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OVER THE FENCEPOST

Budget Season for FY2016

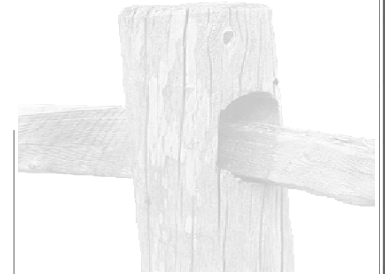
We are quickly approaching County Budget season for FY2016. I hope that all of you will become engaged and follow the Board of County Supervisors meetings on this issue. If you are not able to attend the meetings in person, I would encourage you to watch from home at your convenience by going [here](#) or tuning to Comcast Channel 23 or Verizon Channel 37, so that you stay informed on the process and how it will effect our community. There are a few dates for you to remember if you intend to become engaged.

I will be hosting at Budget Town Hall meeting for the Coles District at the Coles Fire Station Social Hall (13712 Dumfries Road, Manassas, VA 20112) on February 23rd at 7pm. Please consider attending and sharing your thoughts with me on the FY2016 Budget.

This year, the BOCS will be holding two special meetings to discuss the Budget. These details for the meetings are as follows. On Saturday, February 21, 2015 at 9:00am in Board Chambers at the McCoart Building, there will be a televised meeting, which is open to the public. On February 28, 2015 an 12:00pm at the Buckhall VFD (located at 7190 Yates Ford Rd) the Board will be hosting a community meeting.

On February 17th at 7:30pm in Board Chambers at the McCoart Building the Proposed Fiscal Plan will be presented. The Advertised Tax Rate will be authorized at the BOCS meeting on March 3rd at 7:30pm. There will be a presentation on the School Budget on April 7th at 7:30pm. On April 14th at the 2pm session of the BOCS meeting, there will be a Budget Recap, followed by a Budget Public Hearing at 7:30pm. The final date for the Board's Budget Markup exercise, and the Adoption vote for the Budget and CIP has not been established yet, but will occur in mid-to-late April.

If you have any questions about the Budget, or would like to share your thoughts, please do not hesitate to contact my office at any time.



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County Receives Funding for Transportation Projects

Prince William County recently received \$33 million from the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, or NVTA, to go toward four transportation projects across the county.

Prince William Supervisor Marty Nohe, who is also chairman of the authority, said Prince William County was primed to get the money because the NVTA looks for projects that are planned and ready for construction. “Where it did make a difference, is that one of the major criteria is, has been, and will continue to be, project readiness. The authority is much more interested in funding projects for construction than they are in funding projects for planning,” Nohe said. “Because we build our own roads, we had more projects that were ready to go. We had more projects in which the preliminary planning was done.”

The four projects that will receive funding are:

U.S. 1 widening project between Featherstone Road and Marys Way, \$3 million: The project is currently in the design phase. The road will be converted from a four-lane undivided road to a six-lane divided highway, which will include a multi-use trail on the west side and a sidewalk on the east side.

Route 28 project from Linton Hall Road to Fitzwater Drive, \$28 million: This project includes widening the road from a two-lane undivided road to a four-lane divided road; and the realignment of Vint Hill Road. The Route 28 widening will include a multi-use trail on the south side with a sidewalk on the north side, while realigned Vint Hill will include multi-use trails on both sides of the new section of roadway. This project has been planned for several years, and the County was to receive federal funding to complete these items. However, due to lack of federal funding in recent years, the project was delayed. The NVTA funding allows this entire project to be completed two years ahead of schedule. It is now scheduled to be complete in 2017.

Virginia Railway Express, \$1.5 million: Funding will be used for the preliminary development of a potential 11-mile Virginia Railway Express extension from Manassas to Gainesville to Haymarket.

Potomac Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC), \$559,275: PRTC received funding as reimbursement for the purchase of a Gainesville service commuter bus.

NVTA was created by the General Assembly as a regional body to address transportation and other issues in Northern Virginia. NVTA manages approximately \$300 million annually in public funds for transportation projects designed to provide congestion relief throughout the region.

“Traffic jams don’t respect jurisdictions. A traffic accident in Arlington can back up traffic in Prince William County,” said Nohe. “Something that we’re very proud of across the authority is that the four counties and five cities across Northern Virginia have a long history of being able to work together. We have to go advocate for our share of the funding, but that isn’t difficult because the focus is on congestion relief and project readiness rather than being focused on statewide politics.”

For more information about NVTA, visit www.thenovaauthority.org. For more information about other transportation projects in Prince William County, visit www.pwcgov.org/transportation.

Information provided by Prince William County.

Congratulations to Fire & Rescue Recruit School Graduates!

On Friday, January 23rd at 10:00 a.m., the Department of Fire and Rescue held its graduation ceremony for Recruit Class 2014-2 at the Hylton Performing Arts Center in Manassas. Battalion Chief Robert L. Clemons, presided over the ceremony.

Class 2014-2 consisted of 13 Fire and Rescue Technicians who successfully completed 26 weeks of rigorous academic and physical training at the Department's Public Safety Training Center in Nokesville, Virginia. Each student performed in excess of 1,100 hours of training and over 24,000 hours combined. The training consisted of 1 week of orientation, 6 weeks of Emergency Medical Technician Training, 14 weeks of Fire Training, and 5 weeks of Specialized Training.

The Department announced the following graduates:

James Clark
Joseph Felsentreger
Christopher Gott
Kenneth Guiles
Emily Koemeter-Cox
Anthony Laganga
James Maneval
Stephanie Osegueda
Semyon Podobed
Joseph Renfro
John Sawicki
Patrick Scheungrab
Oscar Urbina



County to Use Community's Organic Waste

It's going to be a couple of years in the making, but at the end, the county will have the capability to handle yard, food scraps, brush, wood and agricultural waste more efficiently at its Ball Ford Road composting facility.

The Prince William Board of County Supervisors recently approved an agreement with Freestate Farms, a local agricultural services and production company, to build a new facility that will turn the organic waste into quality compost, fertilizer and mulch, said Prince William County's Solid Waste Division Chief Tom Smith.

Currently, yard waste of leaves, grass and brush is piled high into long rows that have to be manually turned with heavy equipment. Smith said the new system will significantly decrease the time it takes to make compost. "The new facility will use an advanced aerobic composting technology where the leaves and grass will be mixed and placed in large bunkers. Those bunkers will have a series of pipes underneath so air can be drawn ... through the piles. It will be constantly monitored by computers, so it's a much more efficient operation. The process now takes six to nine months. Under this new system, we can have compost within 30 to 45 days."

The air used in the bunkers will also pass through bio-filters to control any smell that might otherwise come off of the composting piles, Smith said.

Smith went on to say that collecting this type of waste, which would normally enter the landfill, would increase the landfill's usefulness past its current lifespan of 2060. "Based upon studies we have done, approximately 30 percent of the waste going into the landfill is organics, leaves, grass, food waste, etc. If we can divert that waste into this facility to make usable products, we can increase the landfill life by 10 to 15 years."

According to Smith, Freestate Farms will ultimately employ 20 to 25 people and invest roughly \$10 million to build the facility without using county money. "There's no county capital, so it's definitely a public-private partnership that will benefit our county for a long time."

The company will profit from the operation by charging commercial interests a "tip fee" on a per-ton basis. The company will also sell the compost, fertilizer and mulch it creates from organic waste. Residents will not be charged to drop off organic material and can purchase the products at competitive prices, Smith said.

Additionally, the company will begin collecting food waste to be recycled and converted into fertilizer and biogas. Biogas refers to a mixture of different gases produced by the breakdown of organic matter when there isn't oxygen. This process of turning food waste into compost creates methane, which the contractor will trap and use to power the facility and heat a greenhouse that is planned at the site.

County residents will continue to be able to use the facility as construction proceeds, Smith said. "The current operation will continue while they build the new facility in phases. So, it will not impact current operations. The actual construction will take approximately two years."

When it's finished, the new operation will recycle more than 80,000 tons of organic waste per year, Smith said.

Information provided by Prince William County.

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 comprehensive 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

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

February 23-10-11:30am-Beginners Spanish Class

February 17-11am-Black History Month One Hour of Power

February 17-12pm-Mardi Gras

February 19-Healthy Heart Day-Day of Dance for Your Health

February 17-11am-Black History Month One Hour of Power

February 24-12:30pm-Flag Day Celebration

February 26-11am-Tired Again? The Fix for Fatigue

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

February 17-10:30am-Mardi Gras Party

February 17&18-10am-3pm-AARP Safe Driving Class

February 18-10am-Storytelling

February 20-10:30am-Genealogy

February 24-10:30am- You Gotta Have Heart

February 27-10:30am-Arm Chair Traveler

Inclement Weather Policy for Senior Centers: When Prince William County Schools are CLOSED due to snow, ice, and bad weather, the Senior center remains CLOSED. When the Prince William County Schools are DELAYED in opening, the senior center is OPEN, but without transportation. No meals are served at the senior center or on our Meals on Wheels routes if the center is closed due to inclement weather.

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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/>

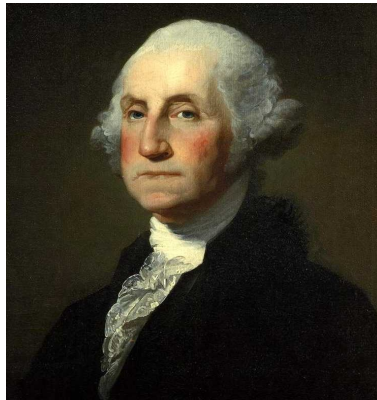
Ways To Get Involved

ACTS - www.actspwc.org
 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
 Dale City Civic Association - <http://sites.google.com/site/dccawebsite/>
 Dale City Volunteer Fire Department - www.dcvfd.org
 Equality Prince William - www.equalityprincewilliam.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 - <https://www.facebook.com/LakeJacksonVA>
 Lake Jackson Volunteer Fire Department - <http://www.ljvfd.com/>
 Lake Ridge Occoquan Coles Civic Association - www.loccapeltva.org/
 Leadership Prince William - www.leadershipprincewilliam.org
 Literacy Volunteers of America Prince William - www.lvapw.org/
 Meals-On-Wheels - (703)792-4156
 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.pwcv.gov/neighborhoodleaders
 Prince William Trails and Streams Coalition - www.pwtsc.org
 Register to Vote - www.pwcv.gov/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.pwcv.gov/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 kfritz@pwcv.gov.



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February Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 President's Day- County Offices Closed	17 BOCS Meeting- 7:30pm -Board Chambers McCoart Bldg	18 Planning Commis- sion-7pm-Board Chambers McCoart Bldg	19	20	21
22	23 Coles District Budg- et Town Hall-7pm- Coles Fire Station Social Hall	24 BOCS Meeting-2:pm & 7:30pm -Board Chambers McCoart Bldg	25	26	27	28