

# BRADDOCK DISTRICT COUNCIL *News*

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**November 2009**

## **Next BDC Meeting**

**January 11, 2010 - 7:30 PM**

Braddock Hall  
9002 Burke Lake Road  
Burke, VA 22015  
(703) 425-9300

## **Future Events**

Taste of Braddock – December 3, 2009  
Braddock Information Forum - February 9, 2010  
Fairfax County Budget Review - March 9  
Legislature Forum - April 13  
Braddock District Picnic - July 13

## **REMINDER – BDC meeting November 10<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 7:30 PM.**

**Recycling in Fairfax:** Ever wonder what to do with that old TV? That broken laptop or dropped once-too-many-times cell phone? How about that dried up Christmas tree or those piles of ratty documents which have personal information? The Manager of the Solid Waste Management Program will present the intriguing recycling efforts, process, and services in Fairfax County and answer recycling questions at the **November 10<sup>th</sup> BDC meeting**.

**Summary of the Neighborhood Initiative Kick-off:** The Braddock District Council was actively present October 21 at Supervisor Cook's Town Hall kick-off meeting for his Community Engagement Initiative. The BDC table had two colorful storyboards with pictures and paragraphs describing BDC events. There were printouts of recent speaker topics, take-away copies of the vivid BDC brochure handout, a comprehensive list of Braddock District associations for updating by visitors, and applications for BDC membership. The kick-off's tri-fold handout had one panel advertising the BDC purpose and activities. Several BDC members showed up and of course Sam and Shirley worked the table while Bill and Jan greeted visitors.

Before an audience of over 125 residents, Supervisor Cook expressed his dependence on active and meaningful contributions from the BDC members. Bill and Jan then spoke for the Council about civic responsibility and volunteerism as the foundation of support for the BDC. The BDC emails were updated by visitors, several people committed to being at the November 10 meeting (to bring up issues, no less!), and a couple of visitors asked how to start an association in their neighborhood. The storyboards and displayed handouts will be shown at the November 10 meeting. Read Supervisor Cook's glowing assessment of the kick-off (attached).

**Red, Hot and Blue coupons raffle:** Hey, try your luck at winning either of two \$25 discount coupons to this popular Fairfax BBQ restaurant. Put your name in the hat for the raffles at the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**BDC Dues Invoices:** Look for ‘em in the mail! The BDC invoices have been sent out along with the annual request for Braddock District association’s to support BDC activities thru both volunteers and payment of dues.

**Flu information:** For the very latest information on both Seasonal and H1N1 flu, as well as H1N1 vaccine availability at clinic locations, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/flu> or call the Health Department’s H1N1 Call Center at: 703-267-3511 (Weekdays 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

**Volunteer car drivers needed:** The **Taste of Braddock** is **December 3<sup>rd</sup>** at Braddock Hall. This annual buffet of local restaurant’s tasty and diverse foods is always a smash hit because volunteers make it happen. Their important service is the fun privilege of driving the prepared and protected foods from the various restaurants to Braddock Hall. Each volunteer driver brings foods from one or two restaurants. Please ask to help us with this transportation.

**Status Report of Grass Mowing Committee:** A *draft* framework will be provided at the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to help frame cases for discussion of grass mowing so that we don’t continue to hear the same arguments over and over. No one likes the situation, and we struggle with what to do. Each of the solutions being developed involves some work from members of BDC and our associations. Note that we often hear the most vocal attendees bringing up solutions for others to implement.

Since we collectively have a passion for getting some action, the solution must be what BDC members and association members can volunteer their energies to accomplish. This *draft* framework lays out the cases for discussion and the actions available so members can focus on one or two courses of action. Giving members time to review, assess, modify, or accept the cases, grass mowing will be a major discussion topic at the January 12th BDC meeting.

**Fairfax County Transit Development Plan:** These are the remaining open community meeting dates. More info at their website: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/tdp.htm>

Monday, November 9  
6:00-8:00PM  
North County Government Center  
12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston

Monday, November 16  
6:00-8:00PM  
County Government Center  
12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax

Tuesday, November 10  
6:00-8:00PM  
McLean Community Center  
1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean

Tuesday, November 17  
6:00-8:00PM  
South County Center  
8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria

**Tax District created for Phase II of Rail to Dulles:** Great news! In mid-October signed petitions were presented to Fairfax County to establish the Phase II Tax District which will build three Metrorail stations to serve the Reston/Herndon area in the Dulles corridor. This is a major milestone for the construction of Rail to Dulles. A summary of key provisions is at <http://www.railtodulles.com/docs/petition-summary.pdf> and the 50-year *Dulles* Corridor Metrorail Project timeline is at (<http://www.dullesmetro.com/about/timeline.cfm>).

Join Chairperson **Sharon Bulova** in her **Town Meeting at 7 p.m. on November 18th: “Energizing Fairfax County – Climate Change and Energy Efficiency!”** This will be an opportunity for you to learn about what is happening in our region and in Fairfax County to conserve our energy resources. Speakers include Stuart Freudberg of the Council of Governments, Mark Gibb of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission and David Molchany, Deputy County Executive for Fairfax County. Bud Thompson (Great Falls Citizen Association) and Mark Lowham (West\*Group) will share “What’s going on in the Community.” The location for the meeting is in the newly renovated Woodson High School in Fairfax.

**The Fairfax County Parkway Project:** This is part of a vital transportation corridor serving residents and businesses located in the Fairfax County neighborhoods. Cherry Hill Construction, Inc. has been selected by Eastern Federal Highway Land Division to design and build the extension of the Fairfax County Parkway at Rolling Road to Fullerton Road. For additional information and email alerts regarding gate closures, construction related traffic delays, construction blasting, and other activities log onto [www.belvoirmewvision.com](http://www.belvoirmewvision.com) and sign up for more information.

**Greater Washington 2050 Report** - Sharon Bulova served as the Chair of the Greater Washington 2050 Coalition of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG). The COG Board of Directors has approved for public comment a report by area leaders calling for a more integrated approach to regional planning to accommodate growth in our region, compete in the global economy, and combat challenges like climate change, traffic congestion, and disparities in public safety, health, and education.

This report, “Region Forward – Greater Washington 2050: COG’s Vision for the National Capital Region in the Twenty-First Century,” proposes a new, comprehensive vision for the National Capital Region. It is based on 19 shared regional goals and includes targets designed to measure progress toward the goals. Local governments are being asked to agree to a Compact to support these regional goals.

Ms. Bulova encourages you to view the current report, available at Greater Washington 2050’s website: <http://www.greaterwashington2050.org>. You may submit comments, accepted through November 30, 2009, at <http://www.mwcog.org/gw2050/public/>. The COG Board expects to vote on the final report and recommendations in January 2010. Residents of the District of Columbia, suburban Maryland and Northern Virginia know our futures are interconnected. With Greater Washington 2050, we have a plan that reflects our shared goals and demonstrates the many benefits of working together more closely.

**Notes of Interest:**

- To broaden the distribution of BDC news and community events, we request members to add or update their email addresses by contacting Dottie Dane, [dottie.dane@cox.net](mailto:dottie.dane@cox.net).
- News about your association neighborhood is important! The opportunity to share and discuss is available at each Council meeting. Bring your news! Share your news!
- Are there topics and concerns that you'd like to hear about? The Council solicits your opinion and suggestions for topics for the January, May and June, 2010, BDC meetings.

Say hello to your neighbors,  
**Bill**

**Braddock District Council Officers**

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## SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

The response to my town hall meeting that kicked off the Community Engagement Initiative exceeded my expectations. Over a hundred twenty five people came to learn about how they can become more involved and give back to their communities. Additionally, citizens had the opportunity to talk with representatives from a variety of government agencies, community non-profits, and the Braddock District Council to learn about specific volunteer opportunities. The Braddock District Council will be playing an important role in the Initiative. Bill Barfield and Jan Hedetniemi have taken an active part in the planning of the Leadership Institute, the town hall and the Initiative as a whole.

Enrollment is now open for our Leadership Institute and Neighborhood Colleges. The Leadership Institute is a one day workshop scheduled for January 23. This seminar will train current and prospective community leaders in topics such as the legal, financial and fiduciary duties that Board members owe their organizations, how to recruit volunteers, how to reach out to people of different backgrounds, how to run a meeting, and how to establish an effective organization.

Two "Neighborhood Colleges" will be held later in the winter and early spring. The Neighborhood College is a six to seven week program, one night per week, for those who wish to become more involved in their communities. The Neighborhood College teaches participants about county government, concepts of community building, cultural competency and effective team building.

If you want to sign up for one of these programs or receive more information on the Community Engagement Initiative, please call my office at 703-425-9300 or send an email to [Ann.Sharp@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Ann.Sharp@fairfaxcounty.gov) for more information or to register.

During the coming months I will be traveling Braddock District, bringing the message of community engagement to our communities. If you would like me to speak to your organization, please contact my office. Building stronger communities requires all of us to make a concerted effort to get to know each other and to work together. I look forward to working with you over the coming months.

**John C. Cook**