



Community Items of Interest
CCVCA General Membership Meeting
September 25, 2018

Paving on Braddock Road Between Shirley Gate and Campus Drive

Fairfax Water will be closing eastbound and westbound lanes, each at different times, throughout out the day on Braddock Road starting Monday, September 24 and concluding on Friday, September 28.

Join Supervisor John Cook's Out of Darkness Team for Suicide Prevention Month

Supervisor Cook is organizing a team to raise awareness for suicide prevention at the Out of Darkness Walk hosted by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. The walk takes place on Saturday, September 29th, at the Veteran's Amphitheater 10489 Armstrong Street (in front of City Hall), Fairfax, VA. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the walk begins at 11 a.m. Registration is free and open to the public.

To join Supervisor Cook's team

visit: <https://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=186986>

or call his office at 703-425-9300.

New Short-Term Lodging Regulations

The County's new regulations to allow short-term lodging will go into effect on Oct. 1, 2018. Starting on that date, short-term lodging operators must apply for a new \$200 two-year zoning permit. You can find a full list of the new regulations, the application form, and a FAQ page with answers to questions you may have related to short-term lodging operations here: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/zoning/short-term-property-rentals>. If you have additional questions regarding operation of short-term lodging, contact the Zoning Administration Division at 703-324-1314 (TTY 711) or send an email to: ORDADMIN@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Community Comments Wanted on Proposed Braddock Road Pedestrian Overpasses

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

Members of the community suggested that the County research pedestrian overpasses as part of the Braddock Road Multimodal Study. The overpasses would provide an "elevated crossing alternative" that would not affect traffic flow at major intersections on Braddock Road. These overpasses would further

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

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

This is a great opportunity for Braddock citizens to plan their community’s infrastructure that will be here for years to come. Please take part in this democratic process by contacting John Cook’s office and attending the upcoming community meeting. If you have any questions please contact his office by email at braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov or by phone at 703-425-9300.

University Tank Replacement

To improve service to customers, Fairfax Water will be replacing its existing water storage tank located on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University (GMU). The existing tank controls water pressure on the campus as well as surrounding areas in Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax. These areas experience delivery pressures that are lower than those typically experienced elsewhere in Fairfax Water’s system. The replacement tank will be taller than the existing tank, which will increase delivery pressures to customers in the areas shown on the map below. Changes to the style of the tank will also ensure water quality will be maintained. The new tank will be constructed on the same site as the existing tank between University Drive and Sideburn Road. Construction of the new tank will begin shortly after demolition of the old tank is completed.

Consider Absentee Voting for November 6 Election

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

1. Your absentee ballot is counted on election night, and your vote is included with the results reported that night. Absentee voting begins September 21 at the Government Center and on October 13 at nine additional locations.
2. There are 20 valid reasons to vote absentee in Virginia, including being a caregiver or a person with disabilities. To check your eligibility, call the county’s Office of Elections at 703-222-0776 or email: voting@fairfaxcounty.gov.
3. There are two ways to absentee vote, in-person and by mail. To do either, you should first check your voter registration status to make sure it is up-to-date (deadline is October 15 to make any changes). You can check online at vote.virginia.gov, call the county’s Office of Elections at 703-222-0776 or email: voting@fairfaxcounty.gov.
4. You can now apply for a mail-in absentee ballot online at vote.virginia.gov. You will need your Social Security Number and information on your Virginia driver’s license to complete the application. Information also is provided on how to apply if you do not have a driver’s license.

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

Training Center Site Comprehensive Plan

One year ago, Erickson Living announced its plan to purchase from the Commonwealth of Virginia the 78.8-acre property on Braddock Road that was formerly home to the Northern Virginia Training Center. In October of 2017, the Board of Supervisors approved Supervisor Cook's motion to authorize consideration of a Comprehensive Plan for this site, which was previously categorized as institutional. Since that time, Supervisor Cook has held three community meetings, sponsored a half-day planning workshop, conducted an online survey, and appointed a task force that held 11 public meetings, all with the goal of writing a Comprehensive Plan that would provide for uses that fit into and address the community's needs, both in the near future and for decades to come. Various county agencies have also been asked to provide their input and expertise at various stages during the process.

The Comprehensive Plan process is now reaching its conclusion. County Planning staff presented their draft language at the September 17 meeting of the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee. The Committee now has an opportunity to discuss the recommendations with staff. The staff report will be released by the end of September; a link will be available on the Braddock District website and on the Planning Division's website at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/plan-amendments/training-center-site>. In order to have sufficient time to consider the language and review the final report, the Land Use and Environment Committee will vote on the Planning staff's recommendation at a special meeting on Tuesday, October 9. A public hearing before the Planning Commission has been scheduled for October 18 and a hearing before the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for November 20.

To review information about the Comprehensive Plan process, visit: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/plan-amendments/training-center-site>.

Training Center Site Task Force meeting agendas, handouts, PowerPoints, and minutes are available at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/plan-amendments/training-center-site/meetings>.

Comprehensive Plan for Northeast Corner of Braddock Road and Roberts Road

A proposal was submitted last fall for a high-end residential development on approximately 9.56 acres of land at the northeast corner of Braddock Road and Roberts Road. This area is currently planned for one to two dwelling units per acre and is zoned R-1. The property owner has proposed approximately 49 single-family detached homes and related amenities. Access to the property would be from a single entrance on Roberts Road, midway between Braddock Road and Shenandoah Lane.

County Planning staff have been gathering information from other county agencies on concerns raised by the community, including density, transportation, storm water, and tree save, and are finalizing their recommended language. The staff report should be available in early October. Planning staff will be presenting their recommendation to the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee at its meeting on October 16. The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment is scheduled for a public hearing before the Planning Commission on October 25, and a hearing before the Board of Supervisors on November 20.

Information about this Comprehensive Plan Amendment may be found here: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/plan-amendments/roberts-road>.

The PowerPoint presentations with the owner's proposal may be found at:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/roberts-road-proposed-residential-development> and

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/roberts-road-developers-presentation-community-meeting-2>.

October Community Meeting on Comprehensive Plan Amendment for One University

Supervisor Cook will be holding a community meeting on Wednesday, October 17, to discuss the benefits and impacts of a proposed redevelopment of the One University site, located along University Drive at its intersection with Ox Road, including on transportation and other infrastructure. The meeting will be held at Robinson Secondary School, Gold Cafeteria, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, at 7:30 p.m. Plans will be available beginning at 7:15 p.m. for community members to review.

In July of 2017, the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) received an unsolicited proposal for the redevelopment of the One University site, approximately 10.7 acres located in the northwest corner of the intersection of Ox Road/Route 123 and University Drive, across from the George Mason University fieldhouse. It is owned by the FCRHA and contains the offices of its Board, its operational and maintenance facilities, and a 46-unit affordable townhouse community known as Robinson Square. Due to its location, the property has been seen as a potential site for housing for GMU students as well as a location for additional units of affordable housing.

Following the statutory process, a Request for Competing Proposals for development of the site was issued in September of 2017. The FCRHA laid out its vision for redevelopment, which included: new additional affordable housing with an affordable senior housing component; revenue to the FCRHA; and viable solutions for the redevelopment of the existing FCRHA and Department of Housing and Community Development Uses. Offerors were also required to provide transportation solutions, community outreach, and relocation plans for existing residents. A county review and selection team evaluated the proposals received and has recommended a development partner, who is now in discussion with the FCRHA.

The development proposal calls for construction of approximately 240 affordable multi-family units, including 100 affordable senior units, in four-story buildings with surface and deck parking. It also would provide approximately 360 units of student housing with 713 beds in five- to six-story buildings with similar parking. This would present an opportunity to meet a number of important community needs, but would also have significant community impacts. Therefore, Supervisor Cook offered a motion, approved by the Board of Supervisors on July 31, to have county staff begin a Comprehensive Plan Amendment process in order to solicit community input regarding this proposal. Plan to attend the community meeting on October 17 to get more information, ask questions, and share your thoughts.

Land Use & Environment Committee Seeking New Members

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee is seeking additional members. If you have an interest in helping plan our community, this is a great place to get involved. The Committee reviews all proposals for modifying existing land use in the Braddock District. It also reviews storm water and other environmental regulations that could impact our communities. The Committee is an independent, nonpartisan, volunteer group made up of interested Braddock District citizens. Its purpose is to advise the Braddock District Supervisor and Planning Commission on preserving stable neighborhoods in the district while allowing for change that improves our community. The Committee normally meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Braddock Hall. To learn more about how the group operates, come to the next meeting. Additional information and an application for membership can be found on the Braddock District website at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/braddock-district-land-use-and-environment-committee>.

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