



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

To protect and enrich the quality of life for the people, neighborhoods and diverse communities of Fairfax County

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Dear Community Leader:

With our Neighborhood and Community Leaders Conference fast approaching, I would like to take the opportunity to provide some additional details on the events scheduled for Saturday, March 5. We are looking forward to bringing together inspired leaders and educators from every magisterial district in the County and many County agencies to share knowledge and best practices.

When:

Saturday, March 5, 2016  
8:30am-2:00pm

Location:

Falls Church High School  
7521 Jaguar Trail  
Falls Church, VA 22042

Parking:

We request that you park at the side of the school, Entrance #8 facing the baseball field (see attached map). Handicap parking will be available in this parking lot.

Check-In/Registration:

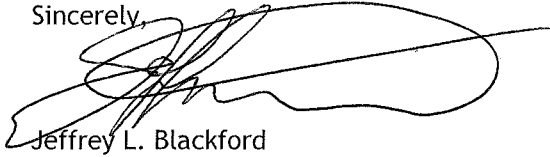
Please enter through Entrance 8, located at the side of the school facing the baseball field (see attached map). Doors to that parking lot will be open at 8:30am and check-in tables will be located in the entrance foyer. Please stop here to pick up your reference materials for the morning. Refreshments will be available in the cafeteria. A map of the event with locations of the cafeteria, display tables, classrooms and restrooms will be provided.

Session Topics:

There will be three breakout sessions with 10 different presentations throughout the event. Attached you will find a listing of the scheduled session topics. Additionally, many agencies will have information and display tables set up in the cafeteria.

You, as community leaders, have the vision, the knowledge, the wherewithal and the experience to help us pave our way into the future. You are truly our greatest asset and we could not accomplish what we do without your support and leadership. Throughout this conference, I ask you to stay engaged and help us shape the future of Fairfax County. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey L. Blackford', written over a large, light-colored oval scribble.

Jeffrey L. Blackford  
Director, Department of Code Compliance

P. S. There is still room for additional participants so feel free to forward to or invite your colleagues whom may benefit from the conference as well. For those of you who still need to register, you can do so the day of the conference or by sending an email to: [codecompliance@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:codecompliance@fairfaxcounty.gov). For more information regarding presentation topics, schedule and directions, please visit the Department of Code Compliance website at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code/community-conference.htm>.

## Neighborhood and Community Leaders Conference: Presentation Topics

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### **Code Compliance**

Learn about the most common types of concerns within a community and how Fairfax County uses available ordinances and codes to bring properties into compliance. Find out more about the enforcement process and how to report a concern/complaint about a property.

### **Community Association Best Practices and Neighborhood Conflict with Resolution**

This panel led discussion will share practices and strategies that support an effective community association. This panel comprised of community leaders will provide examples of engaging their neighbors in community decision making, recruiting neighbors to assume a more active role, and utilizing county resources. The panel members will also provide strategies and examples regarding managing conflict in their neighborhood.

### **Community Connectedness**

Neighbor-to-Neighbor support, often referred to as Villages, helps communities become thriving places to live for a lifetime. The idea is simple, neighbor helping neighbor. By helping coordinate and deliver services and support within their neighborhoods, those who need “a little extra help,” such as older adults, can remain in and stay connected to their communities. The type and scope of villages varies widely and may include a broad range of services. Attendees will hear first-hand from local village leaders about how their neighbors came together and created service structures so they have things like rides to doctors, lawn maintenance, someone to fix their computer, reliable home health care workers when necessary and other services. The panelists’ will show how you can engage your neighbors to help each other and find service providers so your community members can age confidently in their own homes.

### **Emergency Management & Preparedness**

Ready and Resilient: Planning to be Prepared! As community and neighborhood leaders, what can you do to help prepare your neighborhoods and communities for emergencies and disasters? There are a wide variety of volunteer opportunities, trainings, and programs available to the public. The Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management will provide an overview of these opportunities as well as discuss basic preparedness principles to help educate you to build a stronger, more resilient community!

### **FCDOT**

Hear an overview of what the Fairfax County Department of Transportation is all about. You will be introduced to the county’s Transit Services and the Residential Traffic Administration Program (RTAP) which assists communities in evaluating and controlling traffic and parking in area neighborhoods. There will also be an opportunity to learn more about the county’s bicycle and pedestrian programs.

### **Police**

The Fairfax County Police Department’s vision is to provide ethical leadership by engagement with the community to:

- Prevent and fight crime
- Improve the culture of safety in the organization and within the community
- Keep pace with urbanization

Fairfax County possesses a stellar reputation nationally as the safest jurisdiction of our size among the top fifty major cities. The Police Department is comprised of employees and volunteers who possess the highest standards of ethics and integrity which creates the foundation of our ability to deliver a variety of essential police services to protect and serve all members of our community. We accomplish this through robust partnerships with all members of our uniquely diverse community from the Chief’s Council on Diversity Recruitment to our Citizens Police Academy.

### **VDOT**

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is responsible for more than 12,655 miles of road way in Northern Virginia and preserving this infrastructure is a core function of VDOT. Take this opportunity to learn more about VDOT’s maintenance budget and issues such as filling potholes, drainage culvert cleaning and repair, guardrail repair, signs, traffic lights, animal, tree and debris removal and shoulder repair.

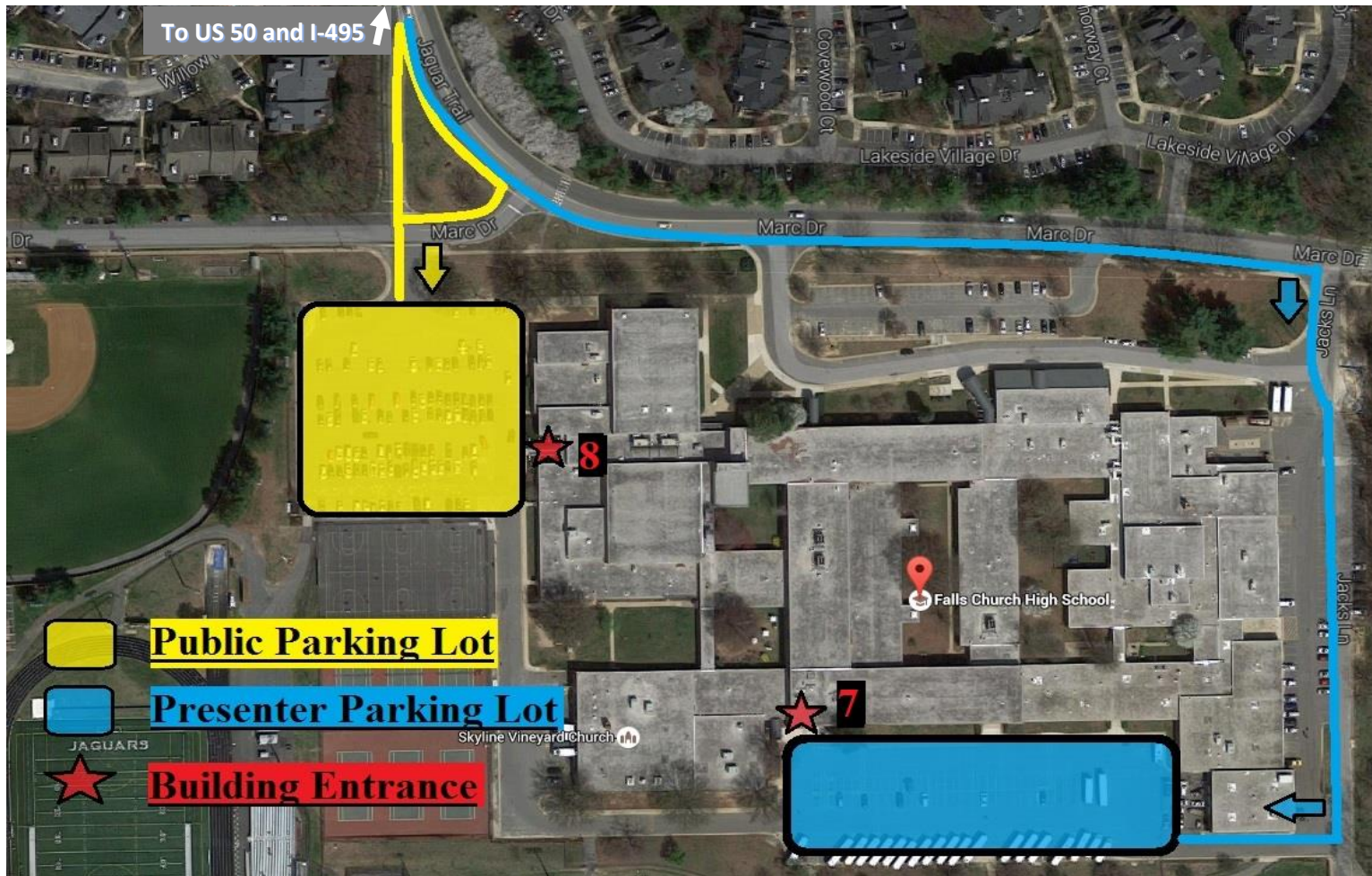
### **Zoning**

Hear an overview of the purpose, structure and history of the Zoning Ordinance. Learn how you can find out how a property is zoned and where you can research applicable regulations for a property (such as setbacks). Join in on a discussion of specific areas of interest, such as keeping of pets, accessory uses (including home occupations and their limitations) and special permits for residential uses.

### **Land Development Services – Permit Overview**

Do you know when a building or trade permit is required? Do you know how to validate whether a contractor is properly licensed through DPOR? Do you know how to research the history of permits for your property? Staff from Land Development Services will be on hand to go over these topics and to answer any questions you may have on land development process.

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Directions to Falls Church High School, 7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church, VA 22042



- Public directions from Arlington Blvd./U.S. Route 50
  - Turn on to Jaguar Trail.
  - Turn Right on to Marc Dr. (You may also make a slight Right to stay on Jaguar Trail and then stay straight through the stop sign into the parking lot.)
  - Turn Left into Parking Lot.
  - Enter building through entrance #8
- Presenter directions from Arlington Blvd./U.S. Route 50
  - Turn on to Jaguar Trail.
  - Jaguar Trail becomes Marc Dr.
  - Turn Right on to Jacks Ln.
  - Turn Right behind the building to find parking lot in front of Baseball fields.
  - Enter building through entrance #7