



The Braddock Beacon

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Dear Neighbor,

Thank you to the nearly 200 people who joined us for our 1st Annual Climate Action Conference last Saturday at Lake Braddock Secondary School. Attendees heard from experts in climate change and learned how to save money while minimizing their carbon footprint. If you could not attend, you can [watch a recap from Channel 16.](#)

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and at next week's Board of Supervisors meeting, I'll ask my colleagues to join me in rededicating ourselves to the important



work of ending domestic violence in Fairfax County. Domestic violence is a family, community, and public health issue with enormous impacts. The ripple effects of domestic and sexual violence spread to all parts of our Fairfax community, and it will take all of us working together to build a safer Fairfax County. One in four women and one in ten men will experience sexual, physical, or psychological violence from an intimate partner in their lifetimes. Additionally, nearly all domestic violence survivors face financial abuse, creating an increased risk of violence and adding obstacles to safety.

As Chair of the Fairfax County Council to End Domestic Violence,

I'm proud to say that incredible progress is being made by organizations that are part of our coordinated community response.

- In FY23, Fairfax County police responded to more than 3,700 domestic violence related calls, including 357 calls through the lethality assessment program.
 - There were 253 strangulation charges, and 45% of homicides were domestic violence related.
 - The Inova Forensic Assessment and Consultation Team conducted 377 exams, and the County's 24-hour hotline received a monthly average of 150 calls.

These numbers are hard to hear, but it is likely that they would be higher if not for the excellent work happening across the County and community to create safety for victims and survivors and accountability for those who cause harm.

Together, we can eliminate the attitudes, stigmas, environments, and policies that enable domestic violence. We can reduce our acceptance of violence, reject practices that place girls and women at risk, and confront gender and racial injustices. Individually, we can also take steps during this Domestic Violence Awareness Month to be visible and vocal in supporting programs that promote peaceful conflict resolution, healthy relationships, and equality in our interpersonal relationships. [Fairfax County offers many resources](#) dedicated to serving those who have been affected by domestic violence and educating the broader community.

Lord and Lady Fairfax Awards

This week, we honored two amazing Braddock District residents at the Lord and Lady Fairfax Awards Program, Shari Zamarra and John Rephlo. Both have a long history of service to our community, and I was honored to recognize them!

Shari has lived in Northern Virginia since 1969, she originally hails from the Midwest. She has devoted her time to various organizations, including the Girl Scouts, her Sorority's Alumni group, Gabriel Project, Fairfax Partnership for Youth, and Faith Communities for Action. Additionally, Shari holds positions on several boards and committees, such as the Community Action Advisory, Braddock Land Use Committee, the Board's Affordable Housing Advisory, and FCPS' FLE Curriculum Advisory. She is currently chairing the Board of Toward Educating America's Children, which supports educational opportunities for children in Guatemala. Shari has a heart for youth and families, particularly immigrants, and is passionate about recycling.



John has been an integral member of the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee since its inception. Serving as Vice Chairman and Chairman, he has guided

members through detailed examinations of Comprehensive Plan amendments and site plans. His leadership helped ensure that the best interests of the residents are included in the decision-making process. For 25 years, Mr. Rephlo volunteered for the Boy Scouts of America, receiving the prestigious Silver Beaver Award for his dedicated service. He has been an active member of the West Springfield Civic Association.

Please join me in congratulating them!

Yours in service,



Supervisor James R. Walkinshaw

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Upcoming Events

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- **October 7** Pinn Center’s Health and Fitness Expo
- **October 8** Early Voting available at Early Voting Sites
- **October 9** Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples’ Day (*FCPS Closed, Government Open*)
Health Care Advisory Board Hearing on Application for Special Exception for Friends Adult Day Care at Government Center
- **October 10** Board of Supervisors Hearing on Day Property Rezoning Board Meeting at Government Center
- **October 11** FCPL Board of Trustee Meeting at Chantilly Regional Library
West Springfield Police Station’s Scout Night
- **October 14** Skate the Wake at Wakefield Park
- **October 16** Last Day to Register to Vote
FCDOT Project Survey Closes
- **October 17** Braddock District Land Use Committee Meeting
- **October 19-21** Friends of Kings Park Library’s Fall Book Sale
- **October 20** Nomination Deadline for Disability Inclusion and Equality Awards
FCPA Proposed Budget Public Comment Period Ends
- **October 22** Fairfax County Animal Shelter’s Low-Cost Animal Vaccinations and Microchips Clinic
- **October 24** West Springfield Police Station’s CRASE Lecture
- **October 26** 13 Satellite Early Voting Locations Open
- **October 27** Last Day to Request a Mail-In Ballot
- **October 28** Saturday Voting Available at Early Voting Locations
- **October 31** Nomination Deadline for the Best of Braddock Awards

Walkinshaw in the Community

The Board joined members of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's National Capital Area Chapter and recognized September as Suicide Awareness Month on September 12



Supervisor Walkinshaw joined NextMark's grand re-opening of their Fairfax branch on September 8

L-R Chairman McKay, Supervisors Herrity and Palchik, Police Chief Kevin Davis, Fire Chief Keith Johnson, Congressman Gerry Connolly, and Supervisors Lusk and Walkinshaw at Station 40's 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony



Supervisor Walkinshaw with Burke Centre residents at the Burke Centre Festival on September 9



Supervisor Walkinshaw toured Oak Hill Manor on Oak Hill Day on September 30



In September, Supervisor Walkinshaw also:

- Attended the Lake Braddock Carnival on September 3
- Went to Fairfax Memorial Home's expansion groundbreaking on September 7
- Met with the Hillsdale Community Association on September 9
- Attended the Lake Accotink Task Force Meeting on September 11
- Hosted a community meeting to discuss the Day Property rezoning application on September 13
- Celebrated Disability Voting Rights Week on GMU's Campus on September 14
- Met with Cub Scouts on September 14
- Spoke at the Braddock District Council's Annual Meeting on September 20
- Attended the County's Fire and Rescue Department's 158th Recruit School Graduation on September 22
- Went on a Ride-Along with Fair Oaks Station's Animal Protection Officers on September 22
- Rocked the Block at GMU on September 22
- Spoke at a Gun Safety Roundtable Discussion at the Fairfax Regional Library on September 23
- Dined with the Annandale Rotary Club on September 27
- Joined Clergy members from Burke for lunch on September 28

Climate Action Conference Photos

Welcome to Supervisor James Walkinshaw's Climate Action Conference



Thank you to our Partners



NAACP
Fairfax County Branch



October Citizen of the Month

Becky Fial

Braddock District's October Citizen of the Month is Becky Fial.

Becky and her family moved to the Braddock District area over 50 years ago. They are original homeowners in the Middleridge community. After 36 years with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, she retired and decided to become a teaching assistant with Accotink Academy in Springfield.

Becky now serves as the President of the Burke Centre 55ers Club, a position she has held for over a decade. If you were at the recent Burke Centre festival, you may have seen Becky at the Burke 55ers' booth.



She first discovered the Burke Centre 55ers when she assisted other seniors in getting to the meetings.

The Burke Centre 55ers has been in existence since 1979, when Burke Centre was a new community. The approximately 60 members call it "the social club for the older and wiser." Their purpose is not only to enjoy congenial company and meet new friends but also to participate in community and charitable projects, have occasional speakers, share information about events in the area, and have lunch together.

Becky has been their coordinator before and through the COVID-19 era. She credits many members for helping support the group, but it takes a truly dedicated coordinator to keep such a vibrant group going.

Becky Fial and the Burke 55ers are ardent supporters of Quilts of Valor, which has a chapter in the Burke area to honor veterans with a handmade quilt at special presentations.

Becky's dedication to serving and activating older adults makes Supervisor Walkinshaw proud to recognize her as Braddock's October Citizen of the Month.

Congratulations to Becky, and thank you for your service!

*Know a Braddock District resident who should be recognized as a Citizen of the Month? [**Nominate them here.**](#)*

Community News

Nominations Open for Best of Braddock Awards

Do you know a person or community organization making our community a better place to live, work, and play? Nominate them for this year's Best of Braddock Awards via [online submission form](#), or by mailing or dropping off [a completed form](#).

Categories include:

- Braddock District Citizen of the Year
- Braddock District Young Person of the Year (ages 5-18)
- Neighborhood Enhancement or Beautification in the Braddock District (Individual Homeowner, HOA/Community Association, or Other)
- Most "Can-Do" Public Employee Working on Issues in the Braddock District (Federal, State, or Local)
- Club or Organization Making a Difference in the Braddock District



Take a moment to consider a neighbor or organization who deserves a Best of Braddock award! There are several ways to submit nominations:

- [Filling out an online form](#)
- Dropping off [a completed form](#) to the Braddock District Office (9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke)
- Mailing [a completed form](#) to:
Braddock District Office
c/o Best of Braddock Nominations
9002 Burke Lake Road
Burke, VA 22015

All submissions must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31, only filled-out forms will be reviewed. Email braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov with questions. Winners will be notified before the Best of Braddock Award Ceremony on Wednesday, December 6.

Pinn Center's Health and Fitness Expo

Saturday, October 7, from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m., the Pinn Center (10225 Zion Drive, Fairfax) will host a Health and Fitness Expo for all ages!

Activities include:

- Yoga
- Zumba
- Nutritionist Consultations
- Biometric Screenings
- Flu/Covid Shots
- Healthy Cooking Demos

Parking is available at Robinson Secondary School (5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax). Transportation to the Pinn Center will be provided from there. Questions can be emailed to [Desmond Tutu](mailto:Desmond.Tutu).

FAIRFAX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Be Fit Be Fabulous

Health & Fitness Expo

FREE ENTRY!

FREE PARKING & SHUTTLE SERVICE AT ROBINSON SECONDARY SCHOOL, 5035 SIDEBURN ROAD, FAIRFAX, VA 22034

Are you ready to embark on a journey to better health and fitness? Look no further! Join us for a day filled with exciting activities, expert advice, and inspiration to kick off your wellness journey.

Children Fitness Demos	Biometric Screenings	Nutritionist Consultations
Healthy Cooking Demos	Massage Consultations	Yoga/Zumba Demos
Giveaways	Flu/Covid Vaccine Shots	Informational Tables

OCTOBER 7TH **PINN COMMUNITY CENTER** **12:00PM TO 3:00PM**
10225 ZION DRIVE
FAIRFAX, VA 22032

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT SANELA ANDERSON AT SANELA.ANDERSON@FAIRFAXCOUNTY.GOV OR CALL 703-250-9181

Fairfax County is committed to providing accessible programs, services, and facilities. Contact us with questions about accessibility at ACCESSIBILITY@FAIRFAXCOUNTY.GOV

A Fairfax County, Va. Publication www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services September 2023

Skate the Wake

On Saturday, October 14 at Wakefield Skate Park (8100 Braddock Road, Annandale) for Skate the Wake from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Enjoy a day filled with skating, music and all-around fun at Skate the Wake. Meet Mimi Knoop, five-time X-Games medalist and coach of the USA Skateboarding team.

SKATE THE WAKE
WAKEFIELD SKATE PARK

COSTUMES ENCOURAGED!

Saturday, October 14 • 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Wakefield Skate Park • 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale

Community, Music, Food, Art and Fun!
Meet **Mimi Knoop**, 5 Time X Games Medalist and Former Professional Skateboarder

Solstik Music – the sound of life grinding into the light, from house, dance and electronic DJ sessions

Learning Zone: Work on Skateboard Tricks with Pros!

Best Trick Contest: Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced
For more information visit <https://bit.ly/skate-the-wake-10-23>.

IT'S NOT A HOBBY, IT'S AN ATTITUDE!

703-324-8563 • TTY: Va. Relay 711

The event features a Skateboard Trick Clinic and Skateboard Best Trick Contest that will be judged by professionals from the local Fairfax Surf Shop as well as celebrity judges Mimi Knoop and Spike Mendelsohn (Top Chef competitor and local restaurateur). Derran Eaddy, founder of Solstik Music, will DJ this event. Visit local vendors and try your hand at graffiti art on the Wakefield skate shack.

Check out more details on [FCPA's website](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services).

The Congressional App Challenge is Underway!

Every year, members of Congress challenge students in their Districts to create and submit their original apps for a chance to win the Congressional App Challenge . The [Congressional App Challenge](http://www.congressionalappchallenge.com) is an opportunity for high school students to be more engaged in coding in their Congressional District. U.S. Representatives publicly recognize their District's winning teams, and each winning app may be displayed in the U.S. Capitol Building for up to one year.

- Winning apps are eligible to be displayed in the U.S. Capitol Building and featured on the House of Representatives' [website](#)
- Winning students are invited to Capitol Hill for a reception

Visit the [Congressional App Challenge website](#), or [register today](#).

View the 2022 winning apps from Congressman Don Beyer's ([VA-08](#)) and Congressman Gerry Connolly's ([VA-11](#)) Districts. For more information and questions, contact [Zeena Saliba](#) (VA-08) or [Fatima Malik](#) (VA-11).

Mason Observatory – Your Passport to the Stars

Enjoy an evening under the stars at the Mason Observatory. Every other Tuesday evening shortly after sunset (weather permitting) the public can learn more about the stars, our solar system, galaxies, and celestial events. Scientific talks are approximately 30 minutes long, and the information presented is appropriate for ages 5 years and older.



Learn more on [George Mason's website](#).

Sing with the Fairfax Choral Society!

The Fairfax Choral Society (FCS) seeks new singers for all age levels. Celebrating over 60 years, FCS enriches lives through the performance, education, and appreciation of choral art for a wide variety of skill levels and age groups, available and accessible to all. Join in developing and encouraging the local arts community. Audition information is available on [FCS' website](#).

<p>♪ To Thee All Angels Cry Aloud Symphonic Chorus Sunday, October 22, 2023 – 4:00 pm St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, Clifton, VA</p>
<p>♪ Silent Auction Fundraiser Sunday, November 12, 2023 – 5:00 pm Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, Fairfax, VA</p>
<p>♪ Nowell! Sing Nowell! Youth Choruses Tuesday, December 5, 2023 – 7:00 pm Annandale United Methodist Church, Annandale, VA</p>
<p>♪ Light, Love, and Peace Symphonic Chorus, Vocal Arts Ensemble, Master Singers, and Concert Choir Sunday, December 10, 2023 – 7:00 pm Capital One Hall, Tysons, VA</p>
<p>♪ Christmas in Fairfax Symphonic Chorus and Vocal Arts Ensemble with the City of Fairfax Band Saturday, December 16, 2023 – 7:00 pm Fairfax High School Auditorium, Fairfax, VA</p>

Seasonal Items

October 9 Updates

This Monday is Indigenous Peoples' Day. Here are a few reminders:

- The Fairfax Connector will operate its holiday weekend service on Monday. See routes on the [Connector's website](#).
 - The [Fairfax Connector Store](#) will be open at their regularly scheduled times, and the Fairfax Connector Call Center will be available from 5:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

- The Office of Elections will be open, and early voting will be available at [three locations](#).

Early Voting is Happening Now!

Early voting for the November 7 election is underway.

In addition to the [school bond referendum](#), ballots for Braddock District residents include elections for the House of Delegates, State Senate, County Board of Supervisors, School Board, Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk of Court, and the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District Board.



You can vote early in person at the Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax) at the following times:

- **Weekdays** 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- **Saturdays** (October 28, November 4) 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- **Sunday** (Only October 29) 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

On October 26, 13 additional [early voting locations](#) throughout the County will open, and will remain open until Sunday, October 29.

Prefer to vote by mail? Mail-in ballot requests for the November 7 election must be received by Friday, October 27 at 5:00 p.m. You can [request your mail-in ballot online](#) or submit a paper application. Learn about ways to request and submit a mail-in ballot on the County's [Vote by Mail page](#).

There's still time to [Register to Vote](#) or update your voter registration. Learn more at the [Office of Elections site](#).

Workhouse Haunt

This year, the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton will host the 10th season of their haunted trail. This year's theme is Haunt: Game Over.

Haunt will run on weekends from Friday, October 6, through Saturday, October 28, and on Halloween night, Tuesday, October 31.

Each Friday and Saturday night, live bands will perform in the Rizer Pavilion on the Workhouse campus. Music entertainment is free, and no entrance fee is required to attend the performances. Food trucks, soft drinks, beer, wine, and themed-specialty drinks will be available for purchase on-site. Tickets for the haunted trail are on sale

now. Prices start at \$30 per person. Visit [Workhouse Arts' website](#) for the schedule and event details.

The Workhouse Haunt is a Northern Virginia tradition that serves not only as Halloween entertainment but also as an extension of the Workhouse Performing Arts Program, allowing local youth to practice their acting skills, set production, and overall theatrical skills from seasoned professionals.

Haunt: Game Over 2023 Schedule:

- Fridays – October 6, 13, 20, 27 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Saturdays – October 7, 14, 21, 28 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Sundays – October 8, 15, 22, 29 from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 31, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Cheer on the Patriots at Mason Madness

Wear your green and gold, and cheer on the Patriots at Mason Madness on Friday, October 13, at 7:00 p.m. at EagleBank Arena (4500 Patriot Cir, Fairfax).

Mason fans will be introduced to the student-athletes from the men's and women's basketball teams and hear from new men's basketball head coach Tony Skinn, and women's basketball head coach Vanessa Blair-Lewis. Each team will also participate in a scrimmage on the EagleBank Arena floor. The Green Machine pep band will perform throughout the evening. Mason Madness is FREE for all attendees, and no ticket is required. The first 2,000 fans in attendance will receive a complimentary Mason glow stick! Learn more on [GMU's website](#).



Low-Cost Animal Vaccinations & Microchips

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter will hold the next low-cost vaccination and microchip clinic for dogs and cats on Sunday, October 22.



All clinics will be from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter (4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax).

Space is limited to the first 150 people in line. Get there early to take advantage of these services! No pre-registration or appointment is required, and all paperwork will be completed at each clinic.

For more information about vaccines available and additional dates, visit the Animal Shelter's [website](#).

Marian Homes Shredding Event

Area non-profit Marian Homes will be hosting a document shredding event at Holy Spirit Catholic Church (5121 Woodland Way, Annandale) on Saturday, October 28 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Information about the shred can be found on [Marian Homes' Facebook](#). Donations to Marian Homes will be accepted.

FCPL Board of Trustees Meeting

The Fairfax Public Library's Board of Trustees meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Their next meeting is Wednesday, October 11 at the Chantilly Regional Library (4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly).

More information and materials for the meeting can be found on [FCPL's website](#).

Environment & Parks News

Installation of new playground at Lake Accotink Park!

The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) has completed the installation of the playground at Lake Accotink Park, including the spreading of mulch in the play area.



A walk-through inspection took place earlier this week to determine what final adjustments were needed to the equipment and play area. Funding for this project was made available thanks to a budget request by Supervisor Walkinshaw in the Fiscal Year 2023 Third Quarter Review process.

Stay tuned for the opening date this fall on FCPA's Playground [website](#).

Task Force on the Future of Lake Accotink Update

The Task Force on the Future of Lake Accotink held its sixth meeting on October 2. Craig Taylor, a Hydraulics and River Rehabilitation Specialist with consultant LimnoTech, gave a presentation on potential options for Lake Accotink. Topics included whether managing the lake as a wetland is a viable or potentially desirable option, whether a managed wetland option could include open water area(s), and how the dam could be incorporated into a managed



wetland option. Mr. Taylor discussed the features, amenities, and benefits different types of managed wetlands could provide.

The three subcommittees created to explore topics in more detail provided updates on their progress. Those groups are the Subcommittee on the Value of Lake Accotink to Lake Accotink Park and to the County, the Subcommittee on Impacts of and Issues with the County Staff Recommendation to Not Dredge, and the Subcommittee on Options to Consider Other than Traditional Full Dredging. The subcommittees are continuing to meet separately through the fall to analyze, review, and discuss their topics.

The next meeting of the full Task Force will be held on Monday, November 6, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 11 at the Government Center. Consultant LimnoTech will provide an update on their examination of the questions posed by the community and Task Force. The subcommittees will provide preliminary reports on their findings in preparation for a final Task Force Findings Report to be formalized on December 4.

Meetings are open to the public and interested community members are welcome to attend to observe the Task Force's work or live stream the meetings on [Channel 16](#). Recordings of previous meetings, meeting materials, minutes, and a full list of upcoming meetings of both the Task Force and subcommittees can be found on the Task Force on the Future of Lake Accotink [webpage](#).

FLAP Updates

The Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP) host several volunteer events on the second Sunday of each month.

Their Monthly Clean-Up is Sunday, October 8 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. You can find more information about the clean-up on [FLAP'S Eventbrite page](#).

You can view all volunteer opportunities for FLAP on their [Eventbrite](#) or text 'FLAP' to 22828 for monthly updates.



Road Raiders' October 9 Clean-Up at Royal Lake Park

The Kings Park West Road Raiders are hosting a clean-up at Royal Lake Park at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 9. They will be meeting at Royal Lake Park's entrance (5344 Gainsborough Dr, Fairfax).

If you'd like to join, email KPWRoadRaiders@gmail.com

October's Partial Solar Eclipse

An annular (ring-shaped) eclipse, also known as a "ring of fire" eclipse, will take place on October 14. The annular eclipse takes place when the moon is at its farthest point from Earth. It appears smaller than the sun and does not completely cover the sun, which results in a ring around the edge.



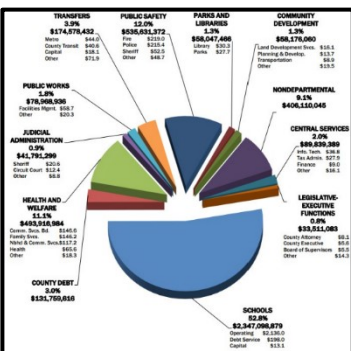
FCCA has prepared for extraordinary eclipse viewings throughout the County. Join experts to view the partial annular solar eclipse at one of three locations:

- Burke Lake Park (7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station) from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- Sully Historic Site (3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly) from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- Historic Huntley (6918 Harrison Lane, Alexandria) from 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Enjoy games, activities and demonstrations while waiting for the eclipse and at noon, watch as the moon partially eclipses the sun as they travel across the sky. A limited number of eclipse-viewing glasses and sun-spotting scopes will be available to view the eclipse at each location. Entry fee is \$10 per person at all locations, [register today](#) to secure a spot.

Participants should bring portable chairs and blankets. Learn more or register on [FCCA's website](#).

Park Authority Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Budget



FCCA welcomes public comment on the [FY 2025 budget proposals](#) and will receive all comments submitted on or before 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 20.

Comments may be submitted via email to Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov. Comments received will be shared with members of the Park Authority Board for their consideration before the ratification of the proposed budget.

October is Native Tree Month

Local plant nurseries are celebrating October as Native Tree Month, highlighting native trees, shrubs, and understory plants.

The [Plant Nova Trees website](#) has information about where to buy natives nearby, find tree walks, and tree plantings. If you need details or reminders about how to plant a tree or woody shrub, download the Fairfax Tree Commission's popular [Tree Basics booklet](#).



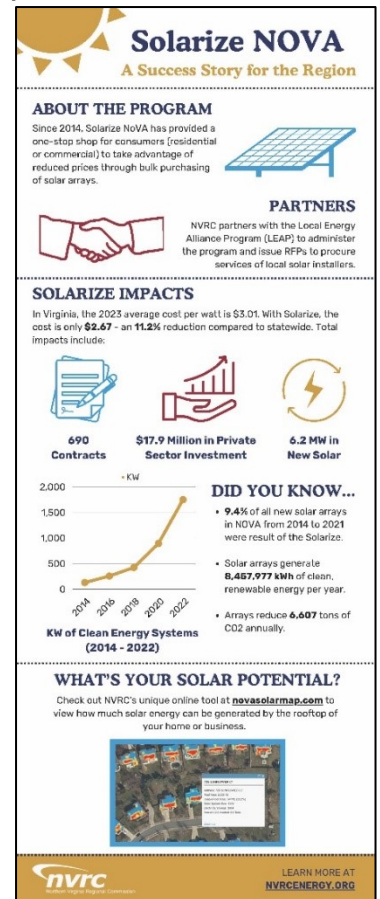
Update on the Solarize NoVa Program

The Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) and their local government partners, the Local Energy Alliance Program, and local solar installers recently shared data on the impact of the Solarize NoVA program. Here are some of the results:

1. From 2014 to 2021, 9.4% of all new arrays in Northern Virginia were the result of the Local Energy Alliance Program.
2. Nearly 1 in every 10 solar arrays in the region were the result of the Solarize program.
3. The program through 2022 has resulted in 690 contracts for 6.2 megawatts of solar with a private sector investment of nearly \$18 million.
4. The arrays produce enough renewable energy to offset 6,220 tons of CO2 on an annual basis.
5. One local solar installer has grown from 100 employees four years ago to slightly more than 300 in 2023 as a result of the volume of work they are receiving including from the Solarize NoVA program!

Although Solarize NoVa is not taking more applications this year, residents and business owners are still encouraged to visit [NVRC's Energy website](#) for information on a wide variety of energy efficiency programs and other incentives to help reduce energy use.

[View the Solarize NoVA dashboard](#) to view all projects through 2022.



Compliance Corner

Fitted Vehicle Covers – With falling leaves, cooler temperatures, and winter weather coming, you may decide to protect your vehicles with fitted covers. The Zoning Ordinance has regulations about vehicles under cover. Here is information to help keep you in compliance:

- On lots located in Residential Zoning Districts and residential areas of Planned Districts, up to two vehicles can be stored outside under a fitted cover.
 - Additional vehicles may be kept outside on the lot, but not under a cover.
- There are no regulations specific to fitted vehicle covers for commercial or industrial zoning districts.
- Vehicles under a tarp are regulated as outdoor storage. Limitations on outdoor storage vary based on zoning district.

- To learn more about outdoor storage regulations, [visit the County's website](#) and search "outdoor storage."

Information about vehicle covers and other [vehicle storage regulations](#) is available by [visiting the County's website](#) and searching "vehicle storage."

How does the Department of Code Compliance (DCC) enforce codes?

- DCC Investigators inspect and photograph the property to determine if there is a violation and try to contact the property owner to discuss the nature of the complaint or violation.
- If there is a violation, a Notice of Violation (NOV) is issued directing the property owner to resolve the violation.
- The NOV provides the owner with a specific timeline to come into compliance.
- DCC Investigators reinspect the property after the provided time to comply has expired to determine whether the violation has been resolved.
- Failure to comply with the NOV can result in the County taking legal action, such as seeking civil penalties or a court order to resolve the violation.

DCC accepts complaints and concerns about potential violations on the [DCC website](#), or by telephone during regular business hours, at (703) 324-1300.

Transportation Updates

Public Hearings for VRE's Proposed Fare Increase

The [public comment period](#) for changes to Virginia Railway Express (VRE) fares, as proposed in the [Fiscal Year 2025 budget](#), is open until Thursday, November 16 at 5:00 p.m. The proposed budget provides for the first-ever operation of VRE weekend service, as well as a proposal to allow children under 18 to ride free and changes to simplify fare payment.

Individuals interested in providing comment may do so at one of four public hearings, via mail, email, telephone, or fax. Public hearings are scheduled for:

- Monday, October 16 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. at WMATA Headquarters (300 7th Street SW, Washington, DC)
- Wednesday, October 18 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Manassas Museum (9101 Prince William Street, Manassas)
- Tuesday, October 24 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. via [VRE's YouTube channel](#)
- Thursday, October 26 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Fredericksburg City Hall (715 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg)

Public comments may also be sent by:

- *Mailing*

VRE FY 2025 Budget Public Comment
1500 King Street, Suite 202
Alexandria, VA 22314

- Emailing publiccomment@vre.org
- Calling (540) 524-2662
- Faxing (703) 684-1313

Transportation Projects Considered for Funding

Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) has developed a [proposed list of projects that will be narrowed down further with input from the](#)



[community](#) to receive a portion of \$100 million funding allocated by the Board of Supervisors. To fund safer active transportation facilities, the Board approved \$100 million in new funding for one-time investments in pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure through FY 2027. [To date, 30.2 million of the dedicated \\$100 million has been allocated for active transportation improvements and maintenance.](#)

FCDOT held two virtual community meetings to present how the current list of projects was developed, including the methodology and criteria staff used to select projects for consideration. The project list was narrowed down from a list of over 2,000 unfunded projects to 317. To further narrow down projects for the third round of funding, public input is sought from the community through an online survey.

- [Watch the October 3 Meeting](#)

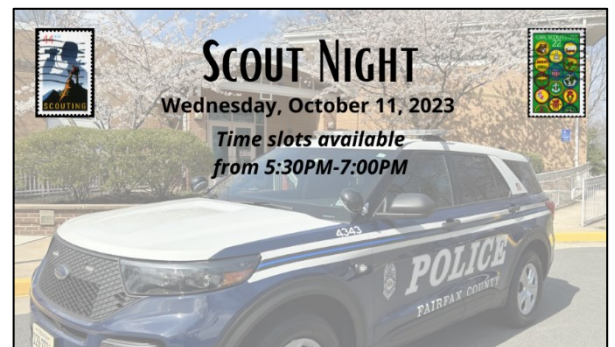
Review the projects in your neighborhood, search for projects on an interactive map, and see criteria used to develop project lists before you take the online survey (open until October 16) on [FCDOT's website](#).

Public Safety

Scout Night

Officers from the West Springfield District Station will be hosting a Scout Night on Wednesday, October 11, between 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

If your den or troop would like to visit the police station and speak with officers, please contact them for available times. Officers will give a presentation to the kids in the community room, a video tour of the station, and then a hands-on tour

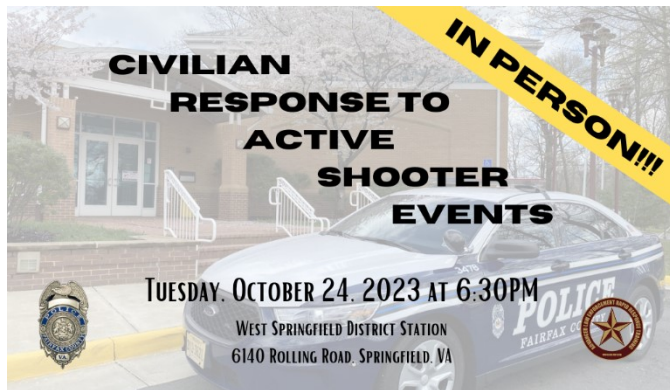


of the police car outside. Space is limited to one den/troop every half hour. Slots are 5:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.

If older scouts need specific requirements for a badge, arrangements can be made. Please contact either PFC Liam May at (703) 277-2357 or MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363 for scheduling or further questions.

Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) Lecture

Because an active violence event can take place anywhere in the world, the community needs to be prepared with how to respond. This lecture, on Tuesday, October 24, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., will help participants learn about attackers, disaster response, and how to prepare for and respond to being trapped in a building during an active violence event.



The training will include a review of past events, the steps law enforcement will take to assist and limit casualties, and answer your questions. This training is open to anyone in the community, but some of the material may be disturbing.

This training will be in person at the West Springfield District Station community room (6140 Rolling Road, Springfield).

Contact MPO Tony Capizzi at (703) 277-2363 with further questions.

FCPD's Drone Program Leading the Way in Fairfax

Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) has used drones for small jobs since 2019, but in the past year, FCPD's drone program has expanded to assist the department's helicopter program with a lot more detailed work.

In May 2019, the Fairfax County Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) program, more commonly known as its drone program, was approved to be used by the Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department, Department of Emergency Management (DEMS), Fairfax County Police Department and the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office. Since then, their place in FCPD's public safety operations has been an invaluable tool for FCPD.



A recent example of the benefit of drones was an armed barricade incident in Fair Oaks. Officers and members of FCPD's Crisis Negotiation Team were on the scene negotiating

with an armed man who barricaded himself inside his home. A drone provided officers, negotiators, and our Co-Responder team with invaluable eyes on the situation. The drone's continuous view, along with our officer's ability to create time and space in this situation, were factors that allowed for a peaceful resolution to this tense situation.

FCPD's drones are not weaponized and are equipped with high-resolution cameras and recording devices. The expansion of the drone unit and the means to have rapid deployment, tactical support, and real-time information for officers during critical incidents is just one of the many ways FCPD is keeping Fairfax County safe. Read more about drones on [FCPD's website](#).

Human Services Corner

Nominations for Disability Inclusion and Equality Awards Due by October 20

Do you know an individual or organization that excels in providing equal rights and community inclusion for people with disabilities in the Fairfax area?

[Nominate them](#) for the Fairfax Area Disability Services Board's 2023 Martha Glennan Disability Inclusion and Equality Award.



Martha Glennan

Disability Inclusion and Equality Awards

Presented by the Fairfax Area — Disability Services Board

Award winners are honored for demonstrating a commitment to promoting equal rights and community inclusion for people with disabilities and receive an award, presented at an annual awards ceremony on Monday, December 11, at 6:30 p.m. at the Government Center (12011 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax | Conference Rooms 200/206).

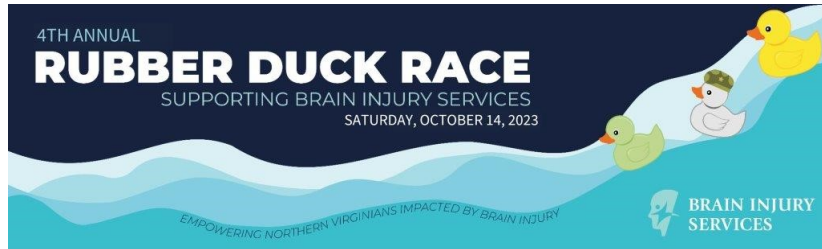
The three award categories include:

- Individual
- Group
- Self-advocate

Nominations are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 20. Visit [Fairfax County's website](#) for more information. If you have questions, email disabilityrights@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Annual Rubber Duck Race for Brain Injury Awareness

Brain Injury Services is hosting its annual Rubber Duck race on Saturday, October 14, at 6:00 p.m. at Cub Run Rec Center's Lazy River (4630 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly).



More information about participating and sponsorships is available on [Brain Injury Services' website](#).

ECHO's Semi-Annual Yard Sale

ECHO's popular semi-annual Yard Sale will be held Saturday, October 28 from 8:00 a.m. to noon in the gym of St. Bernadette's school, 7600 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Come join the hunt for treasures among the rows and rows of kitchen items, home decorations, fashion accessories, electronics, jewelry, and much more at great prices. Proceeds benefit ECHO. More information about the yard sale and other ECHO events are available on [their website](#).



Annandale United Methodist Church Seeks Donations

The Annandale United Methodist Church's Mission Center hosts a weekly food distribution, and they are requesting donations of gently used children's coats of all ages and sizes and adult diapers of all sizes; they will take partially opened packages.



Want to help? You can drop off your donations at the Annandale UMC Mission Center (7901 Heritage Drive, Annandale) Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. If the Mission Center is closed or no one is available, a large wood donation box is located outside the two red doors where items can be left.

You may also drop off your donations at the Braddock District Office (9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke) Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. A donation box is also located outside the Braddock District office for after-hours drop-offs.

If you have any questions, contact Irma Mejia-Lewis at irma.mejia-lewis@fairfaxcounty.gov or call (703) 425-9300.

Loss Support Groups

Haven of Nova offers in-person and virtual loss support groups for parents, those who have lost someone to suicide, widows, and more. The schedule for their ongoing and six-week support groups, and special presentations are available on [Haven of Nova's website](#).

Fairfax Area Student “Shark Tank” Technology Challenge

The Fairfax Area 50+ Technology Committee is issuing a challenge to high school students in Fairfax County, Fairfax City, and the City of Falls Church to develop an innovative device or app that will have a positive impact in lives of older adults and adults with disabilities with their [“Shark Tank” Technology Challenge](#).



Many older adults and adults with disabilities struggle every day to live comfortably in this ever-changing world – a world that is often not designed to accommodate their highly specialized needs. The widely watched televised *Shark Tank* is a platform for inventors of all ages to submit innovative, marketable product ideas that will successfully cater to today’s popular culture. This contest opportunity seeks young innovators who will take up the challenge of designing practical products and applications that older adults and adults with disabilities can independently operate to make the world more user-friendly.

Details on how to enter, past winners, and other helpful information and resources can be found on the [County’s website](#).

Results of 2022-2023 Fairfax County Youth Survey

The School Year 2022-2023 [Fairfax County Youth Survey](#) has been successfully completed. Since its inception, the survey has provided insights about the behaviors and attitudes that affect the health and well-being of Fairfax County youth.

A total of 27,814 students in 8th, 10th, and 12th grades participated in the survey, representing 64.7% of all 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students enrolled in Fairfax County Public Schools (excluding alternative schools). Simultaneously, a total of 11,384 students participated in the 2022 Fairfax County Youth Survey of 6th Grade Students, representing 84.9% of all 6th grade students enrolled.



Overall, the percentage of students who reported risky behaviors continued to decrease this year in many areas including substance use, sexual activity, and aggressive and delinquent behavior. Mental health indicators including feelings of sadness/hopelessness, suicidal ideations, and suicide attempts, also improved noticeably compared to 2021. Students who reported the recommended amount of physical activity increased compared to the prior year as well. While the percentage of students who reported spending one hour or more on extracurricular activities went up from 2021, the rate was still significantly lower than the pre-pandemic rates. Most Fairfax County students

reported they feel safe at their school. Read more about the report's findings, and find the full report on [the County's website](#).

Resources for Older Adults

AARP's Life at 50+ Academy

On Saturday, October 7 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Mt. Olive Baptist Church (6600 Old Centreville Road, Centreville) join AARP Virginia and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s Lambda Kappa Omega Chapter and Alpha Beta Alpha Omega Chapter for a special

event designed to help you make plans for better living.

AARP Virginia Life@50+ **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.**

Pamela Sams
AARP Retirement Planning Speaker

Karen D. Morgan, Esq.
AARP Fraud Fighter

Katherine Ponds
AARP Caregiving Specialist

Keynote Speaker
Dr. Denise King-Miller
Founder of Seventy Forever

Genesis Brown
AARP Decluttering Specialist

October 7, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. Mt. Olive Baptist Church

You'll get information and resources on caregiving costs, downsizing and decluttering, frauds and scams, Social Security, and retirement planning. This is your opportunity to gather information and reflect on important life matters you are faced with today or may face tomorrow. The tips and tools will help you make your own decisions about how you want to live.

Lunch is provided, [registration](#) is requested.

Caregiver Programming

See Me at the Smithsonian: Hung Liu: Portraits of Promised Lands October 25 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

This program is offered in collaboration with Access Smithsonian that provides the See Me program with an intellectual engagement, socialization, and an opportunity for caregivers and their loved ones with dementia to spend time together in a relaxed setting. Join this virtual interactive program for a conversation about the portraits of the Asian American artist Hung Liu. We will look at a selection of works by Hung Liu that show her amazing skill and the people and stories that she valued. It will be a time of relaxing and looking closely at the paintings to make meaning and simply enjoy some time together.

[Register to participate](#) in this free, virtual webinar on October 25 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Exploring Kinship Caregiver Support October 27 from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

If you are raising a relative's child, you are a Kinship Caregiver. Nearly three million children in the United States, close to 70,000 children in Virginia, and about 4,000 children in Fairfax County are being raised in kinship care by grandparents, relatives, or close family friends when their parents are unable to do so. The 2020 American community survey indicates that over 3,800 grandparents are raising grandchildren in Fairfax County. Join this panel to discuss unique challenges, the rewards of Kinship caregiving, explore how to handle family dynamics and boundaries, and how to find support and resources.

[Register](#) for this virtual program on October 27 from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

For questions, call (703) 324-5374 | TTY 711. Learn more about programs and services for caregivers on the Department of Family Services Family Caregiver Support Programs' [website](#).

Senior Cool Care Program

Are you in need of additional cooling? The [Senior Cool Care Program](#) is a public-private partnership sponsored by Dominion Energy and administered by the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services through the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging that helps low-income older citizens in the Fairfax County jurisdiction keep cool during the summer months. The program runs until October 31.



The program provides additional cooling at home for eligible older adults aged 60 and older. If you are interested in learning more about the program, contact [Allegra Joffe](#), or call (703) 324-2019.

Free Community Events at the Wellness Center for Older Adults

4027B Olley Lane, Fairfax, VA | Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

October 2023

October 2	October 3	October 4	October 5	October 6
	10:00-2:00 'Brown Bag' Medication Safety Event 2:00 Chair Zumba*	10:30 Creativity Leads to Wellness	10:00-10:30 Morning Mindfulness 10:30-11:30 Life Skills Group 1:00 Chair Yoga*	1:00 Movie Club: TBD
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30 1:00 Karaoke: Halloween Theme	31 11:00-1:00 Halloween Bash	Call 703-970-3601 or email VAwellnesscenter@servicesource.org *Activities are streamed with in-person adaptation **Red = Community Partner-Led event		

Program Descriptions (listed alphabetically)

Birthday Celebration

Happy Birthday October babies! Play Bingo at 11:00 a.m. on the last Friday of the month and reserve your slice of cake.

Blood Pressure Screenings

[American Health Care Professionals](#) offer free blood pressure checks and nurse consultations. Appointments are in 30-minute increments, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., and walk-ins are welcome. You can also call or email to reserve an appointment.

Chair Yoga

Chair yoga is a beneficial form of yoga for any fitness level, from active seniors to those recovering from an injury. **This class is streamed with in-person adaptations**

Chair Zumba

Grab a chair at the wellness center! Move to music in this low-impact exercise. **This class is streamed with in-person adaptations**

Creativity Leads to Wellness

Join creative art sessions led by local artist, Sharon Fishel, from [McLean Project for the Arts](#). This class will focus on individuals discovering their creativity working in the mediums of drawings, paintings, and mixed-media collages. All materials will be provided.

Fun Brain Train

Keep your brain sharp and focused with Brain Games. Join us as we do logic puzzles, trivia, or other mind games to keep the brain healthy and active.

Halloween Bash

Come have some fun at our "Monster Mash" Halloween Bash. Enjoy pizza, a witches' brew, and activities. Lunch reservation required; costumes optional.

Karaoke: Halloween Theme

Don your spooky accessories. Be our guest for the day with some Halloween-themed activities, music, and nonalcoholic drinks while singing spook-tacular tunes.

Life Skills Group

Join George Mason Social Work Fellows to learn tools to strengthen your "Wise Mind." In this group you will focus on building and practicing skills that help you navigate your mind, body, emotions, and your relationships with others.

Memory Screenings

[Insight Memory Care Center](#) offers free, confidential memory screenings and educational materials to people with concerns about their memory or who want to check their memory now for future comparison. Call to reserve a 30-minute appointment at (703) 970-3601.

VCAA – Virtual Center for Active Adults Programs

Join live, interactive programs, and engage with other adults. **These activities are streamed for in-person adaptations.*

- S.A.I.L. = Stay Active and Independent for Life exercise

Land Use & Development

UPCOMING MEETINGS & HEARINGS

Health Care Advisory Board Hearing on Application for Special Exception for Friends Adult Day Care

- October 9 at 7:30 p.m. – Government Center Room 232 and Virtual

Board of Supervisors Hearing on Day Property Rezoning

- October 10 at 3:30 p.m. – Board Auditorium

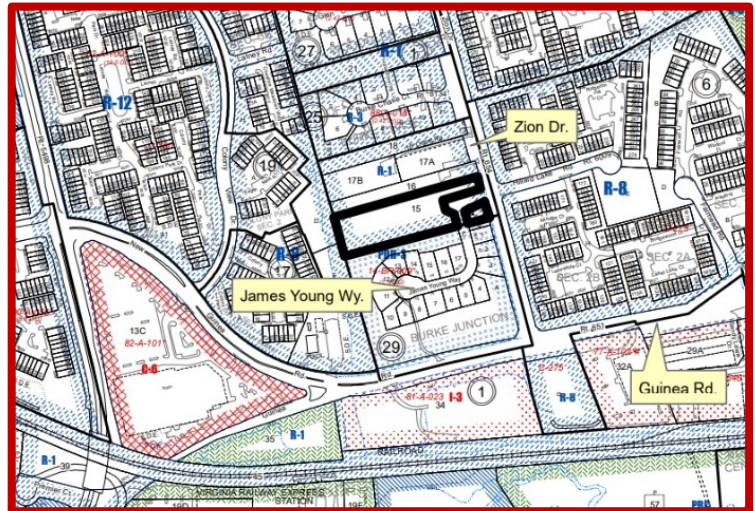
Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee Meeting

- October 17 at 7:00 p.m. – Virtual

Rezoning of the Mary Day Property on Zion Drive Scheduled for Board of Supervisors Hearing on October 10

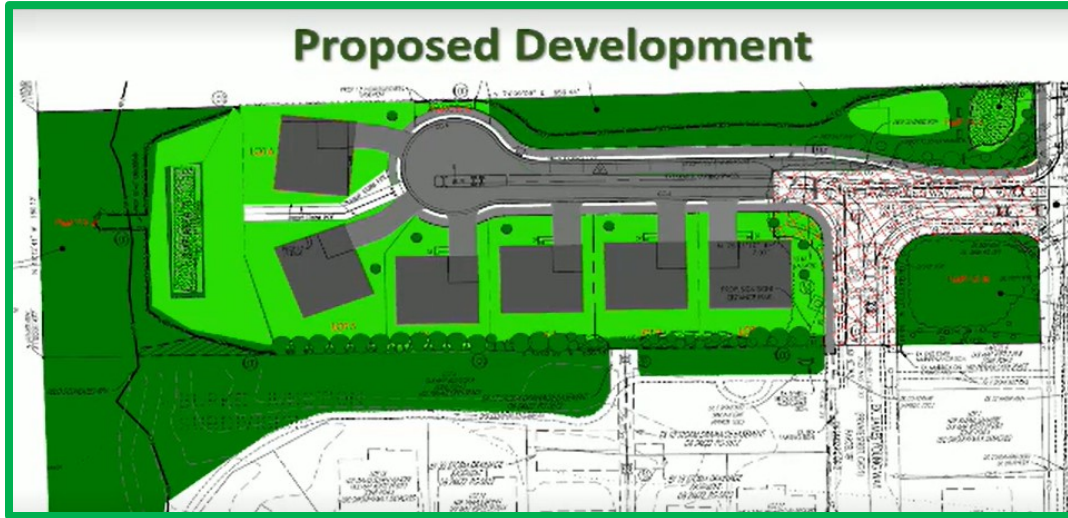
On July 27, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of a rezoning proposal for 10121 Zion Drive, a wooded, undeveloped site known as the Mary Day property. This 2.8-acre site is located on the west side of Zion Drive, just north of its intersection with Guinea Road and adjacent to the Burke Junction community.

The applicant has proposed rezoning the property from the R-1 District to the PDH-3 District to build six single-family detached homes. Access to the property would be provided through an extension of James Young Way, a private street that connects to Zion Drive opposite Hillard Lake Road and links to the Burke Junction neighborhood to the south. The applicant has stated that they intend to make this development compatible with Burke Junction.



Prior to the Planning Commission hearing, the applicant made a number of revisions to address concerns on issues including landscaping, tree preservation, and details on the establishment of a Homeowners Association (HOA). The development plan was revised to more clearly identify the widths of the proposed landscape buffer along the southern border of Lots 1, 2, 3, and 5 and easement at the rear of Lot 4, which now range from 5 to 8 feet. Specific language was included to clarify that construction activities on the Day property will not cut into the critical root zones or damage any off-site trees. This was a major concern of the residents of the Burke Junction community.

Although the proposed houses are of similar height to those in Burke Junction, they are higher in elevation due to the topography. The applicant revised the proffers to state that the basements on Lots 1 through 4 would be buried a minimum of 6 feet, as opposed to being walk-out, to make them more comparable in appearance. The floor height of rear decks has also been limited from a maximum of 11 feet above ground level to a maximum of 5 feet above grade on Lots 1 through 4. Decks on Lots 1 and 2, which are adjacent to the Burke Junction pergola and open space, will only be permitted to extend 12 feet into the minimum rear yard.



Regarding HOA membership, an interpretation request submitted by the applicant determined that the current owner or future owners of the application property are not precluded from joining the Burke Junction HOA subject to the provisions in the Burke Junction HOA governing documents. Based on that, the proffers for the Mary Day property have been written to allow for either annexation of the new development into the Burke Junction HOA or establishment of a separate and independent HOA. The applicant will either relocate the existing Burke Junction monument sign to Zion Drive if the new community is annexed into the Burke Junction HOA or install a separate monument sign for the new community if they do not merge.

At the Planning Commission hearing, residents of the adjacent Burke Junction community expressed concerns that the revisions presented by the applicant had not been fully discussed with them and the hearing format did not give them an opportunity to ask questions. Supervisor Walkinshaw held a community meeting on September 13 to give the residents an opportunity to meet with the applicant and get answers to their questions regarding elevation, grading, landscaping, and the potential merger of HOAs in advance of the Board of Supervisors hearing.

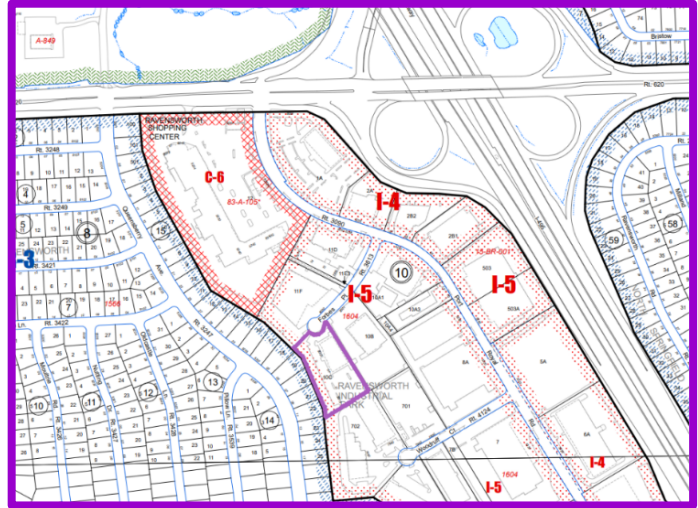
A Staff Report analyzing the proposed rezoning was published on February 1, and memos updating the Planning Commission on subsequent revisions were issued on May 17, June 14, July 20, and July 26. Reports and project plans are available on the [PLUS website](#). Select the "Zoning" tab and enter the application number, RZ-2021-BR-00018, in the search box on the right side. Click on the "Record Information" arrow on the left and then click on "Attachments" in the drop-down menu. The most recent documents should be at the end of the list. The PLUS website is updated in real time, so any revised information will be available when submitted.

A hearing before the Board of Supervisors has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 10 at 3:30 p.m. in the Board Auditorium. Testimony may be provided in person, by video, by phone, or in writing. For details and submission deadlines, see the [Speaker Sign Up Form](#). Anyone wishing to testify is encouraged to register in advance.

Application Filed for Adult Day Care Facility at 8003 Forbes Place

Friends Adult Day Care has filed an application for a Special Exception to operate an adult day care facility on the third floor of an existing office building at 8003 Forbes Place in Springfield, near the intersection of Forbes Place and Port Royal Road and south of the Ravensworth Shopping Center. The property is zoned to the I-5 District.

The applicant had operated an adult day care within the Calvary Church of the Nazarene in Annandale and now proposes to relocate and enlarge its operation. According to the application, they are proposing to convert the third floor, or approximately 15,329 square feet, of the office building to adult day care use for up to 200 adults, with the first two floors of the building remaining occupied by office uses. A grassy area along the side of the building, measuring approximately 20 feet by 170 feet, would be used for outdoor recreation, consisting primarily of walking. Four standard picnic tables would be located in that area. Approximately 40 employees would be on site at any one time. Operating hours would be 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays. The applicant has stated that there would be minimal traffic impact, because the majority of clients would arrive by buses or minivans. The daily impact is estimated at 100 trips, primarily at 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.



The Health Care Advisory Board (HCAB) will hold a public meeting to review this Special Exception application on Monday, October 9, at 7:30 p.m. in Government Center Room 232. The meeting will also be available via Zoom:

us06web.zoom.us/j/83920983341?pwd=TIuUXDObCjcnbgasb3C9AViOdDU3az.1

Password: 455922

Or via telephone: (888) 270-9936, Conference Code 4401533

The HCAB reviews zoning and Special Exception applications for medical care facilities from a health care rather than a land use perspective, and they will make recommendations regarding the proposal to the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission. At the October 9 meeting, the applicant will have 15 minutes to present the proposal, then HCAB will ask questions and discuss the proposal, hear public comments, and develop its report. Written comments will be considered if they are received prior to the HCAB meeting. Send comments to:

Sara Brinkmoeller
HCAB Staff Coordinator, Health Department
10777 Main Street, Suite 200
Fairfax, Virginia, 22030

Comments may also be [emailed](#). Questions on the HCAB hearing should be directed to HCAB staff at (703) 246-8679.

Information on the Special Exception application is available on the [PLUS website](#). If the record does not show up from the link, select the "Zoning" tab and enter the application number, SE-2023-BR-00015, in the search box on the right side. Click on the "Record Information" arrow on the left and then click on "Attachments" in the drop-down menu. The most recent documents should be at the end of the list. Details on the application are typically in the "Statement of Justification," and the "Special Exception Plat" shows the drawings.

A hearing before the Planning Commission on the Special Exception application has been scheduled for November 15. A Board of Supervisors hearing has not yet been scheduled.

Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will hold a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, October 17, at 7:00 p.m.** The agenda will include updates on pending Braddock District land use cases and related proposals.

Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee meetings are open to the public and interested residents are encouraged to participate. Join [online](#) or by phone: (571) 429-5982, Phone Conference ID: 730 922 969#.

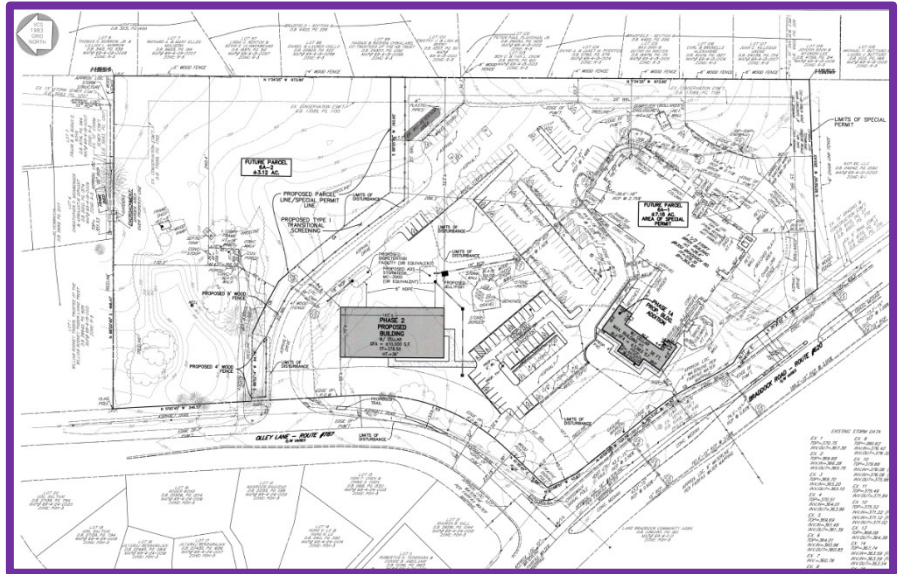
Church of the Good Shepherd Applies for Special Permit Amendment to Subdivide Its Property

The Church of the Good Shepherd has applied for a Special Permit Amendment for their 10.31-acre property at 9350 Braddock Road in Burke. In general terms, the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance allows religious assembly uses to locate within residential zoning districts under the controls, limitations, and regulations of a Special Permit approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). Similar to a Special Exception, the purpose of this is to help ensure the proposal is compatible with the surrounding residential uses. The Church of the Good Shepherd has received several Special Permit approvals over the years, the most recent of which was approved by the BZA on May 13, 2003. That approval permitted building additions, site modifications, and an increase in land area for the Church and a nursery school. The approval included a large playfield on the northernmost portion of the site.

According to representatives from the Church, they want to sell approximately 3.12 acres of land at the northern end of their property as they no longer anticipate a need for all of the building improvements or the playfield approved in the 2003 application. The remaining 7.185 acres will continue to be used by the Church, with two possible phases of additional development on that land.

The prior approval permitted four phases of future development. Phase 1 was an addition to the existing church, which has been constructed. Phase 1B was an additional expansion of the existing building by approximately 9,000 square feet, and phases 2 and 3 allowed for the construction of a new worship center and an administrative building totaling 29,587 square feet of gross floor area. The plans also included a large playfield.

In conjunction with the request for the deletion of land area from the Special Permit, the Church is also seeking to reduce the ultimate size of the previously approved improvements. The building addition approved as Phase 1B would be reduced to approximately 3,963 square feet, and the approved sanctuary capacity of 900 seats would be reduced to 688. In addition, Phases 2 and 3 would be combined into a single building referred to as Phase 2 and consisting of approximately 10,000 square feet. The Church would continue to operate a nursery school with a maximum enrollment of 99 children. The conservation easement along the eastern property line, which is approximately 34 feet wide, would be maintained and enhanced with supplemental trees and evergreens. Twenty-five feet of transitional screening would be provided between the Church and the new parcel that would be separated.



The applicant is not proposing any new uses on the parcel that is to be separated, nor are they proposing a rezoning of the property removed from the Church's parcel. This application would only remove 3.12 acres of land from the Church's Special Permit area and that land would revert to what is currently permitted by right in the R-1 Zoning District, which is residential use at a density of one house per acre with a minimum lot size of 36,000 square feet. Any development proposals beyond that would require a Comprehensive Plan amendment and rezoning approval by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.

The Special Permit Amendment application was accepted on August 24. Pursuant to the Special Permit standards in the Zoning Ordinance, staff will be looking at what the removal of 3.12 acres of land from the Special Permit area means for the continued function and operation of the Church use. No decisions will be made on the future of the 3.12 acres as a result of this application.

The Special Permit process is open and transparent and public input is encouraged. Residents may submit comments to bzaclerkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov. The Statement of Justification from the applicant and the Special Permit plat are available on the [PLUS website](#). If the link doesn't take you directly to the application, select the "Zoning" tab and enter the application number, SPA-81-A-025-02, in the search box on the right side. Click on the magnifying glass and you will see the application. Click on the "Record Info" arrow on the left and then click on "Attachments" in the drop-down menu. The most recent documents will be at the end of the list. The PLUS website is updated in real time, so any updates will be available when submitted.

The BZA hearing has been scheduled for December 6 at 9:00 a.m., and the public is welcome to attend and provide testimony. The decision in this matter will be made by the Board of Zoning Appeals, a quasi-judicial body consisting of seven at-large members and one alternate who are appointed by the Circuit Court of Fairfax County. The application does not go before the Board of Supervisors and the Board has no role in the decision-making process.

Update on Construction at Woodleigh Chase

The construction team is actively working through the punch list process on the first three buildings at Erickson Living's Woodleigh Chase campus on Braddock Road. During this process, the contractor goes through the buildings and identifies any work that has not been completed, anything that was damaged during construction and needs to be repaired, or other minor fixes needed before the final inspection. At Emerson Square, the community building in the center of the three buildings, work is approximately 98 percent complete, punched, and almost ready for the community. At Fulton Landing, the residential building connected to Emerson Square on the west, the contractor has punched up to the fourth level and is putting finishes in the common area. At Stafford Glen to the east, quality control inspections are underway in preparation for the punch list process. Landscaping is being installed at the main entry to Emerson Square.



Construction of the next phase of buildings is now underway. Although it isn't visible from Braddock Road, work has started on the fourth residential building, located just south of Fulton Landing. Progress on the garage level is visible in the photo.



Update on Ilda's Overlook Senior Residences on Braddock Road

The Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing's 80-unit affordable senior project on Braddock Road is 90 percent complete. Installation of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing trim and fixtures is continuing. Appliances are continuing to be delivered and installed. The second-floor unit flooring has been completed. Units are being cleaned and punched. Around the exterior, caulking and landscaping work is continuing.

Over the next few weeks, elevator construction will continue. First floor unit flooring, fourth floor corridor flooring and wall sconces, and wall coverings will be installed. Additional units will be cleaned and punched. Exterior light poles will be put up, and building signage will be installed. Toward the end of the month, the parking lot will receive a topcoat of asphalt.

Construction should be completed in late November. For those who are interested, APAH has a website where potential residents can sign up for more information. There is also a phone number for the property management team.

Website: https://ildasoverlooksenior.com/?utm_knock=g#

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Cases Filed with the Board of Zoning Appeals

The Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) hears and makes decisions on requests for variances (relief from specific zoning regulations such as lot width, building height, or minimum yard requirements) and Special Use Permits. It meets on Wednesdays beginning at 9:00 a.m. BZA meetings are 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 in person, by telephone, or by pre-submitted video. For information on how to submit comments or testify, please visit the [Board of Zoning Appeals website](#). These matters will not come before the Board of Supervisors but will be decided by the BZA. Staff reports are normally available online a week before the scheduled hearing.

Access to information on BZA cases is available through the Planning and Land Use System, or PLUS. This system allows users to create and submit applications online, pay fees, track the status of applications, and receive electronic notifications. It also offers more information to the public than the previous system and does so in real time. Visit the [PLUS website](#) for more information on this land use platform.

➤ **Nandor Szuprics & Erika B. Szuprics – 4800 Treasure Court, Fairfax
SP-2022-BR-00184**

The applicants requested a reduction in setback requirements to permit an open deck to remain 4.8 feet from the rear lot line. The BZA approved this application on September 20. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

➤ **Sara Marie Burke dba BAMB: Burke Academy Mentoring Minds– 6709 Caneel Court, Springfield
SP-2023-BR-00013**

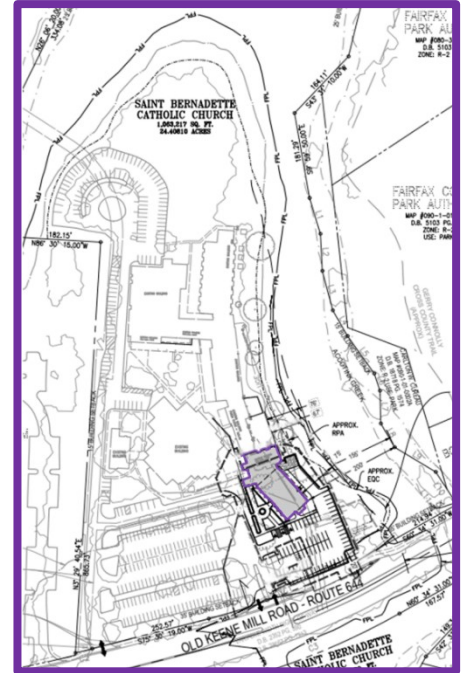
The applicant requested approval to expand a home childcare facility to care for 12 children. Arrival times would be between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m. School-age children would be transported to school via the daycare van at 8:40 a.m. and returned to the site after school at 3:30 p.m. Pick-up times would be between 4:45 and 6:00 p.m. The BZA approved this application on September 20. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

➤ **Farzaneh Hajiaghazorgi and Nini Daycare LLC – 5002 Wheatstone Drive, Fairfax
SP-2022-BR-00177**

The applicant requested a Special Permit to expand a home childcare facility to care for 12 children and a reduction in setback requirements based on errors in building location for an accessory structure to remain 0.0 feet from a side lot line. The childcare is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Arrival times would be between 7:30 and 9:15 a.m. Pick-up times would be between 2:45 and 5:00 p.m. There would be four employees, two for the morning shift and two for the afternoon shift. Parking would be in the driveway and along the street. The BZA approved this application on September 20. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

➤ **Saint Bernadette Catholic Church and School – 7600 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield
SPA-78-S-276-03**

The applicant is requesting to amend their Special Permit previously approved for a Place of Worship, Private School of General Education, and Child Care Center to allow for modifications to site and development conditions to permit construction of a fellowship hall, and to make condition modifications. A new two-story building with 13,500 square feet of gross floor area would be added on a portion of the existing parking lot and connect to an existing church building. The first floor would include meeting rooms, classrooms for church programs, and administrative facilities. The second floor would include a fellowship hall. Although the number of parking spaces would be reduced, the total would exceed the requirement under the previously granted parking reduction. At the applicant's request, the BZA hearing on this application has been deferred until November 15. Additional information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).



➤ **Trustees of the Church of the Good Shepherd – 9350 Braddock Road, Burke
SPA-81-A-025-02**

The Church is requesting to amend its previous approval for religious assembly and a childcare center to permit site modifications and the removal of approximately 3.12 acres from its existing Special Permit. See article in the Land Development section of this newsletter for more details. The BZA hearing on this application has been scheduled for December 6. Additional information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

If you have questions regarding these land use cases or any other issues of concern to you, please email braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov, or call the Braddock District office at (703) 425-9300.
