

# BRADDOCK DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

April 2009

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**Tuesday, April 14, 2009 - 7 PM**  
**Braddock District Council "Legislative Forum"**  
Kings Park Library Meeting Room  
9002 Burke Lake Road  
Burke, VA 22015

**Future BDC Meeting Dates**  
**Tuesday, May 12, 2009 - 7:30 PM**  
Braddock Hall  
9002 Burke Lake Road  
Burke, VA 22015  
(703) 425-9300

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:

### Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup> BDC Program – "Legislative Forum" (Starts at 7 PM)

Our BDC Meeting on **April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009**, is our annual "Legislative Forum". Again this year we expect to have a large panel of invited officials. The **four State Senators and four Delegates** have been invited again and **6** have confirmed their attendance as of publication time. To allow extra time for questions and dialog with our guests, we have **moved up the starting time to 7 PM**. Please note the change and come with your questions. Please pass the word to your members. All are invited. **(Remember we start at 7 PM)**

### Braddock District Supervisor, John C. Cook

Congratulations to John C. Cook who took the oath of office on March 17<sup>th</sup> at the Government Center. John will be at our April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Even though John has attended BDC meetings as KPCA President, this will be the first time that he will attend in his new position.

### Braddock Road Beautification Project/Mary Read Memorial

Tom Reinkober continues to lead our efforts to maintain the appearance of Braddock Road. However, he **can not do it without financial donations and constant help from our associations**. To date sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10 and 11 of the contractor's proposal have been completed, funded by your donations. **Thank you to those individuals and associations for your donations**. Other sections of Braddock Road are still in of your support and other district roads are in need of being adopted for regular litter pickup. These efforts show how much residents value Braddock District's appearance.

Fresh mulch and weeding have also been done this month on the Mary Read Memorial. The **BDC thanks all of those individuals and community associations who have contributed to this fund** so we can continue Spring and Fall maintenance on that site.

### Removal of Political Signs

The residents of Braddock District **thank those who collected the thousands of political signs after the March 10<sup>th</sup> election**. By Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, the vast majority of political signs had been collected and the natural beauty of our district quickly returned. We greatly appreciate this quick response and look for this response to be a precedent for future political races.

### George Mason University – Braddock District Forum To be Rescheduled

The previously scheduled April 8, 2009 meeting will be rescheduled. Please stay tuned.

### **Future BDC Activities**

As we approach spring and summer, the **BDC has some important tasks to accomplish**. In May, we will be urging you to nominate your most outstanding volunteers for a **Best of Braddock Award**. The award winners will be **announced at the June 9<sup>th</sup> BDC meeting**. We also will form a **Nominating Committee for BDC elections at the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting**. Please consider volunteering to run for one of the positions. Finally, **on July 14<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our annual Braddock Picnic and BOB Awards Presentations**. **Chairman Bulova** has already accepted our invitation to the Braddock picnic, where we will get a formal chance to thank her for her service to Braddock District and to dialog with her once again.

**BDC “Legislative Forum”** is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**, starting at **7 PM (Note the time change)**.

Sincerely,

**Bruce Wallachy**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Braddock District Council Officers</b> <b>Chair: Bruce Wallachy</b> <b>Vice Chair: Tom Reinkober</b> <b>Treasurer: Peg Manella</b> <b>Secretary: Verna Dreyer</b> <b>Communications Chair: vacant</b> <b>Membership Chair: vacant</b> <b>Information Forum Chair: Tena Bluhm</b></p>
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### **Supervisor’s Corner**

I want to thank the voters of Braddock District for providing me with the opportunity to serve as your Supervisor. There is no greater honor in public life than to be selected by your neighbors to be their representative in government. I look forward to the opportunity to prove myself worthy of your trust and confidence.

My top priority as your Supervisor will be to work with the Braddock District Council, the 187 civic and homeowners’ associations of Braddock District, and other community leaders and Braddock residents to help you make your neighborhoods the best places they can be to live, raise a family, and grow older gracefully. My staff and I will be available to be your representative and advocate in government, to help your communities grow stronger, and to help solve the myriad of challenges we may face in the coming years. Working together, there is no challenge we cannot face successfully.

I am excited to announce my new, top-notch senior staff. Ryan Kelly will serve as my Chief of Staff. Ryan worked for several years for Congressman Tom Davis, where he learned the importance of community outreach. Ann Sharp joins us as Senior Staff Assistant for Constituent Services. Ann will be the principal point of contact for all citizen concerns and will be my liaison to the BDC and civic and homeowners’ associations. Ann currently serves as

President of the Kings Park West Townhomes Homeowners' Association, and has served in many community and volunteer capacities over the years. Rosemary Ryan joins us on an interim basis as Senior Legislative Assistant. Rosemary served for many years on the staff of Supervisor Stuart Mendelsohn and is well-versed in the county legislative process, budget, and land use issues. Suzanne Lundy, who used to team with me as my legal assistant, joins us as to serve as office manager, scheduler, event planner, and in other capacities. I expect to add a couple more staff assistants in the next couple of months.

My staff is committed to providing a friendly, professional, and pro-active problem-solving approach to community service. They, and I, are at your service. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you to strengthen our neighborhoods and provide you with the top-notch representation in government that you deserve.

I am planning to hold an open house in my district office, tentatively set for Saturday, May 2, where you can meet me and my staff. Please watch my website and your email for details.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

John C. Cook  
Braddock District Supervisor