

It's the end of May and there are so many things going on in the Braddock District that you and your neighbors may want to know about, and so Supervisor Cook has asked me to send out an update of some of those things. I hope you'll share these with your fellow residents.

Graduation season is right around the corner, and many of the schools in Fairfax and neighboring counties use the EagleBank Arena for their commencement ceremonies. Check out <http://relations.gmu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2019-High-School-Graduation-Schedule.pdf> for the entire schedule, and remember that traffic will be heavy in the area during those times.

Trash: At the most recent Board of Supervisors meeting the Board adopted Supervisor Cook's motion directing the County Attorney to investigate the actions of American Disposal Services under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act. American has failed to meet its contractual obligations to individuals and communities around the county, resulting in hundreds of complaints for missed trash pick-ups. The motion directs the county attorney to seek business records or other information to see whether American violated the law by contracting to provide services, often after under-bidding competitors, and then being unable to deliver what it promised. Under the unanimously passed motion, the county will request production of documents by June 14 and the county attorney will brief the Board at its June 25th meeting.

The county continues to monitor missed trash pick-ups by ADS and other carriers. If you continue to have missed trash pick-ups, please report them to trashmail@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-324-5230.

Glass Recycling: Glass is no longer part of the regular recycling. Fairfax County recently partnered with neighboring jurisdictions, Arlington County, Prince William County, and the City of Alexandria, to tackle this challenge regionally. The regional program, which was launched in early 2019, established glass-only drop-off containers at various sites across all four municipalities. For branding purposes and ease of recognition by the public, the partners agreed to paint their glass containers purple (drawing the nickname, "Purple Can Club"). Throughout the participating jurisdictions, all colors of emptied glass bottles and jars are acceptable at the purple drop-off containers. In this way, residents who bring their glass recyclables to a purple can location can be sure that their glass will be recycled into other useful products.

The county also continues to accept glass as part of its curbside program. This is in recognition that several regional material recovery facilities (recycling plants) are working to improve their sorting processes, to better separate glass from the other collected materials, and potentially allowing curbside glass to also be recycled. Currently, there are only two purple drop-off locations in Fairfax County, which are not convenient for many residents. The strategy is to continue growing the Purple Can Club program by finding good, glass-only, drop-off container locations that are convenient throughout the County where illegal dumping can be curtailed. As the program grows, the SWMP will routinely evaluate its effectiveness to help make an informed decision on the future of curbside glass recycling. Residents and businesses in Fairfax County are encouraged to **bring glass to purple drop-off containers at the 1-66 transfer station and the 1-95 landfill complex**. More information can also be found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recyclingtrash/glass.

Code Compliance: The Department of Code Compliance has many flyers on their website that give information about items of interest to many homeowners, and they can be found at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code/flyers>. In an effort to provide outreach and education to residential communities, particularly the many homeowner associations (HOAs), located throughout the county, DCC has created a new "HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION (HOA) CODE COMPLIANCE INFORMATION" document. This document discusses common complaints received by DCC, issues for an HOA or civic

association to be aware of in residential neighborhoods, and ways HOAs can assist DCC and Fairfax County in keeping their residential communities safe and compliant. I am also including a PDF of this document with this email.

Disasters happen. They don't happen often or everywhere, but it's best to be ready when they do. With planning and preparation, you can make a difference. You can reduce a disaster's impact on you, your family and your community. To help you be ready, our Office of Emergency Management has released the **Community Emergency Response Guide (CERG)**, a new, free resource to help you plan out what to do before, during and after a variety of potential disasters and emergencies. The guide includes checklists, templates and other key information to help you prepare for more than a dozen different natural hazards, human-caused hazards and "everyday" emergencies. The CERG is available for download <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergencymanagement/cerg> and can also be viewed in hard copy at county libraries and district supervisor offices.

Summer nights mean **Braddock Nights** on Friday evenings at Royal Lake and Lake Accotink Parks. Check the following for more information about performers for this season. Other districts have concerts on different nights of the week, too. <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/braddock-nights>

And let's not forget about the local **Farmers Markets** throughout the county. In Braddock District we have the Saturday morning market at the Burke VRE Station and on Wednesday afternoons we have the market at Wakefield Park. Check out <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets> and see our own Braddock District resident Tom Kennedy talk about the benefits these markets bring to us.

Supervisor Cook would also like to know about the need for **spot improvements** regarding lighting and sidewalks. A limited amount of funding is available to do a few projects, and we are seeking suggestions from you. Please send your suggestions to me at Ann.Sharp@fairfaxcounty.gov, and we will try to figure out how many we can get done with the funds available.

Don't forget, **primary elections** take place June 11 if you are interested in voting in the Democratic primary in Fairfax County.

If you have any questions about any of these issues, or any others, please feel free to reach out to us!