



# The Braddock Beacon

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Braddock District Supervisor

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Dear Neighbor,

I'm hoping to see you at the [3rd Annual Braddock Bark](#) dog festival coming up on Sunday, May 19 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Lake Accotink Park (5650 Heming Avenue, Springfield)!

The event will include adoption opportunities, activities for pets, tables and booths featuring local businesses and non-profits, food vendors, and more!

Again this year, crowd favorite Luring 101 will set up their course for dogs to chase! There will also be an obstacle course for dogs, a splash zone for pups, and an area with games and music for families and kids!

Leashed and vaccinated dogs of all breeds are welcome.

If you are interested in volunteering, you can sign up on [Volunteer Fairfax's website](#).

**BRADDOCK BARK 2024**

Hosted by Braddock District Supervisor James Walkinshaw

In partnership with Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter

Join the paw-tay for free activities

- Adoption Opportunities
- Doggy Splash Zone
- Food vendors & more!
- Local pet non-profit & business booths

All leashed dogs are welcome!

**1 - 4 PM**  
**Sunday, May 19**

McLaren Sargent Pavilion at Lake Accotink Park  
5650 Heming Avenue, Springfield, VA

I hope to see you and your canine companions on May 19! It's sure to be a *paws-itivity* good time! You can get more information [on my Facebook page](#).

## Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

On Tuesday, April 30, the Board of Supervisors [approved the markup](#) of the Fiscal Year 2025 budget. This was the final step before formal approval of the budget that will take place next Tuesday, May 7.

First, I want to thank all of you who participated in this year's budget process, whether by testifying during a public hearing, submitting testimony, or reaching out to me directly. Hearing your perspectives, ideas, and concerns is the most important part of our process each year.

Our challenge is always to maintain the core services and investments that our community expects while minimizing the burden on taxpayers. This year, striking that balance was particularly challenging due to declining revenue from commercial office buildings and the severe underfunding of education by the Commonwealth of Virginia identified by the General Assembly's research arm – [the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission](#).

The budget mark-up:

- Reduces the real estate tax rate increase from the \$.04 increase in the County Executive's Proposed Budget to a \$.03 increase, for a real estate tax rate of \$1.125 per \$100 of assessed value.
- Maintains the \$165 million increase in funding for schools, a 7% increase over last year.
- Funds general County compensation increases and collective bargaining agreements for public safety employees.
- Maintains the \$34 million in savings and efficiencies identified in the County Executive's Proposed Budget.

While I certainly wish we were in the position to further limit the increase in the tax rate and invest even more in key priorities like schools, compensation, and housing, this budget is a responsible one that puts Fairfax County in the best possible position to tackle the challenging years that lay ahead.

### **Connect with County Leaders Podcast**

I recently joined Fairfax County Executive Bryan Hill for an episode of his podcast,



*Connect with County Leaders*. His monthly podcast offers residents a casual outlet to connect with Fairfax County leaders, learn about the latest County news and information, and hear more about specific programs and services in Fairfax County.

We talked about projects moving forward in the Braddock District, how our response to COVID set the standard for the country, our One Fairfax policy, and even some Northern

Virginia history! You can [listen to the episode](#) or [watch it](#).

Yours in service,

Supervisor James R. Walkinshaw

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## Upcoming Events

Details on these events and more can be found in this edition of the Beacon or by contacting [braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov).

- **May 1 - 31** .....Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Jewish American Heritage Month, Mental Health Awareness Month, Military Appreciation Month, Labor History Month, Small Business Month, National Bicycle Safety Month, Older Americans Month
- **May 5** .....International Firefighters’ Day
- **May 6** ..... Braddock District Community Pools Meeting  
Data Center Regulations Community Meeting  
Environmental Quality Advisory Council Student Application Deadline
- **May 6 – 10** ..... Teacher Appreciation Week
- **May 7** .....Board Budget Adoption Meeting ([2024 Board Meeting Schedule](#))  
Public Hearing on Pedestrian Right-of-Way Amendments
- **May 8** .....Data Center Regulations Community Meeting
- **May 9** .....NVRTA Public Hearing for SYP
- **May 10** ..... National Small Business Day
- **May 11** ..... ECHO’s Stamp Out Hunger Event
- **May 12** ..... Mother’s Day
- **May 13** .....Virtual Meeting on Middle School Start Times
- **May 14** .....Chairman McKay’s Spring Social
- **May 16 - 18** .....Friends of Kings Park Library Spring Book Sale
- **May 17** .....Deadline to register for the [2024 Girls Fire & Rescue Academy](#)
- **May 19** .....[3rd Annual Braddock Bark](#) at Lake Accotink Park
- **May 21** .....Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee  
Full Board Meeting ([2024 Board Meeting Schedule](#))
- **May 22** ..... Meeting on Middle School Start Times at Frost Middle School
- **May 27** ..... Memorial Day (FCPS/Government Closed, No Early Voting)
- **May 28** .....Voter Registration Deadline



# Walkinshaw in the Community



**1** Supervisor Walkinshaw joined Braddock Elementary School students to plant trees on April 18  
**2** Supervisor Walkinshaw and Chair of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board, Kiel Stone, rang the opening bell at the



Burke Centre Farmers Market on April 20  
**3** Supervisor Walkinshaw spoke at the Rotary Club of Springfield-Burke's meeting on April 4  
**4** (L-R) Mt. Vernon District Supervisor Storck, National Park Services Superintendent Charles Cuvelier, and Supervisor Walkinshaw at Supervisor Storck's 6th Annual Environmental Expo on April 27  
**5** Supervisor Walkinshaw and Braddock District staff counting donations from the March Menstrual Supplies Drive to donate to the Annandale Mission Center and ECHO on April 4







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**6 & 7** (L-R) Supervisor Walkinshaw, FCPS Superintendent Dr. Reid, At-Large School Board Representative Ryan McElveen, and Mason District Supervisor Andres Jimenez at a tree planting ceremony at Annandale Terrace Elementary School for Arbor Day on April 26  
**8** Supervisor Walkinshaw and Braddock District School Board Representative Rachna Sizemore Heizer served as judges for the Middleridge Pet Parade on April 14  
**9** Supervisor Walkinshaw, Chief Keith O'Connor, and Sparky at the Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue's Fire Drill 4K on April 27  
**10** Supervisor Walkinshaw with volunteers from the National Capital Red Cross at their Sound the Alarm event on April 6



### **In April, Supervisor Walkinshaw also:**

- Joined the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors for their Annual Breakfast on April 4
- Met with Miles, a member of BSA Troop 980, to talk about sustainability on April 4
- Joined Annandale North Springfield's Little League for their Opening Day on April 6
- Attended Senator Tim Kaine's book launch at Kings Park Library on April 9
- Recognized first responders at the 49th Fairfax County Valor Awards on April 11
- Spoke at the Marymead HOA Annual Meeting on April 11
- "Tasted Literacy" at the English Empowerment Center's Annual Luncheon on April 12
- Listened to testimony from County residents at the Board's Budget Public Hearings April 16-18
- Spoke at AARP Virginia and Fairfax County Silver Shield Task Force's 9th Annual Scam Jam on April 19
- Participated in Earth Day clean-ups at Long Branch Stream Valley Park and Royal Lake Park on April 20
- Packed meals with Burke United Methodist Church at 'Burke Gives Back' on April 20
- Attended Kings Park Civic Association's Volunteer Recognition Brunch on April 20
- Visited the Fairfax Tree Stewards at Monticello Park to see their progress on tree planting on April 21
- Spoke at a benefit event for Shelter House on April 23
- Heard updates from State Senators Dave Marsden and Stella Pekarsky and Delegates David Bulova and Vivian Watts at the Braddock District Council's Annual Legislative Review on April 23
- Recorded an episode for County Executive Bryan Hill's podcast "Connect with County Leaders" on April 24 ([listen to](#) or [watch the episode](#))
- Attended the Council to End Domestic Violence's monthly meeting on April 25
- Joined the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce's Annual Economic Development Summit Breakfast on April 26
- Gathered with neighbors at Olley Glen for their Cookout on April 26
- Attended FACETS's Volunteer Appreciation event on April 26
- "Spruced Up" the North Springfield neighborhood for their Earth Day celebration on April 27
- Talked about local governments investing in clean energy as a panelist on the Virginia League of Conservation Voters' "Funding the Future: Putting the Affordable Clean Energy Plan to Work for NOVA" webinar on April 29
- Joined an awards presentation held by the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services for members of the Burke VRE Connector team on April 30

# May Citizens of the Month

## **Burke Centre Wildlife Relocation Volunteers**

The May Citizens of the Month are volunteers from the Burke Centre Conservancy neighborhood who helped relocate the aquatic life at Meadow Pond. In April, the normally 8-foot-deep pond lost half of its depth in half a day due to a maintenance issue that threatened this small ecosystem. If swift action had not been taken, the aquatic creatures and their ecosystem would have been lost.

Residents stepped up to the challenge by volunteering to do everything from pallet delivery (for building paths over mud), lending tractors and boats, netting and inspecting fish stuck in the pond, to providing meals and drinks for volunteers, and bringing in flood lights for overnight rescue operations to continue. The creativity and dedication shown by all the volunteers to rescue the pond's wildlife was truly admirable.

The team, led by James Murtha, included Connor Murtha, Chris Moore, Dylan Moore, Mike Hassan, Carter Hassan, Dan Negrón, Gabriel Negrón, Michael Holmes, Morgan Johnson, and Bryce Johnson. Additional volunteers included Christin Bratt, Patrick Johnson, and Robinson Secondary School's football team.

This project was truly a community effort, and as the Executive Director of the Burke Centre Conservancy, Patrick Gloyd, stated, "[This was] community by definition. Everyone [was] willing to give up their time, many took the day off work and the students learned about environmental ecology firsthand. [The] Key element was this was accomplished within a few hours of [the community] learning of the [structural] failure."



This group's quick action to save their local ecosystem in any way possible is why Supervisor Walkinshaw proudly recognizes them as May's Braddock District Citizens of the Month!

Congratulations to these Braddock District residents!

Do you know a Braddock District resident who should be recognized as Citizen of the Month? **Nominate them here.**

# Seasonal Items

## Graduation Traffic Advisory

George Mason University will be hosting graduation ceremonies on campus at EagleBank Arena at various times of the day beginning Thursday, May 9 until Tuesday, June 18.

Doors will open one hour before ceremonies begin and traffic impacts will vary depending on the day.

Subscribe to [Mason Alerts](#) for up-to-date details on high-impact areas and alternative routes.

### TRAFFIC ADVISORY: 2024 GMU Graduation Ceremonies at EagleBank Arena

<b>Thursday, May 9</b>	<b>Friday, May 10</b>
10:00am	10:00am
2:00pm	2:30pm
6:30pm	7:00pm
<b>Saturday, May 11</b>	<b>Sunday, May 12</b>
10:00am	1:00pm
2:00pm	
6:00pm	

#### Concert Hall Ceremonies

<b>Thursday, May 9</b>	<b>Friday, May 10</b>	<b>Saturday, May 11</b>
3:00pm	11:00am	11:00am

*\*Concert hall ceremonies are not expected to significantly impact traffic\**

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### TRAFFIC ADVISORY: 2024 Graduation Ceremonies at EagleBank Arena

<b>Saturday, June 1</b>	<b>Monday, June 3</b>	<b>Tuesday, June 4</b>
9:00am	9:30am*	9:30am*
2:00pm	2:00pm*	2:30pm*
7:00pm	7:30pm*	7:30pm*
<b>Weds, June 5</b>	<b>Thursday, June 6</b>	<b>Friday, June 7</b>
9:30am*	9:30am*	9:30am*
2:30pm*	2:30pm*	2:30pm*
7:30pm*	7:30pm*	7:30pm*
<b>Saturday, June 8</b>	<b>Monday, June 10</b>	<b>Tuesday, June 11</b>
7:30pm*	9:30am*	9:30am*
	2:30pm*	2:30pm*
<b>Saturday, June 15</b>		<b>Tuesday, June 18</b>
10:00am		10:00am
2:00pm		2:00pm
7:00pm		7:00pm

\* = FCPS graduation

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## Community Pools Meeting

The Braddock District Community Pools Meeting will be held virtually on Monday, May 6, at 7:00 p.m. Staff from Environmental Health and the Fire Marshal's Office will join for brief presentations and a Round Table Discussion.

If you are a representative of your community pool and have not received the meeting link directly from Sally Kidalov, send an email to [braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov) with "Community Pools Meeting Link" as the subject line, and a link will be provided to you.



## Voting in June 18 Primary and Election Officer Info

### Early In-Person Voting

Early, in-person voting for the June 18 Dual Primary Election began today and continues until Saturday, June 15. There are two separate ballots for Democratic and Republican candidates, you can [view sample ballots by precinct](#).

Voting is available at three locations from May 3 - June 15:

- Fairfax County Government Center (Conference Rooms 2/3)
  - 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax
  - Weekday hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
  - Saturdays (June 8 and June 15): 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Mt. Vernon Governmental Center
  - 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria
  - Weekday hours: 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
  - Saturdays (June 8 and June 15): 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- North County Governmental Center
  - 1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston
  - Weekday hours: 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
  - Saturdays (June 8 and June 15): 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

***All three of these locations will be closed on Memorial Day***

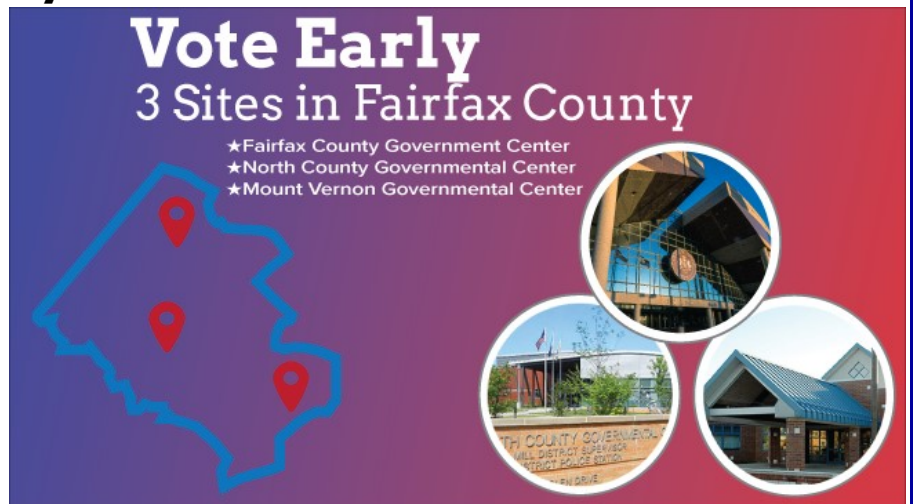
Beginning Saturday, June 8, voters can cast ballots at 13 additional early voting sites, including at Burke Centre Library (5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke) and West Springfield Governmental Center (6140 Rolling Road, Springfield). These locations will be open on weekdays from 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and on Saturdays (June 8 and June 15) from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

You can find all the locations, operating hours, and detailed information on Saturday voting on the Office of Elections' [website](#).

### Mail-In Voting

Registered voters may request a mail-in ballot by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 7, through the [Virginia Department of Elections citizens portal](#). Mail Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked on or before June 18, and received by 12:00 p.m. on June 21.

- [Request a Mail Ballot Online](#)
- [Track Your Ballot](#)
- [Drop Off Your Ballot](#)



Voters should follow the mail-in ballot instructions to return completed ballots. There is a choice to return by mail, a secure drop box with video surveillance outside the Office of Voter Registration & Elections, or at any polling place during voting hours. Mail-in ballots should be returned by 7:00 p.m. on June 18 or postmarked by June 18.

### **Voter Registration**

The deadline for voter registration is May 28. The easiest way to register to vote or check your registration status is on the [Virginia Department of Elections citizens portal](#).

After the voter registration deadline, same-day registration will be available for voters to cast a provisional ballot at any Fairfax County early voting location for the primaries.

Voters who turn 18 by the general election on November 5, 2024 can register to vote in the primary.

For more information on voting, visit the [Office of Elections' website](#).

### **Volunteer at the Polls**



The Fairfax County Office of Elections is looking for community members to serve as election officers for the June 18, 2024 election – especially those who speak Korean and Vietnamese.

This is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors and help your community! You will receive \$250 as a thank you for your service. Learn more and apply [on the Office of Elections' website](#).

### **Farmers Markets**

Farmers Markets are now open at the Burke VRE Station (Saturdays 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) and Wakefield Park (Wednesdays 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.).

Almost 40 vendors will be at the markets, some offering online ordering as well. [View a list of all of Fairfax's Farmers Markets.](#)

Select Fairfax County Farmers Markets offer a Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) matching program to eligible shoppers. Customers can charge their EBT cards at the SNAP Information Table and receive double the amount to purchase extra fruits and vegetables. Fairfax County has SNAP programs at five of its farmers market locations, including Wakefield Park. Volunteers run the SNAP





booths where customers swipe their EBT cards to redeem tokens to spend at the market. More information on redeeming SNAP at the participating markets, including flyers in several languages, is [available on FCPA's website](#).

# Community News

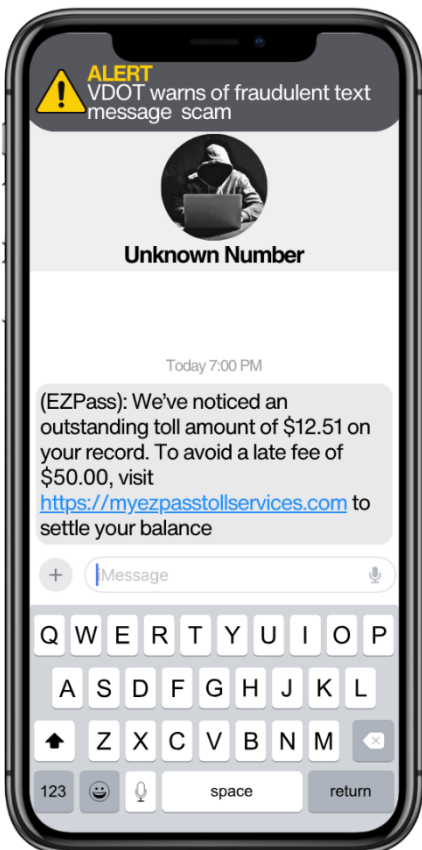
## Scam Alerts

### Court Phishing

The Clerk of Fairfax Circuit Court, Chris Falcon, [has issued the following warning about a scam email](#) being sent to area residents and businesses:

There is an email claiming to be from "The Florida County Circuit Court," which also mentions that the recipient has been named in a breach of contract case with a requested appearance at the Fairfax County Circuit Court on May 14th. This email is FALSE and part of a phishing scam. The email also indicates that the recipient should click on documents in an attachment.

Those who receive the email are strongly advised to delete it and not to open the attachment. The Clerk's Office has contacted the Fairfax County Police Department, the Sheriff's Office, and the Office of Public Affairs to inform them of this scam. It is believed that recipients were chosen randomly and have no relationship to any pending cases in the Circuit Court.



### VDOT Text Scams

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is encouraging people to be on alert for a text message scam, also known as smishing, that is sending requests for payment of outstanding toll charges. The texts claim people owe money for unpaid tolls.

The [FBI recently issued a warning](#) about the scam, which has occurred in various states and does not specifically target E-Z Pass customers.

Since March, people across the country submitted complaints to the FBI about receiving text messages representing toll road collection services claiming they owe money for unpaid tolls. The link in the text message is created to impersonate a toll facility's or collection service's name, and phone numbers appear to change between states. By clicking the link, people could risk giving away sensitive data, including credit card information.

As of April 25, VDOT was not made aware of Virginia residents receiving these smishing messages.

Should anyone receive an unsolicited text message suggesting it is from E-Z Pass Virginia or a specific toll facility in Virginia, they should not click on the link, and should reach out directly to the appropriate facility to verify authenticity.

E-Z Pass account holders and toll customers can check their accounts and pay tolls by going to the [Toll Roads in Virginia website](#) and [E-Z Pass website](#). People may also [contact customer service](#) representatives for the appropriate facility to validate their toll balance along with upcoming or past due payments.

Those who believe they received a smishing text about tolls due can file a complaint with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center on [IC3's website](#) and include the phone number of the text message as well as the web link listed within the text.

## FCPS Athletic Programs Seeking Medical Professionals!



**We Need Medical Professionals**

Help support the Lake Braddock, South County, and West Springfield Athletic Training Programs by signing off on PPEs at our Annual Sports Physical Night on June 5th! If you or anyone you know is a:

- Doctor of Medicine
- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
- Nurse Practitioner
- Physician's Assistant

Please click the link below to volunteer for our event!

Lake Braddock Secondary School is organizing its Annual Sports Physical Night fundraising event and needs volunteer Medical Professionals to sign off on athletes' participation status.

This event is a great way for the Athletic Training Program to support the needs of student-athletes! If you or someone you know is an MD/DO/NP/PA, [sign up today](#) to volunteer for the event on June 5 at West Springfield High School (6100 Rolling Road, Springfield).

Questions? Email LBSS Athletic Trainer, Kristyn Wharton, at [kwharton@fcps.edu](mailto:kwharton@fcps.edu).

## Friends of Kings Park Library Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the Kings Park Library's Annual Spring Book Sale runs from Thursday, May 16 until Saturday, May 18 at Kings Park Library (9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke).

Books are sorted into many categories and it's easy to find something for everyone! Proceeds directly support the Kings Park Library.

Book sale hours:

- Thursday, May 16 | 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, May 17 | 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 18 | 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



**Friends of Kings Park Library's Annual Spring Book Sale**

May 16 10am-7pm  
May 17 10am-6pm  
May 18 10am-5pm

Kings Park Library Conference Room  
9000 Burke Lake Road  
Burke, VA 22015

Proceeds directly support Kings Park Library



During peak attendance, you may be asked to park strollers outside of the main book sale area for the safety and convenience of all shoppers. More information is available on [the library's website](#).

## Stamp Out Hunger

[ECHO](#) is grateful to the Letter Carriers of the Burke, West Springfield, and Central Springfield Post Offices joining them to make sure neighbors do not go hungry during the summer months!



On Saturday, May 11, carriers from these Post Offices will "Stamp Out Hunger" by picking up donations of non-perishable foods that residents leave next to their mailboxes early that morning. These donations will be brought to ECHO to be sorted and shelved to help get through the lean months ahead.

You can see a complete list of most-needed items at [ECHO's website](#).

## Chairman McKay's Spring Social

Join Chairman McKay for a Spring Social on Tuesday, May 14, at the Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax) from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Celebrate spring with neighbors, music from the Lake Braddock Secondary School Flute Choir, and light refreshments!

[Registration is required.](#)



## Talent Up Fairfax

Fairfax County is proud to introduce the [Talent Up Fairfax Fund](#), an incentive program aimed at connecting employers



with qualified talent while providing valuable work-based learning opportunities to County job seekers.

Employers in Fairfax County often face challenges in filling entry to mid-level positions in IT, healthcare, sales, program administration and operations, accounting and finance and

more. Talent Up offers a solution by matching businesses with qualified interns at no cost to the employer. Talent Up offers work-based learning internships at competitive wages aligning with employer needs. Employers who participate can benefit from up to \$8,400 in savings per hire, as Talent Up covers wages and worker's compensation for the internship duration.

For job seekers, Talent Up can offer a pathway to greater economic mobility. Talent Up internships offer paid work experience in high-demand occupations. Whether you're

interested in IT, healthcare, finance, marketing, sales, trades or other fields, Talent Up can help you gain the skills and experience needed to succeed.

Talent Up Fairfax is not just a recruitment tool; it's a win-win prospect for both employers and job seekers alike. Employers gain access to skilled talent for hard-to-fill positions, while job seekers could gain valuable experience and secure employment in high-demand industries.

Want to learn more? Contact [talentupfairfax@vcwnorthern.com](mailto:talentupfairfax@vcwnorthern.com) or attend an upcoming webinar:

- May 15 - [Employer Information Session](#)
- May 31 - [Jobseeker Information Session](#)

## **Repelling Mosquitos** (from [Consumers' Checkbook](#))

In some yards, mosquitoes become so bothersome that residents won't go outside in the summer. In many parts of the country, mosquitoes pose a great health threat by spreading West Nile virus.

### **How to Stop Them**

Zillions of products promise to keep mosquitoes away, from wristbands to speakers that emit ultrasonic noise to electronic repellants to aromatic plants. Many of these claims are bogus; some have a little bit of merit. The [University of California Statewide Integrated Pest Management Program](#) says "Researchers have shown that all these methods are of little or no value in repelling mosquitoes... Electric bug zappers that are used to kill pest insects are probably counterproductive because many of the insects caught by these traps are those that prey on mosquitoes."

So what should you do to get skeeters to scam? Start with the following steps:

- Since mosquitoes lay their eggs in water and larvae live in the water, remove or regularly drain objects that retain water. Empty trash cans and saucers beneath flowerpots. Clean gutters and other areas where water pools due to poor drainage. If you want to keep a birdbath or other water feature, you can add larvicide tablets, such as Mosquito Dunks; each treatment will remain effective for about a month, and these products are quite safe.
- The smoke from burning citronella candles will repel most mosquitoes (but only if there's relatively little air movement).
- Consider screening in your porch or deck.
- To keep mosquitoes out of your home, maintain window screens and doors, and close doors quickly upon entry or exit.
- Consider personal repellents. The most effective personal repellents contain DEET, a commonly used but controversial chemical applied directly to human skin and clothing. However, DEET has been linked to toxic reactions ranging from skin disorders to seizures, and its use—especially on and by children—has been



challenged. Insect repellents that contain 30 percent active-ingredient DEET are as effective as those with higher concentrations.

- Remain indoors in the early morning and evening when mosquitoes are most active.

## Hiring Help

You can hire a pest control service to knock down a mosquito population by spraying your yard and gardens. Our [Ratings Tables](#) will help you identify top outfits. The problem is such a treatment isn't a long-term solution. The most common—and by far most effective—pesticides used to treat outdoor areas for mosquitoes are pyrethroids, which remain effective for only a short time and don't affect larvae. To control mosquitoes, companies must apply pyrethroids liberally and often — spraying every 21 days is the most typical treatment plan.

For a small yard or large patio, our undercover shoppers were quoted prices ranging from \$50 to \$150 per every three-week treatment. To treat a large yard (1/2 acre), prices ranged from \$75 to \$200 per treatment.

The upside: If done properly, these treatments are effective—you won't be bothered by mosquitoes or other biting insects.

The downside: Pyrethroids will also kill beneficial insects, including pollinators.

Pyrethroids can also harm you and your family, including pets. Effects range from mild (dizziness, fatigue, blurred vision) to severe (unconsciousness, muscle twitches, difficulty breathing, death). To minimize risks, ask your exterminator to focus on areas where mosquitoes like to hide (plants and mulch)—they should do this anyway, but some applicators bomb entire yards to avoid having to return to repeat treatments. Avoid these areas for several days afterward, and keep your furry family members away, too.

Many companies also offer alternative repellents and pesticides, often claiming they are effective and safe. But be skeptical: Even if an alternative repellent actually works, it would need to be applied in large quantity and often. And some products marketed as "natural" remedies have undergone few or no toxicity studies.

In addition to asking for a targeted approach, don't sign on for mosquito control services, or re-up your contract from last year, until you start feeling the bite from some blood-sucking amigos. We found that some services push April startup dates and October end dates; most homeowners will find that's overkill and that they can start treatment much later and end it earlier.

## Mason Speakers

Is your business looking to hire employees or interns? [George Mason University's Career Services](#) provides you access to well-qualified applicants. Mason students and

alumni possess the latest industry knowledge and in-demand transferrable and technical skills.

Post your job/internship, attend a career fair, or interview students on campus [on their website](#).

## Environment & Parks News

### Charge Up Fairfax Application Window Open Until June 30

Community associations in Fairfax County interested in installing electric vehicle charging stations for their residents can now apply for technical assistance and partial reimbursement through the [Charge Up Fairfax program](#).



Electric vehicles, or EVs, are better for the environment and less expensive to fuel and maintain than gas-powered vehicles. The convenience of at-home charging makes EV ownership more practical, but that can be a barrier for residents of community associations who may not have access to power near their parking spaces.

Charge Up Fairfax helps community associations—including HOAs, condominiums, clusters, and co-ops—overcome those barriers by providing both technical assistance and financial support. Communities accepted into the program will receive a site visit and assessment from an engineering firm, paid for by the county. If the community association decides to proceed with the purchase and installation of Level 2 EV charging stations, they'll hire a contractor to perform the necessary permitting, electrical upgrades, installation of equipment, and final inspection.

Following installation, communities can receive a reimbursement grant for one-third of eligible expenses. For communities in certain equity-designated areas, a new grant-only option is available to community associations ready to install charging stations and in need of financial support. They may be eligible for up to \$12,000.

Up to eight community associations will be accepted into the program during this application period, which runs through June 30. Another application period will open in the fall.

Communities should prepare to apply now by surveying residents, identifying charging locations, and reviewing governing documents and funding options. More details about how to take those steps is included on the [Charge Up Fairfax webpage](#).



## Environmental Excellence Award Nominations

Now is the time to nominate a person, business, or organization who deserves recognition for the work they do to protect our environment for a 2024 Environmental Excellence Award.

Each year, the Environmental Excellence Awards recognize the best examples of leadership and service to protect and enhance the natural world in Fairfax County. The awards celebrate accomplishments by individual county residents, organizations, businesses, and county employees who do one or more of the following:

- Advance or support the county's environmental goals and policies.
- Dedicate personal time and expertise beyond normal fiscal or civic responsibilities.
- Demonstrate leadership, acting as role models for others.

The awards are administered by the [Environmental Quality Advisory Council](#) (EQAC) on behalf of the Board of Supervisors with support from the Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination (OEEC). Nominees' achievements should have occurred between June 1, 2023 - May 31, 2024, or over a period that includes a portion of this time frame.

To submit a nomination, complete the [online form](#) by June 9.

## Nominate an Outstanding FCPA Employee!

Cox Communications and Cox Conserves, their national sustainability program, are proud to announce they will be recognizing the hardworking employees of the Fairfax County Park Authority in the first-ever "Outstanding Service to the Fairfax County Park System" campaign!



Starting Monday, May 6, nominate an employee who shows their love for our incredible natural resources. Five nominees with the strongest or most memorable submissions will be awarded a \$1,000 donation to the nonprofit of their choice from Cox and Cox Conserves. [Submit your nominations today!](#)

## FLAP's May Events

More information on all FLAP events can be found on [FLAP's website](#) or [Eventbrite page](#). Unless otherwise noted, contact Mary Keeser at [president@flapaccotink.org](mailto:president@flapaccotink.org) with questions.



### Monthly Clean-Up

Join FLAP for their [Monthly Park Clean-Up](#) on Sunday, May 9, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the Lake Accotink Marina (7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield).

### Pollinator Garden

Join FLAP and work alongside their experts as they care for the pollinator plants, watering, and clean-up the pollinator garden on [Sunday, May 9, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.](#)

# Compliance Corner

Learn about grass height in the Department of Code Compliance's (DCC's) [May Code Compliance Corner](#).

On April 15, the Department of Code Compliance (DCC) began accepting reports of grass height over 12 inches. DCC will continue taking reports through mid-October. [Chapter 119 of the Fairfax County Code](#) requires that grass be no taller than 12 inches on:

- Residential property that is developed (has a house) and is less than a half-acre (21,780 square feet)
- Undeveloped residential property less than one-half acre, if 90% of the lots in the subdivision have houses
- Commercial and industrial properties of any size that are developed but unoccupied (have a building but no tenants).



Managed landscaping is not subject to enforcement, which includes trees, shrubs, ornamental grasses, and flowers. Thinking about adding these features to your lawn or garden? [Check out the Park Authority's website](#) for more information on planting for pollinators.

Since the 12-inch grass height limit may depend on lot size, you can use the [County's map website](#) for help finding lot size and more. Also, DCC's [grass height website](#) has more information about the regulations, exemptions, and what DCC does if property owners do not voluntarily cut their grass (see under "How are these Rules Enforced?")

If you have concerns, the [Department of Code Compliance](#) is here to help – if you have questions, want to make a report, or if you are the subject of enforcement and need to contact DCC.

You can [report problems online](#), [learn about what happens during an investigation](#), reach DCC via [email](#), by calling (703) 324-1300 | TTY 711, or visiting DCC in person at their office (12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 1016, Fairfax).



# Transportation Updates

## Public Hearing on Pedestrian Right-of-Way Amendments

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, May 7, at 4:00 p.m. to deliberate on proposed amendments to [Article 9 of Chapter 82 of the Fairfax County Code](#) to modify language related to the right-of-way afforded to pedestrians.

On July 1, 2023, the Code of Virginia changed from requiring vehicles to yield to pedestrians at all crosswalks to a requirement that vehicles stop for pedestrians at unsignalized pedestrian crossings on roads with speed limits of 35 mph or less. The proposed amendments will enact authority under [Va. Code § 46.2-924](#) that allows the governing body of Fairfax County to provide, by ordinance:

- For the installation and maintenance of highway signs at unsignalized marked crosswalks specifically requiring operators of motor vehicles, at the locations where such signs are installed, to stop for pedestrians crossing or attempting to cross the highway.
- Will update the Fairfax County Code to prohibit the overtaking and passing of a vehicle stopped for a pedestrian in accordance with the current Code of Virginia

Questions regarding these proposed amendments may be directed to the Fairfax County Department of Transportation at (703) 877-5600.

## How to Participate and Provide Feedback

The public hearing will take place in the Board Auditorium of the Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax) Live coverage will be available on Channel 16 and [via online streaming](#). Audio of the meeting can be accessed at (703) 324-7700.

Individuals interested in providing testimony during the hearing may do so in person, by phone, or through pre-recorded YouTube videos. Those wishing to testify via video must register online or by phone no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day preceding the hearing. Phone testimony registration closes at 12:00 p.m., on the day of the hearing.

Written testimony and other submissions will be accepted by mail or email. Details on providing testimony and additional information about the proposed amendments can be found [on the County's website](#).

Fairfax County is committed to ensuring accessibility for all individuals. Accommodations, including open captioning, sign language interpreters, and assistive listening devices, can be arranged by contacting the Clerk's Office at (703) 324-3151, TTY 711, at least 48 hours before the public hearing.

## Bike to Work Day

Join cyclists from across the region for Bike to Work Day on May 17. This free event features more than 100 pit stops in the DC Metro region.

The first 16,000 cyclists who [register](#) and attend at a pit stop receive a free t-shirt. There will be free giveaways, food, and beverages at participating locations, while supplies last.

More information on Bike to Work Day can be found [on their website](#).

## NVTA Public Comment for SYP Open

The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) invites community input on [24 candidate projects as part of the FY2024-2029 Six Year Program](#) (SYP). Nine Northern Virginia localities and the Virginia Railway Express have submitted project proposals seeking regional funding from NVTA.

With funding requests totaling nearly \$1 billion, the projects cover various transportation modes including transit, rail, roadway enhancements, technology, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, and intersection/interchange improvements.

The project list, individual project description forms, maps, and detailed analyses can be found on [NVTA's website](#).

The public is invited to comment on the 24 SYP candidate projects during the public comment period until May 19 at 11:59 p.m.

- Online: [Feedback Form](#)
- Phone: (703) 947-7606
- Mail:  
NVTA  
2600 Park Tower Drive  
Suite 601  
Vienna, VA 22180
- Virtually or in person during the Public Hearing on May 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the first-floor conference room at NVTA's Offices (2600 Park Tower Drive, Vienna)
- [Register to speak](#)

Find out more about the SYP or submit a public comment on [NVTA's website](#).





# Public Safety

## Girls Fire & Rescue Academy

Fairfax County Fire & Rescue has announced the [2024 Girls Fire & Rescue Academy](#) Summer Camp will take place from Tuesday, June 25 - Friday, June 28, from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The academy is open to rising 7th-12th grade female students for the 2024-25 school year. Participants should be Fairfax County residents.

The program is completely free of charge and limited to 24 applicants.

Spots are first come, first served so [apply today!](#) All applications must be received electronically by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 17.



For more information or to apply, [visit FCFRD's website.](#)

## FCPD Warns of Law Enforcement Impersonation Scams

In the law enforcement scam, victims are contacted by phone, email, or in person, by a person claiming to represent the police or other government agencies. These scammers often use intimidation tactics, such as threatening arrest or legal action if you fail to comply with their demands. They may tell you a family member has been arrested or involved in a crash that requires immediate financial assistance. The scammers demand money, gift cards, cryptocurrency, or even gold to avoid arrest.



Remember, the police will never call you to ask for money, demand immediate payment to resolve legal issues, or offer to drop charges or warrants in exchange for payment. If you get a call about a family member being arrested or in a crash, hang up and call them immediately.

How can you protect yourself? Remember these tips and share them with your family members to help avoid falling victim to a scam:

**1. Verify the Caller's Identity:**

- If you receive a suspicious call, ask for the caller's name, badge number, and department. Hang up and independently verify their identity by calling the official non-emergency number of that specific agency.
- Scammers will spoof real government phone numbers in an attempt to legitimize their scheme.

**2. Stay Calm and Skeptical**

- Scammers often use intimidation tactics to pressure victims.
- Remember, legitimate authorities will not rush you into making payments or divulging personal information.

**3. Guard Personal Information**

- Avoid sharing sensitive information like social security numbers, banking details, or personal identification numbers (PINs) over the phone.

**4. Question Unsolicited Offers**

- Be wary of unexpected calls or messages claiming you've won a prize, inherited money, or that you are entitled to refunds. Always verify the authenticity of such claims.
- Remember, if it sounds too good to be true - it probably is.

**5. Gift Card Payments**

- Legitimate organizations and agencies do not request payment via gift cards. Treat this demand as a red flag and refrain from making any transactions.

**6. Educate Yourself**

- Stay informed about the latest scams and fraud tactics circulating in your area.

**Report Suspicious Activity:** If you suspect a scam or have fallen victim to one, report it immediately to the appropriate authorities. You can file a report with FCPD's [Financial Crimes Unit's online portal](#).



# Human Services Corner

## May is Foster Care Month

Foster Care Month is dedicated to raising awareness of issues related to foster care and to celebrating those, like our foster parents, who are dedicated to serving our children,



youth, and families. This year, the Children's Bureau's theme for Foster Care Month, "Engaging Youth. Building Supports. Strengthening Opportunities," emphasizes the importance of involving young people early and often throughout their time in foster care to help improve their experience while in care and improve their long-term outcomes and successful transition to adulthood.

Explore the County's [Foster Care and Adoption](#) pages to see how foster care is changing lives, and visit our local [Community Engagement Toolkit](#) or sign up for our upcoming [Foster Care Coffee Chat](#) virtual interest meeting to get involved.

## Pathways to Wellness Conference

The Pathways to Wellness Conference is scheduled for May 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center on Northern Virginia Community College's Annandale Campus (8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale).

This conference is a key event for Fairfax County residents in mental health recovery. It offers a day filled with hope, learning, and connection with other adults with behavioral health challenges in the community.

The event is hosted by the Wellness and Recovery Committee, a consortium of County nonprofits, in conjunction with the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board. The theme of the event is "Sparking Hope, Igniting Resilience." The title reflects the commitment to empowering individuals through inspiring keynote addresses, interactive workshops, and valuable networking opportunities. [Register today.](#)



# Resources for Older Adults & Caregivers

## Navigating the Journey of Dementia

The Fairfax Area Agency on Aging's Caregiver & Supportive Services Unit is pleased to invite you to join its upcoming Dementia Caregiver Series for family caregivers and loved ones who have been diagnosed with dementia and/or cognitive impairment.

["SPY with Me"](#) will take place virtually on Friday, May 24, from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. This program is offered in collaboration with The International Spy Museum Access to Spy Program.

SPY with Me is an interactive, hour-long virtual program for individuals living with dementia and their care partners. Join SPY as we use music and artifacts to explore some of our favorite spy stories and get to know each other. [Register today!](#)



## Volunteer with RSVP-NV

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program - Northern Virginia (RSVP-NV) is one of the core programs of AmeriCorps Seniors and is sponsored by Volunteer Fairfax.



RSVP-NV mobilizes the skills and experience of its volunteers, aged 55+, to help meet community needs in Arlington County, Fairfax County, and the cities of Fairfax, Falls Church, and Alexandria. The

program focuses on matching volunteers within the specific framework required through the AmeriCorps Seniors federal grant that funds the program. The various volunteer activities currently range from community food support, education success, transportation assistance and companionship for seniors, workforce preparation, capacity building, and emergency preparedness.

Volunteers connect to opportunities that best match their interests, location preferences, and preferred time commitment and serve directly with one of the program's 40 nonprofit and community partners.

Some benefits of joining RSVP-NV include personalized volunteer experiences, recognition events, optional mileage reimbursements, and supplemental volunteer insurance.

Join other RSVP members and consider serving in the local RSVP-NV program to put your skills to work for causes you care about.

Go to [RSVP-NV's website](#) to learn more and register. Contact Karen Coon, RSVP-NV Volunteer Specialist, for more information at (703) 403-5360 or [kcoon@volunteerfairfax.org](mailto:kcoon@volunteerfairfax.org).

## Free 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.

<h1>May 2024</h1>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6	7 10:30am NOVA Scripts Presentation- "All About Digestion"	8 10:30am Creativity Leads to Wellness	9 1pm Insight Memory Presentation- The Importance of Socialization when Aging	10
13	14 10am SAIL Class- VCAA	15 10am-2pm Wellness Assessments 10:30am Creativity Leads to Wellness	16 11:30am Time Slips	17
20 10:00am-2:00pm Memory Screenings	21	22 10:30am Creativity Leads to Wellness	23 11:30am Time Slips	24
27 Closed for Memorial Day	28 10am SAIL Class- VCAA	29 10:30am Creativity Leads to Wellness 10:30am-1:30pm Wellness Fair at Little River Glen	30 12:00pm Movie Club	31 1pm Birthday Bingo and Celebration

### Program Descriptions

#### Birthday Celebration

Happy Birthday, May babies! Join staff and day program individuals on the last Friday of the month for a cupcake!

#### NOVA Scripts Presentation

NOVA Scripts Central will present a workshop at 10:30 a.m. for all to join. The topic for May is "All About Digestion".

#### Time Slips

A creative engagement and storytelling to stimulate creativity and imagination.

#### Creativity Leads to Wellness

Join creative art sessions, every Wednesday, led by Sharon Fishel, a local artist from the [McLean Project for the Arts](#). This class will focus on individuals discovering their creativity by working in

the mediums of drawings, paintings, and mixed-media collages. All materials are provided.

#### 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.

### **Six Pillars of Brain Health**

Do you think you're too old to grow additional brain cells? Think again! In [AARP Virginia's](#) Six Pillars of Brain Health program, presented virtually by AARP Virginia Community Ambassador Rebekah Dailey, attendees learned how they can take charge of their brain health and improve their quality of life at any age. Throughout this interactive presentation, attendees shared information about what they are doing to help keep their brains healthy.

### **Movie Club**

This activity is centered around watching quality films

and having a discussion following the movie.

### **Insight Memory Care Presentation**

Join a discussion presented by Insight Memory Care about the importance of socialization when aging. Research has found that social support plays a significant role in overall health as we age. Spending time with friends & family can boost quality of life, including physical & mental health.

### **Wellness Assessments**

Free tests of blood pressure, balance, strength, and thinking! You are provided with wellness assessment results for you to consult with your primary care provider. The Wellness Center and George Mason University are not medical providers and do not offer any treatment. For

more info contact [traffegge@gmu.edu](mailto:traffegge@gmu.edu) or (703) 993-6929.

### **Wellness Fair**

Little River Glen Senior Center is hosting a Health & Wellness Fair in conjunction with the Wellness Center. We hope this event will be an educational opportunity for everyone to learn new things and about different resources in our center. This event will have a variety of vendors, speakers, activities, and a light lunch.

### **VCAA – Virtual Center for Active Adults**

Join live, interactive programs, and engage with other adults. \*These online activities are streamed with in-person adaptations. For more information on the VCAA, visit [bit.ly/NCSvcaa](http://bit.ly/NCSvcaa)

## **Legal Considerations for Family Caregivers**

This [virtual workshop](#) will take place on Wednesday, May 15, from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

In this virtual presentation, hosted by the Fairfax County Area Agency on Aging, Elizabeth L. Gray, Esq., CELA, and Virginia C. Haizlip, Esq. will educate family caregivers on what legal considerations to examine in their caregiving role. They will speak on special needs trusts, the difference between guardianship and a power of attorney, and how one would decide the best option for their family.

In addition, they will discuss what legal documents are necessary to provide the most effective assistance to loved ones, including advance medical directives, revocable living trusts, and wills. [Register today.](#)

# Youth News

## EQAC Student Applications Open

The [Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council](#) (EQAC) seeks a student member to join the council for the July 2024 through June 2025 term. Interested high school sophomores and juniors are encouraged to [apply by May 6](#).

EQAC's primary function is to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for improving environmental protection and enhancement, including preparing an annual report on the state of the physical environment in Fairfax County. Each year, the council also administers the Environmental Excellence Awards to recognize individuals, organizations, businesses, and employees for advancing or supporting the County's environmental goals and policies.



Are you a high school student who is passionate about the environment?

Join the **Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council** as a student member!

**Applications Open Now**

EQAC is composed of one citizen representative from each of nine magisterial districts, four at-large members, and one student representative. Each member is appointed to serve a three-year term, except the student member, who serves during their junior or senior year of high school. The council generally meets in person at the Fairfax County Government Center on the second Wednesday of each month, starting at 7:15 p.m.

The student member application is open to all interested sophomores and juniors living in Fairfax County (excluding the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church) who are in good standing. Eligible public school, private school, parochial, and homeschooled students are encouraged to apply.

See testimonials from past student members on the [EQAC webpage](#) under the student membership tab.

To apply, complete and submit the [student application form](#). All applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, May 6.

## Share Your Thoughts on Middle School Start Times

FCPS invites the public to be part of the process of exploring options for adjusting middle school start times. Attend a forum to hear about adolescent sleep research from an expert, learn about the ongoing middle school start times study, and participate in small group discussions.

All forums will deliver the same presentation and provide the same feedback opportunities. Breakout sessions will be held for middle school students to share their voices. Students are encouraged to attend!

Register for a forum by clicking on one of the following dates:

- **Monday, May 6**
  - 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
  - **Whitman Middle School**  
(2500 Parkers Lane,  
Alexandria)
- **Monday, May 13**
  - 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
  - Virtual forum
- **Monday, May 20**
  - 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
  - **Hughes Middle School**  
(11401 Ridge Heights Road,  
Reston)
- **Wednesday, May 22**
  - 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
  - **Frost Middle School** (4101  
Pickett Road, Fairfax)

While registration is not required, it does help with planning. Language interpretation and childcare will be provided. [\*\*Learn more about the project.\*\*](#)



# Land Use & Development

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & HEARINGS

Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee Meeting

- May 21 at 7:00 p.m. – Braddock Hall

Planning Commission Hearing on 8003 Forbes Place, Springfield

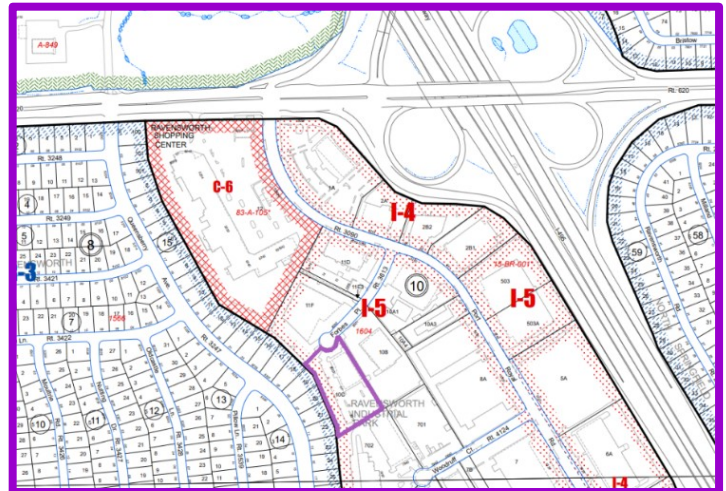
- May 22 at 7:30 p.m. – Board Auditorium

## Planning Commission Hearing on Application for Adult Day Care Facility Scheduled for May 22

Earlier this week, the Friends Health Care Team submitted additional revisions to their application for a Special Exception to operate an adult day care facility in an existing office building at 8003 Forbes Place in Springfield. The property is located near the intersection of Forbes Place and Port Royal Road, south of the Ravensworth Shopping Center, and is zoned to the I-5 District.

The applicant previously 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 resubmission, they are proposing to convert the second floor of the office building to adult day care use for up to 175 adults, with the other two floors of the building remaining occupied by office uses. They have proposed using a portion of a grassy strip along the side of the building for outdoor recreation, consisting primarily of walking. Approximately 40 employees would be on site at any one time. Times of operation have been revised to be from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 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 80 trips.

Information on the application is available on the [PLUS website](#). If the record does not show up from this 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

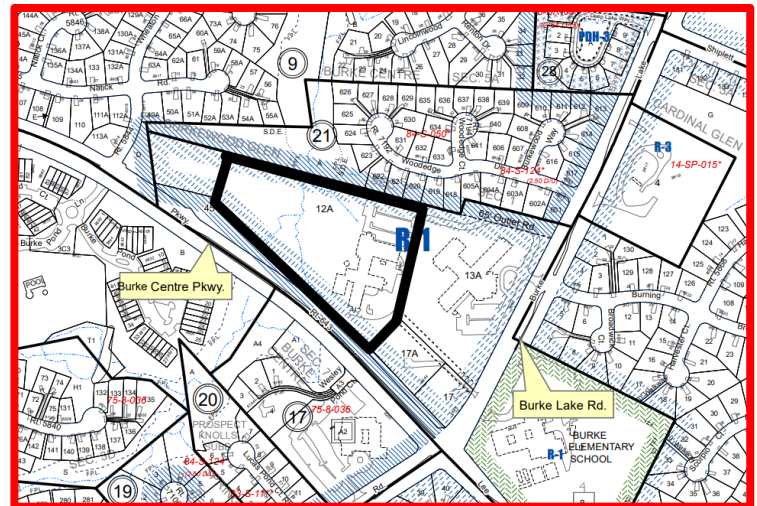


recent documents are at the end of the list. Details on the application are typically in the "Statement of Justification," and the "Special Exception Plat" shows the drawings.

The Planning Commission hearing on this Special Exception application has been deferred several times while awaiting additional information, but is now scheduled for May 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Auditorium. The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will receive an update at its May 21 meeting. A Board of Supervisors hearing has not yet been scheduled.

## Burke Health and Rehabilitation Center Seeks Expansion

The Burke Health and Rehabilitation Center, located at 9640 Burke Lake Road, Burke, has applied to add 68 beds to the facility in an approximately 25,000-square foot two-story addition. A rezoning from the R-1 to the R-3 District would be required to increase the floor area ratio, and a Special Exception Amendment would be necessary to permit modifications to previously approved site and development conditions to allow for the construction of a building addition.



The existing 120-bed medical care facility offers short- and long-term post-surgery care, cardiac and stroke care, and other skilled nursing services to both the public and residents of the adjacent Heatherwood Retirement Community, through which it is accessed. The Center is located on a 7.65-acre parcel of land that is Zoned R-1 and contains Resource Protection Area, Environmental Quality Corridor, and floodplain.

The proposed building addition would be attached to the southeast portion of the building where parking currently exists. Ten new parking spaces would be added, to be accessed by the existing travel aisle in front of the site. The total provided parking of 89 spaces would exceed the minimum of 63 spaces that is required by the Zoning Ordinance. No other site changes are proposed.

This application will be referred to the Health Care Advisory Board for a recommendation and report. It will also be reviewed by County staff and the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee. Those reviews have not yet been scheduled. A Planning Commission hearing has tentatively been set for October 10.

The full application, staff report, development conditions, and other information on this BZA case 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, RZ-2024-BR-

00001, in the search box on the right side. Click on the magnifying glass and you will see the application. Click on the "Record Information" 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.

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

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will hold its next meeting on **Tuesday, May 21, at 7:00 p.m.** in Braddock Hall. The agenda is expected to include a presentation and discussion on revisions to the application for adult day care at 8003 Forbes Place, and updates on other 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.

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## **Changes to Data Center Regulations Under Consideration**

Fairfax County is considering updates to regulations on data centers as part of a [draft Zoning Ordinance amendment](#) that is now open for public review. The proposed changes include new guidelines on building design, requiring a noise study, requiring screening for all equipment (such as HVAC and generators), limiting data center size in some zoning districts, and requiring a setback to minimize noise and visual impact on the surrounding area. The goal is to better manage the construction and operation of these facilities as demand for data centers increases and their potential impacts are better understood.



A series of community meetings is underway to discuss the proposed updates and how they could impact the way in which data center applications are reviewed. The final two meetings will be held on:

- Monday, May 6, at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 8, at 12:00 p.m.



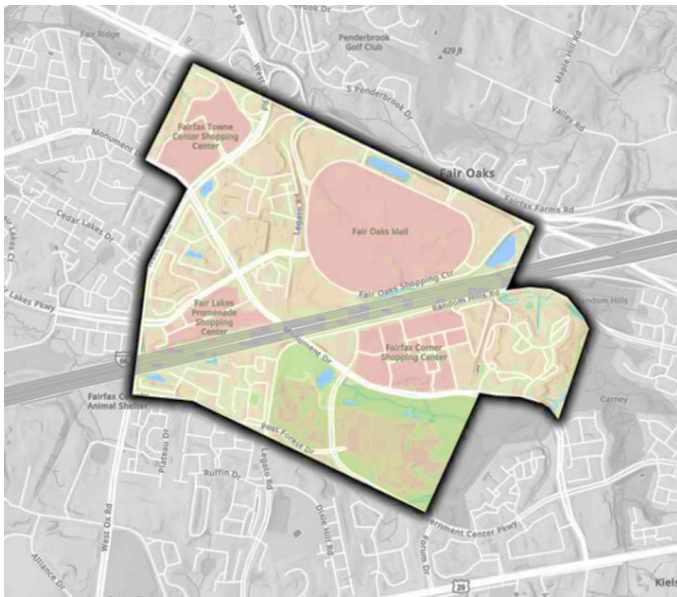
Each of the virtual meetings includes the same content, and no registration is required. Visit the [Data Centers project website](#) to review the draft text, get meeting details, and see additional information.

Public hearings on this Zoning Ordinance amendment are scheduled before the Planning Commission on June 5 and before the Board of Supervisors on July 16.

If you cannot attend the meetings, recordings will be available afterwards. If you have any questions or comments, email [FFX-data-centers@PublicInput.com](mailto:FFX-data-centers@PublicInput.com), or call Carmen Bishop at (703) 324-1314.

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## Fairfax Center Core Area Planning Study Now Underway



The kickoff meeting for the third phase of planning in the Fairfax Center Area was held on April 2. Fifty participants joined to discuss plans for the Core Area, whose landmarks include the County Government Center and Fairfax Corner in the Braddock District, and Fair Oaks Mall, Fair Lakes Promenade Shopping Center, and Fairfax Towne Center Shopping Center in the Springfield District, as well as other commercial and residential developments in both districts.

Over the next 12 to 15 months, a community task force will evaluate and refine the County's plan for the Core Area as a mixed use, walkable, and active

community with access to transit and other public amenities. They are expected to look at the vision for this area and analyze various development scenarios and impacts. This work will be done in conjunction with several other ongoing studies, including a transportation assessment for this project, the Route 29 transportation study, Government Center Visioning (which will look specifically at County property around the Government Center), and several Site Specific Plan Amendments being considered in the Core Area. The task force is expected to meet quarterly, with all meetings open to the public.

Additional information is available on the [Fairfax Center Area Study Phase III website](#).

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## Residents Begin Moving Into Woodleigh Chase and Ilda's Overlook Senior Living Communities



Erickson Living's Woodleigh Chase senior living community opened on March 14. The first two buildings are over 50 percent occupied, with new residents continuing to

move in. A third building is expected to open this summer; 90 percent of those units are already reserved. Two additional buildings in the next "neighborhood" are currently under construction. Wood framing has begun on Pierson Grove, a 122-unit building, and the foundation is being installed for Glendale Court, with 84 units. Reservations for Pierson Grove will begin later this year. Reservations for Glendale Court will open in Summer 2025. Construction on a sixth building is expected to begin soon. For more information, [visit their website](#) or call (703) 259-5300.

Ilda's Overlook opened to residents on March 21, providing 80 units of affordable housing to seniors ages 62 and older with incomes at or below 60 percent of the Area Median Income. As of the end of April, 27 units were occupied, 17 move-ins are scheduled for May, and two more move-ins are scheduled for June. For additional information, [visit their website](#) or call (571) 982-7568.



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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.

- **Karoline Patricia Pershell – 7914 Greely Boulevard, Springfield  
SP-2024-BR-00004**

The applicant requested a modification to the provisions for the keeping of animals (chickens). This application was approved by the BZA, with conditions, at a hearing on May 1. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

➤ **Tyler W. & Jill G. Wolverton – 4717 Trotting Lane, Annandale  
SP-2023-BR-00201**

The applicants are requesting a reduction in setback requirements to allow a second story addition over an existing garage that would be 7.1 feet from the south side lot line. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on May 8. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

➤ **Daniel K. & Arika J. Van Brunt – 5613 Heming Avenue, Springfield  
SP-2023-BR-00196**

The applicants are requesting a reduction in setback requirements based on errors in building location to permit: 1) an accessory structure (outdoor fireplace) 3.9 feet from the northeast side lot line; 2) an accessory structure (shed) 3.0 feet from the northeast side lot line; and 3) an accessory structure (shed) 4.1 feet from the northeast side lot line. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on June 5. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

➤ **Corey Brandt Dutko & Ryla Naweed Dutko, Trustees of the Dutko Family Revocable Trust – 5645 Ravenel Lane, Springfield  
SP-2024-BR-00012**

The applicants are requesting a reduction in setback requirements to permit an addition (garage) 7.4 feet from the northeast side lot line. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on June 12. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

➤ **Laura Sossa – 5750 Heming Avenue, Springfield  
SP-2024-BR-00027**

The applicant is requesting approval to expand a home day care facility to care for 12 children. Hours of operation would be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. There would be three employees, including the applicant. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on June 12. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

➤ **Gonzalo Alberto Acha Garcia – 7517 Hamlet Street, Springfield  
SP-2022-BR-00132**

The applicant is requesting a reduction in setback requirements to permit an addition (carport enclosure) 6.6 feet from the side lot line. The BZA hearing for this application has been rescheduled for June 26. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).



➤ **Yangxin Ou & Yu Tan – 4309 Holly Lane, Annandale  
VC-2024-BR-00006**

The applicants are requesting a Variance to allow an increase in permitted building height for a single-family detached dwelling above the allowable 35 feet in height. This application has been scheduled for a BZA hearing on July 10. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found on the [PLUS website](#).

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