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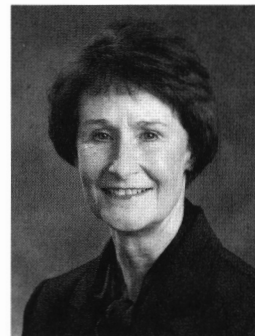
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Spring 2008

Work on our Spring Byline was interrupted this week when my staff and I thought a car must have bumped into our building. We looked outside, but saw nothing. Later we learned an earthquake had rumbled through Braddock. It was mild as earthquakes go (1.8 on the Richter scale), but it seems symbolic of the change about to take place on I-495. The earth will soon be moving as VDOT (Virginia Department of Transportation), in partnership with Fluor/Transurban, constructs two new lanes in each direction on the beltway, providing added capacity for carpoolers, buses and individual drivers choosing to pay a toll to drive in the new express lanes. My office hosted a briefing on the **HOT Lanes** project in late January and VDOT held public meetings in May. Work has already begun on this State project, which is expected to be completed by 2012. More information on this project can be found at www.virginiahotlanes.com. Additionally, my office is forwarding regular VDOT updates via our new Braddock E-Bulletin. *Please send us your e-mail address if you wish to be included in these and other updates on projects and news in our Braddock District.*

Three dynamics made adoption of this year's budget a challenge: a dramatic drop in the value of residential property; a sharp rise in residential foreclosures (198 in calendar year 2005 to 4,527 in 2007); and a significant loss of interest income (approx \$57 million) due to actions taken by the Federal Reserve to jumpstart the economy. Knowing we will continue to be impacted by this economic downturn, the Board has called for a **Lines of Business (LOB) Review**. The community will be invited and encouraged to participate in this process both through traditional forums and workshops, as well as more on-line opportunities using newer social media formats. See inside for more information about **FY 2009 Budget Adoption**. Lines of Business can already be viewed on-line at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/2008_lob.htm.

Spring this year is full of ribbon cuttings. I hope you will join me on **Saturday, June 28th**, as we celebrate the opening of our new **Burke Centre Library and VRE Station Garage**. Planning for these facilities began in 2003, and both projects have benefited from hands-on neighborhood participation that helped shape their design and operation. In May, two new trails were completed that connect neighborhoods in Burke Centre to the VRE Station, making it easier to commute without driving to the station and the Burke Farmers' Market. By late summer, the finishing touches should be completed on intersection improvements on Little River Turnpike (Rt. 236) from Pickett Road to Northern Virginia Community College. See inside this Byline for news of projects that will soon be underway in Braddock – new independent units on the **Little River Glen Senior Campus** in Fairfax, safety improvements at three of our neighborhood lakes (**Royal, Woodglen and Barton**), and efforts to put the green back into Braddock Road, with a renewed tree planting and beautification program.

And on the subject of "green," my office is excited about the **Spring Town Meeting** we are planning for the evening of **June 11th**, called **Welcome to the Age of Green**. An impressive lineup of speakers will provide information about environmental initiatives from regional, countywide and neighborhood perspectives. I think you will find this forum interesting, enlightening and practical. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Kings Park Library and will be rebroadcast on cable channel 16 at 8 p. m. on June 15, 20 and 24. I look forward to seeing you there!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sharon Bulova".

Sharon Bulova

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Route 236 from Lake Drive to Pickett Road

(VDOT Project) – Turn lanes, signal improvements and spot safety improvements at several intersections along the Route 236 corridor are under construction, with completion scheduled in August 2008.

I-495 Beltway HOT Lanes (VDOT/PPTA Project)

Construct two new HOV/HOT lanes in each direction from the Springfield Interchange to Old Dominion Drive. Utility relocations began in March; public hearings were held May 20 and May 21; construction is scheduled to begin in June 2008; completion is expected by 2012. For more information:

www.virginiahotlanes.com.

Roberts Road/Braddock Road (County Project)

Add right turn lane from southbound Roberts Rd. to westbound Braddock Rd. Construction is 70% complete, with anticipated completion by Spring 2008.

Braddock Road/Route 123 Interchange Study

(County Project) – Preliminary interchange design improvements to the Braddock Road/Route 123 intersection. Consultant selection is nearly complete. The County and VDOT have met with George Mason University and University Mall to discuss their future development plans. I will be hosting a community meeting once a preliminary study to construct improvements to this intersection has been completed.

Zion Drive (County Project) – Improvements to the curve at Zion Baptist Church. Preliminary design is in progress; construction is anticipated to begin in 2010.

Burke Centre Parkway/Burke Commons (VDOT Project)

– Safety improvements, including new pavement markings, pedestrian handicap ramps, signage and signal improvements were completed by VDOT construction crews in April 2008.

Four-Year Transportation Program for FY 2008-

FY 2011 – Supported by the \$110 million Transportation Bond approved in November 2007, this Four-Year Plan is multi-modal and includes projects for road, pedestrian improvements and transit. The plan is designed to enhance mobility, promote safety and create choices for the commuting public. In Braddock, the plan includes projects to install an asphalt trail along the Pohick Stream Valley from the Burke Centre VRE station to Burke Village and along the west side of Roberts Road from Braddock Road to Shenandoah Lane adjacent to George Mason University.

Improved Access to Burke Centre VRE Station

When the new 1,292-space parking garage opens in June, commuters can also reach the station by foot or bike! Fairfax County has opened two new trails linking Walnut Woods and Burke Shire Commons to the station. The trails total 1,260 feet of paved surface and includes two pedestrian bridges. The garage and trails were planned in partnership with the community and are attractive and welcome additions to the neighborhood.

YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK FOR YOU

The Lakes of Braddock



During the past three years, my office has worked with communities near three “PL (Public Law) 566” lakes. The lakes, **Royal, Woodglen and Barton**, were all built during the late 70’s and early 80’s for flood control in the Pohick watershed. The lakes also help to clean water running off our yards and driveways and serve as attractive recreational amenities for the community. They were early and highly effective pioneers for modern stormwater management.

The lakes were constructed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). They are owned and maintained by Fairfax County and regulated by the State. According to federal and state officials, the dams no longer meet today’s design and safety criteria for the operation of their auxiliary spillways. Information about these projects and the planned improvements can be found at my website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/damrehab.htm>

Royal Lake is the first to be brought up to modern safety standards. Construction begins in May and will entail reinforcement of the auxiliary spillway (the flat grassy area next to the dam) with articulated concrete blocks. The spillway will be re-directed to prevent any chance of flooding of the Wood Wren townhomes. Some tree removal will be required and reforestation is included in the project. Once completed, the area will be covered with soil and sod. Construction for this \$2.5 million project should be finished in about nine months.

Lake Accotink Dredging Project – Dredging operations are almost finished! The contractor has removed 168,000 cubic yards of silt from the lake and is creating a forebay area at the confluence of Accotink Creek and the lake. A forebay is a deeper pool of water that will slow sediment build-up in the main body of the lake. The dredging project will provide better boat access from the marina to the lake. Completion is anticipated by September 2008.

Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Adoption

The Budget at a Glance

Real Estate Tax Rate of \$0.92 = a modest **decrease** in the average homeowner's real estate tax bill.

11-cent increase in Commercial and Industrial Tax Rate = approximately \$52 million for new County transportation projects.

\$3.3 billion General Fund Budget (Combined County and School Spending), a **decrease** of \$30.77 million or (.91%) from FY08.

School Transfer \$1.6 billion, plus \$155 million for School Debt Service, an **increase** of \$40 million or 2.2%.

For more information on the budget, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/budget/>



On April 28th, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Budget for Fiscal Year 2009. It was a challenging process, not unlike the so-called "Doomsday" Budget of FY 1993, adopted in Spring 1992, with Tom Davis serving as chairman. Then as now, after a decade of soaring property values, the bubble burst. In 1992, the value of residential property dropped by 15 percentage points. **In 2008 after six years of double-digit increases, the County has experienced a 21 percentage point drop, from 20.57% to minus 0.33%.**

During that former downturn, the Board closed the revenue shortfall by freezing salaries of both school and general county employees. The real estate tax rate was increased by 5 cents, which coupled with falling real estate assessments, caused the average tax bill to remain approximately the same as the year before. The Board that year began efforts to make reorganizational changes to bring the cost and array of County services back into fiscal equilibrium, a process that occurred throughout the next four years.

The Budget adopted on the 28th addresses a total projected revenue shortfall of \$177 million. \$57 million of that materialized *after* the County Executive had sent his recommended budget to the printer in February. Through cuts and re-allocations within the Advertised Budget, and a tax rate adjustment of 3 cents, the adopted package provides a \$40 million (2.2%) increase to the Fairfax County Public Schools, maintains our commitment to pay equity to our County employees, and continues funding for the Board's environmental/stormwater management and affordable housing priorities. With the decline in property values, the tax rate increase to 92 cents results in an average tax bill that is a **modest decrease** from the year before.

An alternative budget proposal that was not supported by a majority of the board kept the tax rate at 89 cents, but only provided \$19 million to the schools, de-funded stormwater projects and zeroed out the County's efforts to preserve affordable housing.

"LOBs"

Knowing that the County will continue to be impacted by a serious nationwide economic downturn, the Board adopted **Budget Guidelines** to prepare for FY 2010 that call for a thorough **Lines of Business (LOB) Review** process. With a goal to maintain the quality of life County residents value, this process will examine program priorities, possible areas for elimination, reduction reorganization or consolidation, and/or alternatives for delivery of services. Because the School system makes up over 53% of the County budget, the School Board is asked to share in this process and undertake a review of School spending and programs.



The community is invited and encouraged to participate in this process both through traditional forums and workshops, as well as more on-line opportunities using newer social media initiatives. As part of this process, the County will provide user-friendly budget information to foster meaningful community discussion. **The LOB process will be kicked off with a public discussion forum this September or possibly earlier.**

LOBs can already be viewed on-line at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/2008_lobs.htm

A LOT HAPPENING IN OUR PARKS!



Ossian Hall Park

Ossian Hall Park has a whole new look! Renovation is scheduled in phases to take advantage of available funding. Phase I has recently been completed, with a new entrance at the northwest corner of Heritage and Four Year Run, with stone masonry piers, a bench and new sign. The entrance at the southwest corner has been improved, with a concrete plaza, benches, stone masonry walls, an accessible ramp and landscaping. New and renovated trails make for pleasant treks through the park.

A forest treatment plan is underway. Invasive Management Zones have been created, with American holly and native wild strawberry bushes planted in small clusters. This summer, a herbicide will be applied to invasive shrubs and ground cover.

Future phases will include a practice soccer field, two basketball courts, a larger parking lot, community plaza for our summer concerts and new playground.

Kings Park Park

The Park Authority has initiated a public planning process to revise the Master Plan for Kings Park Park. The existing master plan was approved in 1967. The revision will update the General Management and Conceptual Development Plans to consider future uses now that a one-acre mostly grassy tract, formerly the site of the Royal Pool, has been added to the park. Additional information and updates on this process can be found on the Park Authority website: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/kingspark.htm>

Wakefield Park

Another phase of the Wakefield Park trail project was completed in March, with about 1.5 miles of natural-surface trail designed and constructed with lots of volunteer help from MORE, a mountain biking group. These trails are recognized as models for integrating mountain biking into an urban environment.

The Wakefield Skate Park now has late-night sessions for riders age 14 and older, once a month on Fridays and Saturdays from 8 p.m. until midnight. Check the calendar on-line for specific dates: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/skatepark/>.

Canterbury Woods Park

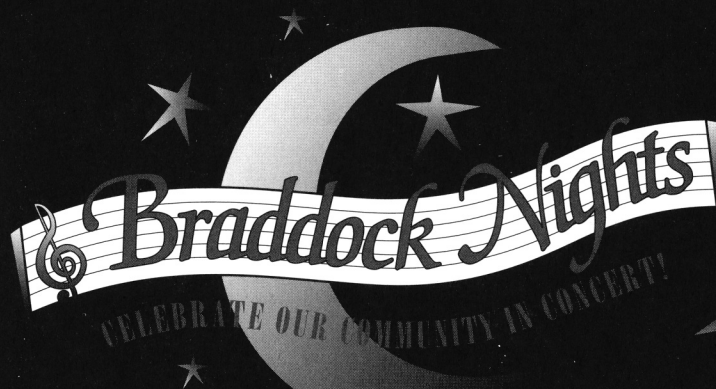
When driving down Braddock Road, you may have noticed the memorial located in Canterbury Woods Park next to Wakefield Chapel Road. It honors the life of Mary Read, a student who was killed at Virginia Tech last year. This is a project of the Braddock District Council of Community Associations, Annandale High School Band Booster Club and Area Landscaping, Inc. Mary and her family will always be in our hearts.

A LOOK BACK AT BRADDOCK

If you liked "Braddock's True Gold - 20th Century Life in the Heart of Fairfax County," you'll love our wonderful **Braddock Heritage Website**! The site was created through a partnership between our A Look Back at Braddock (ALBB) Task Force and George Mason University's Center for History and new Media. A visitor to the website, <http://braddockheritage.org/>, is treated to a trip back in history starting in 1685, when most of what is now Braddock was part of the Ravensworth land grant purchased by William Fitzhugh. Stories, photographs, maps, transcripts of oral history interviews and short videos fill the site. Special thanks go to Dr. Jack Censer for opening the door for this opportunity, graduate student Ann Ghajar for her work creating it, and to ALBB members John Browne and Mary Lipsey for providing the content.

Save these dates! More activities are planned for history lovers this fall! On Saturday, October 4th, the historic **Oak Hill Mansion** in Annandale will be open to visitors. Bring your family and friends for a day of children's games, music and lectures about our local history. On Sunday, October 25th, we are planning a first time **Historic Properties Tour** of the Burke/Fairfax area. Contact my office to learn more about these events!

Braddock goes countywide with a new project to capture the history of **Asian-Americans** who have chosen Fairfax County as their home. Inspired by our A Look Back at Braddock projects, chairman Cora Foley has taken the lead to research, record, preserve, write and promote the stories of how, why and when different Asian immigrant groups came to Fairfax, where they have settled, and what their experiences and contributions have been. Information about the project can be found at <http://fairfaxasianamericans.community.officelive.com/Resources.aspx>.



LAKE ACCOTINK PARK

7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield

ROYAL LAKE PARK

5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax

OSSIAN HALL PARK

Heritage Drive and Four Year Run, Annandale

FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY PRESENTS

2008 SUMMER CONCERTS

Thursday Evenings, 7:30 p.m. at Ossian Hall Park

Friday Evenings, 7:30 p.m. at Royal Lake and Lake Accotink Park

Performances are **FREE**.

Concerts are cancelled if it's raining. If there is a threat of bad weather, call 703.324.SHOW (7469) after 6:00 p.m. for cancellation updates.

These parks are not lighted. For a safe exit after dark, please bring a flashlight.

Go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances for further information.

- JUNE**
- 6 City of Fairfax Concert Band (Big Band)
 - 13 Dead Men's Hollow (Bluegrass)
 - 20 Clarence "The Blues Man" Turner (Blues)
 - 27 Janine Wilson Band (Roots/Rock)

JULY 4 NO PERFORMANCES

- 11 The United States Army Band Blues Jazz Ensemble (Jazz)
- 18 NVCC Annandale Symphony Orchestra (Summer Pops)

- 25 The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra Summer Band (Classical)

AUGUST 1 Swing Shift (Swing)

- 8 Falls Church Concert Band (Big Band)
- 15 Kings Park Concert Band (Big Band)
- 22 Night Music (Vintage Rock)
- 29 City of Fairfax Alte Kameraden German Band (German)

- JUNE**
- 6 Silver Canyon (Country/Honky Tonk)

- 13 Yarawi (Andean)

- 20 Bill Kirchen & Too Much Fun (Roots/Rock)

- 27 NVCC Annandale Brass (Summer Pops)

JULY 4 NO PERFORMANCES

- 11 Swing Speak (Swing)

- 18 Little Red & The Renegades (Zydeco)

- 25 Williams & Clark Expedition (Bluegrass)



WILLIAMS & CLARK EXPEDITION

AUGUST 1 Jumptown (Jump Blues)

- 8 Trio Caliente (Latin Gypsy Rumba)

- 15 Chelsea Lee (Roots Rock)



CHELSEA LEE

- 22 Verny Varela y su Orquesta (Latin)

- 29 Sandra Y. Johnson (Jazz)

Around the World In Films is sponsored by:



- JUNE**
- 5 Chinese Cultural Heritage Night (Chinese Music & Dance)

- 12 Bolivian Cultural Heritage Night (Bolivian Music & Dance)

- 19 Guatemalan Cultural Heritage Night (Guatemalan Dance & Music)

- 26 Korean Cultural Heritage Night (Korean Dance & Music)

- JULY**
- 3 Hawaiian Cultural Heritage Night (Hawaiian Dance & Music)

- 10 Cameroon Cultural Night (Cameron Dance & Music)

- 17 Irish Cultural Heritage Night (Irish Dance & Music)

- 24 Mexican Cultural Heritage Night (Mexican Dance & Music)



MEXICAN FOLK DANCE

- 31 The Archie Edward's Blues Night (Piedmont Blues Music)

- AUGUST**
- 7 Peruvian Cultural Heritage Night (Peruvian Dance & Music)

- 14 Folk Americana Music Night (Folk/Roots Music)

- 21 Vietnamese Cultural Heritage Night (Vietnamese Dance & Music)

- 28 Russian Cultural Heritage Night (Russian Dance & Music)

AROUND THE WORLD IN FILMS 2008

An open air series of movies under the stars
Lake Accotink Park - 703-324-7469

Saturday, May 31: **BEE MOVIE**

Sunday, June 1: **UNDER THE SAME MOON**

Spend a night out at the movies with your friends and family. 6:00 P.M. with pre-movie performances, movie at dark. Bring your own lawn chairs and blankets.

Braddock Nights is made possible through the efforts of The Braddock District Supervisor, Friends of Braddock Nights, and the generous support of:



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Fairfax County Park Authority
Appropriate accommodations may be provided upon request.
Call 703-324-8563 for information.
TTY 703-324-3988.



YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Save a Tree

The Board of Supervisors recently voted to add a chapter to the county code that improves our ability to preserve heritage, memorial and specimen trees. Under the amendment, trees for potential designation can be identified by an urban forester, individuals, groups and organizations. Please report trees that hold special value to our office!

Volunteer Fairfax

Volunteer Fairfax is a regional leader in developing and delivering creative solutions to community needs, and mobilizing people and resources to meet these needs. To learn more about Volunteer Fairfax and see available volunteer opportunities, call 703-246-3460 or visit <http://www.volunteerfairfax.org>.

Seniors and Law Enforcement

The Fairfax County Police Department is reaching out to residents over 55 years of age, who are interested in serving on the new *Seniors & Law Enforcement Together* (SALT) councils. Councils will enhance law enforcement's response to crime-related issues experienced or feared by older residents. The councils will be based in local police districts and will include a training component. For more information on SALT councils, or to volunteer, call 703-246-4564.

Guitars not Guns

Reach out to our younger community through music by helping with a local non-profit, *Guitar not Guns* (GnG). GnG's mission is to replace violence with music by providing guitar lessons to at-risk and under-privileged youth. To volunteer or learn more about this unique and positive after-school activity visit their website at: <http://www.guitarsnotguns.org/>



Northern Virginia Family Service

NVFS is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to helping individuals and families find new paths to self-reliance and brighter futures through helping them access affordable housing, counseling, early childhood interventions, low-cost medical and dental services, foster and respite care, job training, money management and more. For more information or for volunteer opportunities at NVFS, call 703-219-2193 or visit www.nvfs.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

2-1-1 - is a new service designated by the FCC that links callers to help with health and human services. The Northern Virginia Regional Commission and local governments have compiled a database of more than 4,400 community resources to assist callers. This system may also be accessed at www.211virginia.org.

Geographic Information - find detailed maps, area attractions and demographic information about your community at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/maps/map.htm under the heading of *My Neighborhood*.

Long Grass - front yard grass over 12" on less than one-half acre lots can be reported to public works at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/complaints.htm and go to environment, then grass height complaints.

Littering - if you observe someone littering from a vehicle, go to www.cleanfairfaxcouncil.org and follow link to report littering to have a letter sent to the registered owner of the vehicle.

Small Businesses abound in Braddock District. Many are home-based. Fairfax County offers all sizes and types of businesses opportunities for services, education and networking. A free workshop assists small businesses with information on selling to Fairfax County including:

- overview of the County's procurement policies;
- marketing to the County; and
- new acquisition activities.

The workshop is held every third Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m., in the Fairfax County Government Center. For more information, call 703-324-3201 or go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpsm/osb.

Free Paper Shredding Event - a secure document shredding event will be held in our parking lot on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call our office or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/recycling and click on calendar of events.

Free Residential Electronics Recycling - recycle electronics on the second Friday and Saturday each month at 4005 Westfax Dr., Suite A, in Chantilly. Nothing goes to the landfill. Contact 703-436-1967 or <http://www.turtlewings.com/residential-collection-events.html>

Primary Election Day is June 10th! On the ballot are candidates for the selection of nominees for the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives for the November 6th ballot. For information about the Primary, you can call 703-222-0776, or go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/upcoming.htm>.

PUBLIC SAFETY CORNER

You can report a crime on-line at
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/safety/>

Go to the Fairfax County Web site and click on:

- Public Safety (on right)
- Police Department
- File Police Report ("Quick Links" on the right).

It is important to read all material preceding the report form. This material spells out what kinds of crimes you can report on-line. And remember – for a crime in progress, always call 911! Once you have read the material, you can click on "Enter Your Report" and follow the rest of the instructions.

New Hours for Animal Shelter

Tuesday thru Friday: 12 p.m.-7 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday: closed

The change in hours reflects an analysis of the number of visitors to the shelter during the hours it was previously open to the public. The shelter is located at 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030, and the telephone number is 703-830-1100. For animal-related issues requiring the assistance of an Animal Control Officer, call the non-emergency dispatch number at 703-691-2131.



SAFE, ATTRACTIVE AND VITAL

Last year I convened a council of community leaders from several older Braddock neighborhoods to discuss ways to address conditions that are causing dissatisfaction in some neighborhoods. Our group was joined by senior County staff interested in a potential model for ways to prevent neighborhood deterioration. On the table for us to address included:

- overcrowding, zoning violations;
- parking and upkeep of property;
- tear-downs and the rebuilding of McMansions;
- shoddy or potentially unsafe construction; and
- cultural and language conflicts.

The Kings Park Civic Association volunteered to serve as a pilot for identifying ways to invigorate an older community. *The Kings Park Initiative* focuses on prevention and intervention, with strong support from the County to enforce violations, while at the same time providing education and support to empower, strengthen and equip older neighborhoods as they deal with the

kinds of challenges that can upset the harmony of the community. In this way, neighborhoods can work in partnership with agencies of the County that deal with code violation and care of premises issues in the same way Neighborhood Watch serves as the eyes and ears of the Police Department. More information about Keeping our Neighborhoods Safe, Attractive and Vital can be found on my Braddock website.

BEAUTIFYING BRADDOCK

My office has received a lot of calls and e-mails regarding the condition of our roads and medians. This is a State funding issue. Virginia is experiencing a major transportation revenue shortfall. This has been building up for several years and is now having a major impact on our roadways, including maintenance. VDOT does not have funding to do more than three mowings during the entire year.

Elected officials from Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads met this month to discuss how to raise additional money for transportation. There was agreement that the General Assembly, when it meets in special session on June 23rd, must address maintenance as part of any transportation package. **I will include information about the special session in my Braddock E-Bulletins.** Please provide us with your e-mail address to be included in updates.

IN THE MEANTIME...

Last summer a **pilot project** was initiated by my office, Delegate David Bulova, the Braddock District Council of Community Associations (BDC) and Fairfax County Sheriff's Department to improve the appearance and maintenance of Braddock Road (from Shirley Gate Road east to Backlick Road). This project enhances VDOT's mowing program, trash pick-up, and the removal of illegal signs on the medians and along the rights-of-way by using non-violent prisoners, with guards, from the Adult Detention Center's Community Labor Force.

VDOT has removed dead and diseased trees from the medians, and Area Landscaping is working with VDOT on a re-planting scheme to "put the green back" with new trees, bushes and flowers. The BDC has already applied to participate in VDOT's Adopt-a-Highway program to assist with keeping the corridor trash free and is heading up a fundraising effort to pay for the plantings and their future maintenance needs. To contribute or to volunteer to help with neighborhood or stream valley clean-ups, please contact my office.

YOURS FOR THE ASKING

Contact my office for the following:

- **HEALTH GUIDES**
Fight the Bite - Say no to mosquitoes
Choosing the Right Repellant
Ticks and Tick-Borne Diseases
- **TRANSIT GUIDES**
Metrobus Timetables
VRE Riders Guide
A Guide to Ridesharing in Fairfax County
- **POLICE DEPARTMENT**
Auxiliary Police Officer Program
An Introduction to Neighborhood Watch
Facts on Gangs
A Guide to Personal Safety
- **GUITARS NOT GUNS-** Introduction to the non-profit youth organization designed to help stop the violence by empowering children
- **VOTE NOTES-** Spring 2008 Election Officer News and Reminders for Voters
- **FACTS FOR VOTERS 2008-** General information for Fairfax area voters
- **2008 FAIRFAX COUNTY FARMERS MARKETS SCHEDULE**
- **WEEKLY AGENDA-** Subscribe to the electronic Weekly Agenda newsletter and receive information about Fairfax County government meetings and agendas – go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa

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SPRING TOWN MEETING

Kings Park Library Meeting Room
9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke, Virginia

Wednesday, June 11, 7:30 P.M.

WELCOME TO THE AGE OF GREEN!



**Environmental Initiatives in our
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Paul DesJardin, Council of Governments

Kambiz Agazi, Fairfax County Environmental
Coordinator

Earth Sangha, Fairfax Releaf, and Others!

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Roberts Parkway in Burke Centre

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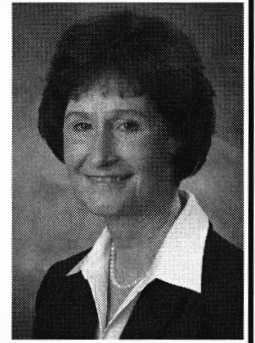
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Fall 2008

For those of you who have never heard of “LOBs,” this acronym might start sounding like a household name this fall and winter. Because of a combination of falling property values (exacerbated by a growing number of residential foreclosures), a sluggish economy and high fuel costs, Fairfax County is projecting a budget deficit of more than \$400 million for Fiscal Year 2010. During the months ahead, the Board of Supervisors will be meeting with department heads to conduct a thorough **Lines of Business (LOB) Review** to examine and evaluate the services and programs our county provides. When we went through a similar process during the recession of the 1990s, we closed a projected deficit of more than \$200 million, in part through reductions and reorganizational changes that resulted in improved efficiencies and new best practices. Our challenge once again is to bring spending into balance with reduced revenue, while maintaining the quality and excellence we value.

County residents are encouraged to participate in this process through a series of 20 **Community Dialogues** throughout Fairfax County, beginning on September 20th. Specific times and locations can be viewed on the County's website at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/budget/publicmeetings.htm>. One close-to-home location for Braddock constituents is on **November 13 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Burke Centre Library**. The Dialogues will include presentations regarding our fiscal situation and the County's budget, followed by facilitated small group discussions. Our **Fall Town Meeting** this year will summarize progress on LOB reviews and the Dialogues and will include a discussion session. The Town Meeting will be held on **October 21, 7:30 p.m., in the Kings Park Library** community room. Broadcasts of the meeting can be watched on Cable Channel 16 (see back page for dates). I hope to see you there!

Work is progressing on the **Capital Beltway HOT Lanes** project, slated for completion by the end of 2010. This is a unique State project that will change both the appearance and operation of the Beltway as we know it. VDOT has partnered with two private companies, Fluor and Transurban, to construct four new lanes on the Beltway (two in each direction between the Springfield interchange and Old Dominion Drive). *For the first time, new lanes will be available on the Beltway for carpoolers, buses or potential future BRT (Bus Rapid Transit).* The new lanes will operate as High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes, which means buses and carpools can use the lanes at no charge, while non-HOV motorists can pay a toll to enter the express lanes. Tolls will vary according to traffic volume and will reimburse Fluor-Transurban for their construction costs. The **existing lanes of the Beltway will continue to be accessible and free to all motorists.**

In addition to increasing capacity, this project will upgrade interchanges and add, improve or replace bridges, overpasses and sound walls. Extensive work is planned on the bridges that carry Braddock Road and Little River Turnpike over the Beltway. More information on this project can be found at www.virginiahotlanes.com. You can also receive regular updates regarding lanes closures and construction work via our new Braddock E-bulletin. ***Please send us your e-mail address to receive frequent up-to-date news affecting our Braddock District.***

Good news for history buffs! Braddock District's historic Oak Hill Manor House (circa 1790) is in the hands of new owners who are looking forward to welcoming us to our third **Oak Hill History Day** on **Saturday, October 4**. Please join me for a day of music, children's games and lectures about our area's history. On **Sunday, October 26**, I am hosting a *first-time-ever* **bus and walking tour of Historic Homes and Sites in Braddock District**. The tour will feature properties in the “Old Burke” area. There is a charge for this event, and participants are asked to sign up in advance. More information can be found inside this newsletter and at my Braddock District website.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sharon Bulova".
Sharon Bulova

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Completed Projects

Roberts Road/Braddock Road (County Project) –A new right turn lane from southbound Roberts Road onto westbound Braddock was completed in May.

Route 236 from Lake Drive to Pickett Road (VDOT Project) –This project to add turn lanes, signal improvements and spot safety improvements at several intersections along the Little River Turnpike corridor was completed in June.

In-Progress and Upcoming Projects

Braddock Road/Route 123 Interchange Study (County Project) –Preliminary interchange design and interim improvements are slated for the Braddock Road/Route 123 intersection. Interchange design concepts are in progress. A briefing for the community will be scheduled this fall or winter.

Zion Drive (County Project) –Improvements are planned to the horizontal curve at Zion Baptist Church. Intermediate design is in progress; construction is anticipated to begin in 2010.

Guinea Road/Falmead Road (County Project)
Pedestrian and drainage improvements are planned. Construction is scheduled to begin in October.

Shirley Gate Road /Route 29 (County Project)
Design is in progress for the installation of an additional northbound left turn lane to westbound Route 29. Construction is scheduled for 2010.

Roberts Road Walkway (County Project) –The installation of asphalt sidewalk along the west side of Roberts Road from Braddock Road to Shenandoah Lane is scheduled to begin in October.

Capital Beltway HOT Lanes (VDOT Project) - This summer, work began on the HOT Lanes (High Occupancy Toll) project, slated for completion by the end of 2010. This project will change both the appearance and operation of the Beltway. *No County funds are involved.*

VDOT has partnered with two private companies, Fluor and Transurban, to construct four new lanes on the Beltway (two in each direction) for a 14-mile stretch between the Springfield interchange and Old Dominion Drive. Under this plan, Fluor-Transurban upfronts the cost for construction, assumes the risk associated with it and remains as operator of the new facility.

Buses and carpools can use the lanes at no charge, while non-HOV motorists may pay a toll to enter the express lanes. Tolls will vary according to traffic volume. Funds collected from these single-occupant vehicles will reimburse Fluor-Transurban for their construction costs.

The existing lanes of the Beltway will continue to be accessible and free to all motorists.

The HOT Lanes project will also replace aging bridges, sound walls and interchanges and provide for public transit on the beltway in the absence of any new transportation funding from the General Assembly. This is a “**design and build**” project, which means many specifics are being worked out as the project is being constructed, instead of in advance. I have expressed concerns to VDOT and to the Commonwealth’s Secretary of Transportation regarding the need for landscaping, reforestation, noise attenuation and the potential for traffic cutting through neighborhoods to reach the HOT Lanes ramp at Braddock Road.

Our office receives regular updates on lane closures and other construction activities related to the HOT Lanes project and we are sharing this information through a weekly “**E-Bulletin**.” Please provide us with your e-mail address if you’d like to receive these updates. More information on this project can be found at www.virginiahotlanes.com.

YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

Two Grand Opening Celebrations! On June 28, Braddock had a LOT to celebrate! The **Burke Centre Library**, located at 5935 Fred’s Oak Road, opened with great fanfare and has lived up to the hype! The new branch features a drive-thru window, numerous study rooms, computer work stations and a large conference room that is available to the public.



On the same day, I hosted the opening of the **Burke Centre VRE Station Parking Garage**. The garage provides over 1,200 new parking spaces. The final phases of the project include reconfiguration of the surface lots to accommodate a bus drop-off area and kiss-and-ride. Work is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year. Parking at the garage is free!

Dam Rehabilitation Projects - During the past three years my office has worked with communities near Royal Lake, Woodglen Lake and Lake Barton to plan for safety improvements for these flood control facilities. Information about these projects can be found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/damrehab.htm>.

Royal Lake is the first of the three lakes to be brought up to modern safety standards. Total cost for the project is approximately \$2.5 million. Federal funds will pay for 65% of the cost, and Fairfax County has provided the remaining 35% local match. Construction began in May 2008. Due to the September 6th storms, construction has been delayed by 1-2 months, and is now expected to be completed late Summer 2009.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!



Election Day is November 4th and this is an exciting time to be a voter in the Braddock District. Senators John McCain and Barack Obama are running for President of the United States. This is the first time in history that two sitting senators have run against one another for president and this is the first time since 1928 that neither a sitting president nor a sitting vice president has run. In addition to the historic contest between Senators McCain and Obama, there are two congressional elections that affect Braddock District. Congressman Tom Davis, who currently represents the 11th Congressional District, is retiring after serving in Congress since 1994. Gerald Connolly, our Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, is running against Keith Fimian to replace him. U.S. Senator John Warner is retiring after 30 years of service in the Senate. Former Virginia Governor Jim Gilmore is running against former Virginia Governor Mark Warner for Senator Warner's seat. As a hotly contested state with 13 electoral votes, Virginia plays a key role in this year's national elections.

There is a **Parks and Recreation bond referendum** on this year's ballot. Funds raised by the \$77 million bond would be used to maintain and renovate existing park land, acquire new property and create new park trails. Roughly 80% of county residents use parks, RECenters or county athletic fields at least once a year. If the bond is approved by a majority of county residents, the funding will be used only for parks and recreation.

The deadline to register to vote is October 6th. Voter registration forms are available at public libraries and at the Supervisor's Office. To request an **absentee ballot**, obtain the form at either a library or the Supervisor's Office or download it at www.sbe.virginia.gov and mail the completed form to the State Board of Elections. The deadline to obtain an absentee ballot is **October 28th by 5 p.m.**

GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS IN BRADDOCK

The Fairfax County Economic Development Authority will be providing free, one-on-one business counseling for Braddock residents and businesses. The sessions will take place once a month in our office this fall and winter and are designed for anyone who wants to start or expand a business in the county, or learn about available business services.

Counseling sessions are scheduled for Tuesdays, October 14, November 11, December 9, January 13 and February 10 between 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. in Braddock Hall, adjacent to my office at 9002 Burke Lake Road in Burke. To learn more about this service, you can go to http://www.fairfaxcountyeconomicdevelopment.org/services_and_resources.htm. Or contact Jatinder Kaur at 703-790-0600 or jkaaur@fceda.org.

HERITAGE CENTER

Redevelopment is planned for the Heritage Shopping Center in Annandale. In 2006, the County's Comprehensive Plan was amended to allow for the option of mixed use at the site, including some residential. Renovation began when a popular new grocery store, H-Mart, moved in this June. It will soon be expanded an additional 6,000 feet. A 10-year lease has been signed with CVS. The shopping center's owner is planning to file for a rezoning later this year for a new freestanding building to be built on the site.

TWO NEW TRAILS SERVE THE VRE!

Fairfax County has opened two beautiful new trails linking the Walnut Woods and Burke Shire Commons neighborhoods with the Burke Centre VRE Station. The trails total 1,260 feet of paved surface and include two pedestrian bridges. The trails are the result of close cooperation between my office and the Burke Centre community to provide bike and pedestrian access to the station and to make the trails aesthetically and environmentally compatible with the surrounding area.

NEW INDEPENDENT SENIOR UNITS AT OLLEY GLEN

During the past several years, the county has been working on design plans for a new addition to the Little River Glen campus for seniors, located at the intersection of Olley Lane and Rt. 236. Recently the county closed on the financing for the future 90-unit Olley Glen. With the permanent financing now in place, the bid process will get underway, with a target construction start date by the end of the year!

A LOOK BACK AT BRADDOCK

Braddock's True Gold

In 1755, during the French and Indian War, English General Edward Braddock led British and colonial troops from the old port city of Alexandria to engage the French at Fort Duquesne (where the City of Pittsburgh is now located). Legend has it that General Braddock carried with him heavy artillery and a payload of gold coins. As the men traveled through what is now Fairfax County they became hopelessly mired in mud. To lighten their load, the general ordered his troops to fill one of the cannons with the gold coins and bury it next to the road, intending to retrieve it on their way back. The battle at Ft. Duquesne was disastrous, and General Braddock lost his life attempting to fight "British" style out in the open in his red coat. His body was buried next to the road he had traveled, and was discovered many years later by road crews doing repairs.

The muddy road General Braddock and his troops encountered was originally an old Indian trail identified on old maps as "Mountain Road." It was later re-named **Braddock Road**. Many a local youngster has disappeared for hours digging in search of the buried treasure along old alignments of Braddock Road. The name of our book capturing the history and memories of long-time Braddock residents is *Braddock's True Gold*. The true treasure is not the gold, but our history.

At the time General Braddock marched through what is now Braddock District, the Ravensworth tobacco plantation already existed. By 1782, Ravensworth was the fourth largest plantation in Fairfax County and had 203 slaves. In 1783, the Ravensworth tract was divided between the five grandsons of William Fitzhugh. Richard Fitzhugh, one of the five grandsons, built **Oak Hill** in 1790.

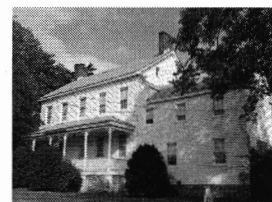
Oak Hill History Celebration Day

You will have a chance to step back into history on **Saturday, October 4th**, for our third **Oak Hill History Celebration Day**. The Oak Hill Manor House is located at 4716 Wakefield Chapel Road in Annandale and was saved in 2004 through a unique historic easement, allowing it to remain in private hands, but maintaining its historic condition and made available for the public to enjoy several times a year.

We have much to celebrate this year! Oak Hill was recently purchased by a wonderful family that is looking forward to showcasing the special home. The celebration begins with a welcoming ceremony at 1 p.m. I hope you will join me on October 4th for:

- Music and treats, children's activities, and lectures about the Oak Hill mansion and Fairfax County during the Civil War;
- Book sales of *Braddock's True Gold – 20th Century Life in the Heart of Fairfax County*;
- Free parking and transportation to Oak Hill are available at the Nancy Sprague Technology Center at 4414 Holborn Avenue in Annandale
- For more information, call my office at 703-425-9300.

Braddock District Historic Properties –A Guided Bus and Walking Tour



Join our A Look Back at Braddock Task Force on **Sunday, October 26**, for a *first-time-ever* tour of historic properties in and near Braddock District. Stops will include Old Burke Village, the 1912 Burke Elementary School, Silas Burke House, St. Mary's of Sorrows Catholic Church and Jerusalem Baptist Church. Tour guides and owners will tell about the people and events connected to these too-often "forgotten gems." A few selected properties will include interior tours.

Space is limited due to bus capacity. Advance ticket purchase required. Cost: \$20 per person. Tickets will be sold at my office (cash and check only), Lake Accotink Park Headquarters (credit card and telephone orders also accepted) and, if still available on October 4th, at Oak Hill Day. For more information, contact my office, 703-425-9300, or Lake Accotink Park, 703-569-0285.

Fairfax County Asian-American History Project

In my last Byline, I announced the kick-off of a project to capture and tell the history of Asian-Americans who have chosen Fairfax County as their home. Products planned for this project include a book, video and Web presence. This Task Force, numbering about 30 individuals and led by Cora Foley is an enthusiastic group of self-starters. Leaders of the group have emerged to take ownership of different aspects of the project. Visit our Web-site to see some fascinating interviews and photos:
<http://fairfaxasianamericans.community.officelive.com/aboutus.aspx>.

TALKING TRASH



Shredding Event!! Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 11th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you have old bills or documents you would like shredded, bring them to the parking lot in front of our office, adjacent to the Kings Park Library at 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Fairfax County can help recycle or safely dispose of many household items beyond newspapers and cans.

Home electronics can be recycled or donated at a variety of locations throughout the county. Many small electronic devices such as cell phones, PDAs and inkjet printer cartridges can be recycled by mail in special envelopes available for free at local post offices. Goodwill and the Salvation Army accept working computers with a 486 microprocessor or better. Large electronics such as printers, computers or televisions can be recycled at any Best Buy store in Fairfax with a limit of two items per customer per day.

Household hazardous waste can be disposed of at the I-66 Transfer Station Complex at 4618 West Ox Road and at the I-95 Landfill Complex at 9850 Furnace Rd. These facilities will dispose of materials like household cleaning products and fluorescent light bulbs. For questions about recycling or disposal of hazardous materials, contact Public Works Solid Waste Management at 703-324-5230 or <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/contactus.htm>

Instruments in the Attic - To complete his or her degree, music education students must become proficient on eight instruments and know how to complete simple repairs. A new tax-deductible instrument donation program at George Mason University encourages Mason faculty, students, staff and friends to donate instruments they no longer use for use by music education students. All instruments, new and used or in need of repair, are accepted. Contributors will receive invitations to student music concerts and events, and complimentary tickets to the annual Mason Holiday Concert on Sunday, Dec. 7. To donate an instrument or for more information, call Jo Lynn Bailey-Page at 703-993-4749.

YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Looking for volunteer opportunities, but not sure where to start? Here are some suggestions:

The **LAMB Center** is an organization of volunteers from local churches that offers services to homeless individuals. The center provides food, showers, storage and telecommunications access. For more information, call (703) 691-3178. Donations to assist the LAMB Center's work can be sent to The Lamb Center, PO Box 1385, Fairfax, VA 22038-1385, at <http://www.thelambcenter.org/donate.htm> or in person at 3220 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Got an old cell phone you are no longer using? Donate it to **Cell Phones for Soldiers**. They will recycle your old phone and turn it into a calling card to help soldiers overseas keep in touch with their loved ones. For information, call 1-800-426-1031 or visit www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com.

If you'd like to work with local youth, contact the **Children, Youth and Families Division** of the Department of Family Services. Volunteers can help by mentoring children and parents, providing childcare, or acting as an advocate for an abused or neglected child. For information, call Volunteer Services at 703-324-7871.

Watershed Management Plans

All land in Fairfax County drains to the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay, so the oil, dirt, grease and trash that washes off streets and parking lots when it rains threatens our water quality and our wildlife. Fairfax is creating **watershed management plans to keep our streams clean**. The Department of Public Works is sponsoring free workshops for residents who want to learn more about how we can improve the health of our streams. Braddock is included in management plans for Accotink Creek and Pohick Creek. For more information or to volunteer, call 703-324-5500, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/watersheds.

PARK NEWS

Lake Accotink Dredging Project –Dredging operations are almost finished! The contractor has removed 168,000 cubic yards of silt from the lake and is creating a forebay area at the confluence of Accotink Creek and the lake. A forebay is a deeper pool of water that will slow sediment build-up in the main body of the lake.

Kings Park Park - The Park Authority has initiated a public planning process to revise the Master Plan for Kings Park Park. The existing master plan was approved in 1967. The revision will consider future uses now that a one-acre mostly grassy tract, formerly the site of the Royal Pool, has been added to the park. There have been numerous meetings with Kings Park residents this year about what the community wants and doesn't want. Additional information and updates on this process can be found on the Park Authority's website:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/kingspark.htm>

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOLS

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer –and had some time to unwind and get re-charged for the new school year.

Some of you might notice some changes in our schools this year. As part of the economic downturn that the county –and nation –are experiencing, we were forced to reduce our requested budget by almost \$60 million. We have worked very hard to have as little impact as possible on students, teachers and individual classes, but some of the reductions will be felt. I met individually with all of the principals of the Braddock District schools during the month of August, and I will be aware of particular issues at each school.

And as we start school this month, we are also looking ahead to the *next* school year, which will be even more challenging. The school system and the Board of Supervisors will be hosting a series of joint Community Dialogues on the budget throughout the county this fall. One will be in the Braddock District at the new Burke library location. I urge everyone to participate in the process. We would like to have everyone understand the economic situation we face, and to provide us with input about your priorities.

Tessie Wilson
School Board Member

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS

George Mason University

The first phase of a \$10 million renovation of the Patriot Center has just been completed. Phase one of the renovations includes the construction of a new box office at the West entry, centralizing all ticket sales operations. The new box office is located in close proximity to Braddock Road and features six windows inside the new box office lobby, as well as two outside windows for drive-up sales during the day. Phase two is under construction now and includes two new concession stands and two bathrooms at the North entry. Two additional concession stands and two bathrooms will be built during phase three at the South entry, as well as a cosmetic facelift for the concourse inside the center. Renovations are scheduled for completion in early 2009.

There are a number of other construction projects planned or underway on the university's Fairfax campus. These include dormitories, a hotel/conference center, staff/faculty housing, and a road construction and rerouting project. For more information about these projects you can visit our Braddock website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock and click on "George Mason/Braddock District Community Forum." The meeting summaries on that page contain links to updates on the construction projects.

Northern Virginia Community College

A building will be constructed in the southeast corner of campus. Buffer parking will remain along the border of campus. The first floor will house student services. The second story will have a bookstore, café, coffee shop with outdoor eating area and police station. The third floor will be faculty offices and large lecture halls. The current parking garage was constructed to accommodate the needs of the new building, as well as compensate for the losses of parking in the area the new building will occupy.

The college offers "Guaranteed Admissions" under a program requiring a written agreement with NOVA. Students who participate in these agreements and graduate from NOVA with the required minimum grade point average are guaranteed admission to numerous four-year Virginia colleges. For more information on the program, go to their website at: <http://www.nvcc.edu>.

PUBLIC SAFETY CORNER

Sign up for emergency alerts –Fairfax County's **Community Emergency Alert Network (CEAN)** delivers important alerts, notifications and updates during a major crisis or disaster. CEAN also issues alerts about weather and traffic. Messages can be delivered to an e-mail account, cell phone, text pager, satellite phone and/or wireless device. Sign up by going to the CEAN website at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean/.



Do you have special medical needs? –If you have special medical needs, you should be registered with the county's **Medical Needs Registry**. The registry will be used by the county for communicating with people with medical needs and for evacuating and sheltering during actual emergencies. Only residents with medical needs and their caregivers will be admitted to Medical Shelters. Additional details, instructions and a registry form are available on the county's website at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/specialneeds/medicalneedsregistry.htm.

Sheriff's Office asks for volunteers –The Fairfax County Sheriff's Office is seeking qualified volunteers to provide inmate services at the Adult Detention and Pre-Release Centers. These services include mental health counseling, religious services, alcohol and drug support groups, health education, library services and job training. Volunteers work with deputies and civilian staff to prepare inmates for a successful transition from jail into the community. The application is available online at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/sheriff/jobs/volunteer.htm. For additional information, contact Sgt. Donna Honse at (703) 246-3763.

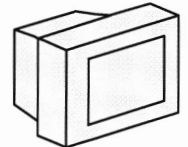
Courthouse bans items –The county's Facilities Management Division and Sheriff's Office are implementing a new policy that prohibits security guards from storing certain items at the courthouse entrance. Banned items include guns, knives, cameras, cell phones and blackberries with cameras, and others. People with a banned item will be turned away from the courthouse and asked to store the items in their vehicles before they return to the courthouse. The ban will be publicized by signs in the parking garage, brochures at information centers in government buildings and other outlets, online information and a news release disseminated to the media.

DID YOU KNOW?

Virginia Department of Transportation Customer Service Center is using a new tracking system. Any inquiries related to VDOT, including maintenance issues, snow removal and signal problems, can be called in 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 703-383-VDOT (8368) or e-mail concerns to NOVAinfo@VDOT.Virginia.gov. This system allows VDOT to track issues more effectively and to maintain a more complete database of issues for funding purposes.

Digital TV Conversion (DTV) will be completed on February 17, 2009. This change from analog broadcasting was federally mandated for several reasons, including freeing up frequency space for emergency personnel and first responders. *If you receive television signals through an antenna and do not have television with a digital tuner your reception will be affected by this transition.* Options for viewers include purchasing a newer television, subscribing to a cable or satellite service, or purchasing and installing a converter box for each television. The federal government is offering a \$40 coupon to help with the cost of the box, which can range from \$40-\$70 each. For information on this program, go to <https://www.dtv2009.gov/> or call 1-888-DTV-2009.

Verizon FIOS cable installation is underway in the Braddock District. Most of the work in Springfield and Annandale will be completed within the time frame of the Initial Service Agreement by October 2008. The rest of the work in the Braddock District is scheduled to be completed by December 2009. If you are having problems with the installation of the FIOS cables, contact the county Office of Cable Communications and Consumer Protection at 703-222-8435 or submit complaints online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/consumer.htm>.



Moped drivers on state roads traveling at more than 35 mph are considered motorcycles. The operator needs to have additional driver's certifications, a motorcycle license and license plates. If a moped is driven less than 35 mph, the driver does not need a license (but must carry identification). For more information about mopeds and scooters, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/brochure/guide-scooter-moped-cycle-operation.pdf> or call the Fairfax County Police Traffic Division at 703-280-0563.

YOURS FOR THE ASKING

Contact my office for the following:

- **TRANSIT GUIDES**
Metrobus Timetables
VRE Riders Guide/Schedules
Discounted Joint Fare Card for VRE & Metro
A Guide to Ridesharing in Fairfax County
- **FACTS FOR VOTERS 2008** - General information for Fairfax County voters
- **FAIRFAX COUNTY STORM DRAIN MARKING PROGRAM**
Protecting local streams and the Bay
Why storm drains are important
- **COMMUNITY CHALLENGES AND CONCERNS** - Who to call to report problems & possible code violations in the community
- **SNOW REMOVAL** - Facts from VDOT
- **TAX FACTS** - General information about Fairfax County taxes
- **PROTECTING OUR YOUTH FROM GANG INVOLVEMENT**- What to look for and what to do if you suspect gang activity
- **HISTORIC PROPERTIES** - Fairfax County Park Authority's guide to historic rental properties
- **BICYCLE MAP** - Comprehensive guide to bicycle routes in Fairfax County

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FALL TOWN MEETING

BUDGET AND LINES OF BUSINESS (LOB)

Kings Park Library Meeting Room
9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke, Virginia

October 21, 7:30 P.M.

State of the County's Economic Situation
Edward Long, Chief Financial Officer

**Historic Perspective on Addressing
Previous Downturns**
Supervisor Sharon Bulova

Preparing for 2010
Review of LOBs and Community Dialogues
Susan Datta, Director of Department of
Management and Budget

Group Discussion

Budget Process for FY 2010
Supervisor Sharon Bulova

This program will appear on Cable Channel 16 at 8 p.m. on
October 24, October 29 and November 2

Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination in all County programs, services and activities. Special accommodations /alternative information formats will be provided upon request. Call 703-324-3187, TTY 711.