

January 2015



# OVER THE FENCEPOST

## Happy New Year!

Happy New Year from the Coles District! I hope that you had a wonderful holiday season with your loved ones.

In the coming months, the Board of County Supervisors will be discussing a variety of issues that could have a big impact on our community. The County budget is perhaps the most important issue with which the Board deals with every year, and one in which citizens need to be engaged. On Tuesday, February 17th, the County Executive will present the proposed FY2016 Fiscal Plan for the Board's consideration. This year's budget proposal will be built on guidance from the Board of County Supervisors to reduce the rate at which overall County spending grows. The Board's goal is to limit any increases to the average residential property tax bill to the Consumer Price Index (the inflation rate). In order to achieve this goal, and still continue progress on key community priorities, the budget proposal will likely include reductions, or in some cases complete elimination of, many County services. Once the County Executive makes her budget presentation in February, we will include detailed information about the impact of this budget on residential tax bills and county services, to provide you an opportunity to share your thoughts about this proposal. I will also host a budget town hall meeting again this year to allow citizens to share your comments with me directly. I will include details about this meeting once we have it scheduled.

Another issue that has garnered a great deal of attention lately, has been the County's proposed new policy regarding the shooting of arrows from bows. On January 13th, the Board will be considering an update to the County Code Section that regulates archery, which will likely have a significant impact on hunting regulations and the ability of homeowners to control wildlife populations on their property. Prince William County Police Department, working with the Board's Weapons Control Committee, has developed a proposal that seems to balance property rights and the need to deal with deer overpopulation with concerns about public safety. For more information on this subject, you can visit <http://eservice.pwcgov.org/documents/bocs/agendas/2015/0113/7-A.pdf>. I would encourage citizens who are interested in this issue to attend next Tuesday's meeting at 2:00pm or contact me via email at [mnohe@pwcgov.org](mailto:mnohe@pwcgov.org) to share your thoughts.

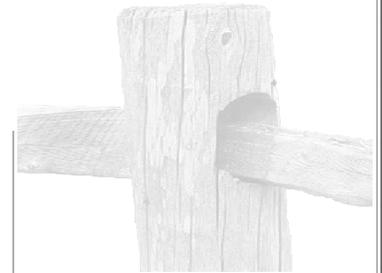
This year is an election year for many State and Local Offices. This includes State Senate, House of Delegates, Commonwealth's Attorney, Board of County Supervisors, School Board Members, Sheriff, Clerk of the Court, and Soil & Water District Board Members. The party primaries will be held on June 9th (where needed) and the General Election will be held on November 3rd. Some voting precincts have recently changed, and we will provide more information about that as the elections approach.

2015 will be an exciting year and I hope that you continue to follow us in the Coles District Office and the progress made in Prince William County.

## Important VDOT Information For Inclement Weather

With the possibility of inclement weather coming this weekend, here are some VDOT resources for citizens regarding road treatment and plowing, as well as helpful contact information to use in the event of an unplowed roadway.

[VDOTplows.org](http://VDOTplows.org) shows the status of plowing in northern Virginia neighborhoods. Once it snows more than two inches, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William residents can enter their address and a color-coded map shows whether plowing is underway, completed or not yet started in their neighborhood. See the status of plowing in northern Virginia neighborhoods: [www.vdotplows.org](http://www.vdotplows.org), follow @VaDOTNOVA on Twitter, and report unplowed roads to [novainfo@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:novainfo@vdot.virginia.gov) or 800-367-7623.



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## Program to Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Voting Rights Act

“Commemorating & Celebrating 50 years of the Voting Rights Act” will be the theme for this year’s celebration of Universal Human Rights Day. An event to mark the day will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 17, at the James J. McCoart Administration Building at 1 County Complex Court in Woodbridge.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will include breakfast, speakers who will talk about the Voting Rights Act and music by Ebenezer Baptist Church’s Pop Middleton Male Chorus. It will also include the presentation of the annual Human Rights Awards given to members of the community who have made contributions to human and civil rights.

“It’s a celebration, and I think people will want to come out and hear about the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act,” said Phyllis Aggrey, the Executive Director of the Prince William County Human Rights Commission.

This year’s recipients of the Human Rights Awards are Albert Brooks, Eleana Boyer, Cynthia Brown, Rev. Dr. Luke Torian and Victoria Graham. Their contributions to the community include helping to increasing minority voter turnout, providing services for the disabled, facilitating discussions about prejudice and discrimination, feeding the hungry and providing support to the emotionally distressed.

Aggrey said people who attend the ceremony will hear some compelling stories. “They’re going to meet some interesting people from the community who have done some wonderful things throughout the years.”

Those who plan to attend should RSVP to the Human Rights Office at 703-792-4680 or email [pwhrc@pwcgov.org](mailto:pwhrc@pwcgov.org).

The United Nations declared Universal Human Rights Day on Dec. 10, 1948, to recognize the inherent dignity and equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family as the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world.

More information about the Prince William County Human Rights Commission and the Human Rights Office can be found on the [County’s website](#).

*Information provided by Prince William County,*

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## County is Looking for Input on Eco-Park at the Landfill

Plans are in the works to transform the Prince William County Landfill into a community resource for producing green energy and recovering valuable materials at the same time it provides opportunities for research and education.

Prince William County Solid Waste Division Chief, Tom Smith, said the plans include turning the landfill into an “Eco-park” that people can use in a variety of ways. “We’re working with our schools and universities to develop an education center, as well as trails through the landfill buffer – over 380 acres – to help our students and our young people learn about the environment and learn about landfilling and recycling to try and make the future a little bit better for our residents and our businesses.”

The trails would offer outdoor education projects for local schools, protected wildlife habitats, hiking trails, and bird watching along wetlands and streams.

The education and research center, which Smith envisions being funded through user fees, grants, and partnerships with local businesses, would have a curriculum concentrating on renewable energy, environmental economics, landfill technology and storm water management, along with programs on energy efficiency and sustainable living. A push is also on to establish a potential partnership with a university research laboratory.

To educate county residents about the possibilities and to generate some excitement, the Prince William Department of Public Works will host open meetings at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Jan. 28, 2015, at the Department of Parks and Recreation headquarters building at 14420 Bristow Road, George Hellwig Park.

Smith said the meeting will show what’s already happening at the landfill and the possibilities for the future “We’re trying to use the landfill property to develop renewable energy projects. The county is already taking landfill gas and turning that into energy and selling it to NOVEC, the local power company, and producing 6.8 megawatts, enough to power 5,000 homes. We’re trying to turn the landfill into a positive community resource for the future. Primarily, we’re just trying to show people what we’re doing.”

A solar facility, which Smith hopes will be in construction within the next year, would be funded in much the same way as the landfill gas power plant, which was constructed and is run by a private company in partnership with the county.

In the end, Smith said, the aim of the eco-park would be to educate people on the importance of ecological sustainability. “We want to show people how we can protect the environment and go above and beyond any requirements in a cost effective manner.”

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## I-66 VDOT Improvement Public Meeting

The Virginia Department of Transportation, in partnership with the Department of Rail and Public Transportation will be conducting public information meetings for the I-66 Corridor Improvement Project. At these meetings, copies of the preliminary plans, project schedule, and right-of-way, environmental and civil rights information will be available for review and public comment. The meeting scheduled in Prince William County will be held on Wednesday, January 28th, 2015 at Battlefield High School Cafeteria (Entrance #1 or #4) from 6pm-8:30pm. There will be a presentation beginning at 7pm. If the meeting is cancelled for inclement weather, the alternate date will be Wednesday, February 4th, 2015 at the same time and location.

All of the meetings will include a question-and-answer session and the opportunity to view project displays. The public will be invited to submit oral and/or written comments at the meetings. In addition, the attendees will have the opportunity to sign up to receive electronic updates, and to learn more about how to provide input to our project team at any time.

*Information provided by VDOT.*

## Upcoming Coles District Zoning Cases

At any point in time, there are a number of commercial and residential cases under consideration by the Planning Commission and Board of County Supervisors. They all move through the zoning process at varying paces, but typically take six months to one year. Here is a list of some zoning cases that the BOCS will be discussing over the next year that citizens might want to pay attention to:

Richmond Station-#PLN2013-00187 -CPA - Request to change the 29.23 comprehensize plan designation of +/- 29.23AC from FEC (flexible employment center), ER (environmental resource), O (office) to SRH (suburban residential high) and ER (environmental resource). This site is located 300' east of the intersection of Liberia Ave and Richmond Ave, extending to the north along the City of Manassas Line. Concurrent with the CPA is to rezone 9.55 acres from PBD to PMR, 1.3 27.96 acres from M-1 to PMR & 17.1 acres from M-1/M-2 to PMR.

Immanuel Anglican Church-REZ2015-20001-To rezone +/- 11.36 acres from A-1 to SR-1(concurrently process with SUP2015-20004 for religious institution with related facilities on +/- 5.05 acres; partially located within Hoadly Road / 7112 Token Valley Road; +/- 925 feet east of intersection of Natick Drive and Hoadly Road and +/- 1,380 feet west of intersection of Kahns Road and Hoadly Road. The SUP (SUP2015-20004) is to allow a religious institution with related facilities on +/- 5.05 acres of the +/- 11.36 acre parcel; Church sanctuary to include up to 30 seats.

Cayden Ridge-PLN2014-00231-rezone +/-57.53 acres from A-1, agricultural, to PMR (Planned Mixed Residential). The site is located North of Signal Hill Road, approximately 1200 Ft east of its intersection with Liberia Ave.

You can find out more information on these cases and others by visiting the Development Application Processing Schedule (DAPS) by going [here](#). If you have any questions on a zoning case, please do not hesitate to contact my office and we can connect you with the right staff person who will be able to provide the information you might be looking for.

## Senior Center Dates to Remember

**Manassas Senior Center** 9320 Mosby St., Manassas, VA 20110

Acting Class-Fridays in January-1-2:30pm

January 9-10:30am-Celebrate the New Year with Norman Voss

January 12 & 26-10:00am-Beginners Spanish Class

January 14-9:15am & 10:00am-Nutrition Nuggets

January 14-10:00am-12:00pm-Shop & Swap

January 15-11:00am-Protein-Is more better?

January 15-12:30pm-1:00pm-Fitness Equipment Demonstrations

January 16-12:30pm-Birthday Celebration

January 21-11:00am-Holiday Recovery

January 22-11:00am-Do you really need more Vitamin D?

January 30-12:30pm-Superbowl Party

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**Woodbridge Senior Center** 13850 Church Hill Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22191

January 6-9:30-10:30am-Health Screenings

January 6-11:00am-Fitness Equipment Demonstration

January 9-12:00pm-New Year Luncheon

January 13-10:30am-Holiday Recovery

January 13-12:30pm-Fitness Equipment Demonstration

January 20-10:30am-Protein-Is more better?

January 26-10:00am-Senior Center Auction

January 27-10:30am- Do you really need more Vitamin D?

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## Community Announcements

- If you would like to support the restoration work at the jail, please visit the Historic Preservation Foundation's website at: <http://www.pwhpf.org/>

## Ways To Get Involved

ACTS - [www.actspwc.org](http://www.actspwc.org)  
 Coles District Civic Association - <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Coles-District-Civic-Association/152351374830027>  
 Court Appointed Special Advocates of Greater Prince William - [www.casacis.org](http://www.casacis.org)  
 Dale City Civic Association - <http://sites.google.com/site/dccawebsite/>  
 Dale City Volunteer Fire Department - [www.dcvfd.org](http://www.dcvfd.org)  
 Equality Prince William - [www.equalityprincewilliam.org](http://www.equalityprincewilliam.org)  
 Habitat for Humanity - [www.habitatpwc.org](http://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](http://www.kpwb.org)  
 Lake Jackson Citizens' Association - [lakefacebook@hotmail.com](mailto:lakefacebook@hotmail.com)  
 Lake Jackson Volunteer Fire Department - <http://www.ljvfd.com/>  
 Lake Ridge Occoquan Coles Civic Association - [www.loccapelt.org](http://www.loccapelt.org)  
 Leadership Prince William - [www.leadershipprincewilliam.org](http://www.leadershipprincewilliam.org)  
 Literacy Volunteers of America Prince William - [www.lvapw.org/](http://www.lvapw.org/)  
 Meals-On-Wheels - (703)792-4156  
 Mid County Civic Association - [www.midcopw.net](http://www.midcopw.net)  
 Neabsco Action Alliance - [www.neabscoactionalliance.org](http://www.neabscoactionalliance.org)  
 NAACP of Prince William County - [www.pwnaacp.org](http://www.pwnaacp.org)  
 NAMI Prince William, Inc., an affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness - [www.nami-pw.org](http://www.nami-pw.org)  
 Occoquan-Woodbridge-Lorton Volunteer Fire Department - [www.owlvfd.org](http://www.owlvfd.org)  
 Prince William Chamber of Commerce - [www.pwchamber.org](http://www.pwchamber.org)  
 Prince William Conservation Alliance - [www.pwconserve.org](http://www.pwconserve.org)  
 Prince William Area Members-at-Large Unit, League of Women Voters of Virginia - [www.lwvpwamal.org](http://www.lwvpwamal.org)  
 Prince William Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals - [www.pwspca.org](http://www.pwspca.org)  
 Prince William Soil & Water Conservation District - [www.pwswcd.org](http://www.pwswcd.org)  
 Prince William Special Olympics - [www.pwsova.org](http://www.pwsova.org)  
 Prince William Neighborhood Leaders Group - [www.pwcv.gov/neighborhoodleaders](http://www.pwcv.gov/neighborhoodleaders)  
 Prince William Trails and Streams Coalition - [www.pwtsc.org](http://www.pwtsc.org)  
 Register to Vote - [www.pwcv.gov/vote](http://www.pwcv.gov/vote)  
 SERVE - [http://www.nvfs.org/pages/page.asp?page\\_id=91788](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.pwcv.gov/vce](http://www.pwcv.gov/vce)  
 Volunteer Prince William - [www.volunteerprincewilliam.org](http://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 [kfritz@pwcv.gov](mailto:kfritz@pwcv.gov).



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## January Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7 Planning Commission 6pm McCoart Bldg Board Chamber	8	9	10
11	12	13 BOCS -2:00 p.m & 7:30p.m. McCoart Bldg Board Chambers	14	15	16	17 50th Anniversary of Voting Rights Act Celebration -9am-McCoart Bldg
18	19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day County Offices Closed	20 BOCS -2:00 p.m & 7:30p.m. McCoart Bldg Board Chambers	21 Planning Commission 6pm McCoart Bldg Board Chamber	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Dept. of Public Works-Open Meetings on Eco-park-Parks & Rec HQ 3pm & 7pm	29	30	31