

BRADDOCK DISTRICT COUNCIL *News*

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April 2010

Next BDC Meeting

May 11, 2010 - 7:30 PM

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

Future Events

BDC Meeting (Issues & Projects) – May 11
BoB nominations due – May 28
BDC Meeting (Elections & BoB winners) – June 8
Braddock District Picnic & BoB Awards - July 13
Summer vacations – no August meeting
BDC Meeting (BDC Budget) - Sept 14

REMINDER – BDC meeting May 11th, Tuesday 7:30 PM

This Newsletter welcomes the warmer gardening weather and the start of spring sports. Along with these fun activities, many of us also find time to volunteer our vigor to everything from coaching kid's sports to improving living conditions in Braddock district. For every community organization that benefits from this individual contribution, recruiting new members from within the community goes hand-in-hand with volunteering for that community. Since recruiting is done mostly by word-of-mouth and personal invitation, I suggest that if you are reading this Message, then you are involved in your community and that you could extend your enthusiasm to friends and neighbors. Your personal reward for volunteering is acquired through your own community experiences and through the realization that you got others to volunteer. You, your recruits, and Braddock District all win. Start today – get someone else interested in volunteering.

Some thoughts on Volunteering – April is National Volunteer Month

- Volunteering gives you power to enrich your community.
- The sincerest form of praise for a democracy is voting and volunteerism.
- Volunteering and recruiting are the partners for continuous community improvement.
- Don't ever question the value of volunteers -

Noah's Ark was built by volunteers; the Titanic was built by professionals!

Grass Mowing Issue:

The first meeting for the membership-voted decision on pursuing how to influence Richmond on improving mowing is on **Wednesday, May 19th** at 7:30 in Braddock Hall. This open meeting is to organize BDC associations in finding ways to change how VDOT is funded for mowing grass along Braddock District roads. The BDC Executive Council supports this approach and again notes that this is an open meeting for any Braddock resident.

The Legislature Forum:

The April 12th BDC meeting was very well attended and had great audience participation. In the first hour three state senators and three state delegates shared updates on their actions and bills in the just-finished legislature session. They then answered audience questions for almost another hour. The meeting minutes was emailed out on April 18 and is being posted to the [BDC website](#) .

BDC Website:

We continue to update and improve www.bdcfx.org. Check out what's there and save it as a favorite URL for easy access to news within our communities.

Braddock District Dog Park:

BDC and a group of dog owners have been working with Fairfax County Park Authority in reviewing potential locations to establish a dog park in Braddock District. The group is also working with Supervisor Cook in notifying Braddock dog owners and residents of this effort. Braddock is one of the few Fairfax County districts without a dog park.

BDC Issues & Projects:

The following are active and completed Issues and Projects that the BDC Executive Council and membership are working on. Some have a Special Committee of BDC members appointed (see Bylaws Article X, Section 2) while others have members with skills or interests doing the active support. All are staffed by volunteers and some need more help. Give me a call or email.

1. **Grass Mowing** (Open meeting on May 19)
2. **Web Page** (maintenance, archiving, need neighborhood signs or logos)
3. **Information Forum** (completed for 2010)
4. **Neighborhood College** (25 graduated on 12 April; more on-going sessions)
5. **Dog Park** in Braddock District (status is in coordinating communities)
6. **Braddock Road Beautification** (as needed basis and done with set-aside BDC funds)
7. **Membership Drive** (to be discussed in May meeting)
8. **Guidelines for Best of Braddock** awards selection (see Bylaws Article IX, Section 6, Citizenship Award Committee) (no action started)
9. **Mary Read Memorial Park** (as needed basis and done with set-aside BDC funds)
10. **Political signs in Braddock Roads** (to be discussed in May meeting)

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.
- News about your association and neighborhood helps connects all of our communities. In each BDC meeting we set aside a few minutes for members to share significant stories or announce their up-coming events. Come prepared for this "give and take" of your news.

- Falls Church High School's Parent Resource Center, 7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church, will host a Volunteer/Mother's Day Fair on, Saturday, May 8th from 11:00-2:00PM. Members of the community are welcome to exhibit free of charge. Details to follow or contact Mason Howard or Maria Mateus at 703-207-4074.

Calendar of BDC Events

See the above Future Events and . . . most important . . . the **Best of Braddock awards** are your recognition of residents and organizations whose contributions to Braddock District are worthy of special recognition. **Nominations are due May 28.** Instructions and forms are [here](#).

See you next meeting . . . with a neighbor,

Bill

Braddock District Council Officers and Chairs

Chair: William Barfield

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Communications Chair: Bruce Wallachy

Programs Chair: Paul Maltagliati

Information Forum Chair: Tena Bluhm

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SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

Community Information Meeting Wakefield Chapel Road Transportation Study April 29, 2010

Since I became your Supervisor, I have heard many residents express concern about the traffic along Wakefield Chapel Road. Many of you have let me know that you are worried about the speed of traffic along the road, as well as the increase in the number of vehicles using Wakefield Chapel Road as a means of avoiding the High Occupancy Toll Lanes construction on I-495.

Delegate Vivian Watts has also heard these concerns and asked for a study to be conducted by VDOT to explore what possible means may be available and appropriate for slowing traffic along this corridor. A group from Fairfax County Department of Transportation, Virginia Department of Transportation and Fluor-Lane presented options to Delegate Watts and me in late March, and are ready to present their study results to the community.

I plan to host a community information meeting at the Wakefield Forest Elementary School, [4011 Iva Lane](#), Fairfax, VA 22032 on Thursday, April 29, 2010 at 7:30 pm. I ask that you circulate this information to members of your community and homeowners associations and other affected groups inviting them to attend. If you cannot be present at the meeting, I invite you to submit your thoughts to me by e-mail to Braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov or to contact my office at 703- 425-9300.

Sincerely,
John C. Cook