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Braddock District Supervisor

## The Braddock Beacon

February 2021 Edition

Dear Neighbor,

On Tuesday, February 2, Fairfax Health Director Dr. Gloria Addo-Ayensu [reported on the County's COVID-19 strategy](#) during a meeting of the Board of Supervisors' Health and Human Services Committee. The meeting provided an in-depth look at the Health Department's vaccine and distribution efforts. I've included key updates from this meeting in the Detailed COVID-19 Information section found on page 10 of this newsletter.

Two of the most-asked questions from constituents are, "Can people who are registered find out their place in the queue?" and "When will I receive my COVID-19 vaccine appointment?"

First, I want to be fully transparent and share the information that we have. Even when that information is frustrating or disappointing. The reality is that we continue to receive a very low supply of vaccine – roughly 13,000 doses per week – while more than 180,000 residents have registered. The Health Department is efficiently using its full supply every week, so that no vaccine is sitting on the shelves. We have the capacity to administer many more doses per week, but due to the limited supply, it could take weeks or months for us to get through the current Phase 1b eligible population.

Unfortunately, the Health Department is unable at this time to inform individuals when they will receive their appointment, nor can they tell someone where they are in the queue. Most of the Health Department's technological efforts have been focused on distribution and administration of the vaccine. However, Dr. Addo-Ayensu did recently describe the dashboard in development which will present a variety of information that when presented together will give people a sense of how quickly they're moving through and where they might fall in the queue. For example, they are looking at a system that would give the date that those currently being served had registered, along with the number of remaining registrations. This will provide some sense of the progress that is being made and how far we might be from your spot in the queue. I will continue to push for additional transparency to give those currently waiting for the vaccine as much information as possible.

It is important to note that appointments are scheduled in the order that registrations are received. During the presentation we learned that periodic messaging to those in the queue is planned. I've included samples of the emails you will receive from the time your appointment becomes available in the COVID-19 section below so that you can understand how the emails will look.

Additionally, CVS recently announced they will begin offering COVID-19 vaccines to **eligible groups** at select stores. CVS will be receiving their doses through the federal partnership, not the Fairfax Health Department. Currently, 36 stores are expected to begin registering individuals for appointments as early as **Tuesday, February 9, 2021**. CVS expects to begin vaccinations Thursday, February 11, 2021 at locations in Virginia, including Fairfax, Arlington, and Alexandria. Exact store locations should be made available soon. While registration is not yet open in Virginia, individuals will be able to **register in advance on the CVS website**, CVS app, or by calling CVS' customer service line at (800) 746-7287. Registrations are required; no walk-ins will be accepted.

Yours in service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James W." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Supervisor James Walkinshaw

P.S. Additional details related to COVID-19 and vaccine distribution begin on page 10 of this newsletter.

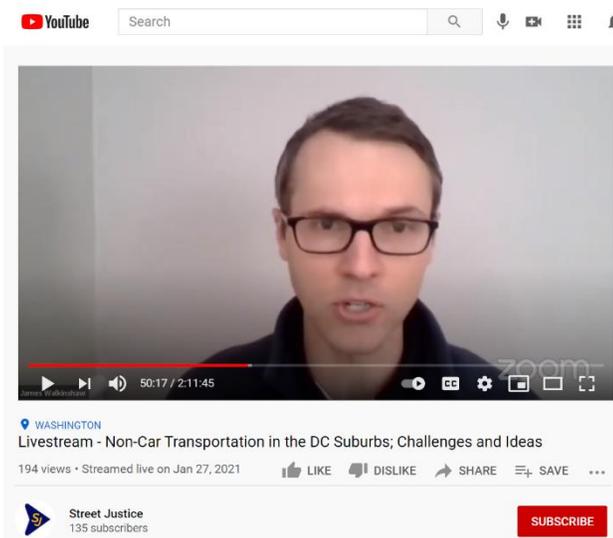
# Walkinshaw in the Community



Supervisor Walkinshaw and Stuff the Bus workers collecting food donations during the Stuff the Bus Food Drive on January 30.



Supervisor Walkinshaw giving opening remarks at a Lake Accotink Dredging Project Update Meeting hosted by Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP) on January 28.



Supervisor Walkinshaw participating in a panel discussion of transportation issues hosted by Street Justice on January 27.



Supervisor Walkinshaw sharing updates on affordable housing initiatives and COVID-19 vaccine efforts with Spanish language host Joel Martinez on the *Tu Comunidad con Joel* show on January 12.

# Citizen of the Month

The Braddock District Citizen of the Month is Jacob Kohut, who goes by Dr. Kohut while he is teaching at school and by Sergeant Kohut when he is on duty as a National Guardsman. Jacob Kohut is a model public servant who selflessly serves as a member of the DC National Guard and teaches band class at Canterbury Woods Elementary School. On January 6, the Capitol was violently stormed, and an insurrection occurred. Brave members of local police departments and National Guard units were mobilized and stepped up to secure our nation's Capitol and members of Congress. Jacob Kohut was one of these brave individuals who valiantly worked around the clock to ensure a peaceful transition of power. Going above and beyond, he also taught music via Zoom while serving at the Capitol. In a recent interview with CBS News, Jacob Kohut said, "the last thing we need is more instability from me leaving...so if I can be at some of the classes, or as many as possible, then I'm going to do that." You can watch the CBS News interview with Jacob Kohut by clicking the image below.



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# New Staff Aide Sally Kidalov

Supervisor Walkinshaw is proud to announce the newest member of our team, Sally Kidalov.

Sally Kidalov (sounds like Kid-olive) brings to the Braddock District 21 years of experience in program planning, implementation, and administration, including 13 years of experience in State and local public agencies.

Sally joins us from the Mount Vernon District office where she has served for two years as the Transportation Aide and has worked closely with constituents to resolve issues.

Prior to joining Fairfax County in 2018, she served in Monterey County as the Assistant Clerk of the Board and performed the duties as the Clerk of the Board in her last 6 months with Monterey County.

Sally also worked in admissions for the California Correctional Peace Officer Academy and in the Vice President's Office for Student Affairs for California State University, Sacramento.



Sally graduated from California State University, San Francisco with a major in Criminal Justice. Our Vice President-elect, Kamala Harris, was her commencement speaker. Sally also earned a Master's in Education from California State University, Sacramento with a focus on higher education leadership and policy. Sally's thesis focused on the college transition and retention for first-time students.

Sally and her husband, Max, moved from Monterey, California to Alexandria in 2018 for Max's job with the Air Force in the Pentagon, where he serves as Legal Counsel to Small Business Programs for the Department of the Air Force. They have family in the Sacramento area, including 2 adorable nieces and a very energetic nephew.

Sally enjoys baking, kayaking, photography and she loves the beach.

# Community News

## Stuff the Bus Food Drive Returns

Thank you to everyone who came out to our first Stuff the Bus Food Drive of 2021. It was great seeing wave after wave of residents coming out to donate -- even during the cold weather. Countywide, we brought in 38,000 pounds of food! These donations will help local nonprofit ECHO refill its shelves with food for local families.

If you missed the food drive, or are able to help again, we will be back this Saturday, February 6, from 10:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. Review the most requested items below before stopping by!

- The Braddock Supervisor's District Office ([9002 Burke Lake Rd, Burke, VA, 22015](#))
- The Commons Community Center in Burke ([5701 Roberts Pkwy, Burke, VA, 22015](#))
- The Pennino Building ([12011 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax, VA, 22015](#))

### Most Requested Items for the Stuff the Bus Food Drives Are:

- Canned Tuna, Salmon, or Chicken
- Soup
- Canned Pasta
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Canned Fruit (in light syrup or juice)
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Bag (Dry) Beans
- Rice - Brown or White
- Instant Potatoes
- Canned Tomatoes
- Pancake Mix
- Pancake Syrup
- Hot and Cold Cereal
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Beans



*A local resident donates to support Stuff the Bus*

## Return to School Update

On Tuesday, February 4, the Fairfax County School Board voted unanimously to approve Superintendent Brabrand's plan which begins to phase students in starting February 16. You can read updates on the FCPS [Return to School page](#) or find more details on Dr. Brabrand's [update](#).

## Fairfax County Encourages Businesses to Apply to This Program

[Halcyon](#), a Georgetown-based business incubator, is offering start-up or new entrepreneurial businesses based in the DMV (DC-Maryland-Virginia) a chance to join its new Opportunity Intensive incubator program. Fairfax County is a strong supporter of this project as a means to grow and expand its start-up entrepreneurial business base and encourages all eligible county businesses to apply. [Applications](#) are open through February 11, 2021.



The [Opportunity Intensive](#) program is a 10-month program designed to equip early-stage entrepreneurs with the support they need to transform their ideas into scalable and sustainable ventures. To be eligible to join the cohort, ventures must have a for-profit component, be located in or primarily serve an opportunity zone, and demonstrate social impact. [Applications](#) for the 2021 Opportunity Intensive Fellowship are due on February 11, 2021.

Halcyon provides social entrepreneurs and changemakers critical support to grow and scale their ventures through free legal support, a \$5,000 stipend, mentoring, leadership coaching, and access to potential investors. Halcyon takes 0% equity for participating in the program. More information about the program benefits, eligibility, and selection criteria can be found on their [website](#).

[Fairfax County Department of Economic Initiatives \(DEI\)](#) leverages county resources and develops policy recommendations to foster economic development and position Fairfax to be an economically competitive and prosperous community. It also works closely with small, local businesses to advise and guide them as they grow.

## COVID-19 Vaccine Community Conversation for People with Disabilities and Older Adults

The Fairfax County Health Department, in partnership with the Fairfax Area Disability Services Board and Department of Family Services Fairfax Area Agency on Aging, will be hosting a community conversation to share information about the COVID-19 vaccine. ASL interpretation and CART will be provided. This event will be held virtually on Zoom. Pre-registration is required. Make sure to join on [Thursday, February 11](#), at 6:00 p.m., or [Friday, February 12](#), at 12:00 p.m.



**Fairfax County  
COVID-19 Vaccines  
Information Session**

with  
Gloria Addo-Ayensu, MD, MPH  
Director of Health  
Fairfax County Health Department



February 20 | 10:00 a.m.  
RSVP: [aarp.cvent.com/FairfaxVaccineInfo](https://aarp.cvent.com/FairfaxVaccineInfo)

## Fairfax County/AARP COVID-19 Vaccines Information Session

Join AARP members in Fairfax County for a conversation about the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccines with Gloria Addo-Ayensu, MD, MPH, Director of Health, Fairfax County Health Department.

Saturday, February 20, 2021, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
[RSVP](#) is required (Zoom platform)

## Apply Now for the Partners in Prevention Fund Capacity Building Program

The Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services is now accepting applications for the [Partners in Prevention Fund Capacity Building Program](#). Awardees will receive funding, training, and technical assistance to implement prevention programs for children, youth, and families in the community.

The Request for Proposals and additional documents can be found on [Neighborhood and Community Services](#). Proposals are due on Friday, February 19, by 2:00 p.m.

Any type of youth-serving organization is eligible. Community-based organizations, houses of worship and other faith-based organizations, healthcare providers, housing property management organizations, and others are all encouraged to apply.

Applicants can choose to implement any or all of the available programs, which include substance abuse prevention, child abuse and neglect prevention, teen dating abuse prevention, and teen sexual health curriculums.

Questions should be directed to Shelley Brent of the Fairfax County Department of Procurement and Material Management at [shelley.brent@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:shelley.brent@fairfaxcounty.gov).

## ArtsFairfax Invites Fairfax County Art Organizations to a Community Arts Virtual Information Session

Fairfax County arts organizations are invited to a Community Arts Virtual Information Session on February 25 at 12pm.

Learn about the Capital One Hall facilities, including the 1,500-seat performance hall, and The Vault, a 250-seat black box theatre, the user application for the second season, and the scheduling process.

The session will be presented online and is open only to Fairfax County-based non-profit arts organizations. ArtsFairfax encourages attendance. **Registration is required** to secure the link to the session.



## Smart City Works, Fairfax County, Refraction and Virginia Tech to Host First Annual Smart City Challenge

**The Smart City Challenge** is an innovation competition where teams create high-impact solutions to address the toughest smart-city challenges in sectors including housing, transportation, health, broadband, energy, education, water, infrastructure, and public safety. The goal of the challenge is to advance equitable and inclusive opportunities for all people to thrive in our region. The challenge, which runs until February 18, also will host important discussions on smart-city issues with key business, government, and nonprofit leaders through February 18. There's still time to **learn about the challenge and register for events.**

# Detailed COVID-19 Information

The COVID-19 vaccine situation has been changing quickly. This section provides you the most up-to-date information currently available.

As the Health Department receives more questions from residents and from Board of Supervisors offices, they continue to update their [Vaccine FAQ page](#). We recommend you check there frequently for the latest information.

## Vaccine Update Provided by the Health Department

On Tuesday, February 2, Fairfax County Health Director Dr. Gloria Addo-Ayensu provided an update on the county's vaccine distribution efforts to the Board of Supervisors during the Health and Human Services Committee meeting. The [meeting is available to watch](#) and interested individuals can [review the presentation](#).

### Key Highlights Include:

- The nation is facing limited vaccine supplies, which [means limited supply](#) for Fairfax Health District residents through at least March.
- Vaccination will be targeted while supply is limited following guidelines from the Virginia Department of Health.
- As of right now, the Commonwealth of Virginia is receiving about 105,000 doses a week, of which 13,600 doses are sent to the Fairfax Health District.
- Of those 13,600 doses, the Health Department is generally [following state guidelines](#) at this time and allocating about **50 percent for people age 65+ and 50 percent for all other currently eligible priority groups**.
- When supply is sufficient, vaccine will be administered by private providers, pharmacies, occupational health clinics, etc. (similar to flu vaccinations).

### Vaccination Numbers as of Monday, February 1:

- Fairfax County Health Department: 45,238 doses
- Inova: approximately 75,000 doses
- Skilled nursing and assisted living facilities: 6,069 doses
- Others: 16,368 doses

As of Monday, February 1, more than 186,000 residents had pre-registered for the vaccine in the Fairfax Health District.

## What Happens when Your Appointment is Available?

While COVID-19 vaccine supplies are very limited, the Health Department is working extremely hard to ensure everyone who has registered to receive the vaccine will get vaccinated. If you still need to register to receive the vaccination, [use the online registration tool](#). Once your appointment is available, you will receive the following email:

### ➤ 1) Email Title: Invitation for Scheduling Appointment

"Dear (Constituent Name),

Your information has been reviewed, and it meets the eligibility requirements for the COVID vaccination at this time. You are invited to schedule an appointment online.

Appointment Reason: COVID-19 Vaccine - First Dose  
Customer Name:  
Customer Email:  
Customer Phone:

**Please use the link provided below to schedule the appointment:**  
[Schedule Appointment](#) (This will be a hyperlink in your email)"

Once you schedule your appointment by using the "Schedule Appointment" tool in the email above, you will receive the following email confirming your submission was received:

- **2) Email Title: Schedule Appointment Request – Acknowledgement**  
"Thank you for your submission. Your request for an appointment has been received and is pending approval. Once approved, you will receive a confirmation email with appointment details.

Thank you,  
Fairfax County Government  
Virginia"

Once your submission is confirmed and approved you will receive the following email:

- **3) Email Title: Notice of Appointment Confirmation**  
"Dear (Constituent Name),

This is to inform you that the following appointment has been confirmed. Please save the date and time on your calendar.

Appointment Location:  
Appointment Address:  
Appointment Date:  
Appointment Time:  
Appointment Reason: COVID-19 Vaccine - First Dose  
Customer Name:  
Customer Email:  
Customer Phone:

This email contains important information about your appointment, so please read it carefully. If you have questions, please contact our Call Center at 703-324-7404. Please read the instructions below carefully, as they contain information specific to the clinic you will be visiting."

At this point it is critical to make proper accommodations to arrive at your appointment and receive your vaccination.

## **You Have Received Your First Dose.... Now What?**

The Health Department will email you an invitation to schedule your second dose during the most appropriate window based on your first dose date; in general, you will receive this invitation 4-7 days before the second dose is due. **You do not need to contact the Health**

## **Department to schedule your second dose, and you do not need to complete the registration form again.**

For individuals who receive their vaccination from dedicated clinics, you will receive information directly from your employer (for frontline essential workers) or agency (for individuals living in correctional institutions).

## **Older Adults and the COVID-19 Vaccine in Fairfax**

Here are some quick facts for older adults about COVID-19 vaccine appointments:

- Vaccine eligibility is occurring in phases per the CDC and Virginia Department of Health. More information about vaccine rollout in Fairfax can be found on the [County website](#).
  - As more vaccine becomes available, there will be more options on where to access it. In the future, you will likely be able to access vaccine via your doctor, a health clinic, or pharmacy.
  - The complete vaccine takes two doses. Follow the directions of your vaccine provider to schedule your second dose.
  - One caregiver can attend a vaccine appointment with their loved one.
- **Vaccine Appointment Tips**
- If you can, take a picture of your vaccination card. That way you will not have to worry about misplacing it.
  - Wear a mask to the appointment.
  - [Download and use v-Safe](#), an app that helps you report any reactions you are having to the vaccine.

## **What to do If You Receive Your First Dose Outside of the Health Department, but You Are Still in the Health Department's Queue?**

If you receive an appointment with someone else before your scheduled appointment with the Health Department and you want to cancel the latter, wait to receive your email confirming your appointment (email 3 – titled: "Notice of Appointment Confirmation" and go to the bottom of the email where you can click "Cancel Appointment." Or, you can call (703) 324-7404 to cancel your appointment.

## **Fairfax County has partnered with Trusted Doctors**

The Fairfax County Health Department has partnered with Trusted Doctors this week to help vaccinate people on the county's waitlist. Trusted Doctors is a local health care practice that will provide first-dose vaccinations to about 800 people who were at the top of our registration queue. These individuals received an email link to make a vaccination appointment through Trusted Doctors, and the vaccine is being provided by the Health Department. The health care practice is performing vaccination over the weekend of February 6 by appointment only.

## **CVS Plans to Give Vaccine Appointments at Select Virginia Locations**

Beginning Thursday, February 11, up to 36 CVS locations in Virginia plan to offer COVID-19 vaccine appointments for eligible people under phase 1a and phase 1b. CVS will begin to register these individuals Tuesday, February 9.

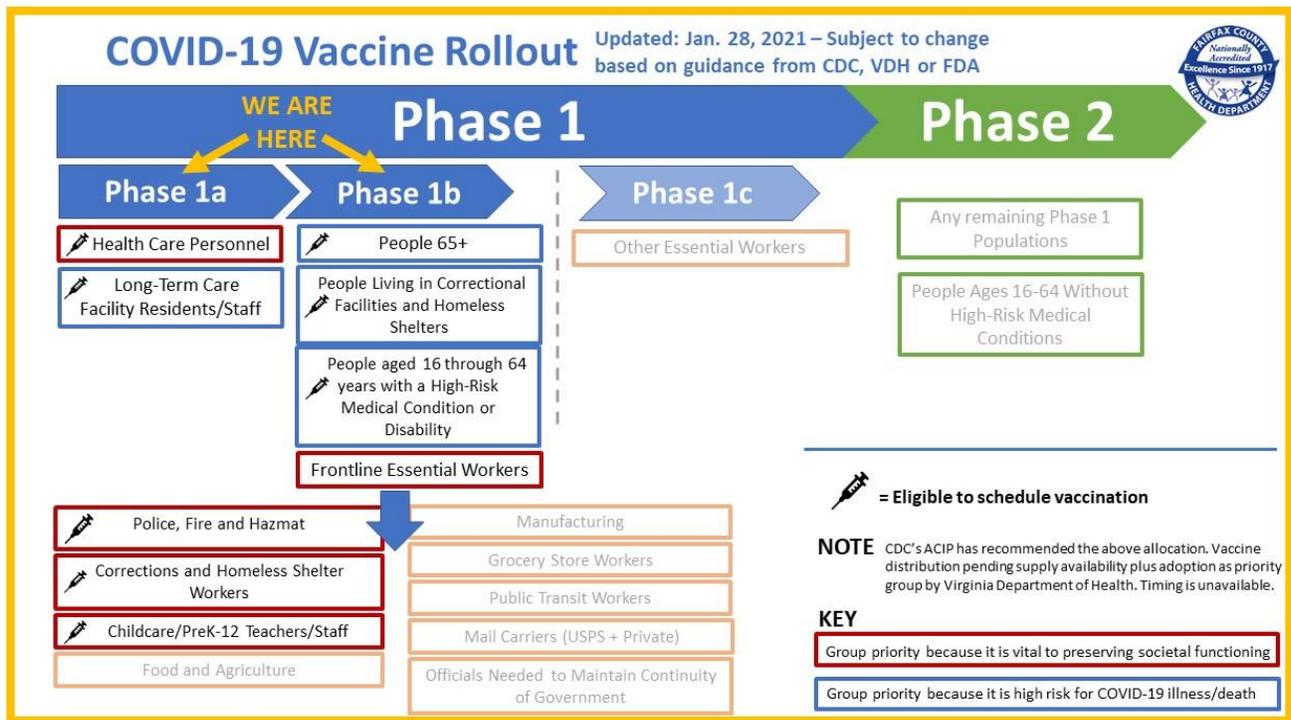
Individuals must register on [CVS' website](#) or through the CVS Pharmacy app, and individuals can contact CVS customer service at 1-800-746-7287 to register over phone. **Registration will be open on or after Tuesday, February 9.**

## Who is Vaccinating Whom?

Phase	Who?	Status	What's Happening?	How to Get an Appointment?
1a	All health care personnel	Eligible for vaccination	Inova and Fairfax County Health Department are vaccinating 1a health care workers by appointment.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#">Register online for an appointment</a> or by calling the Health Department's vaccine hotline at 703-324-7404 (Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)</li> <li>2. Visit Inova's COVID-19 vaccine information page on how to obtain vaccine through Inova.</li> </ol>
1a	Long-term care facility residents and staff	Eligible for vaccination	Vaccinations occurring via a federal program with Walgreens and CVS.	Contact your facility's administrator for details.
1b	Adults 65+	Eligible for vaccination	Adults 65+ are eligible for vaccination by the Health Department.	<a href="#">Register for an appointment online</a> OR Register by calling the Health Department's vaccine hotline at 703-324-7404 (Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). <i>We encourage people who need assistance with</i>

				<i>registration, who need to register in another language, or who do not have proper internet access or technology for online appointment to use the phone option.</i>
1b	People living and working in correctional facilities and homeless shelters	Eligible for vaccination	Dedicated vaccination clinics	Scheduling information coming directly from the facility or the agency
1b	Police, Fire, and Hazmat  (Frontline Essential Worker priority group #1)	Eligible for vaccination	Dedicated vaccination clinics	Staff receive scheduling information directly from their agency [Fairfax County, Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church, Towns of Vienna, and Herndon]  Note: Federal and state first responders, including those who have positions located in the Fairfax Health District, must see their agency for vaccination details.
1b	K-12 teachers and staff - public schools (Frontline Essential Worker Group Priority #3)	Eligible for vaccination	Dedicated vaccination clinics through Inova	Public school staff receive scheduling information directly from schools
1b	K-12 teachers and staff - private schools (Frontline Essential Worker Group Priority #3)	Eligible for vaccination	Dedicated vaccination clinics through Inova	Private school staff receive scheduling information from Health Department
1b	Licensed center-based childcare staff (Frontline Essential	Eligible for vaccination	Dedicated vaccination clinics through Inova	Scheduling information coming from Health Department.

	Worker Group Priority #3)			
1b	<p><b><u>People ages 16-64 with a high-risk medical condition or disability that increases their risk of severe illness from COVID-19</u></b></p>	Eligible for vaccination	This group is eligible for vaccination by the Health Department.	<p><b><u>Register for an appointment online</u></b></p> <p>OR</p> <p>Register for an appointment by calling the Health Department's vaccine hotline at 703-324-7404 (Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.). <i>We encourage people who need assistance with registration, who need to register in another language, or who do not have proper internet access or technology for online appointment to use the phone option.</i></p>



# Environmental News

## Long Branch Central Watershed Management Area Project Update

A community meeting on the Long Branch Central Watershed Management Area Project is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will provide an update on the project, solicit input about the watershed condition, introduce the work plan to be developed in late spring of 2021, and introduce some of the project partners. [Use this virtual meeting link](#) to join the community meeting. (The meeting will take place over Microsoft Teams).

The [Long Branch Central Watershed Management Area Project](#) is a collaborative effort of the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, the Fairfax County Park Authority, and the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District. The project was developed because Long Branch Central was declared an impaired water area by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

The primary goals of the project are to:

- Meet the Long Branch Central waste load reduction requirements
- Improve water quality within the Long Branch Central Watershed
- Improve habitat and environmental health



*Bank Erosion Long Branch Tributary in Olde Forge Park*

A project implementation plan is being developed as a result of the study, and community input is expected to be completed by April 2021. You can visit the [Long Branch Watershed Study Public Input Map](#), which is a tool designed to gather local information and knowledge from watershed residents and users of the Long Branch Stream Valley Trail. Make sure to [submit and share your opinion and thoughts](#).

If you have questions, comments, or concerns, contact Charles Smith, Fairfax County Watershed Projects Implementation Branch - Central Chief at [Charles.Smith@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Charles.Smith@fairfaxcounty.gov).

## Yard Waste Collection

Fairfax County began the transition away from the use of plastic bags for yard waste collection in March 2020. During the recent Board of Supervisors meeting on January 26, authorization to advertise a Public Hearing to consider amendments to the county's Solid Waste Management Ordinance, Chapter 109.1, was approved. Please note that if passed, this amendment would prohibit the use of plastic bags for the set-out and collection of yard waste. The public hearing will be held on February 23, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.



## Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan

Fairfax County is in the midst of developing its first-ever Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan, or CECAP. Climate change occurs when greenhouse gases build up in our atmosphere and trap heat that might otherwise escape, causing shifts in global temperatures and weather patterns over time. The cars and trucks on our roads are one of the top two sources of greenhouse gases in Fairfax County.

In fiscal year 2020, Fairfax County residents owned and operated 933,452 vehicles. In a single year, that many vehicles consume more than 10.6 million barrels of oil. It would take 76 million trees ten years to counteract the carbon produced by these vehicles. Although it would be impractical to plant 76 million trees in Fairfax County, we can take other action. Addressing our greenhouse gas emissions now is a wise investment in our future. This problem will not go away on its own and we will end up paying for it one way or another.

The Fairfax County CECAP is unique in that it is being developed by the community, for the community, with input from dozens of organizational, business, and civic leaders, as well as individual residents. The CECAP will outline greenhouse gas reduction goals for the community and will include recommended strategies and actions community members can take on a voluntary basis to help achieve the goals.



Later this month, online surveys will be available, and the county will host public meetings to gather community input on climate change mitigation strategies and actions. The County will share more information about opportunities for you to participate in the coming weeks.

# Transportation Updates

## **Burke Centre VRE Trail Project**

On December 14, 2020, the bids opened for construction of the Burke Centre VRE Connector Phase IV project. The project will provide 900 linear feet of 8-foot-wide asphalt trail connecting residential neighborhoods between Oak Bluff Court and Premier Court to the Burke Centre VRE Station, and 715 feet of concrete sidewalk, 365 feet of concrete retaining wall, and related work in the Braddock District. This project is included in the FY 2021-FY 2025 Adopted Capital Improvement Program (With future years to 2030) and is part of the Board's Transportation Priorities Plan adopted on January 28, 2014 and amended on December 3, 2019.

- The project will provide improved pedestrian and bicycle connectivity and safer access to the Burke Centre VRE Station, thereby reducing vehicle trips to the station by commuters.
- Construction work on this project is expected to begin about April 1, 2021. Substantial completion is expected by April 2022.

## **Bus Stop Improvement**

Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) has a project to improve the bus stop at Braddock Road and Dunleigh Drive. The bus shelter is now being fabricated, and the improvements should be completed in April 2021.

## **Metrobus 29W Update**

As you may have heard, WMATA intends to cancel the Metrobus Route 29W. However, the Fairfax Connector has proposed a service change introducing Route 835 as a replacement for the Metrobus Route 29W. For additional information, visit the [Connector website](#).

You can also view the [Power Point presentation](#) (with route maps) (see slides 22 and 23 for specific information on the proposed Route 835). The proposed service changes will go to the Board of Supervisors in Spring 2021 for approval. If approved, service will begin in July 2021.

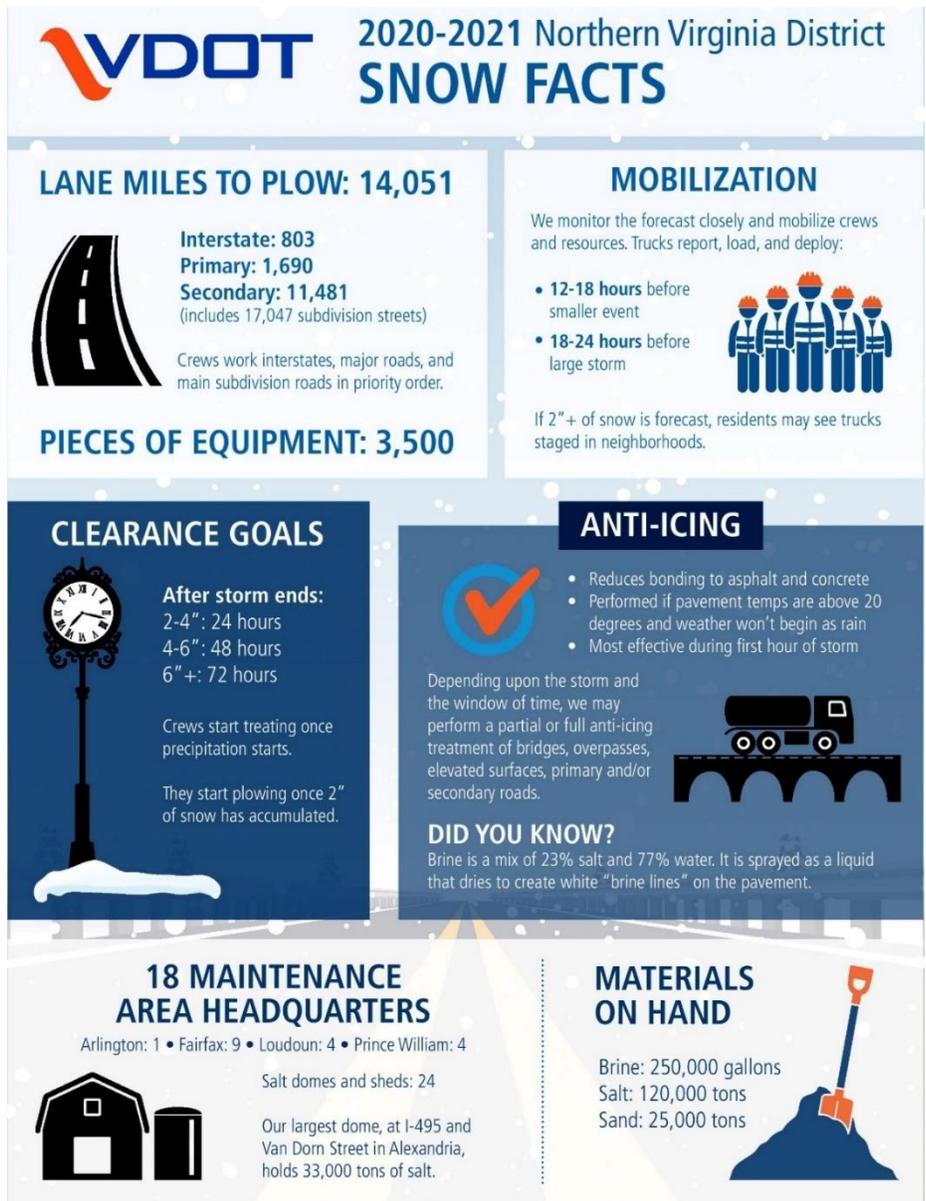
## **Fairfax County Transit Strategic Plan Major Update**

Help shape the future of bus service in Fairfax County! Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) continually evaluates bus service on Fairfax Connector to ensure responsiveness to the needs of the public. Outreach on the ten-year Transit Strategic Plan (TSP) has started, and FCDOT wants to partner with you to create a bus system that works for everyone. We are developing a plan for future Fairfax Connector bus service and are asking for your feedback.

Although our online community input meetings have already taken place, you can still take an online survey to provide your comments on Fairfax Connector bus service throughout the county. Comments and ideas will be accepted until February 19, 2021. To take the survey, visit [Fairfax Connector Transit Strategic Plan \(TSP\) - Public Outreach Round 1 Survey](#). To view the presentation or the PowerPoint, visit [Fairfax Connector Transit Strategic Plan](#).

## VDOT Snow Facts

Below are VDOT's Northern Virginia District Snow Facts. VDOT owns and maintains most of the roads in Fairfax County. For road conditions or for live time updates on VDOT plowing, visit [VDOT Plows](#). If you need to report a problem to VDOT, visit [VDOT's website](#) and take two minutes to submit your issue/concern.



### Additional Snow Tips:

- Do not shovel snow onto a fire hydrant – make sure it is visible and accessible
- Do not shovel snow into the storm drain because it blocks the drainage as ice/snow melts
- Shovel/clear snow on the sidewalk in front of your house
- Clear a path for the mailman
- If you are near a bus stop, clear the bus stop
- Clear snow from your vehicle before driving

# Land Use and Development

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & HEARINGS

**Community Meeting on Kenilworth II** – March 2 at 7:00 p.m.

**Braddock District Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting** – February 16 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Planning Commission Hearing**

- Zoning Ordinance Modernization Project – February 10 at 7:30 p.m.

### **Board of Supervisors Hearing**

- Zoning Ordinance Modernization Project – March 9 at 4:00 p.m.

### **Board of Supervisors Approves Use of Parking Lots G&H at Government Center Complex for Potential Affordable Housing**

At its January 26 meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved Supervisor Walkinshaw's motion to transfer the ownership of a portion of excess surface parking at the Government Center to the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) for the potential development of a new affordable housing complex. Use of this site could help address the critical shortage of affordable housing in Fairfax County.



The Government Center complex is currently overserved by parking spaces. Working with county staff, Supervisor Walkinshaw identified Parking Lots G and H, approximately a 3.5-acre area containing about 340 parking spaces, as a potential site for redevelopment. Transferring ownership of this property will allow the FCRHA to explore development options through the Public-Private Education Facilities Education and Infrastructure Act of 2002 (PPEA). In 2017, the PPEA was used to deliver the Residences at Government Center, an award-winning, extremely successful housing development that provided 270 workforce housing units. Similarly, this site could provide affordable housing to serve up to 250 low- and moderate-income households. It is located near employment opportunities, bus transit, is in walking distance of an elementary school, is near recreation and commercial amenities, and would be in walking distance of a future Metro extension of the Orange Line from Vienna. Because it is already paved, use of this land would not have the negative environmental impacts associated with many other sites.

A potential development partner will be selected through a competitive process in accordance with the PPEA. There will be opportunities for community input and feedback on design concepts and local impacts as the project moves through the Comprehensive Plan Amendment and land use processes expected to begin later this year.

## **Planning Commission Decision on Zoning Ordinance Modernization Draft Scheduled for February 10 – New Standards for Flags and Flagpoles Added**

Supervisor Walkinshaw held a virtual community meeting on January 25 to discuss the changes proposed in the Zoning Ordinance Modernization Project, or zMOD. [Click here](#) to watch a recording of the meeting. More than 40 residents participated in the meeting. Both Supervisor Walkinshaw and Planning Commissioner Mary Cortina heard comments and concerns about proposed changes on a variety of issues, including Accessory Living Units (ALUs), home-based businesses, accessory structures, signage, and food trucks.

What is zMOD? In 2017, the county began working to update its 42-year-old Zoning Ordinance, which regulates land use and development in Fairfax County. The proposed new Ordinance is intended to be easier to read and understand through the use of tables and illustrations and plain language. It is designed to be more flexible to accommodate existing and emerging trends. The revised Zoning Ordinance will also be more accessible online, including on mobile devices. Most uses, permissions, and standards are being carried forward without change. However, in some instances, emerging uses are identified (such as data centers and solar power facilities), similar uses are consolidated (such as indoor recreational uses), and outdated standards are being updated to reflect current practices. The outreach process has included 96 in-person and virtual community meetings, including presentations to the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee and the Braddock District Council.

Proposed changes relating to flags and flagpoles were recently added to the zMOD draft. Because they weren't in the version published for the Planning Commission hearing on January 28, a separate hearing on these provisions will be held as part of the Planning Commission's February 10 meeting. Currently, up to 3 flags are allowed per lot with no size limit, flagpoles do not have height requirements, and flagpoles are permitted in a front yard and are subject to location regulations for accessory structures in the side and rear yards. Based on research and a review of neighboring jurisdictions, staff has proposed the following standards be included as part of the zMOD project:

- The height of a flagpole would be limited to 25 feet for a lot developed with a single-family dwelling and 60 feet for all other principal uses.
- Freestanding flagpoles must be set back 5 feet from any front lot line or street line and must comply with location regulations in a side or rear yard.
- Up to 2 flags would be allowed on a lot developed with a single-family dwelling and up to 3 flags for all other principal uses.
- Flags may be up to 24 square feet in size for a lot developed with a single-family dwelling and 96 square feet for all other principal uses.

Small garden flags typically less than 2 square feet in size would be exempt from the limit of 2 flags for a lot with a single-family dwelling. For comparison, flagpoles at Fairfax County Public Schools are typically 25 feet in height and those outside the Government Center are about 60 feet in height.

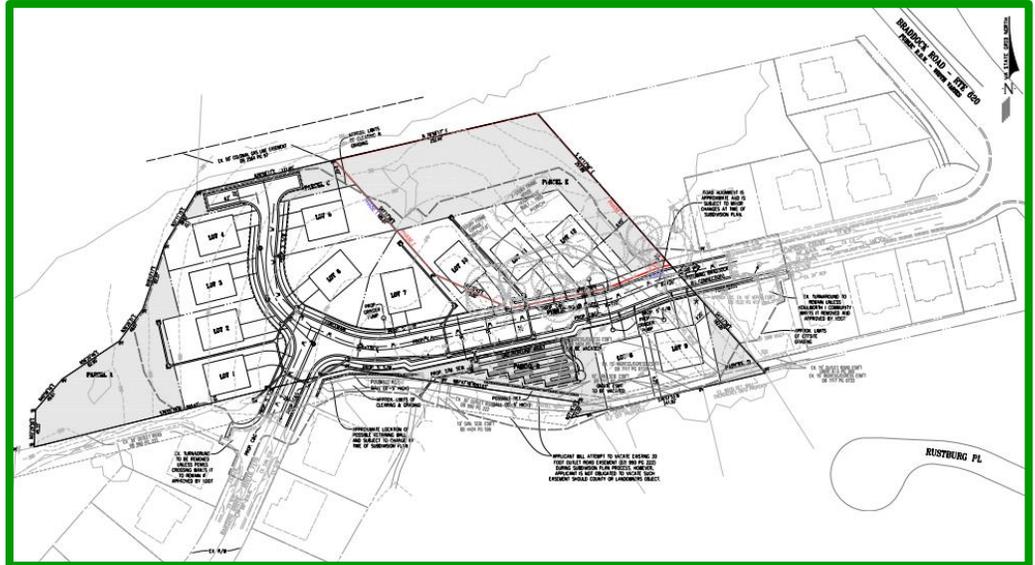
The complete zMOD draft is available online at [zMOD - Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance Modernization Project | Planning Development](#). This site also includes links to a useful Executive Summary and FAQs on ALUs and home-based businesses.

The Planning Commission heard 5.5 hours of public testimony at its hearing on January 28 and followed with 5.5 hours of public discussion with staff earlier this week. They will vote on

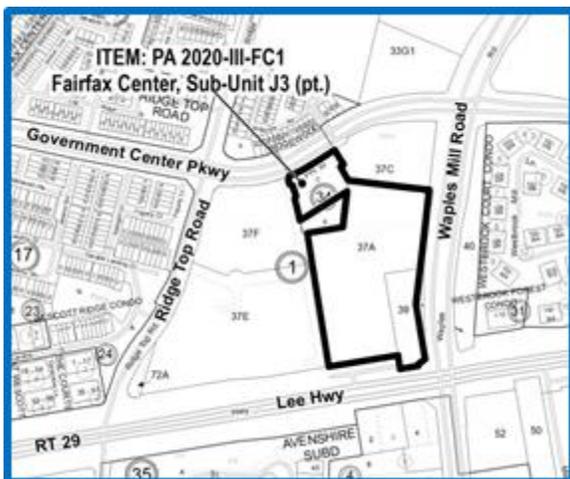
the zMOD package on February 10. The Board of Supervisors will hold a hearing on zMOD on March 9. For information on how to testify, please go to [Sign Up to Speak Before the Board of Supervisors | Clerk to the Board \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#).

## Revised Plan Submitted for Second Phase of Kenilworth Development – Community Meeting on March 2

Christopher Land, LLC has submitted a revised rezoning application for approximately 4.43 acres of land located just south of the Kenilworth community at Caprino Court and Braddock Road. This property is currently developed with one single-family home built in 1955 that will continue to be occupied by the current owner and would be included in a subsequent phase of the project. The applicant is requesting to rezone this land from the R-1 District to the PDH-3 District to build 12 single-family detached dwelling units at a density of 2.71 dwelling units per acre. Nine houses would be constructed in phase one, and an additional three houses would be part of phase two, when the existing house is removed. Access would be provided by connecting Banting Drive and Caprino Court. The revised design would configure the connection as a “T” intersection.



Supervisor Walkinshaw plans to hold a virtual community meeting on March 2 at 7:00 p.m. for the developers to present their plan and for residents to ask questions of the developer and provide input. The link will be sent out in upcoming Advisories and posted on our website. The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will discuss the application at its March meeting. A hearing before the Planning Commission has been scheduled for April 21.



## Comprehensive Plan for Northwest Corner of Lee Highway & Waples Mill Road

The northwest corner of the intersection of Lee Highway and Waples Mill Road contains an older house and an outbuilding that was formerly used as a contractor’s office and workshop. An existing Public Storage facility surrounds the property on the north and west. The corner lot is for sale and Public Storage has expressed interest in expanding its self-storage use onto that property. This area is planned for office use with an option for office/mixed use should it be

redeveloped. The intersection is also planned for a potential interchange after Shirley Gate Road is extended to the Fairfax County Parkway.

Early last year, at Supervisor Walkinshaw's request, county planning staff began considering a Comprehensive Plan Amendment for both the corner lot and the surrounding Public Storage property to ensure that the plan for this corner remains in line with the vision for Fairfax Center. During this review, consideration is being given to what options might be appropriate for the site, whether self-storage or alternative uses. Particular attention is being paid to architecture and design, landscaping, pedestrian improvements, and park/recreational space.

County planning staff and representatives of Public Storage have been meeting for several months to try to come to agreement on general concepts. The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee provided additional comments at its November meeting. Based on that feedback, along with staff comments, Public Storage has proposed modifications to their proposal. They will be presenting an update at the Committee's February 16 meeting. A staff report is being developed and is expected this spring.

A concurrent rezoning application has been filed by Public Storage Southeast One, Inc. to consolidate the corner parcel with their existing self-storage property. Public Storage is proposing to demolish one row of its existing single-story self-storage bays and construct a climate-controlled five-story self-storage facility of approximately 150,000 square feet on the southeast corner of the property. Access to the site would be provided through a modified and improved entrance along Lee Highway designed per VDOT standards and the existing service drive that is being used for parking of commercial vehicles, including food trucks, would be removed. Consideration of the rezoning application has been deferred during discussion of the revised Comprehensive Plan.

## **Rezoning Filed for Annandale United Methodist Church**

The Trustees of Annandale United Methodist Church have filed a rezoning application for their 1.77-acre property located on the west side of Heritage Drive and adjacent to Heritage Mall. The existing building was constructed and originally used solely as a place of worship. However, more recently, the Church has increasingly used the site to provide social services to address significant unmet needs in the surrounding community. Residents in the area walk to the Church property to access a food pantry and clothes closet operated by Church volunteers. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Church collaborated with Chef Jose Andres of the World Central Kitchen to coordinate and distribute over 18,000 meals in the Annandale community. Many of these meals were targeted to families who were unable to access free and reduced meals from Fairfax County Public Schools.

The Church now proposes to formalize this operation and, in addition to the place of worship, create a community resource center that will provide a range of supportive educational and healthcare services, including a robust food distribution program, health and wellness screenings, and a mobile dental clinic, among other initiatives. They intend to expand existing collaborations with the Fairfax County Health Department, Department of Family Services, and Neighborhood and Community Services; Food for Others, George Mason University, Northern Virginia Community College; Medical Care for Children Partnership Foundation; and other public and charitable organizations.

Under the county's Zoning Ordinance, this operation would be considered a Public Benefit Association. However, the site is currently split zoned to the C-5 and R-20 Districts. Given this unique split zoning, such a use is not permitted on the residential, or R-20, portion of the property,

which encompasses nearly half of the building. For that reason, the Church has filed an application to rezone the property to entirely C-5, which would allow the public benefit use to legally operate and expand the valuable work and services it provides to the community. No construction or physical changes to the existing site or buildings is planned. The Church will re-stripe the existing travel aisle and parking spaces in accordance with recommendations from the Fairfax County Fire Marshal.

Supervisor Walkinshaw made a motion, cosponsored by Supervisor Penny Gross of the Mason District, which is just across Heritage Drive, to expedite the processing of this application. It was approved by the Board of Supervisors on January 26. A hearing in front of the Planning Commission is scheduled for June 16, and the application is scheduled for a Board hearing on July 21.

### **Demolition of Former NVTC Buildings Underway**

Demolition of the old Northern Virginia Training Center (NVTC) buildings on Braddock Road began this week. This is in preparation for Erickson Living's construction of Woodleigh Chase, a new continuing care community. Please remember that this is an active demolition/construction site and it is unsafe for community members to be on the premises. Erickson will be stepping up security efforts in an effort to keep everyone safe. The building demolition for the entire property is expected to continue through August 2021. Construction



of the temporary marketing center and first phase of the development is anticipated to begin in late spring 2021. For specific questions about the new facility or the reservation list for apartments, please contact the Greenspring Village sales office at (703) 923-3187.

### **Update on Erickson Living's Affordable Senior Housing Site**

Erickson Living has finalized an agreement with the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH) for development of the age-restricted affordable housing component of the project at the former NVTC site. APAH is a nonprofit affordable housing developer with over 30 years' experience in developing and managing quality affordable housing for Northern Virginia residents. This portion of the development will be constructed on 4.3 acres on the western portion of the property, where the group homes were located. It will provide 80 units of affordable age-restricted housing. APAH is in the process of designing the building and will be briefly updating the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee at its February 16 meeting.

## **Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee**

The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee will be holding an electronic meeting on Tuesday, February 16, at 7:00 p.m. The agenda is expected to include a brief update from the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing on its plans for affordable senior housing at the Erickson site, a presentation on the latest plans for the Public Storage site, and a discussion about the RFP process for potential affordable housing at the Government Center complex. Details on how to connect to the meeting will be posted on the Braddock District website three days in advance. Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee meetings are open to the public and interested residents are encouraged to participate.

## **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. Meetings are currently being held electronically with distance participation due to the State of Emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. 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 by phone or video at the hearing on the case. For information on how to submit comments or testify, please visit [Board of Zoning Appeals Electronic Meetings | Planning Development \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#). 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.

➤ **Deborah P. Buchanan – 10110 Round Top Court, Fairfax  
SP 2020-BR-075**

The applicant requested modifications to the limitations on the keeping of animals to keep 4 dogs on the site. The Zoning Ordinance allows 1 or 2 dogs to be kept on a lot of this size, 10,537 square feet, without Special Permit approval. On January 13, the BZA approved keeping 3 dogs onsite with modification to the development conditions requiring the applicant to refrain from participating in dog fostering, dog rescue, dog-sitting, boarding, or any other activity which would result in the number of dogs being kept on the property exceeding this maximum. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found here: [ZAPS Overview - Land Development System - Fairfax County, Virginia](#).

➤ **George E. Karch and Laquetta A. Karch – 4817 Marymead Drive, Fairfax  
SP 2020-BR-071**

The applicants are seeking modifications to the limitations on the keeping of animals to keep up to 21 chickens on a 0.68-acre property. The chickens would be kept in a coop with a fenced run. The Zoning Ordinance allows chickens to only be kept on lots that are two acres or greater without Special Permit approval. Staff recommended a maximum of ten chickens be allowed and recommended a development condition requiring all activities related to the management of chickens to be kept outside of the Resource Protection

Area, including location of the coop, chicken run, and composting area. A hearing on this application was held on January 13 and the BZA deferred their decision until February 24. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found here: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMain.aspx?cde=SP&seq=4280067>.

➤ **Shin Hyo Jin Kim – 4927 Gadsen Drive, Fairfax  
SP 2020-BR-089**

The applicant is seeking a reduction to minimum yard requirements based on an error in building location to permit an accessory storage structure to remain 2.9 feet from a rear lot line. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on February 10. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found here: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMain.aspx?cde=SP&seq=4263013>.

➤ **Gerald N. Miranda, Jr. – 8920 Rhyme Court, Annandale  
SP 2020-BR-093**

The applicant is seeking a modification to the limitations on the keeping of animals to raise and keep up to 12 chickens and 4 ducks for meat and eggs on a 0.65-acre lot. The Zoning Ordinance allows chickens and ducks to only be kept on lots that are two acres or greater without Special Permit approval. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on February 10. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, may be found here: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ZAPSMain.aspx?cde=SP&seq=4283665>.

➤ **Leena Qazi Tukhi and Belleairs Little Learners – 6236 Belleair Road, Burke  
SP 2020-BR-102**

The applicant is seeking expansion of a home child care facility. The applicant currently cares for 7 children ages 3 months to 12 years old and has asked for an increase to care for 12 children at any one time. The applicant has one full-time employee and would add another part-time employee. Hours of operation would be from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on March 17. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found here: [ZAPS Overview - Land Development System - Fairfax County, Virginia](#).

➤ **Craig J. Herberg – 4614 Tapestry Drive, Fairfax  
SP 2021-BR-007**

The applicant is seeking a reduction in certain yard requirements to permit an addition 19.5 feet from the rear lot line and a reduction to minimum yard requirements based on error in building location to allow a deck with steps to remain 2.6 feet from a rear lot line. This application is scheduled to go before the BZA on April 7. Information, including a map of the site and staff report, when available, may be found here: [ZAPS Overview - Land Development System - Fairfax County, Virginia](#).

If you have any further questions regarding these land use cases or any other issues of concern to you, please email [braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call us at (703) 425-9300.