age 13-18.

Events at Kings Park Library

The National Museum of African American History and Culture

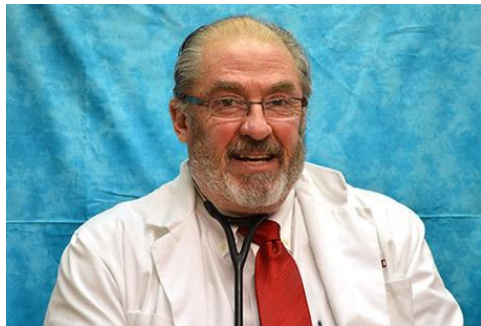
Saturday, January 20, 1:00 - Dr. Johari Rashad will share her experiences in this Museum's creation, from collecting artifacts to the vital role the museum hopes to play in society. Cosponsored by AAUW.

Keeping Up With Kids-Learn Facebook, Twitter and More

Fridays in January, 2:00 - Learn the basics with our one-on-one tech volunteer about all the social media tools to help you stay in touch with kids and grandkids.

Citizen of the Month

Dr. Fred Garner, Burke Pediatrics



Food insecurity affects 41.2 million Americans. At least 6.5 million of them are children. Dr. Fred Garner of Burke Pediatrics is working to end hunger in Northern Virginia and recruiting local doctors to join the cause. His charity, [RX for Food](#), works with physicians who treat food insecurity by writing actual prescriptions for food. These prescriptions are brought to participating food banks, also called “food pharmacies.” During summer months, these families who rely on school meal programs are prescribed weekly allotments through the program and then switch to monthly allotments when school is back in session.

The issue of food insecurity in the region is more common than many would expect. Dr. Garner’s practice identified 200 local families in need of this prescription. Nearly 25 percent of these families were covered by commercial insurance. Now Dr. Garner is looking to expand this program by bringing on more physicians and food banks to cure food insecurity in Northern Virginia. Thank you Dr. Garner for caring about our kids!

Human Services Corner

Real Food Real Kids

Real Food for Kids will hold its 6th Annual Culinary Challenge & Wellness Expo on March 17, 2018 at Hayfield Secondary School. The event will feature 11 student teams competing to create a lunch that meets USDA guidelines for school meals and eight teams participating in a showcase of breakfast and snack dishes that could be adapted for school use.

Taking Care of Our Vulnerable Homeless Community This Winter

The long, cold winter nights are upon us.

Imagine you are spending the night sleeping outside, behind a store on Route 1, in the woods in Burke, or in a car beside the parkway in Reston. For those experiencing homelessness in our county it is a frightening and potentially life-threatening reality.

To help ensure no one has to sleep outside during the winter months, a collaborative effort by the county, nonprofits and faith communities created the Hypothermia Prevention Program more than a decade ago. Last winter, the program provided more than 1,000 people experiencing homelessness in our county with a warm, safe place to sleep and a healthy meal.

Call If You See Someone in Need: If you see someone at night who is unsheltered and you think he or she could be at risk of hypothermia, call the county’s non-emergency (police) phone line at **703-691-2131, TTY 711**. [Learn more about the program here.](#)

Environmental

Save the Date for the Braddock District Tree Forum

Plan to attend the Braddock District Tree Forum on Wednesday, March 7, in the conference room of the Kings Park Library, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Speakers will present information on tree-related topics of interest to Braddock District residents, including topics such as the benefits of trees, Fairfax County Tree Ordinances and regulations regarding development, top tree pests homeowners might encounter, and beautiful native trees to plant in your yard. Mark your calendars now.

Annual Native Seedling Sale

The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District's annual seedling sale makes low-cost bare-root native shrub and tree seedlings available to Northern Virginia residents. Seedling packages go on sale February 1 and are available for pick-up April 20-21. Consider adding native trees and shrubs to your yards and community today!

This year's seedling sale features shrubs and trees that are tolerant of deer browse. While no plant is completely deer-proof, these seedlings are less susceptible. They help clean our water and air, prevent soil erosion, provide valuable habitat, and add beauty and resilience to your landscape. For more details, visit their [website](#).

Land Use

Upcoming Community Meetings

Proposed Goddard School at 11909-17 Lee Highway

Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. – Eagle View Elementary School Cafeteria

Planning Commission Meeting to consider proposed Goddard School and Fairfax Corner Comprehensive Sign Plan

Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. – Government Center Auditorium, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax

Training Center Site Planning Workshop

Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Lake Braddock Secondary School Cafeteria

Snow Date for Training Center Site Planning Workshop IF NEEDED

Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Lake Braddock Secondary School Cafeteria

Proposed Housing Development at Roberts and Braddock Roads

Monday, February 12, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. – Oak View Elementary School Cafeteria

Cases Filed Before The Planning Commission & Board Of Supervisors

**Goddard School Child Care Center, 11909 & 11917 Lee Highway and 4613 Holly Avenue
SE 2017-BR-023**

On Tuesday, January 9, Supervisor Cook will hold a second community meeting to discuss a proposal to locate a Goddard School private preschool and daycare facility on four parcels of land located at the southeast corner of Lee Highway and Holly Avenue. The meeting will be held in the cafeteria of Eagle View Elementary School, 4500 Dixie Hill Road, Fairfax, at 7:30 p.m.

The proposed facility would be one story, approximately 12,146 square feet, and would serve a maximum of 200 students with up to 26 full-time and six part-time employees. Access would be from Holly Avenue. The applicant has modified the original plans to address comments from various county agencies. An updated traffic study has also been prepared. Based on that information, the applicant has proposed making the northbound approach on Holly Avenue right turn only for all traffic in order to mitigate potential delays at the intersection. Representatives from the Fairfax County Department of Transportation and the Virginia Department of Transportation will be present at the community meeting to discuss this proposal and possible alternatives to manage traffic. More information on the application, including the staff report, may be found here: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMain.aspx?cde=SE&seq=4235773>.

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee is scheduled to make a recommendation on this proposal at its January 16 meeting. A public hearing before the Planning Commission is scheduled for January 18. Residents who wish to testify before the Planning Commission are encouraged to register in advance at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/speaker.htm>. A hearing before the Board of Supervisors has not yet been scheduled.

Housing Development at Braddock Road and Roberts Road RZ/FDP 2017-BR-030

A proposal has been filed to rezone approximately 9.56 acres on the north side of Braddock Road and east of Roberts Road from R-1 to PDH-8 to create a high-end residential development with 49 single-family detached homes. The property is currently developed with three single-family detached homes and a church, which would be removed. The proposal states that the development would include amenities such as a central lawn area, community garden, pavilion, children's playground, and small corner park. Access to the property would be from a single entrance on Roberts Road.

On Monday, February 12, Supervisor Cook will hold a community meeting on the proposal. It will be held in the cafeteria at Oak View Elementary School, 5004 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, at 7:30 p.m. The developer will present their plans and community members may comment and ask questions. Those who are interested in this project are encouraged to attend.

University Mall PCA C-083-03 with PCA 2009-BR-015

The owner of University Mall has filed an application to allow rental of a building that is currently vacant. When the shopping center was renovated, the proffers prohibited renewal of the lease for the former bank on the northwest corner of the property because that land area is reserved for right-of-way dedication for the eventual widening of the Braddock Road/Ox Road intersection. The bank has moved out and the building is now vacant. VDOT recently made improvements to that intersection and does not plan to do anything further for a number of years. The shopping center owner would like to rent the building to another permitted user rather than leave it empty. The new lease would require the tenant to vacate the premises and terminate the lease if VDOT requests to use the dedicated area.

The Braddock Land Use and Environment Committee approved a motion expressing no objection to the proposal. A public hearing before the Planning Commission is scheduled for February 22. The case is scheduled to be heard by the Board of Supervisors on March 5. More information on this application, including any changes in the public hearing dates and the staff report, when available, may be found here: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMain.aspx?cde=PCA&seq=4237368>.

Fairfax Corner Comprehensive Sign Plan Amendment

CSPA 87-S-039-4

Fairfax Corner Retail L.C. has requested approval of a Comprehensive Sign Plan Amendment to update a portion of its signage. The proposed sign modifications in the commercial portion are intended to update and enhance the quality of the graphics, increase the number of signs and content of the information to be displayed, and incorporate newer technology. No changes are proposed for the signage previously approved for the movie theater. A public hearing before the Planning Commission is scheduled for January 18. The case is not yet scheduled to be heard by the Board of Supervisors. More information on this application, including the staff report, may be found here: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMain.aspx?cde=CSPA&seq=4237083>.

2232 Public Facilities Applications

Stormwater/Wastewater Consolidated Facility at Freds Oak Road

2232-B17-21

Supervisor Cook has hosted two community meetings focused on the county's plans to expand its current Wastewater Collection Division facility at 6000 Freds Oak Road to consolidate the Wastewater Collection, Maintenance and Stormwater Management, and Stormwater Planning Divisions. Following discussion during a neighborhood walk held on November 15 with county staff and community residents that focused on screening, noise, and lighting, the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services is making some minor revisions to its plans. The majority of residents preferred Option 2, which has the entrance from Freds Oak Road that is closer to the Fairfax County Parkway as the main entrance; the second entrance would be for emergency purposes only. No county vehicles would be on Clara Barton Drive. A ten-foot high masonry wall would be extended behind the area denoted for equipment shops and salt and sand storage to act as a sound barrier for the residences behind that area. A revised plan, as well as information presented at the community meetings, will be available on the project website at:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/construction/consolidating-management-programs-one-location.htm>.

With regard to traffic concerns, county staff met with VDOT following the second community meeting to discuss justification requirements for a traffic signal at the intersection of Freds Oak Road and the Fairfax County Parkway. The warrant analysis coordination is ongoing.

Because this is a proposed county government facility, the proposal will be considered under the 2232 Review Process. Under this process, a public hearing will be held before the Planning Commission, which will determine if the proposal is in substantial accord with the county's Comprehensive Plan. The proposal will not go before the Board of Supervisors for consideration. The Planning Commission's public hearing on this application is scheduled for February 15 (note new date). Residents who wish to testify before the Planning Commission are encouraged to register in advance at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/speaker.htm>.

Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee

The next meeting of the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will be on Tuesday, January 16, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Braddock Hall. The committee is expected to consider the Goddard School application, the proposal to consolidate the county's Stormwater and Wastewater facilities at the current Wastewater Collection site on Freds Oak Road, and the Fairfax Corner Retail Sign Plan. Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee meetings are open to the public.

Cases Filed With The Board Of Zoning Appeals

The Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) 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.

**Lee W. Pendleton – 7905 Kalorama Road, Annandale
SP 2017-BR-079**

The applicant is seeking to waive yard requirements to permit conversion of a carport into a two-car garage 6 feet from a side lot line and to reduce minimum yard requirements based on an error in building location to permit an accessory storage structure to remain 3 feet from the other side lot line. This application has been rescheduled to come before the BZA on January 10. Staff recommends denial. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found here:

<http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMMain.aspx?cde=SP&seq=4230071>

**Sky Springfield LLC D/B/A Sky Zone – 5325 Port Royal Road, Springfield
SP 2017-BR-102**

The applicant is seeking a Special Permit to operate an indoor recreational (trampoline) facility. This application is scheduled to come before the BZA on February 7. Information, including a map of the site and staff report (when available), may be found here:

<http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMMain.aspx?cde=SP&seq=4239547>

**Patricia Springer – 7500 Murillo Street, Springfield
SP 2017-BR-111**

The applicant is seeking to allow a fence over 4 feet in height to remain in the front yard of a corner lot. This application has been scheduled to come before the BZA on February 14. Information, including a map of the site and staff report (when available), may be found here:

<http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMMain.aspx?cde=SP&seq=4226695>

Fairfax County’s Zoning Modernization Project (Zmod)

Fairfax County will hold a community meeting on January 24 to launch its Zoning Modernization Project, known as zMOD. The meeting will take place in Conference Rooms 4 and 5 at the Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, at 7 p.m.

What is the Zoning Ordinance? It contains the regulations that prescribe the way land can be divided and used in order to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the public and to implement the adopted Comprehensive Plan for the orderly and controlled development of Fairfax County. The Zoning Ordinance specifies acceptable uses (residential, commercial, or industrial), density of uses, building heights, placement of buildings (setbacks from lot lines), and parking. The Zoning Ordinance is now 40 years old and is in need of updating. The zMOD project will create a more streamlined, user-friendly document, incorporate more charts and tables to make it easier to understand, and be adapted to electronic formats with hyperlinks.

In addition to attending the meeting, you are invited to participate in a public survey to help the County and its consulting team understand the strengths and weaknesses of the current Zoning Ordinance. See the attached flyer for more details on the survey and the zMOD process.



FAIRFAX COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE MODERNIZATION PROJECT

BACKGROUND

Fairfax County is undertaking a major initiative to modernize its Zoning Ordinance, which was adopted in its current form 40 years ago. The county has hired Clarion Associates, a national land use consulting firm, to assist with this important project. The effort will include a reformatting of the structure of the ordinance and a recategorization of land uses to make them more reflective of current terminologies and use characteristics.

GETTING STARTED

LEARN MORE:

To find out more about the project, please visit our project website at:

WWW.FAIRFAXCOUNTY.GOV/PLANNING-ZONING/ZMOD

TAKE THE SURVEY:

A public survey will be posted on the project website during the month of January. Please take the time to let us know your thoughts about the current zoning ordinance! Your input will help to guide the process. You can find the survey at the following link:

WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/ZMOD

ATTEND THE KICK-OFF MEETING:

Please come to the project kick-off meeting taking place on:

JANUARY 24, 2018

7:00 PM | FAIRFAX COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER

12000 GOVERNMENT CENTER PARKWAY | FAIRFAX, VA 22035

CONFERENCE ROOMS 4&5 | 703-324-9300