1) What would you say makes your jurisdiction great?
The people of Braddock are the easily the best part of my district. Our community is engaged with University students, families, and community leaders all coming together to strengthen the area. There is truly a volunteer spirit. I’ve lived in Braddock for 15 years and can’t imagine living anywhere else.

2) In 20 words or less, what message would you like to share with the George Mason University community?
As your representative to the County, I’d love to hear from you! I’m on Facebook at facebook.com/SupervisorCook or Twitter @JohnCookVa.

3) What was your first job?
When I was 12 I had my first job delivering magazines. I rode my bike to the 40 houses on my route and knocked on the doors, dropping off the magazine and collecting payment. In the winter I sometimes rode my bike through the snow (I lived in the Catskill Mountains, and snow and cold were the norm for several months.) Once I was even bit by a dog! The job didn’t pay much, but it was pocket money.

4) What do you do when you’re not working?
When I’m not working I spend time with my family. My wife and I have five kids at home, so they keep us busy between soccer, dance, and homework. I also like to get to Nationals baseball games when I have the chance.

5) What is the biggest challenge facing your jurisdiction today?
Transportation is the biggest challenge for Braddock. In addition to making it one of my priorities on the Board of Supervisors, I serve on the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) Operations Board and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) so I can work to improve the transportation system.

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