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OVER THE FENCEPOST



Second Annual Coles Easter Egg Hunt

Bring your Easter basket and camera and join me on Saturday, April 12, at 1:00 p.m. for the Second Annual Coles District Easter Egg Hunt! The event will be held at Joseph D. Reading Park which is located at 8460 Maplewood Drive in Manassas. The event will feature Easter egg hunts for all ages, games, prizes, refreshments and a visit from a very special guest. The event is free but pre-registration by April 7 is required. For more information about the event or to register, call my office at (703)792-4620 or send an e-mail to ColesDistrict@pwcgov.org.

We are also looking for volunteers to assist with the event. If you are available and interested in volunteering, please contact Delain Moyers at (703)792-4621 or dmoyers@pwcgov.org.



I hope to see you on April 12th!

PWC Ranks Among Best for Homeownership

Neighborhoods across Prince William County have been named among the best places for homeownership in Virginia, according to "NerdWallet," an online independent comparison site. Prince William County neighborhoods took six slots in the top 20 on the list of best places in the state to own a home. Four of those neighborhoods placed in top 10.

Linton Hall came in at the top spot; Buckhall came in second. Montclair took the third spot while Marumsc placed seventh on the list. Dale City took the 12th spot and Lake Ridge came in at 16.

The study, which used information gathered by the U.S. Census American Community Survey, evaluated places with populations of more than 15,000 and asked if homes were available, if people could afford to live there, and if the population was growing.

According to the NerdWallet.com study, home ownership rate, median monthly homeowner cost, median monthly household income, median home values and population growth figured into the overall rating of a community's appeal. The study tallied values given to each category to rate the communities.

Aside from the hard numbers, the study included some subjective items such as the Hylton Performing Arts Center near Linton Hall; easy access to boating, fishing and camping for Buckhall residents; tree-lined streets around Lake Montclair; and Marumsc residents' access to the Occoquan Bay and Featherstone National Wildlife refuges.

Several Prince William County communities also gained some recognition from the "Washington Business Journal" which listed 25 of the "hottest" residential real estate ZIP codes in the Washington Metro area.

The 20115 ZIP code in Gainesville placed 19th on the list. Three Woodbridge ZIP codes earned spots on the list with the 22193 placing number one, 22191 came in at number six and 22192 came in at the number eight spot.

To read the story, visit <http://www.nerdwallet.com/blog/2014/best-places-homeownership-virginia/>.

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It's Time to Talk About the Budget

The County's annual budget process has begun! On Tuesday, February 25th, the Board of County Supervisors voted to advertise a tax rate of \$1.158 per \$100 of assessed value. This would be a 2 percent reduction from the current tax rate of \$1.181. The average residential tax bill would be \$3,599; which is an increase of 5.4 percent (\$185 per year) from Fiscal Year 2014.

Based on the advertised \$1.158 tax rate, the total general revenue for Fiscal Year 2015 would be \$862.3 million. In accordance with the revenue sharing agreement between the County and the Prince William County Public School System, 57.23 percent of the general revenues (with the exception of the Recordation Taxes) would be transferred to the Schools.

This would provide the same amount of revenue to the County and the Schools in Fiscal Year 2015 that the Board adopted in their Five-Year Plan in April 2013. As a result, the schools would receive an additional \$18.6 million while county government would see a \$14.1 million revenue increase. Per Virginia Code, the Board can adopt a tax rate that is lower than the advertised rate, but cannot adopt a tax rate that exceeds the advertised rate.

Residents are encouraged to stay tuned to the budget process and provide feedback on how they'd like to have their money spent. There are several ways residents can monitor and get involved in the process:

- Budget work sessions are scheduled to take place during the Board's regular meeting scheduled for March 18.
- Final real estate tax assessments will be mailed to property owners in March, which will allow them to determine how the tax rate would impact them directly.
- The Prince William County Public Schools Board will present its budget to the Board of County Supervisors on April 1.
- On April 8, the Board will hold a public hearing during which citizens can provide input on the proposed budget. Anyone who would like to speak formally to the Board regarding the budget is encouraged to attend and speak.
- For those who have questions about the budget, they are encouraged to access the Budget Questions application on the OMB webpage at <http://www.pwcgov.org/government/dept/budget/Pages/BudgetQuestions.aspx> where they can see what questions and answers have been posted, or send their own question for a response.

After questions are answered, presentations are given and the public provides comments, the Board of County Supervisors will adopt the Fiscal 2015 Budget during their regular scheduled meeting Tuesday, April 29, 2014.

BOCS to Review New Design for Purcell Road

On March 5, 2013, the Board of County Supervisors approved a Comprehensive Plan Amendment that downgraded the long term plans for Purcell Road to a two-lane collector road with no sidewalks; this amendment will prevent a future widening of the road. You may recall that, when the Board was discussing the Plan Amendment, there remained a lingering issue of the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) need to continue to make the safety improvements between Dumfries Road and Vistabrook Drive, and upgrade the intersection at Purcell Road and Dumfries Road. In fact, it was this half-mile project that had initiated the consideration of widening the road in the first place, and the Board of Supervisors included language in our resolution that recognizes VDOT's concerns and commits the County to working with them to find a reasonable solution.

Very recently, the County's Transportation Department staff and VDOT finalized new engineering plans to make the upgrades to the intersection that they need to make, and realign this small section of Purcell Road as a two-lane road. I have had the opportunity to review the plan, and I have shared it with residents of the homes that are immediately adjacent to the future construction zone so that we can incorporate their comments into the final design. While there are always concerns with a project of this nature, I am pleased to see that the engineers have done a great deal through their design to ensure that the project significantly limits the amount of clearing that will have to be done, and to ensure that the road is constructed in such a manner that it will not facilitate a widening in the future.

This new design now needs to be reviewed by the Board of County Supervisors, and it has been placed on the agenda for our March 18 meeting. Because we have already held a public hearing on this project, and the new plan is in compliance with the Board's policy change from last year, this item will be considered as part of our consent agenda at the beginning of the 2:00 p.m. meeting. If you have any questions, or if you have comments that you would like for me to share with my colleagues on the Board prior to the meeting, please don't hesitate to contact my office at (703)792-4620 or ColesDistrict@pwcgov.org.



Public Hearing Held on Precinct Changes

The Board of County Supervisors held a public hearing during its March 11th meeting to consider adopting changes to voting precinct boundaries, associated precinct polling places and precinct names. The Board subsequently adopted the recommendations of the Prince William County Electoral Board and the changes go into effect immediately.

The changes to precincts and polling places have changed the location where some County residents will now vote. Voters will receive a notification of any changes to their polling place.

It is possible that a primary may be scheduled in one or more congressional districts for this June, so be sure to keep an eye on your mailbox. If you are going to experience a change, you will receive a new voter registration card with the new information by mail. If you don't receive a card, continue going to your current polling location.

Each of the seven Prince William County Magisterial Districts contains precinct boundary changes. For detailed precinct boundary descriptions, visit <http://www.pwccgov.org/government/dept/vote/Documents/2014-MasterDistrictPrecinctDescriptions%2002%2024%202014.pdf>. Maps and descriptions of the proposed precinct and polling place changes are available at <http://www.pwccgov.org/government/dept/vote/Pages/Redistricting.aspx>.

KPWB Announces Bus Stop Litter Challenge

Keep Prince William Beautiful (KPWB) has announced that they will host a Bus Stop Litter Contest for students in grades 9-12 in schools in Prince William County. This contest challenges students to submit proposals for a program confronting the large amount of trash surrounding public bus stops. While KPWB is piloting an Adopt-a-Bus Stop program this spring, students are asked to submit proposals with the intent of having the best possible program implemented.

All high school students in Prince William County are encouraged to enter. Proposals can be submitted either by teams or individuals and must be submitted to KPWB by April 30th. Students are encouraged to visit www.kpwb.org for competition information. Entries will be judged by representatives of local businesses and organizations, including the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) and Supervisor Frank J. Principi's office. There will be a \$500 cash prize and PRTC prize pack awarded to the winning individual or group.

For contest details or to participate, visit <http://kpwb.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Litter-Contest-and-Judges-Form.pdf>.

Coles District Dumpster Day

Are you planning to tackle spring cleaning soon? The Coles District Dumpster Day will be held on Saturday, April 5, from 8 a.m. until noon at Emmanuel Baptist Church which is located at 8006 Centreville Road in Manassas. The Coles District Dumpster Day is part of the P.R.I.D.E. in Prince William Days program which is facilitated by the Prince William County Department of Public Works, Neighborhood Services Division.

The program provides free access to dumpsters to all County residents to remove clutter and debris from their yards or other areas around their home. This is a great opportunity for you to spruce up and clean out your yard and home, as well as nearby streets, common areas, parks and streams. Residents are encouraged to take part in local litter pickups or community cleanups in their neighborhoods and simply utilize the free dumpsters to dispose of the refuse collected.

Please keep in mind that certain items cannot be accepted at the dumpsters such as commercial waste and hazardous materials.

For more information, including a schedule of all Dumpster Days and a list of items that cannot be accepted at the dumpsters, visit www.pwccgov.org/junk or call the Neighborhood Services Division at (703)792-7018.

19th Annual Kick Butts Day!

March 19, 2014

4:00-8:00PM

Manassas Mall Food Court

Stand Out! Speak Up! Seize Control!



Join health advocates from Greater Prince William to:

- Raise awareness of the dangers of tobacco use
- Participate in a community-wide survey of exposure to tobacco products
- Learn about state and local resources to help current tobacco users quit



INSPIRING A HEALTHIER PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, MANASSAS CITY, AND MANASSAS PARK

Free Metro Direct Bus Rides Extended Until May 17

Getting back and forth between Prince William County and the Franconia-Springfield Metro Station on Saturdays is now easier. On September 14, the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) launched Saturday bus service to the Metro station on its Prince William Metro Direct Bus Route.

State officials decided to fund the trial program to mitigate congestion caused by closure of the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes on weekends as work continues on the construction of the Express Lanes on Interstates 95 and 395.

Saturday bus rides on the route are free during what was initially to be a three-month pilot program scheduled to run through December 28. Virginia Megaprojects has extended its commitment to fund the free weekend rides to May 17, 2014.

The Saturday Prince William Metro Direct service starts at 7:35 a.m. and ends at 10 p.m. Buses run every 45 minutes between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m., and runs every 90 minutes at other times. Locally, buses pick up and drop off passengers at Potomac Mills Mall and the PRTC Transit Center, where passengers also can transfer to OmniLink local buses serving eastern Prince William County. A map and timetable for the Saturday route are available at www.PRTCtransit.org.

Prevention is Key to Keeping Outside Critters Outside

The most common unwanted intruders in residential homes are mice, rats, squirrels, raccoons and bats. These intruders require a little due diligence on your part, but they can be discouraged from entering your home with time, patience and know-how. When seeking out refuge, critters are hungry and thirsty. The key to keeping unwanted critters out of your house is to remove any food and water source that is attracting them. This means you should seal trash cans tightly, remove any dog waste from your yard, store pet food or birdseed in metal containers and regularly clean areas below birdfeeders.

To avoid rodent problems, eliminate every entry point around the lower parameter of the house. For mice and rats, use "rodent covers" over the dryer vent and drains leading to the house, seal up the gaps around utility wires, and repair cracks in the foundation. You have to look higher if squirrels are your problem. They are usually found in the attic during nesting season, and as with mice and rats, it is important to identify and seal off where they enter.

Bats, while extremely helpful in keeping mosquito populations down, are known to carry rabies. This is especially important to note if you have an indoor cat, which should be vaccinated for rabies even if it does not venture outside. If you suspect there is a bat problem in your home, you must figure out how they entered. This is generally done by contacting a pest control professional. If the problem is just one or two bats, open all the doors and windows, turn off all lights, and the bats will generally follow the fresh air and fly outside.

Raccoons are very strong and may become hostile to, and even kill, dogs or other small animals. Like bats, they are rabies carriers and it is best to call a pest control professional for their removal. Avoid them by keeping all outside trash tightly sealed and stop feeding birds until the raccoons move on.

These tips are brought to you by the Prince William County Animal Advisory Committee (AAC). The mission of the AAC is to help improve the quality of life of companion animals in the county.



Prince William Ranked Among Fastest Growing Counties

Since the 2010 Census, the county's population has grown by 29,256 – or 7.3 percent – to bring the total estimated population to 431,258 as of July 2013, according to the University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service Demographics Research Group. That growth places Prince William County as the fourth fastest growing county in the state.

Hamilton Lombard, a researcher with the Weldon Cooper Center, said one of the growth drivers in Prince William County is that the people who are moving to the county are younger. "One thing that you could say is that young people are picking Prince William County and Northern Virginia. There's obviously some sort of selection process, and they're choosing Prince William County to raise their kids and have a family. That drives growth, and that tells you something about the choices people are making."

Loudoun County took the top spot with regards to increase in population, as they showed an 11.4 percent growth rate. The Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park grew by 7.6 and 6.3 percent respectively.

County Enters Agreement to Expand Solid Waste Recycling

The Board of County Supervisors recently approved an agreement with LEEP Holdings, LLC, of Vienna to begin a project to convert solid waste to reusable products at the Prince William County Landfill. LEEP was among three companies that submitted proposals to the County for this project. The first phase of the project is a final planning and engineering period for LEEP, to prove to the County that the project will work.

Prince William County Solid Waste Division Chief Tom Smith said that during the demonstration, LEEP plans to show that it can successfully manage its waste conversion operation. "They are proposing to process and sort waste into different products, to pull the metals out for recycling, to turn the organics into a fuel pellet and to take plastic to make a lightweight aggregate for use in making lightweight concrete."

Smith said the final planning and engineering period will help determine if LEEP should be awarded a longer contract. "This is a fairly new technology that we decided we want to take one step at a time. This phase one agreement, basically, is a systematic method to look at this technology further and make sure we have all the bells and whistles and the right financing done before we move forward with construction and operation."

The final planning and engineering phase of the project, set for a total of 240 days, will include benchmarks LEEP must meet. If LEEP meets all of the benchmarks, it will be awarded a 13-year contract with the option of a 10-year extension.

Financing for the project would come in part from the County, which would contribute up to 40 percent of a maximum of \$5 million from the solid waste fund to pay for equipment and buildings. The County would then lease back to LEEP, who would then repay the County from its revenues. LEEP would finance an estimated \$12.3 million to cover additional capital costs. No general fund tax dollars are being used for the project.

According to a staff report, the landfill takes in roughly 1,000 tons of garbage daily. Under the contract, LEEP would be required to process 250 tons of garbage a day in the first year, 300 tons of garbage a day by the third year and 400 tons a day by the fourth year extending through the end of the contract.

If the project is successful, the County would be set to receive 3 percent, or approximately \$260,000 per year, of LEEP's revenue beginning in the fifth year of the contract. If LEEP fails to meet any of the contract stipulations, it would be required to remove all of its equipment. The county would own the buildings, which could be used to house other solid waste processing and recycling operations.



recycling operations.

The project's success could extend the life of the landfill by four years in the first 13 years and another three years during the 10-year extension. "We're trying to divert waste from the landfill. We're trying to extend the landfill life. Once it's filled. It's filled," Smith said of the landfill, which is currently expected to last until 2060. "We want to do the right thing. Is burying garbage, for the long term, the best thing to do for our children and our grandchildren? Should we find other ways to recycle it and reuse it to produce energy? This is really something we want to work on."

More information about the County's solid waste program is available at www.pwcgov.org/trashandrecycling.

Burn Law Now in Effect until April 30th

On February 15, the Commonwealth's 4:00 p.m. burn law went into effect. The law remains in effect until April 30th. Approved burning may take place between 4:00 p.m. and midnight only.

The law prohibits open air burning before the hours of 4:00 p.m. daily if your fire is in or within 300 feet of the woodland, brushland or fields containing dry grass or other flammable materials.

During this time, winds can be elevated and the relative humidity is lower; the forest floor fuels are extremely dry, having "cured" without tree leaves to shade them. Typically, by 4:00 p.m. the winds are calmer and the relative humidity begins to increase.

The ban applies to all open burning, including campfires. For more information, please call the Fire Marshal's Office at (703) 792-6360 or visit <http://www.pwcgov.org/government/dept/FR/fmo/Pages/Burning-Regulations.aspx>.



Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery

Daylight Saving Time began on Sunday, March 9. The Department of Fire and Rescue would like to remind residents that now is the time to change the battery in their smoke alarms, CO alarms and NOAA All Weather Radios.

Each year in the U.S., more than 3,000 people die in home fires; most are homes without a working smoke alarm. In 2005-2009, approximately 66% of reported home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. These deadly fires often occur late at night and early morning when individuals are sleeping. In more than 38% of the home fire deaths, no smoke alarms were present; in 24% of the home fire deaths the smoke alarms were present but failed to sound. When smoke alarms fail to operate, it is usually the result of missing, disconnected or dead batteries. According to NFPA, households with smoke alarms that do not work substantially outnumber households with no alarms.

Smoke alarms provide occupants with an early warning allowing them additional time to escape. When properly installed and maintained, smoke alarms save lives and protect against injury and loss due to fire. You double your chances of surviving a home fire with working smoke alarms compared to homes without working smoke alarms.

To keep you and your family safe follow these life-saving smoke alarm tips:

- Place a smoke alarm on every level of your home including the basement and inside and outside sleeping areas.
- Check smoke alarms monthly by pushing the test button. If you cannot reach the button easily, use a broom handle.
- Change the batteries in your alarms at least once a year or each time you change your clock. (spring forward, fall back).
- Do not remove the batteries from your smoke alarms to put in other appliances.
- The life span of a smoke alarm is 8-10 years and the entire alarm should be replaced during this time (consider installing a ten-year lithium battery-powered smoke alarm, which is sealed so it cannot be tampered with or opened).
- Hard-wired smoke alarms with battery back-ups need to be tested monthly and batteries replaced yearly.
- Keep smoke alarms clean. Vacuum or dust your smoke alarms according to manufacturer's directions to keep them working properly.
- Teach children what the smoke alarm sounds like and what to do in the event it sounds.



Smoke alarms can often sound while cooking or taking a shower that emits large amounts of steam. If a smoke alarm sounds during these types of activities, **do not** remove or disable the battery; creating a minor fix that can lead to a deadly mistake. Instead you should:

- Open a window or door and press the "hush" button,
- Wave a towel at the alarm to clear the air, or
- Move the entire alarm several feet away from the location.

Smoke Alarms for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

According to USFA, there are 11 million deaf or hard of hearing Americans who are unable to rely on traditional audible smoke alarms to alert them of fire. But they can rely on vibrating alarms or visual alarms equipped with flashing strobe lights. It is vital that this audience is aware of the availability of these types of smoke alarm devices as well as the importance of a proper escape plan. For more information on smoke alarms for the deaf and hard of hearing contact the Hearing and Loss Association of America at (301)657-2248 or visit <http://www.hearingloss.org/>.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, approximately 95% of U.S. homes have at least 1 working smoke alarm while only 42% have a working CO alarm. Each year, more than 500 people die in the U.S. from unintentional, non-fire related CO poisoning. Known as the silent killer due to its odorless and colorless form, CO can reach dangerous levels of carbon monoxide inside your home. Like smoke alarms CO detectors should be installed on every level of the home and outside each sleeping area. Test them once a month and change the batteries when you change your clocks; spring forward or fall back. Like smoke alarms, various manufacturers offer CO alarms for the deaf and hard of hearing.

Additional Life-Saving Tips

Develop and practice, regularly, a home fire escape plan and be sure everyone in your household knows what to do and where to go in the event there is a fire.

VDOT Launches New Northern Virginia Commuter Features On 511

Commuters on I-395 and 95 now have a new web tool designed to make their daily trips a little easier. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has launched the new features for commuters on its 511 mobile app and website at www.511virginia.org/nova.

Users can click the direct link or the "Northern Va. I-95/395" tab from the main page to see:

- Current travel times in the HOV lanes vs. the regular lanes
- Park-and-ride locations, number of spaces and by what time a lot is typically full
- Schedules and bus stops for PRTC buses
- Real-time travel information for VRE routes
- Whether the HOV lanes are open to traffic or closed

"Thinking about carpooling or taking the bus? Now you have access to the location and capacity of dozens of park-and-ride lots along the corridor," said Susan Shaw, Director of the Megaprojects Program. "Whether you drive alone, carpool, take the bus or VRE, there is information to help make your commute a little easier."

The enhancements are part of VDOT's program to ease congestion during construction of the 95 Express Lanes. The new web tool is Virginia's first integrated corridor management (ICM) initiative - technologies used to enhance multi-modal transportation operations in the I-95/395 corridor - to launch.

Save the Date! Next Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is April 26

On Saturday, April 26, the Prince William County Police Department will join with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to provide you with a safe and legal way to dispose of unused or expired prescription medications. Simply bring them to the collection sites at Novant Health Prince William Medical Center, Heathcote Health Center and Sentara Lake Ridge from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This nationwide prescription drug "Take-Back" initiative seeks to prevent pill abuse and theft. According to the DEA, rates of prescription drug abuse in the United States are increasing at alarming rates.

During this initiative, prescription and over the counter solid dosage medications (i.e. tablets and capsules) will be accepted. Intravenous solutions, injectables, and needles will not be accepted. Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine will also not be accepted during National Take-Back Day.

For more information, please call the Crime Prevention Unit at 703-792-7270.



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Community Announcements

- Keep Prince William Beautiful, Inc. recently launched a brand new website. Check it out at www.kpwb.org.
- Join the volunteer team of Literacy Volunteers of America-Prince William and help an adult learn to read and write or improve their English skills. Previous experience is not necessary. Training will be provided. The next Tutor Training Workshop is March 22, 2014 (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.) and April 5, 2014 (9 a.m. - noon). Attendance both days is required. There is a one-time fee of \$35.00 to cover materials. To register, contact (703)670-5702 or lvapw@aol.com. For more information, visit www.lvapw.org.
- Make sure to register your site for the 26th annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup by March 16th to ensure that your site will receive supplies. You may register after March 16th, but priority for supplies goes to site leaders who register by the deadline. For more information about the or to find an event, visit <http://trashnetwork.fergusonfoundation.org/>. Along with utilizing this site, all site leaders and volunteers are encouraged to read through the list of responsibilities, safety information and resources found at potomaccleanup.org.
- The Prince William Conservation Alliance will host an early spring clean-up and tree planting at the buffer by the K9 Gunner Memorial Dog Park on Saturday, March 15, at 10 a.m. They need help spreading compost and mulch to improve the soil, keep weeds out and water in the soil. The project will help slow the flow of stormwater runoff and improve the appearance of our community. To RSVP, send an e-mail to alliance@pwconserve.org or call (703)490-5200. Read more at www.pwconserve.org.

Ways To Get Involved

ACTS - www.actspwc.org

Coles District Civic Association - <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Coles-District-Civic-Association/152351374830027>

Coles District Volunteer Fire Department - www.cdafd.org

Court Appointed Special Advocates of Greater Prince William - www.casaofgpw.org

Dale City Civic Association - <http://sites.google.com/site/dccawebsite/>

Dale City Volunteer Fire Department - www.dcvfd.org

Habitat for Humanity - www.habitatpwc.org

Historic Prince William - <http://www.historicprincewilliam.org>

Hylton Performing Arts Center - <http://hyltoncenter.org/preview/>

Keep Prince William Beautiful, Inc. - www.kpwb.org

Lake Jackson Citizens' Association - lakefacebook@hotmail.com

Lake Jackson Volunteer Fire Department - <http://www.ljvfd.com/>

Lake Ridge Occoquan Coles Civic Association - www.loccapelt.org

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Mid County Civic Association - www.midcopw.net

Neabsco Action Alliance - www.neabscoactionalliance.org

NAACP of Prince William County - www.pwnaACP.org

NAMI Prince William, Inc., an affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness - www.nami-pw.org

Occoquan-Woodbridge-Lorton Volunteer Fire Department - www.owlvfd.org

Prince William Chamber of Commerce - www.pwchamber.org

Prince William Conservation Alliance - www.pwconserve.org

Prince William Area Members-at -Large Unit, League of Women Voters of Virginia - www.lwvpwamal.org

Prince William Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals - www.pwspca.org

Prince William Soil & Water Conservation District - www.pwswcd.org

Prince William Special Olympics - www.pwsova.org

Prince William Neighborhood Leaders Group - www.pwcgov.org/neighborhoodleaders

Prince William Trails and Streams Coalition - www.pwtsc.org

Register to Vote - www.pwcgov.org/vote

SERVE - http://www.nvfs.org/pages/page.asp?page_id=91788

The House (a Student Leadership Center) - <http://www.thehouse-inc.com/#/welcome/>

Virginia Cooperative Extension - www.pwcgov.org/vce

Volunteer Prince William - www.volunteerprincewilliam.org

If you know of a way for citizens to get involved in the community that is not listed, send it to us at dmoyers@pwcgov.org.



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March Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9	10	11 Board of County Supervisors Meeting, 2 p.m., McCoart Board Chambers	12	13	14	15
16	17 Senior St. Patrick's Day Program, 11 a.m., Manassas Senior Center	18 Board of County Supervisors Meeting, 2 p.m., McCoart Board Chambers	19 Planning Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., McCoart Board Chambers	20	21 Free Lecture and Book Signing: Robert E. Lee in War and Peace, 7 p.m., Old Manassas Courthouse	22 Spring Craft Fair, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Manassas Senior Center
23	24	25 American Diabetes Day, Free Glucose Testing for Seniors, 10 a.m. - noon, Woodbridge Senior Center	26	27 Free Lecture: The Dogs of War, 7 p.m., Old Manassas Courthouse	28	29 Sample the Past: Women's History Day at Rippon Lodge, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Rippon Lodge Historic Site
30	31	April 1	April 2 Planning Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., McCoart Board Chambers	April 3	April 4	April 5 CWPT Annual Park Clean-Up Day, 8 a.m. - noon, Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park
April 6	April 7	April 8 Board of County Supervisors Meeting, 2 p.m., McCoart Board Chambers	April 9	April 10 Free Lecture: Two Horsemen of the Revolution, 7 p.m., Old Manassas Courthouse	April 11 Ben Lomond Civil War Encampment, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Ben Lomond Historic Site	April 12 Coles District Easter Egg Hunt, 1 p.m., Joseph D. Reading Park Ben Lomond Civil War Encampment, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Ben Lomond Historic Site