

BRADDOCK DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

September 2007

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Tuesday, September 11, 2007

7:30 PM

2007/2008 BDC Inaugural Session

9002 Burke Lake Road

Burke, VA 22015

(703) 425-9300

BDC Future Meetings

Tuesday, October 9, 2007, 7:30 PM

Tuesday, November 13, 2007, 7:30 PM

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:

On **Sept 11th** the **Braddock District Council** starts another year of activity. Continuing on the goal of providing benefit to our organizational members, we will work hard to bring useful topics for discussion and presentation to the meetings. It is through this formal dialog and informal interchange between members of Braddock District that we can **address issues and craft the most effective solutions**. This is a key purpose of the Braddock District Council and **we invite all to come and join us**.

Your dues are **a necessary element in being able to accomplish our goals**. In the next month or two, each homeowner and civic association in Braddock District will receive a dues invoice. Please thoughtfully consider helping us to meet our goals through your dues. Our **major expenses** are hosting the **Braddock District picnic**, which is a huge success; the **Web site** development and maintenance which will continue to expand to become more useful; and the hosting of the **Braddock District workshop**. If for some reason you cannot provide dues, we still encourage your participation in meetings and events. Our aim is to make all of Braddock District an even more enviable place in which to live by working together.

The program at our **first 2007/2008 Braddock District Council meeting** on **Tuesday, September 11th**, is a continuation and update of the topics discussed and presented at Supervisor Bulova's **Spring Town Meeting**, on **June 20th** which focused on **Keeping our Neighborhoods Safe, Attractive and Vital**. We will hear **how associations and county offices can work together to address and remedy issues** within our neighborhoods. Additionally, we will get an update on the **Pilot Program** started in Kings Park to build empowerment within the community and collaboration with the County.

The **District Workshop schedule** and **discussion topics** will be discussed at our first meeting. We need to decide **the date of the workshop** (replacing February 12th BDC meeting or a separate date in March) and **the topics**. Please come to the September meeting with your good ideas. Additionally, we have an **opening for the Workshop Committee Chair** and we request a volunteer to help us in organizing this key event. Thanks, Jan, for leadership last year.

Matt Liberati has agreed to take over as **Communications Committee Chair**. Thanks, Gil, for getting the Web Site going. This year Matt will build on the progress already made and continue to move us closer to make wider use of this tool. For those not yet connected to the Internet, we will continue to provide copies of the minutes of the meetings outside of Supervisor Bulova's office.

Hope to see you all at the **September 11th meeting at 7:30 PM in Braddock Hall**.

Sincerely,

Bruce Wallachy

Braddock District Council Officers
Chair: Bruce Wallachy
Vice-Chair: Tom Reinkober
Treasurer: Peg Manella
Secretary: Tena Bluhm
Communications Chair: Matt Liberati
Membership Chair: Colin Campbell
Workshop Program Chair: Open

SUPERVISOR BULOVA'S CORNER

As vacation season draws to a close, our Braddock District office is gearing up for another great year! Some of the especially exciting activities on the horizon:

- **Braddock Road** has never looked better! After shaggy medians reached record heights early this summer, my office worked with Delegate David Bulova and the Fairfax County Sheriff's Department to augment the State Highway Department's (VDOT) mowing regimen. On my way into the office this morning, the Sheriff's Department Community Labor Force (non-violent prisoners volunteering to do community service) was not only mowing the grass next to Braddock Road, but scraping up decades of muck that had accumulated between the curb and pavement.

In late fall/early winter Area Landscaping located on Olley Lane in Braddock District will be working with VDOT on a re-planting scheme to replace dead trees and bushes in the medians of Braddock Road. This enhanced maintenance is a pilot project and will be evaluated once VDOT's maintenance season has concluded. In the meantime, the Sheriff's Department gets a big round of applause for a job well done! Thanks also to the Braddock District Council of Community Associations for their help with litter control along Braddock and fundraising for the planting of new trees!

- With this year's focus on history, Braddock District is in the lead! Please put **Saturday, October 6th** on your calendars for a day of history at beautiful Oak Hill in Annandale! The event, billed as "**Finding Braddock's True Gold**", will be held from noon to 5 PM and will feature period music, living history demonstrations, children's activities, story telling and tours of this beautiful 1790 era home. Oak Hill is located at the intersection of Wakefield Chapel Road and Braeburn Drive.



Another cutting edge history project is our new **A Look Back at Braddock History Website**. Created by George Mason University's Center for History and New Media in partnership with our ALBB Task Force, this site will take you back in time, when much of Braddock still consisted of farm houses. On **Wednesday, October 24th, 7:30 PM** I will host a briefing about this project, and projects to come, in the Kings Park Library Community Room. In the meantime you can already visit the site at <http://braddockheritage.org>

If you like your history in a paper version, our book *Braddock's True Gold* has just been reprinted! Books are available in my office adjacent to the Kings Park Library, the Fairfax County Government Center's Maps & Publications store and the City of Fairfax Museum on Main Street. The book sells for \$30.00 and proceeds go toward future re-printings and other history activities. *This is a great gift for past, present and future area residents!*

- The next meeting, **7:30 PM Tuesday, September 11th**, of the Braddock District Council will be a follow up to the Town Meeting I hosted in June – **Keeping our Neighborhoods Safe, Attractive & Vital**. At that meeting, community leaders led a discussion about issues in their communities that are causing dissatisfaction and potential destabilization. County staff provided statistical information about incidents of code violations, care of premises complaints and safety violations in Braddock. They gave an excellent presentation on what is being done to address these neighborhood concerns. We finished up with a proposal by John Cook of Kings Park for a pilot program his neighborhood will be leading. The entire town meeting can be viewed at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/bd/homepage.htm and clicking on Spring Town Hall Meeting 2007.

Thanks so much for all you do to make our Braddock community the great place it is to live, work, play, raise our families and grow older comfortably. Hope to see you on September 11th!

Sharon Bulova

MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION NOW PROVIDED

The **Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke** is now offering free transportation for medical, dental and therapy appointments. Seniors in the central Fairfax County, Fairfax City and Burke areas should contact the office at **703-877-2280** to request such driving service, which is limited to medical facilities and offices in Fairfax County and nearby medical facilities, with most expected to be to the INOVA Fairfax and Fair Oaks Hospitals areas. The SFCB office volunteers will respond to phone requests several days each week from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. If no one is available to answer your call, leave your name and phone number and a volunteer will contact you. Please call at least 3 working days, but not more than 3 weeks, prior to the appointment. Questions regarding other Center programs, such as Lunch 'N Life, should also be addressed to **703-877-2280**.

Don't Miss the First Ever Braddock District Event Planning Workshop *Specially Designed for Braddock Community Event Organizers!*

Developing and producing quality community programs is often not as simple as it might seem. Join Supervisor Sharon Bulova at a special FREE workshop in coordination with staff of Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. (CFI), non-profit producer of the Celebrate Fairfax! Festival, Fall for Fairfax Festival, and EVENTS101 Workshop, on **Thursday, October 10th, 2007 from 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM at the Kings Park Library**. The first-ever Braddock District Event Planning Workshop: *Professional Secrets on Producing Community Events* will provide attendees with tools to produce better events for their communities. A networking mixer and light refreshments will also be available from 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM.

The workshop will impart the secrets and methods that CFI staff and other professional event planners use to streamline the planning process, avoid trouble spots, market their programs effectively and produce outstanding events.

Topics to be covered at the workshop include:

- Creating an Event Planning Timeline
- Smart Budgeting for Community Events
- Event Public Relations in an E-Society
- Creating Great Events
- Sustaining Success through Changes in Volunteer Leadership

Additionally, attendees will be invited for a follow-up one-on-one session with a professional event planner to discuss their events in detail. Registrants for these sessions will be able to bring multiple members of their planning teams, even members that were unable to attend the first workshop.

Both of these sessions are provided FREE of charge to eligible organizations including: PTAs, homeowner associations, religious groups, civic organizations, and other community and non-profit groups located within or serving the Braddock District. Space is limited, so please register early. A maximum of two members per organization will be permitted to register, but others may be sign-up for a wait list if space remains available as the workshop nears.

TO REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT: Lynn Silsby at the Braddock District Supervisor's Office at 703-425-9300 or via email at braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov. Registration is on a first-come first-serve basis, but as of September 27th the two members per organization restriction will be lifted. RSVPs are required to attend. For workshop updates, visit <http://www.celebratefairfax.org/index.asp?bid=868>.



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Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke

to support and enrich the lives
of adults 50 and older

Thursday, September 20, 12-2 PM

Jubilee Christian Center
4650 Shirley Gate Rd., Fairfax

PROGRAM:

These Are the Days (of Our Lives)
Presented by the OLLI Drama Club

LUNCH:

\$8.00 Per Person - Seating Limited

Reservations to Faye Quesenberry, 703-620-0161
by September 12



www.shepherdcenters.org

If you are unable to drive and require transportation to this luncheon or if you are able to provide transportation, please call the SCFB office 703-877-2280.