

**BRADDOCK DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**of Community Associations**  
*Message from the Chair, November/December 2010*

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**Next BDC Meeting**  
**January 12, 2010 – 7:30 PM**  
Braddock Hall in KP Library  
9002 Burke Lake Road  
Burke, VA 22015  
(703) 425-9300

**Future Events**  
(click to see [All BDC Events](#))  
Taste of Braddock – Dec 2  
BDC Meeting – January 12  
(Accotink & Chesapeake Watershed)  
BDC Meeting – February 9

**REMINDER – Next BDC meeting is WEDNESDAY, January 12, 2011**

In this Message from the Chair:

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**Volunteers Make Things Happen**

Nothing happens unless someone does it, at least when people and their communities are the happening. For the happening to happen, someone volunteered to do it, start it, cause it to occur. Someone stepped up to the plate and just made something change in their community. I volunteer to provide leadership and a democratic voice from all of our associations. Scout troop leaders volunteer to work with our kids. That retired neighbor down the street is a volunteer assisting at the county library. Shucks, Supervisor Cook and Chairman Bulova had to at least make their own decision (to volunteer) to run for public office.

Braddock District has 109,590 residents in 36,470 households. Let’s help ourselves help each other to continue making our communities the best livable happening homesteads in Virginia.

Go - Volunteer you time, experience, and skills. Make things happen!

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### **Taste of Braddock - December 2nd**

For the past sixteen years, the Braddock District Supervisor and the Braddock District Council have worked with local restaurants and food servers to give the people of our community a “Taste of Braddock.” This annual holiday event provides an opportunity for our citizens to come together to celebrate our community. It also provides the opportunity for our local restaurants to showcase their products to customers in their own backyard.

On **Thursday, December 2nd, 5 to 7:30 PM**, our community will come together, once again, to enjoy the best dishes that Braddock has to offer. Braddock District Council members and their families are invited.

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### **From the Office of Sharon Bulova - Board Approves Process, Schedule for 2011 Redistricting**

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, November 16, approved [our process and schedule](#) for redrawing the lines that make up the nine supervisor districts in the County. The purpose of redistricting is to ensure equitably sized voting districts in the County.

The plan we adopted will allow us to act quickly and involve the community to ensure Fairfax County residents are properly represented on the Board of Supervisors in time for the elections. Growth in Fairfax County over the last 10 years will likely mean some changes, but those changes won't become clear until we are able to look at and analyze the data from the 2010 U.S. Census.

A key change to the 2011 election schedule is the likely decision by State officials to move the primaries from June to mid-August or even early September to account for the tight redistricting timeline. The U.S. Census Bureau will not deliver the data needed to redraw district lines until February. After the Board of Supervisors approves a redistricting plan in late April, it will need to be approved by the U.S. Department of Justice meaning the redrawn districts will most likely not be official until June.

In adopting the plan, the Board established an Advisory Citizen Committee to participate in the process with County staff. Each district supervisor will appoint one member to the committee along with County-wide organizations. I appointed former Board of Supervisors Chairman Katherine Hanley to serve as one of the two at-large members of the committee.

As a former Secretary of the Commonwealth and Board Chairman, Kate clearly has the knowledge and experience to be an active and important member of the Committee. She is also a veteran of three redistrictings.

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**The Woodson Bus Depot** (see [October BDC Meeting minutes](#))

In a meeting with the Woodson Parking Lot Coalition (WPLC) and Supervisor Cook’s office on November 17, the WPLC discussed their extensive data from 4 days of fieldwork observations which demonstrated that few of the Eleven Oaks buses were Woodson High School (only 7 of 44) and the vast majority belonged to 3 other High School pyramids. WPLC noted that the activity level in/out of the proposed bus depot was quite busy between 5:30 AM -10 AM and not finished by 6 AM, as described by FCPS.

Supervisor Cook shared with the WPLC folks that, at the request of the City of Fairfax, Fairfax County Public Schools ("FCPS") is withdrawing its 2232 application to establish a Bus Depot at Woodson High School. The City of Fairfax has determined that the cost of providing the transportation improvements to the intersection of Pickett Road and Route 236, required to meet the requirements of the 2232 application, are cost prohibitive.

The City is formalizing its request in writing, after which FCPS is expected to formally withdraw the proposal. Supervisor Cook will continue to work with FCPS, Fairfax City, and Chairman Bulova's office to look for a solution to close that bus lot.

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**Monticello Park Master Plan Meeting & Website**

The Fairfax County Park Authority has initiated a park master planning process (see the [Announcement](#) and our Oct 12 BDC [minutes](#)) for Monticello Park, located at 5315 Guinea Road, in Fairfax. To start this park planning process, a public information meeting will be held on:

**December 16, 2010, from 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 PM**  
In the cafeteria of Bonnie Brae Elementary School,  
5420 Sideburn Road, Fairfax VA 22032.

The Park Authority has launched a project webpage for the Monticello Park Master Plan. This website will be updated throughout the master planning process with announcements about the progress of the park master plan.

To see location, context and site maps plus the Fairfax Planning and Development process links, please visit the Monticello Park Master Plan webpage at the following link:  
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/monticello.htm>

If you have thoughts or questions on this master plan, you may contact FCPA via e-mail to: [Parkmail](#).

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**BRAC in Fairfax Update**

As a follow-up to our September BDC Meeting (see the [minutes](#)), Rep. Jim Moran, D-Va., was quoted on November 19<sup>th</sup> in [Government Executive.com](#) that the Defense Department inspector general has begun a review of plans to relocate 6,400 employees into the Mark Center at 395 and Seminary Road.

Many officials dispute the Army Corps of Engineers 2008 environmental assessment conclusion that moving the employees would not pose significant transportation issues. The Northern Virginia lawmaker inserted a provision in the 2011 National Defense Authorization Act requiring the IG investigation.

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Comments and opinions are welcome. Let your voice be heard. Send an email or, better yet, attend the next BDC meeting and volunteer to make things happen in Braddock District.

See you at the  
Taste of Braddock on Thursday December 2  
AND  
BDC Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in January,

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## SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

Come one, come all to the **Annual Taste of Braddock!!!**  
You are invited.

**December 2nd 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**  
Braddock Hall in the Kings Park Library 9002 Burke Lake Road

Please join with your friends and neighbors in the Braddock District at our annual Open House to mark the start of the holiday season. Enjoy food donated by Braddock area businesses and share in the spirit provided by our residents. We look forward to seeing you at this celebration of community.

Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Annandale Neighborhood Food Site. You can RSVP by calling 703-425-9300 or E-mailing us at [braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov).

I hope to see you there!

### **Engaging Our Neighbors with Disabilities**

Communities are about people. Strong communities have strong connections between people. One of the keys to stronger neighborhoods is to reach out and include everyone we can. That is one of the principal focuses of my Community Engagement Initiative – to involve all people in their communities. In the coming year, I am placing a special focus on including our neighbors with disabilities.

Not too long ago, our society thought that people with intellectual, sensory, and physical disabilities belonged apart from society in institutions. Today we know that community-based services are more effective in serving this population. In addition, we are discovering that people with disabilities have something to offer our communities. Many people with disabilities are highly functional, creative, energetic, motivated community members. Our communities can be stronger by including them. But we need to learn how, and we need to extend a welcoming hand to these neighbors from our community organizations.

To help us do that, I am sponsoring two Town Hall events. Last Monday's Town Hall introduced community leaders to the capacities and interests of people with disabilities and encouraged them to reach out and include these neighbors.

Next Spring, a follow-on program will focus on encouraging people with disabilities to become more active in their communities and providing them with the techniques, connections to services, and inspiration to do so.

For more information on how you can improve your neighborhood by becoming more inclusive with your neighbors with disabilities, please contact 703-324-5421.

All across Braddock District residents are joining together to get to know one another, sponsor community social events, clean up their neighborhoods, start or expand neighborhood watch and emergency preparedness programs, and much more. If you are not already involved in your community, I invite you to join us. You'll be glad you did.

John C. Cook  
Braddock District Supervisor