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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'm sad to announce this will be my last letter. After 6 years on the board and 5 as President the time has finally come to let someone else take the torch. My wife and I are expecting our first child this July so by the time this issue of the Farmer hits your doorstep we will be within a couple of weeks of delivery and I just won't have the time any longer. It's been tremendous fun, I've made a lot of friends, and collectively we've made a lot of progress over these years but it's not going to be the last of me. I'll continue to volunteer in other ways, just not in an official capacity. This means I'll still be at meetings and help others as we continue supporting our wonderful community. There's always something to do and we have no plans to move.

So now onto some updates.

The first two are of the highest level of importance. The first is the **Braddock Road Improvement Project**. As our representative on the task force, I gather our comments and concerns, share it with the panel, then report back on the status of the project to the community. I do this regularly at our meetings and in my letters. We're still a long way from knowing what it will eventually look like but parts of it are coming into focus. The most important part pertains to sound barriers. Residents have asked for **sound barriers** behind Adair Lane. It's becoming increasingly clear the project will erode more of what remains between those homes and the road. Unfortu-

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STOP—SAVE THIS FARMER!
It's the last one until
September.

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING, MAY 26**

Thursday, May 26 @ 7:30PM

Community of Christ Church on Inverchapel

Tyler Small, resident of Ravensworth Farm and professional home inspector, will talk about maintenance and repair issues for our homes here in Ravensworth.

Check the website, Facebook page and sign up for the RFCA e-newsletter to received up-to-date information during the summer.

**Braddock Road
Improvement Project
Updates—pg. 17**

Article I, Section 3, of the Civic Association's By-Laws provides that the Association shall be strictly non-partisan, non-political, and non-sectarian. Accordingly, the invitation of elected officials and other public figures to speak at Association meetings, and the inclusion of paid political or commercial advertisements in the Farmer or in the attached flyers, do not constitute endorsements by the Association.

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Association Meetings & Deadlines 2015 - 2016

| MONTH | BOARD MEETING | <i>Farmer</i> DEADLINE | FLYER DEADLINE | DELIVERY | EVENTS |
|---|---------------|------------------------|----------------|----------|---------------------|
| May | | | | 21 | May 26—RFCA Meeting |
| General and Board Meetings and Events are held at Community of Christ Church on Inverchapel Road unless otherwise noted. Meetings are 7:30pm unless otherwise announced. | | | | | |

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nately I have been told that **unless there's federal funding, sound barriers are off the table so we need residents to contact Supervisor Cook's office and request that FCDOT request these funds.** Otherwise the thin sliver of protection that's left will dwindle away.

There is a 99% chance there will not be HOT and HOV lanes. The traffic models found that HOV actually made traffic worse. With that off the table there was literally no support for HOT.

Second, **Lake Accotink's master plan is being revised.** It's not clear what changes will be made but the first community hearing was held in April. Nothing was decided on, it was more an information session to describe the process. The next session is May 17 so this issue won't be out in time to cover what was said. Look for updates on our Facebook page. This is an extremely important time because it will dictate the next 50 years of the park such as how it will look and what will be provided. The moderator made an interesting comment about shifting demographics so I'm curious to find out what she met by that.

The Northern Virginia Training Center was sold. It's not clear as of this writing who the winning bidder was but stay tuned to Supervisor Cook's land use committee to be sharing the results of this auction and the future of the site. It may even contain a transit center to help alleviate congestion on Braddock Road.

The **Ravensworth Farm Civic Association** board has been struggling with declining membership for the last four years. In order to continue supporting **The Ravensworth Farmer**, yearly directory, landscape maintenance around the entrance signs, and summer BBQ we're considering raising annual dues to \$15 from the current \$10. We could certainly use more block captains because some parts of the community don't even get visited during the membership drive. It only takes about 20 minutes once a year so if you'd like to volunteer please let us know. I will be working with our Webmaster this summer to add Paypal as a form of payment and plan to make an announcement once the link is up on our website. I know this will make it a lot easier to pay dues for those of us who are too busy to be home when the block captains knock.

The summer BBQ: The next summer community BBQ is Saturday July 16 from 3-7pm at the pool and we all hope you can make it!

Have a great summer everyone, this is the last issue for the next 3 months.

Sincerely,
Kevin

COMMUNITY-WIDE POTLUCK & BBQ

The Civic Association is sponsoring a community-wide barbecue July 16 at the Pool from 3-7pm near the sand volleyball pit. The Civic Association will provide burgers, hot dogs, and beverages. Attendees are asked to bring sides and other dishes (with serving utensils.) This is a community-wide event. You do not need to be pool members to come to the potluck/barbecue and even to swim, play volleyball, or play on the playground.

HOME INSPECTOR ON HOME MAINTENANCE @ CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tyler Small, resident of Ravensworth Farm and professional home inspector, will talk about maintenance and repair issues for our homes here in Ravensworth. He will talk about places and items he checks when doing a home inspection and what you should regularly check and maintenance you should never skip in your home. If you have questions about maintaining your home, what to look for when buying a home, and what home inspectors will look for in a home you're selling, this is the Civic Association meeting for you! Join us at 7:30pm at Community of Christ Church on Thursday, May 26.



STEP UP! CIVIC ASSOC. ELECTIONS

Elections for the Fall 2016-Summer 2017 Ravensworth Farm Civic Association board are Thursday, May 26 during the General Meeting of the Civic Association. While some members of the Board are able to serve again, there are several vacancies. **Please nominate yourself to serve on the Civic Association's board.** If you are interested, contact Kevin Joyce or any other member of the current Board for more information on the positions. Homeowners and renters in Ravensworth Farm are eligible to serve on the Board.

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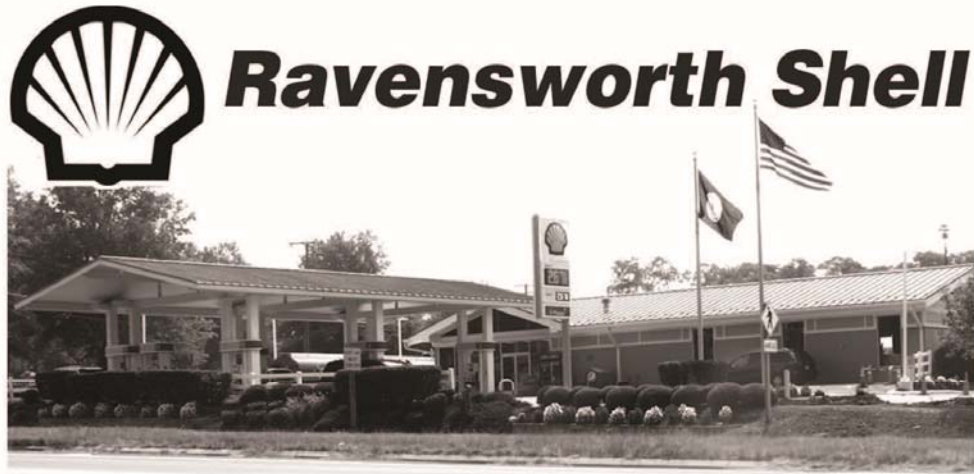
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RUN 4 RAVENSWORTH

by: **Jill Mowbray**

It's time for the annual fundraising event for our local elementary school: Run 4 Ravensworth! On Friday, May 6, 2016, students from Kindergarten through 6th grade race around two "tracks" on the back field at Ravensworth Elementary School. Crowds of parents, teachers and neighbors cheer for the kids, who wear Race Day bibs/numbers donated by Potomac River Running Store. Adrenaline builds as the DJ plays their favorite songs, and Principal Roxanne Salata high-fives the runners circling the make-shift track.

Run 4 Ravensworth is the only fundraiser of the school year, and 100% of the proceeds go to the Ravensworth Elementary PTA! Students from each grade level take turns to run, walk or skip around the track for 20 minutes. The students collect both flat donations and pledges-per-lap during the weeks before and after race day. Last year, the event brought in more than \$25,000 dollars to the school. The PTA works closely with the school principal to put those funds to good use. The money supports teacher grants, school assemblies, new cameras and A/V equipment, and field trips. Additionally, the expanded library needs more books this year, and we look forward to filling those empty shelves. Our post-renovation courtyard will include benches and an art sculpture for the staff and students to enjoy. All thanks to the only fundraiser of the school year!

Months of planning and preparation by the all-volunteer PTA team culminate in this awesome morning for the community. Many local elementary schools hold similar fundraisers, but few choose to run the event with only volunteers. More than 50 parents sign up each year to count laps, pass out water and keep the event running quickly and smoothly. Smiling kids finish the race by running through the blue and yellow balloon arch and celebrate with a cold Popsicle after a job well done.

And that's not all! Many local businesses and organizations fund our prizes for the school's top fundraisers. This year, the students who raise the most money for the school will be invited to attend the R4R Experience: time on a video game truck (\$300+) and an invitation to the annual DQ ice cream party and raffle (\$175+)! Thanks to our neighbors at RK Morris Painting and Remodeling for their continued support of this event—Dick's Gift Cards for our fastest runners. Also, a big thank you to Andrew Gause's Martial Arts for supplying the top prize again this year: an Xbox! This event could not be successful without the support of our wonderful community.

If you see a Raven in the neighborhood, congratulate him or her on a job well done. And if you'd like to donate to support Ravensworth Elementary, please contact the school or any student you know!

KEEP IT DOWN OUT THERE - NOISE ORDINANCE

It's summer and life moves outside. Keep in mind that, as reported in the December 2015 issue of The Ravensworth Farmer, there's a new noise ordinance on the books. The ordinance is designed to silence things like loud late-night parties (outdoor or indoors but audible in neighboring homes) and early morning leaf-blowing. In general, noises audible into neighboring homes are not allowed between 11pm and 7am.

For complaints, here's who to contact:

During daytime hours (Mon–Thu 8 a.m.–4 p.m., Fri 9:15 a.m.–4 p.m.), you should contact the Department of Code Compliance at 703-324-1300. At night, call the Police Department's non-emergency number, 703-691-2131. To enforce the law, the county may seek civil and criminal penalties against violators, as well as court orders to prohibit current and future noise. Civil penalties start at \$250, rising to \$500 for subsequent offenses. Criminal convictions would be a misdemeanor.

For more information or details on the new rules, visit the Department of Planning and Zoning's Noise Ordinance Amendment web pages at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoning/noiseordinance/> or call 703-324-1314.

POOL VISITOR PASSES AVAILABLE

For anyone new to the neighborhood, or if you've never joined the pool, please let Membership Director Scott Houghton know and he will get you some visitor passes. You and your family can check out the pool and see in person the fun to be had! Send an email to membership@ravensworthfarmpool.com. You can also use the pool without a membership on May 28 (opening day) from 11-2 and on July 16 during the Civic Association barbecue from 3-7pm.

HERE WE GO AGAIN... REMEMBER GOLDEN RAVENS

One more time... If you are a senior in Ravensworth Farm please do not forget the Golden Ravens - they have been providing social opportunities for many years, whether a pot luck at the Community Church or an eat out at a local restaurant. If you want an alternative, we suggest that you get active with a related group activity for our area...just google www.shepherdscenter-annandale.org or call 703-941-1419 to ask for the latest newsletter and calendar of events including seniors living in Springfield.

The final meeting this season of Golden Ravens is scheduled for a pot luck lunch on the fourth Wednesday of May at the church on Inverchapel, with appreciation for the hospitality it has provided over the years. For more information, call Joan Crofford at 703-321-7809.

GREEN THUMB GARDEN THUMB

Results of the Spring 2016 Garden of the Season Judging on Monday, April 25, 2016.

1st Place: 5227 Kepler Lane – Santizo Family
2nd Place: 8133 Drayton Lane – Ghoreishi Family
3rd Place: 5313 Nutting Drive – Hartzell Family

Honorable Mention

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| 8117 Adair Lane | 7910 Hatteras Lane | 5225 Queensberry Avenue |
| 8123 Bullock Lane | 8100 Hatteras Lane | 5401 Queensberry Avenue |
| 8125 Bullock Lane | 5313 Kepler Lane | 5612 Rathbone Place |
| 8101 Carrick Lane | 5309 Nutting Drive | 5616 Rathbone Place |
| 7910 Ellet Road | 5311 Nutting Drive | 5617 Ravenel Lane |
| 7925 Ellet Road | 5406 Nutting Drive | 5513 Sedgwick Lane |
| 8005 Gosport Lane | 5315 Pillow Lane | 7916 Slidell Lane |
| 8019 Gosport Lane | 5323 Pillow Lane | |

Our final meeting before we break for the summer will be Wednesday, June 1. As always, new members are welcome, and may contact our President, Ursula at 703-321-3535 or littlebear23@verizon.net.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 991 - OUTDOOR FUN

The Troop is now preparing for summer fun! We've been camping this spring throughout the Shenandoah Valley and just finished our adventurous Spring District Camporee at Camp Snyder, Haymarket where we took first place! We are now making plans for June at Solomons, Maryland to hone our outdoor skills in preparation for the best part of the year - summer camp! Please join us as we head to Camp Henson, Delaware this July where we'll swim, make friends and learn valuable life-long scouting skills while having the time of our lives!

Come join us - Boy Scouting: 6th-12th grade boys. Visit us Wednesday nights - 7:30pm @ Kings Park Elementary School (our temporary meeting place while the Ravensworth Elementary is renovated). Troop 991 is sponsored by the Ravensworth Elementary PTA and lives and scouts in your neighborhood! Learn more about us at: <http://www.troop991.com/>. Contact Scoutmaster Bill Mitchell @ 703-321-8072 or mitchwt@cox.net.

3,500 ELECTION OFFICERS NEEDED

Your Fairfax County needs a minimum of 3,500 election officers to conduct elections. In Presidential election years, they need more. The County needs your help – please consider applying today! Maybe you'll be assigned to the Ravensworth Precinct and make it an all-Ravensworth team for November 8.

How Do I Apply to Be an Election Officer? - Email elect@fairfaxcounty.gov with your full legal name, political party affiliation (required - Democrat, Republican, or Independent but you don't have to be very partisan), home address, date of birth, telephone number and email address, and how you heard about being an officer. If you prefer, call 703-324-4735. Source: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/working.htm>



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DO THIS NOW! DIRECTORY UPDATES

The timeline for joining the Civic Association will be compressed this year, with membership dues required to be turned in by December 31, so we're getting a jump-start on updating the Ravensworth Farm Community Directory.

If you have moved in or changed houses or changed your phone number in the last six years or you're not sure if you're in the directory, please take the time NOW to send the following information to the Civic Association's "Directory Guy", Steve Beste. You can email him at directory@ravensworthfarm.org or mail it to him at 7814 Penley Place. Please tell us: 1) your house number and street name, 2) the names of all adults in the household (specify which is first and which is last name) and their corresponding telephone number(s). Also, tell us the first and last names and phone numbers of any teenagers at your address who are offering services such as babysitting, pet-sitting, yard work, snow removal, car wash, and odd jobs. Note which service(s) you are offering.

The Ravensworth Farm Community Directory is only available to those Ravensworth Farm residents who join the Civic Association. It is not for commercial use. Besides the very useful information of neighbors' names and addresses, it also contains the neighborhood covenants, a list of very useful phone numbers, and information on teens looking to work.

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT - FRIDAY 19 AUGUST

by: Mary E. Keeser, President – Founder, America's Adopt A Soldier

America's Adopt a Soldier will hold its sixth annual Charity Golf Tournament on Friday, August 19 at Fort Belvoir Golf Club. We sure could use your help with sponsoring and players. We only hold two fundraisers a year with 100% of proceeds going directly to support our projects and programs. The proceeds will go towards Our Toy bunkers (toys) for our Hospitalized Military Kids at WRNMMC Pediatrics Intensive Care Unit (PICU/PEDS), continued support to our Homeless at Risk Veterans- Veterans, our Wounded and their Families.

As always, we appreciate any and all help – together we can make a difference. Thanks for continuing to support our Military Family – hope to see you out there.

Please join former World Series winner, former MLB player and now Coach Michael Pagliarulo "Pags" and SURPRISE SPECIAL GUESTS for Americas Adopt A Soldier® 6th Annual Charity Golf Tournament at the beautiful and challenging Fort Belvoir Golf Course.

For more information, please visit www.americasadoptasoldier.org.

ONLINE DUES PAYMENT COMING SOON

Your Civic Association membership dues help cover the cost of writing, printing, and delivering this newsletter to all 858 homes in Ravensworth Farm eight times per year. It also covers MANY MORE activities, including this summer's barbecue, and gets you a free copy of the Community Directory. Right now, you can pay your 2015-16 dues by mail to the Civic Association's post office box: Attn: Membership P.O. Box 1020, Springfield, VA 22151. Starting this summer, you will be able to pay 2016-17 dues online via the ravensworthfarm.org website.

POOL FUN

The Pool opens May 28. It's not too late to join. See the Calendar of Events in this Farmer for some of the MANY fun events planned for the pool season. Check out www.RavensworthFarmPool.com and/or the bulletin board in the pool vestibule for a complete schedule as events get closer. It's going to be a GREAT summer!

Opening Day - Saturday, May 28 - FREE POOL ACCESS FOR EVERYONE. From 11-2 the Activities Team will be present with raffle prizes every hour. Indulge in free popcorn and cotton candy. If you need a frozen treat or drink, the snack bar will be open all day. Stay all day or come back for dinner. There will be a Food Truck in the evening.

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WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

New folks move in all the time, especially over the spring and summer. If you have new neighbors, tell Pam Ryan. If you are a new neighbor- welcome! Please let Pam know you have arrived so that one of her New Neighbor Committee members can stop by with information and some goodies. Pam Ryan (703-447-6283; pkryan74@gmail.com)

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to the family of Lilli Poole of Ravenel Lane. Lilli, an active member of the community and a Civic Association Block Captain for many years, passed away in April.



CLASSIFIED ADS may be placed in The *Farmer* at no cost to Ravensworth Farm residents. Classified ads may be placed by sending them to rcaf farmer@ravensworthfarm.org or to PO Box 1020, Springfield, VA 22151. The classified ad section is a service to Ravensworth residents and is not intended for business or commercial use. Ads for house sales, commercial services, etc. will be run in this section once. If you wish to repeat your ad, you will need to purchase advertising in The *Farmer*.

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| MISSING | Missing cat longhair black with a white chest. She is an indoor cat and has been gone more than a month. She's probably scared. If you see her please call 703-282-8713. Reward available. |
| FREE | Used compost tumbler with instruction manual. Call 703-321-0901 if interested. |
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| WANTED | Good used furniture for needy low income families in the Annandale area. Needed are beds, dressers, kitchen tables & chairs, sofas, love seats, end tables lamps and TV's. Unfortunately, we cannot take sleep-sofas. Call Bill Sinclair at 703-321-7529 or the Annandale Christian Community for Action warehouse at 703-256-1991 Call the warehouse ONLY on Saturday mornings. |

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Elementary Night - Students (rising kindergarten through sixth grade) are welcome to Elementary Night on June 24 from 5-9pm. Admission to this night of fun is \$5/student. (A parent must also attend.) Pizza and a drink are included, as are door prizes, water games, and a live DJ. Volunteers are needed. Contact any of the Activities Team- Melanie Bennet, Angie Morris or Dana Kruthoff- to volunteer.

Adult Nights- Cornhole Battles 1, 2, and 3 (members only)! These adult battle nights will be June 11, July 23 and August 6. Get a partner and give yourselves a cool catchy name! There will be a \$10 buy-in and the winning team will split the pot each night! We are hoping for a Triple CORN Winner on August 6 as the winning teams will advance into each monthly battle. Got good aim!? We want to see you!

Don't like Cornhole? No worries! Each night will have a theme!

June 11- Luau Night/Daquiri Night (costume pieces/accessories are encouraged)

July 23 - Fan Night (wear your fave team clothing/Beer Pong/Flip Cup

August 6 - Board Games/Card Game Night

Fourth of July Party (members only)- Activities from 1-3. Come get your belly flop on!

Teen Night - July 12 - Teens ONLY! Live DJ, food, and fun! Pool lock-in from 7-12. We need parent volunteers! Please contact us!

RECURRING EVENTS-

SAND VOLLEYBALL ages 3- adult. All are welcome! Thursdays 6:30 to 8/8:30. Members Only. New net.

New ball this year, **LUNCH BUNCH BINGO** Wednesdays during Fledglings (June 28 - July 25): 11:50 to 1:00.

Bring your own lunch and picnic together on the upper patio! Bingo will follow. Prizes! **RAFT NIGHTS** - Wednesdays and Sundays. Only clear rafts.

Want to volunteer? Questions? Comments? Contact Melanie Bennett, Activities Chair, at 571-282-3291 or contact any member of the Activities Committee.



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EVENTS

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- **May 26 - **RF Civic Association General Meeting**, Community of Christ on Inverchapel Rd
- May 28 - 11-8 - Pool Opens/**Pool Open House**, non-members are welcome to check out the pool today. Popcorn, cotton candy, prizes on the hour from 11-2, food truck in evening
- May 29 - **Swim Team** Kick-off meeting, evening, Pool
- May 30 - Memorial Day Holiday
- June 1 - Last **Garden Club meeting** until fall
- June 11 - **Pool Adult Night**, Cornhole Battle #1 and Luau/Daquiri theme (costumes/accessories encouraged) members only
- June 23 - Last day of school
- June 24 - 5-9pm, Elementary Night at the **Pool**, \$5 rising kindergarten - 6th grade and parent (adult required)
- June 28 - **Fledglings** Learn-to-Swim program begins; weekdays until July 26, pre-registration required
- July 2 - **Swim Meet at Home** - pool closed until noon
- July 4 - 1-3pm - Fourth of July Party at the Pool, belly flop contest and more (members only)
- July 9 - Swim Meet at Home - pool closed until noon
- **July 16 - **Community-wide Picnic** sponsored by the Ravensworth Farm Civic Association, Pool, no pool membership needed
- July 23 - **Pool Adult Night**, Cornhole Battle #2 and Fan theme (wear your favorite team's clothing), Beer Pong/Flip Cup (members only)
- August 6 - **Pool Adult Night**, Cornhole Battle #3 and Board Games/Card Games night (members only)
- August 12 - 7pm-12am - **Teen Night at the Pool**, Teens ONLY, live DJ, food, and fun! Lock-in until midnight. Adult volunteers needed
- August 19 - America's Adopt a Soldier **Charity Golf Tournament** (see article for details)
- September 4 - **Family Olympics at the Pool** (members only)
- September 5 - **Pool Clean-Up Day** We need YOU!
- October 1 - **Oktoberfest at the Pool**
- October 31 - **Trunk or Treat at the Pool** (everyone invited)

Recurring Summer Events for Pool Members

- Wednesdays-11:50-1:00- Bingo Lunch Bunch (during Fledgling season), BYO Lunch
- Wednesday and Sunday nights Raft Night (clear rafts only)
- Thursdays- Sand Volleyball, ages 3-adult, 6:30-8:00

RECAP OF BRADDOCK ROAD MEETING

Source: Office of Supervisor John C. Cook

Editor's Note: Ravensworth Farm Civic Association President, Kevin Joyce, serves on the Braddock Road citizen committee since 2014. You can read his thoughts on the project, particularly sound barriers between Braddock Rd and Adair Ln, in his letter on page 1.

On April 25, Supervisor Cook, along with the Fairfax County Department of Transportation, hosted a community meeting at Lake Braddock Secondary School on the proposed Braddock Road Multimodal project. More than 200 residents turned out to voice their thoughts and opinions about the project. This multimodal study has been directly influenced by citizen comments like those, and the study has changed as a result.

If you were unable to make the meeting, there will still be a number of opportunities to comment throughout the process. You can provide comments and view the PowerPoint presentation made on April 25 at <http://www.slideshare.net/fairfaxcounty/braddock-road-multimodal-study-guinea-road-to-i495>. Public representation is essential, and that is the reason a citizen committee was created in 2014 to analyze the project and provide a direct method of public participation into the process.

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The Committee consists of civic association and homeowners association leaders from the communities along the project corridor, and has been meeting periodically to study the project and provide recommendations. A detailed list of the meetings, as well as the information distributed at them, can be found at fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/braddockroadmeetings.htm.

Study Background

The purpose of this study is to analyze a variety of roadway options, and offer a series of recommendations, for the stretch of Braddock Road from Guinea Road to I-495.

The study is examining three concepts that have been part of the Comprehensive Plan for several years:

1. Widening of Braddock Road from six (6) to eight (8) lanes from Burke Lake Road to I-495 by constructing/adding one HOV/bus lane in each direction.
2. Widening of Braddock Road from four (4) to six (6) lanes from Guinea Road to Burke Lake Road by constructing/adding one general purpose lane in each direction.
3. Construction of a transit center along Braddock Road located in the vicinity of the Kings Park Shopping Center or other appropriate location.

The study is also investigating ways to improve both pedestrian and bicycling access and mobility along the Braddock Road corridor. The section of Braddock Road being studied currently handles approximately 70,000 vehicle trips a day.

Study Update

At the April 25th meeting, the community was updated on the current analysis of four options:

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(1) "No Build" Scenario. No changes are made; road is not widened.—This is the baseline for the Braddock Road study. All proposed changes are compared to this option and weighed against what the roadway corridor will look like if no action is taken. The modeling for the 2040 no build scenario has been completed and was discussed at the April 25th meeting. Compared to today, it is expected that total delays in the corridor will increase dramatically by the year 2040. For example, travel time through the corridor, which currently sits at a little over 10 minutes in the eastbound, morning rush, is projected to lengthen to nearly 30 minutes.

(2) "Spot Improvement" Scenario. Intersection improvements are made along the corridor, but the road is not widened.—Not originally considered by the County Staff/Consultant team, following feedback gathered at initial meetings with the Braddock Road Task Force and the community at large, specific attention was given to study improving intersections along the corridor as a way to improve Braddock Road overall.

Currently there are 10 such improvements being proposed. By implementing these proposed changes, which include adding/extending turning lanes in some cases, limiting turning movements to only right in/right out in others, and even realigning intersections, Braddock Road is improved as compared to the "No Build" scenario. At the April 25th meeting, county staff indicated that the spot improvement options were under serious consideration as they provided real benefits to the corridor.

(3) "HOV Widening." - A potential plan for HOV widening on Braddock Road was first adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 1990. Additionally, the Northern Virginia 2010 Transportation Plan recommended HOV widening on Braddock Road from Burke Lake Road to I-495 and conventional widening from Guinea to Burke Lake Road.

Currently, examination of potential HOV widening is not complete. Over the summer the County and consultant team will continue to study the viability of HOV lanes and will look at two distinct options. One has the HOV lanes on the inside of the road, and the other has them on the outside. In both cases the lanes would be for HOV 2 and bus-traffic. There are no current recommendations from County staff or the task force regarding whether or not to add HOV/bus lanes.

More information on the HOV lanes option will be forthcoming in the fall, when further study is complete. Should this option be implemented, it would also include the above-mentioned spot improvements. In addition, County staff did indicate that, if HOV/bus lanes were added from Burke Lake Road to the beltway, then the additional general purposes lanes (one in each direction) from Burke Lake Road to Guinea would need to be built to support the additional capacity.

(4) "General Purpose Widening." - The option for general purpose widening includes the addition of one lane in each direction, available for all users. This modeling is not yet complete and thus extensive details are not presently available. Should this option be implemented, it would include the above-mentioned spot improvements as well.

Transit Center Options—There are currently two possible locations for a transit center, the Northern Virginia Training Center (NVTC) and behind the Kings Park Shopping Center. Both options include safe bike and pedestrian access to the surrounding neighborhoods. Each prospective transit center site offers two design possibilities.

The NVTC sites could be constructed on either the west or east side of the land. Both NVTC proposals include 300 parking spaces and five bus routes. Both NVTC options would assume two new bus routes to serve the area, and would provide new evening service, at six busses per hour.

The Kings Park Shopping Center also offers two transit center possibilities. Both are proposed to be built behind the shopping center; one option contains a parking garage and the other a surface lot. The surface option adds 210 new parking spaces, and nine bus routes. The garage option offers the same routes, but has a total of 300 parking spots. Both Kings Park Shopping Center transit center options provide for one new bus route, with 14 more bus arrivals per hour during peak hours than currently available, and also introduce new evening service with six buses per hour.

Going Forward—It is important to remember that no decision has yet been made. The next step is to develop recommendations. This is a community process, and every effort is being made to include everyone in the process.

Again, if you wish to submit your thoughts on this project, please get in touch. If you have any questions, or if Supervisor Cook's office can be of help in any way, please reply to this email or call 703-425-9300.

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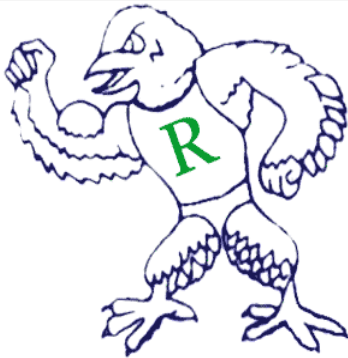
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