

# BRADDOCK DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

April 2007

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**Tuesday, April 10, 2007**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Legislative Forum.**  
9002 Burke Lake Road  
Burke, VA 22015  
(703) 425-9300

**BDC Future Meeting Dates**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Tuesday, May 8, 2007**  
General Membership Meeting  
**June 12, 2007**  
General Membership Meeting

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:

### April 19<sup>th</sup> BDC Meeting Focuses on “Legislative Forum”

Six of eight invited **State Senators and Delegates** have confirmed attendance at our **April 10<sup>th</sup>** meeting to provide insight about the Virginia Legislature and Issues of Interest to Braddock District residents. To help them frame some comments I offered some topics of Braddock District interest in your behalf: **Transportation** (What it Means & Impact to Braddock District, and What Still Needs To Be Done); **“Season in Life of an Issue”** (What happens to issues raised in our district as they move through Virginia legislative process); **Current & Future Issues for Next Assembly** (What issues are you working for us now?) and **GMU Electronic Sign History** (Brief Summary and Sovereignty in Virginia Law). Obviously, this list does not cover all of the topics of interest. **We encourage ALL to attend and hear directly** from our elected officials on **April 10<sup>th</sup>**. Make sure you bring your topics with you as your questions will direct our program.

### School and County Budget Presentations

At our March meeting, we heard both budgets on the same evening. Both presentations provided excellent looks into the budgets. Tena did a great job in summarizing major points of the presentations for the BDC minutes. If you did not receive the March minutes, please call, email us or contact Supervisor Bulova’s office. With so much detail, we could only hear and capture the highlights. We encourage those interested in more detail to download the budgets found at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2008.htm> for school budget and <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/> for county budget.

### Chairs for Nominating and BOB Award Committees

I am pleased to announce that Paul Wenner (Canterbury Woods) has volunteered to chair the Nominating Committee and Paul Gross (Kings Park West) has volunteered to chair the BOB Award Committee. Your task is to offer nomination suggestions to Paul W. and to submit BOB nomination packages for those who you believe have made major contributions to Braddock District.

The BOB nomination forms are easily retrieved from Braddock District website (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/links.htm>). Nominations deadline is **May 25<sup>th</sup>**. The selections will be announced at the **June 12<sup>th</sup> BDC meeting** to allow time for the word spread and the communities to plan in sharing in the joy that these volunteers deserve to receive.

### Future Events

#### May 8<sup>th</sup> BDC Program

Our **May 8<sup>th</sup>** program will focus on **resources available for seniors and caregivers and “Universal Design – How to adapt homes to our Abilities”**. Our county has options available to provide advice and assistance to help us all understand the issues and potential solutions to aging and caregiving. Our speakers will provide insight into an area where there is growing interest.

### June 12<sup>th</sup> BDC Program

We have tentatively set our **June 12<sup>th</sup>** program to be “**Trash & Recycling**”. Information about what options are available for pickup, how much does it cost and where does the material go, the fees involved, promotions and recycling benefits will be the focus.

### Braddock District Picnic, July 10<sup>th</sup>

We are still in need of someone to chair the **Picnic Committee**. There are plenty of people who will help, but we need a central “belly button” to make sure the event is coordinated. The Picnic Committee Chair is **not** expected to do everything. We have a “Hot Wash” summary of last year’s picnic (our best yet) to guide what needs to be done and what to avoid. Thanks to the dues paid by over 30 associations, our budget is sufficient to fund this event adequately. Thank you!

### Residential Temporary Portable Storage Containers (aka PODs) Comments

The hearing on the Portable Storage Containers has been delayed indefinitely. However, Supervisor Bulova encourages us to provide your concerns and thoughts about PODs.

Sincerely,  
Bruce Wallachy

**Braddock District Council Officers**  
**Chair: Bruce Wallachy**  
**Vice-Chair: Tom Reinkober**  
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## **SUPERVISOR BULOVA’S CORNER**

Once spring meant cleaning, bulbs, Easter, but no more. Now, for me, it means **BUDGET**. Throughout April the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will be holding public hearings and considering the Fiscal Year 2008 County Budget.

Our fiscal picture, characterized by an abrupt slowdown in the residential real estate market, is a different one from the past six years. Some basics:

### **REVENUE**

Revenue from Real Estate taxes makes up about 60% of the County’s General Fund Budget.

Although Commercial values (19% of the County’s tax base) show an increase of 13.57%, Residential Real Estate assessments have declined from last year by .33%. The slowdown in the residential market is expected to continue in FY 2009.

Revenue from *all* General Fund Sources (real estate taxes, the car tax, several business and utility taxes, permits and fees and charges for some services, etc.) totals \$3.3 billion and is an increase of 2.88% over last year.

### **DISBURSEMENTS**

Total General Fund Disbursements (General County plus School transfer) is \$3.3 billion, an increase of 1.34% over last year’s revised budget.

General Fund Direct (non School) spending total \$1.2 billion, a 0.02% decrease from the FY 2007 revised budget.

FY 2008 School Transfer, both Operating and Debt Service (County taxes fund 73.7% of the School Budget) is \$1.75 billion and represents 52.3% of the County’s Disbursements. FY 2008 funding for School Operations is \$1.59 billion, an increase of \$61.4 million, or 4%, over FY 2007.

## TAX RATE

The Real Estate Tax Rate for FY 2008 is advertised at 89 cents. The Board cannot raise the tax rate above the advertised rate.

The County Executive has delivered a balanced budget within this year's fiscal constraints by asking agencies and department heads to reduce spending by 2% across-the-board. For the most part, this is being done by managing position vacancies. Funding in the budget *is* included for the opening of the Burke Centre Library next summer.

Both School and County budget staff did an outstanding job presenting the budget and fielding questions for Fiscal Year 2008 at our meeting in March. Persons interested in testifying have an opportunity to do so the evenings of April 9, 10 and 11. To sign up to speak, call the Clerk to the Board's Office at 703-324-3151 or sign up online by e-mailing: [ClerktotheBOS@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:ClerktotheBOS@fairfaxcounty.gov). The entire budget can be viewed at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov.dmb>.

The budget is "marked up" (amended to reflect priorities and issues articulated throughout the budget "season") on April 23, and formally adopted on April 30. Adoption of our County Budget is not about numbers, it is actually about philosophy. It tells the story of a community, its priorities, and its struggles. The final product is the result of much public discussion and community engagement. Speaking up does count and can result in change.

Sincerely,

Sharon Bulova

The Annandale Chamber of Commerce will hold its 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Award Banquet & Silent Auction on Friday, May 18 at the Fairview Park Marriott. The award ceremony recognizes those businesses and citizens in Annandale who have made a significant contribution to our community in 2006. Nomination forms can be obtained at the Annandale Chamber's office ([info@annandalechamber.com](mailto:info@annandalechamber.com)) by email or by phone (703) 256-7232. In addition, each year they hold a silent auction in which the monies collected are given to three deserving students from our local schools, one each from Poe Middle School, Annandale High School and Northern Virginia Community College. The Chamber is seeking both donations in the form of items and money for our silent auction. Please contact the Chamber if you can contribute to this worthy cause. Tickets are \$65 per person and a table is \$500.00. The banquet will include entertainment and dinner.

## 2007 Braddock District Council Community Association Workshop – Summary Notes

The Braddock District Council (BDC) in cooperation with Supervisor Sharon Bulova sponsored its third annual Community Association Workshop on January 17 in Braddock Hall. The theme for the workshop was **Public Safety** and participants were privileged to hear from an outstanding group of speakers on the broad spectrum of public safety in Fairfax County.

Following welcoming remarks by BDC Chair, Bruce Wallachy, Supervisor Bulova spoke to attendees and commended them and the BDC for their support of community programs such as the workshop. Supervisor Bulova then introduced Colonel David Rohrer, Chief of the Fairfax County Police Department. Chief Rohrer expressed his pride in being associated with the men and women in Fairfax County's Police, Fire and Safety, and Emergency Response Programs. He also expressed his appreciation to the residents of Fairfax County for their support of county staff. Concluding with the promise that the workshop speakers offered a wealth of information, Chief Rohrer offered to provide any further information that participants might need.

## **Session 1: *What happens when you call 911?***

Fire, Rescue, and Police Response: Steven Souder, Director, Fairfax County Department of Public Safety Communications

Mr. Souder began his discussion with some background. His office is in charge of the 911 telephone number. Previously part of the Police Department, his office was established on July 1, 2005 and is now a part of a four-party public safety partnership. Mr. Souder's office is located at 3911 Woodburn Road in Annandale.

This year is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 911 concept. Driven by experience in WWI, when troops on the move found it necessary to call a different number in each new area, Great Britain instituted the universal number 999 in 1937. American soldiers serving with British troops brought the idea home to America after World War II and made it 911 so that it could not easily be dialed by a child. In 1958, 911 was established; the first call, however, wasn't made until 1968 and it came from a small town in Alabama. Fairfax County instituted a 911 system in 1977.

When someone calls 911 from a home (using a land line), the call is directed to the Verizon Central Office, then to a special database in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, or to a parallel system in Monmouth, New Jersey. These databases provide the County's Department of Public Safety Communications with the address from which the call originated. The call is then routed to the central telephone office and then to the Woodburn Road office. Mr. Souder pointed out that a circuitous as this sounds, the actual time involved between placement of the call and its being answered with "Where is the emergency" is seconds.

Calls from cell phones are handled and routed differently. Instead of verifying an address, 911 calls from cell phones transmit with a geographical location such as a street intersection. About 60 percent of all 911 calls in Fairfax County, which averages about a million calls a year, come from cell phones. Mr. Souder noted that cell phones have made it possible for citizens to report highway accidents more easily and most of them are reported, sometimes by several different callers.

One of the most challenging parts of managing the 911 telephone number involves translation. Mr. Souder pointed out that there are more than 100 different languages spoken in Fairfax County and because it is impossible, and impractical, to staff translators for every possible language, the 911 system uses modern technology. When a call is received from someone speaking a foreign language, the call is routed to Monterey, California which provides a translation service and translation facilitation.

Mr. Souder concluded his remarks by pointing out that the 911 office can also provide medical advice over the telephone which can help save lives while emergency services are on the way. Sometimes, the most effective assistance must be given within the very first minutes of an emergency thus the service refers to itself as "the first of the first responders".

### **Family Emergency Plans and Home Fire Safety Inspections: Deputy Chief David McKernan, Prevention Division, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department**

Mr. McKernan began his presentation by showing a video that illustrated how rapidly a typical house fire can get out of control. He pointed out that it took two minutes for the living room in the video to be totally engulfed in flames from a wastebasket fire. The goal of the Fire and Rescue Department is to have a 5-minute response time to every county resident. In an emergency, a brain can die within 3 to 5 minutes so time is essential to save lives. One of the challenges, Mr. McKernan said, is that the County's rapid urbanization and its traffic congestion make it difficult to reach locations in a hurry.

Mr. McKernan stressed that it is important for residents to develop a fire escape plan for their homes and families—making sure that everyone knows how to get out and determining, in advance, a place to meet outside of the home. One of the most common causes of house fires, he said, are unattended candles. Many fires also start in the kitchen as part of meal preparations. A working smoke detector is absolutely critical—it aids in attracting attention to a fire, especially at night. Mr. McKernan suggests that you insert fresh batteries into your smoke alarm twice a year.

He concluded his comments with a universal admonition—when there is a fire, the most important thing to do is to get out of the house!

**Community Emergency Response Teams, Other Public Safety Volunteer Programs, and How to Recruit and Keep Volunteers: Derek Rowan, Lead Instructor-CERT, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and Dianne Quebral, Medical Reserve Corps, Fairfax County Health Department.**

Mr. Rowan described CERT which provides training for community members to respond to needs that may arise in a catastrophic emergency when the county emergency services might be overwhelmed. The idea for CERT came from Los Angeles in the aftermath of an earthquake. Los Angeles studied emergency response networks maintained by some communities in Japan and adopted some elements from these programs. County CERT training is practically oriented and hands-on. Mr. Rowan said that all citizens may participate and benefit from the training. The next CERT class, he said, will begin in mid-March and lasts for eight weeks.

Fairfax County's CERT program is recognized nationally and internationally for the quality of its instruction. Several communities in the Braddock District have already had citizens trained in CERT and they highly recommend the program.

Ms. Quebral discussed the Medical Reserve Corps, a volunteer group managed by her office. About 70 percent of the Core members are non-medical personnel. Ms. Quebral said that programs like hers are supported by the Office of the Surgeon General and the Department of Homeland Security. The purpose of the Corps is to provide medicine to the community in the event of a bioterrorist attack or a natural calamity such as pandemic flu. Fairfax County's Corps is one of the largest in the country. Some members of the group were dispatched to New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina to provide emergency medical assistance there.

In the event of a widespread and lengthy power outage, the Corps can assist citizens by, for example, providing refrigeration for insulin and other vital medicines. Ms. Quebral emphasized the importance of discussing emergency issues and plans for dealing with them with your family. She strongly encouraged cooperation among neighbors and within and between community associations and homeowner groups.

The Corps is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are asked to provide at least 10 hours per year of volunteer work on one of the projects run by the Corps. Ms. Quebral concluded her remarks by quoting Winston Churchill who said "You make a living by what you get; you make a life by what you give".

**Session 2: *Traffic Safety***

**Traffic Mitigation: Captain Jesse Bowman, Traffic Division, Fairfax County Police Department**

Captain Bowman began his presentation with by describing the magnitude of the County's Police Department's mandate and challenge. The Department is responsible for an area that covers a county of over 399 square miles, 1.3 million people, and 900,000 registered vehicles. Fairfax County has the second worst traffic congestion problem in the country; Los Angeles ranks first. Fairfax County, however, ranks first in the longest commute times! In 2003, Virginians wasted nearly 157,000 hours stuck in traffic and used up nearly 254,000,000 gallons of gas. In 2005, Virginia had 938 fatal crashes; in 2006, there were 941 fatalities.

Daytime population in the Tysons/Dulles Corridor is equal to the 12<sup>th</sup> largest city in the U.S. It is estimated that by 2020, the demands on our roads and highways will increase by 40 percent but road capacity will increase by only nine percent.

Additionally, there are 802 signalized traffic lights in the county. If these are out, Captain Bowman's personnel are detailed to handle the situation. The department has about 25 generators to use in a true emergency to power up traffic lights.

Captain Bowman pointed out that the police cannot mitigate the volume of road traffic. When police respond to highway crashes, they must handle traffic diversion, provide for signs and information about road closures, and focus on the incident and use as many resources as are available to handle the situation. Once victims and survivors are in the hands of emergency medical personnel, police at the scene of a life-threatening or fatal crash must get complete and correct information about the accident for purposes of collecting and documenting evidence for a possible future court hearing.

Captain Bowman noted that one of the unfortunate results of congestion is aggressive driving behavior. Aggressive drivers cause crashes, injuries, and death and can incite other drivers to behave badly also. Aggressive behavior in adults sets a bad example for children who assume that such behavior is acceptable and copy it. In Fairfax County, police are targeting aggressive drivers who can get pulled over and issued citations, fines, and points.

There are several ways in which we as citizens can deal with accidents and other traffic problems: 1) In the event of a fender-bender, the police recommend that the drivers involved move their vehicles to the shoulder or an off-road location to exchange information or wait for the police; 2) When traffic signals are not working, drivers are to treat the intersection as if it was a four-way stop; 3) Move over as quickly as is safely possible to allow an emergency vehicle passage—move to another lane if possible or stop; 4) Use headlights when windshield wipers are in use; and 5) Remember that yellow traffic signals mean that you should be preparing to stop—not stepping on the accelerator to “hurry up so that you can make it through the intersection before the light turns red!”

### **Community Involvement in the Process – Doug Hansen, Senior Transportation Planner, Fairfax County Department of Transportation**

Mr. Hansen and his department are responsible to manage six components of the Residential Traffic Administration Program (RTAP). There are a number of procedures to employ including: Traffic Calming; Cut-through Restrictions; Signs for \$200.00 Speeding Violations; Multi-way Stop Signs; Watch for Children Signs; and Through Truck Traffic Restrictions. He commented that some of these work better than others, depending upon the situation.

Mr. Hansen said that his department also manages two parking programs—the Community Parking District Program and the Residential Permit Parking District Program. Home Owner Associations, Civic Associations, and groups of residents can contact the District Supervisor to apply for a residential traffic management program. A chart is available from the county which described the qualifications and steps for a community to obtain a traffic calming feature. Additional information is available at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/rtap.htm>

Traffic calming, Mr. Hansen said, is seen as a positive influence on property values. Mr. Hansen responded to a question regarding obstructed views at intersections from bushes and shrubs by advising residents to contact the County Zoning Department.

### **Session 3: *Community Safety***

#### **Suspicious Behavior (gangs, terrorists, etc., and how to report), Preventing Vandalism, and Establishing/Rejuvenating Neighborhood Watch—Officer Doug Coulter, Crime Prevention Specialist and Detective Jeff Bergman, Gang Unit, Fairfax County Police Department**

Officer Coulter stressed the importance of Neighborhood Watch programs. He noted, however, that the average life of a neighborhood watch program is 6 to 18 months. Communities that have robust programs invest time in maintaining them and in raising neighbor awareness of their responsibilities to help keep the programs vital. Residents should not hesitate to call the police non-emergency number if they are concerned about suspicious behavior. The police department will help communities establish Watch programs and has information and brochures to assist residents.

Detective Bergman said that his gang investigation unit has been successful in reducing gang-related crime in the County since the unit was established only a short time ago. There are about 1500 gang-related members in the County associated with gangs such as MS-13. One of the most effective weapons against gangs is education, Detective Bergman said. If you can educate parents, teachers, police, and residents about how gangs form, what to look for with reference to gang behavior, and how to effectively intervene in gang recruitment—you can reduce gang violence and vandalism. Accurate and rapid reporting of graffiti and suspicious behavior are also key.

#### **Auxiliary Police Office Program—Dr. Gene Feinberg, Oak Hill Citizens Association**

Oak Hill resident, Gene Feinberg, spoke at the end of the presentations about the Auxiliary Police Officer (APO) program. This is a highly intensive commitment of time, Dr. Feinberg said, but it provides insight and understanding about police training and tactics. Dr. Feinberg offered to talk with anyone who might be interested in the APO program.

## **Providing Assistance to the Elderly and Disabled in Your Community—Tom Reinkober, Canterbury Woods Civic Association CERT Team.**

Tom Reinkober stated that civic associations and homeowner associations can operate on the premise that they can be of assistance for aging, disabled, and special needs residents during regional or community emergencies. Those who are considered in the category of special needs are the elderly and disabled, those who are visually, hearing, or mobility impaired; individuals who have mental illness or retardation and dementia, and those who have medical conditions that require oxygen or kidney dialysis. The need to prepare is real, he said. Citing Katrina, which disrupted thousands of lives, he said that if a disaster occurs in your community, local government and disaster-relief organizations will try to help you but the community needs to be ready as well. Residents should know how to respond to severe weather and any other disaster that might occur. It is also critical that residents are prepared to be self-sufficient for at least three days.

Community readiness has three stages:

Before:

1. Know the risks and danger signs
2. Purchase insurance, including flood insurance which is not part of a standard homeowner's policy
3. Develop plans on what to do
4. Assemble a disaster supplies kit
5. Volunteer to help others

During:

1. Put your plan in action
2. Help others
3. Follow the advice and guidance of officials in charge

After:

Repair damaged property and take steps to reduce loss

Describing the National Emergency Management System, Mr. Reinkober suggested that it is “at the top of a pyramid”—built on shared responsibilities and active participation by local citizens and state and local jurisdictions.

Mr. Reinkober described the Canterbury Woods Civic Association Approach to emergency preparedness with reference to their Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) which trains citizens to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. The CERT team is made up of 24 to 30 trained volunteers each of whom undergo 30 hours of training. There are no age or physical restrictions to volunteer. The team consists of a team leader, fire suppression team, search and rescue team, emergency medical team and logistics team.

CERT volunteers are trained to locate and turn off utilities, extinguish small fires, treat injuries, conduct light search and rescue, and assist first responders.

The course for CERT consists of several components including: Fire Safety and Suppression; Emergency medical operations (CPR and Automatic External Defibrillator); Light Search and Rescue; CERT organization/incident command; Disaster psychology; and Terrorism/Weapons of Mass Destruction.

Canterbury Woods' CERT program has distributed survey forms to all its residents (517 homes) for the purpose of identifying those residents with special needs who might need assistance in the time of an emergency. The form also permitted residents to identify special resources that they might have such as generators, chainsaws, four-wheel drive vehicles, trucks, trailers, motorbikes, and other equipment that might be helpful.

Mr. Reinkober noted three websites that provide additional information. They are:

<http://www.fema.gov/txt/library>

<http://www.fema.gov/pla/prepare/dementia>

<http://www.disabilityinfo.gov/digov-public/public/>

## Concluding Remarks

Supervisor Bulova, in thanking all of the speakers, noted that when the Fairfax Police Department was formed, the County had only 25000 residents and there was an average of 12 murders per year. Now, there are nearly 1.3 million people and last year, there were 18 murders. We have one of the safest jurisdictions for our size in the country and Supervisor Bulova attributes that success to the quality of our police, fire and rescue, and emergency response personnel and to the involvement of the County's citizens.

BDC Chair, Bruce Wallachy thanked everyone also and promised that a summary of the workshop would be prepared and made available to members of the Council.

## **Section 4: Individual Safety**

Home Safety, Child Safety, and Firearm Safety and Responsibilities of Gun Owners—Officer Doug Coulter, Crime Prevention Specialist, Fairfax County Police Department and Lt. Jeffrey Trice, Life Safety Division, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department

Officer Coulter explained that he was stepping in to take the place of Officer David Yoon, Crime Prevention Officer, who was scheduled to make this presentation but had to leave to take a call. Officer Coulter stressed the importance of Home Safety Surveys which are available to Fairfax County homeowners free of charge from the County Police Department. A Crime Prevention Specialist will provide a written assessment of your home's security. The idea is to "harden" or make homes less inviting as a target for thieves. Officer Coulter also emphasized the importance of Neighborhood Watch Programs and urged residents to watch out for each other and to report any unusual or suspicious behavior in your neighborhood. He discussed recommended strategies for residential security including: operation identification (identify all the property in your home by make, model, and serial number and mark each piece with a number that you won't forget; "window watchers" citizen patrols-observe, and Neighborhood Watch.

Officer Coulter pointed out the pamphlets in each workshop participant's folder. These include a flier on Home Security Surveys (call 703-644-5026 to request one); "Recommendations for Home Security" published by the Virginia Crime Prevention Association [www.vcpa.org](http://www.vcpa.org); and "An Introduction to Neighborhood Watch" distributed by the County Police Department.

Officer Coulter also noted the brochure on ChildSafeNet, a program that emphasizes and offers strategies to protect children. ChildSafeNet information is available by calling 703-768-9477 or on the web at [www.childsafenet.org](http://www.childsafenet.org)

Lt. Jeffrey Trice stated that every home should have a smoke detector on each floor and a Family Escape Plan. Lt. Trice pointed out the card in the folders that allows a family to map out and practice an escape plan. It is available by calling Public Information and Life Safety Education at 703-246-3801. This plan, he noted, should provide a family with two ways to escape their home in the event of a fire or other disaster and it should provide for an agreed-upon meeting place that everyone goes to when they have vacated the house. This is important so that when First Responders arrive, they and you will be able to account for everyone. If there is no way out of the house, Lt. Trice advised that you hang a sheet or towel out a window to attract the attention of the First Responders. Lt. Trice repeated several times that the most important thing of all to do in the event of a fire is to LEAVE IMMEDIATELY and ONLY WHEN YOU HAVE GOTTEN OUT OF THE HOUSE, STOP TO CALL 911.

Regarding gun safety, Officer Coulter noted that although Virginia does not require registration on purchased guns, Fairfax County does require extensive paperwork and a State Police check on the person purchasing a gun. If someone has or purchases a gun, it is encouraged that gun locks are used—these usually are can be obtained free of charge by the store or the Police Department.

**BEST OF BRADDOCK AWARDS, 2006/2007  
(THE WORLD FAMOUS BOB'S)  
Deadline for Nominations May 25, 2007**

**BOB Awards will be presented at the  
Braddock District Council of Community Association's  
ANNUAL PICNIC, July 10<sup>th</sup> 2007, Braddock District Supervisor's Office, adjacent to the Kings  
Park Library, 9002 Burke Lake Road**

A joint Braddock District Council of Community Associations/Braddock District Supervisor Program to recognize those citizens, organizations and businesses of the Braddock District who have gone above and beyond to be the very best.

Nominee

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Organization (if Applicable)

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Category:

- A. Braddock District Citizen of the Year
- B. Braddock District Young Person of the Year
- C. Neighborhood Enhancement or Beautification in the Braddock District  
 Individual Homeowner       Community Association
- D. Commercial Beautification or Improvement in the Braddock District  
 Landscaping       Building Appearance       Clean-Up       Other
- E. Most "Can-Do" Public Employee Working on Issues in the Braddock District  
 Federal       State       Local
- F. Most Outstanding Business Person in the Braddock District
- G. Club or Organization Making a Difference in the Braddock District

