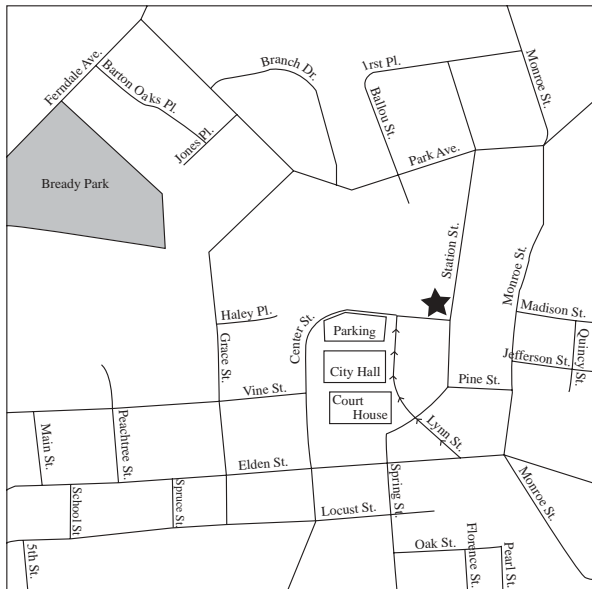
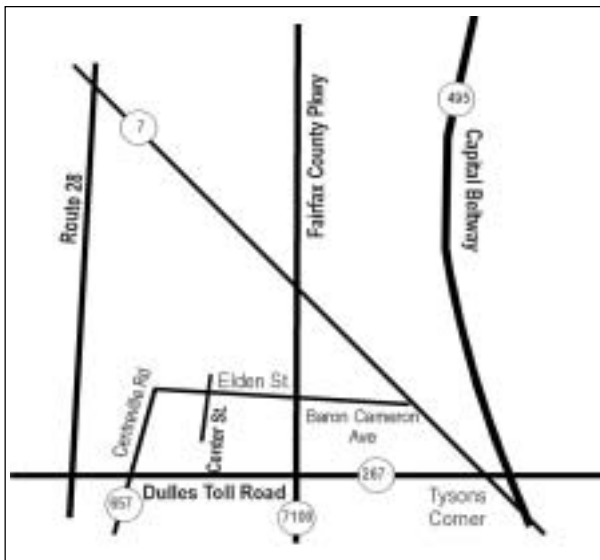


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In order to succeed in a Social Security Disability Income (“SSDI”) claim,

- 1) Your impairments must be totally disabling
- 2) They must have lasted in excess of 12 months (or be expected to last that long).
- 3) Your impairments must prevent you from engaging in any “substantial gainful employment,”
- 4) This means both the types of work you did before your injury and other types of work found in the national economy.

The Social Security Administration has certain preliminary requirements that must be satisfied even before they review your medical file.

- A wage earner must have had a reported earnings history.
- Payment “off the books” or in cash may not enable you to qualify for Social Security benefits.

- For each year that you work, you can earn four “quarters” of credits.
- Generally, the government looks to see if you have forty (40) quarters of credits in order to be “insured” under the Social Security laws.

Review “Your Personal Earnings and Benefit Statement.” Check to see if all earnings are listed correctly.

This form will also show how much you (and your family) may receive in Social Security disability (and other) benefits.

The steps in an Social Security Disability claim are:

- 1) Initial Application
- 2) Reconsideration
- 3) Hearing (with witnesses) before an Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”)
- 4) Appeals Council
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- 6) Federal Circuit Court of Appeals

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- (1) long-term disability of over 12 months’ duration,
- (2) an inability to find gainful employment (with regard to physical, psychological and vocational background), and
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