



OVER THE FENCEPOST

Information about Absentee/Early Voting

We have been getting a lot of questions about absentee and early voting in Prince William. The only way to vote early in Prince William County is to vote absentee. However, just about all voters could be eligible to vote absentee. Reasons include business in another county, disability or illness, taking care of an ill or disabled family member, pregnancy, or if you think that you will be out of town on Election Day.

Visit www.pwcvotes.com/absentee-reason-codes for a full list of those eligible to vote absentee. If you have any questions about the information on the website please call 703-792-6470.

There are two ways to vote absentee, by mail or in person.

To vote absentee by mail, visit the Virginia Department of Elections website to have a ballot mailed. Requests for mailed absentee ballots must be made before 5 p.m. on Nov. 1. All ballots must be returned to the Office of Elections at 9250 Lee Avenue, Suite 1, Manassas, Va. 20110, by Election Day on Nov. 8, in order to be counted. Voters are encouraged to mail their ballots five to nine days ahead of time to make sure they arrive at the Office of Elections on time.

In-person absentee voting allows people to vote before Election Day at one of four locations across the county, which include:

- Prince William Office of Elections at 9250 Lee Avenue in Manassas, beginning Sept. 23.
- Woodbridge Department of Motor Vehicles at 2731 Caton Hill Road in Woodbridge, beginning Sept. 23.
- James J. McCoart Building, Occoquan Conference Room, 1 County Complex Court in Woodbridge, beginning Oct. 17.
- Dr. A.J. Ferlazzo Building, Auditorium, 15941 Donald Curtis Drive in Woodbridge, beginning Oct. 17.

Visit www.pwcvotes.com for information on hours of operation at all of the in-person absentee voting locations.

If voters are disabled, Prince William County uses ADA equipment in each polling place which allows the voter to use specialized devices to help mark their ballots. Voters can use a puff-and-sip device or listen to the ballot and turn a wheel on a control device to make their choices. The voter or an assistant will then be able to place the ballot into the optical scanner to be counted.

Curbside voting will be available at all polling places on Election Day for people 65 or older and anyone with a disability who has difficulty getting inside to vote. To vote at curbside, an election officer will bring the voter a ballot. The voter marks the ballot in a secret manner, but in the presence of the election officer. Once the voter has completed the ballot, the election officer will then immediately return inside and deposit the ballot into the optical scanner.

For all voters, the deadline to vote absentee in person is **Saturday, November 5th at 5 pm.**

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Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween (Oct. 31, 2016) may be a fun holiday for kids, but for parents trick-or-treat time can be a little tricky. Concerns about children's safety – whether they are out in the neighborhood, gathering candy at a mall or shopping center, or back home with bags of treats – can darken the day more quickly than a black cat.

To make Halloween a treat for all, follow these safety tips:

- Make sure kids wear light colors, or put reflective tape on their costumes.
- Trick-or-treaters should always be in groups so they aren't a tempting target for real-life goblins. Parents should accompany young children.
- Make sure kids know not to enter strange houses or strangers' cars. Children should stop only at familiar homes where the outside lights are on.
- Kids need to know not to eat their treats until they get home. One way to keep trick-or-treaters from digging in while they're still out is to feed them a meal or a snack beforehand.
- Check out all treats at home in a well-lighted place.

If you need to contact the police, you may call the non-emergency number: 703-792-6500 (or, for an emergency, dial 911). Please note: Prince William County does not designate an official date for trick-or-treating.

VRE Looking for Feedback on Manassas Park Station Parking Expansion

The Virginia Railway Express, or VRE, is conducting a study on the need to expand parking for its Manassas Park commuter rail station. The study will determine the location, size and design of the proposed parking facility, according to VRE documents.

To further the study, VRE will host a town hall meeting at the Manassas Park City Hall, at 1 Park Center Court, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Nov. 1 for the public to learn about the sites being evaluated for the parking expansion and provide feedback on the preferred alternative. The public can provide formal feedback at the Manassas Park Council meeting that same evening at 7 p.m.

Prior to Nov. 1, comments may be mailed to Virginia Railway Express, 1500 King St., Suite 202, Alexandria, VA 22314, Attn: Manassas Park Station Parking Expansion Study. Comments may also be submitted to gotrains@vre.org.

People who attend the town hall meeting will be able to learn about the six sites being evaluated for the parking expansion that would include roughly 500 new parking spaces to add to the existing 616 spaces at the rail station. The sites were evaluated based on their proximity to the train platform, public versus private ownership of the property, does it support Manassas Park's vision of a City Center Redevelopment District and does it allow for traffic access and circulation. According to the VRE presentation, the Bays Site is the recommended preferred alternative since it meets the evaluation criteria.

A VRE survey conducted in September showed that there were 616 cars parked in the VRE parking lot and along Railroad Drive. Another 44 cars were parked on Manassas Drive, Park Center Court and in the City Hall lot. An additional 10 cars were parked in other locations, the presentation showed. VRE forecasts that the demand for parking at the station will increase by 510-560 spaces by 2040.

The Manassas park governing body is scheduled to take action on the preferred alternative on Nov. 15, according to VRE documents.

To see a copy of the VRE presentation and to find out more about the study, visit the VRE website at www.vre.org and look under "Projects & Plans."



Winter Shelter to Open on November 1

The Prince William Winter Shelter will open at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016, and will operate daily between 6:30 p.m. and 7 a.m. until March 31, 2017, to house the homeless through the coming winter nights. The shelter will operate under extended hours when the temperature reaches below 32 degrees.

The shelter is located at 14730 Potomac Mills Road in Woodbridge and run by the Prince William County Department of Social Services. It operates on a first-come-first-served basis and has 47 beds.

In addition, the Department of Social Services partners with the Cooperative Council of Ministries to provide services as part of the Drop-In Center program, which connects people with community resources that include mental health services, housing, GED classes and employment assistance. The Drop-In Center operates during the day, six days a week, on a rotating schedule.

For information on the Winter Shelter and the Drop-In Center program schedule, call 703-897-0199. For more information about shelters in the county, visit www.pwcvotes.com/shelters.



Election Officers Needed

Are you looking for a way to serve in your community?

We expect a huge voter turnout on November 8th for the 2016 Presidential Election. We need more Election Officers at each polling place to ensure voters have a positive experience. YOU can make a difference - sign up to be an Election Officer! Election Officers receive \$125 to serve on Election Day \$15.00 for each training class they attend, two are preferred.

Are you...

- a registered voter of the Commonwealth of Virginia?
- comfortable standing and sitting for long periods of time?
- Able to take direction and pay attention to detail?

Do you...

- enjoy meeting people and serving the public?
- possess basic computer skills?

Can you...

- report by 5:00 a.m. to prepare your polling place to open on time?
- assist voters in a non-partisan manner?
- lift 20 pounds to set up voting machines?
- stay until all closing duties are complete?

This makes for a long day, but it is very rewarding!

For more information, please visit the Prince William County Office of Elections webpage at <http://www.pwcvotes.com/working-the-polls>.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Street Smart Education and Enforcement Campaign

The Prince William County Police Department invites County residents to help observe pedestrian and bicyclist safety during the “Street Smart” education and enforcement campaign, observed Oct. 31—Nov. 27 to coincide with the early holiday season from Halloween through Thanksgiving.

This campaign is aimed at reducing the number of pedestrian and bicycle crashes with motor vehicles. During the campaign, police officers will focus attention on vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle violations that are known to contribute to these types of crashes:

- speeding,
- running red lights,
- running stop signs, and
- driving without headlights at night, or at any time when visibility is reduced.

Conditions that may reduce visibility include rain, fog or any other situation where drivers can't clearly see people or vehicles that are 500 feet away, or whenever windshield wipers are in use. There will also be an emphasis on drivers who fail to yield the right of way to pedestrians.

The Campaign's Goals

- To change motorist and pedestrian behavior, and reduce injuries and crashes
- To increase awareness of the consequences of pedestrian and bicycle crashes
- To recommend actions to reduce risks, such as:

*Using Crosswalks

*Obeying Traffic Signals

*Looking left-right-left before turning, changing lanes

*Slowing Down

*Stopping for Pedestrians

By working together, we can help reduce traffic crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists, thus making our County a safer one in which to live, work and play. For more information, call the Traffic Unit at 703-792-7254, or visit the Police Department's Pedestrian Safety web page: <http://www.pwcgov.org/government/dept/police/Pages/Pedestrian-Safety.aspx>.

Major Steven Thompson Promoted to Deputy Chief



Chief Barry M. Barnard is pleased to announce the promotion of Major Steven J. Thompson to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. The promotion is effective on Saturday, October 29, 2016.

Lieutenant Colonel Thompson has more than 25 years of law enforcement experience, having been hired by the New York City Police Department in 1990. In 1996, he began his career with the Prince William County Police Department as a patrol officer assigned to the Operations Division. Lieutenant Colonel Thompson has also served as an instructor at the Criminal Justice Academy, a Patrol squad supervisor, a supervisor in the Criminal Investigations Division, a Watch Commander in the Eastern District and as a Commander of the Western District and Special Operations Bureau. In 2013, Thompson was promoted to the rank of Major and assigned as the Assistant Chief for the Criminal Investigations Division.

Lieutenant Colonel Thompson holds a master's degree in Management with a Leadership Focus from National-Louis University and a bachelor's degree in Finance and Banking from Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y. Thompson is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service (LEAD), the Police Executive Development Basic (POLEX) at the Pennsylvania State University/Northeast Counterdrug Training Center, the Institute for Leadership in Changing Times at Virginia Tech's Pamplin College of Business, the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police and the Virginia Police Chiefs Foundation's Professional Executive Leadership School.

Effective October 29, Lieutenant Colonel Thompson will assume his new role as Prince William County Police Department's Deputy Chief of Police.

NVTA Fall Public Outreach Survey



Last spring, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) gained insights from over 1,300 individuals on their transportation issues and what changes they would like to see in the future.

Using this initial round of outreach and an evaluation of current and future travel patterns, the NVTA has identified a broad range of transportation needs. In

its second wave of outreach this fall, the NVTA is launching a survey to learn how you think we should prioritize different ways of addressing these needs.

Potential options range in scale and include:

- Better transit access and more frequent service to, between, and within major business/residential centers in the Northern Virginia region.
- Improved highway connections in the region.
- Expanded Park and Ride lot capacity and improved commuter bus service.
- Coordinated signal timing on major roads.

Enhanced connections between transportation modes.

The survey is designed to capture feedback from residents living throughout Northern Virginia. Your input will help guide the NVTA's development of TransAction, the long-range transportation plan for Northern Virginia. Please click <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RF8NXNC> to take the survey.

For more information, visit www.nvtatransaction.org.

Coles District Tree Lighting Ceremony

It's that time of year again! We will be hosting our annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, December 3rd at the Historic Lucasville School, 10516 Godwin Drive, Manassas, VA 20110. The event will start at 4:30 pm and feature a musical performance, food and drinks, plus pictures with Santa after the ceremony. The event is free. Parking is on Godwin Drive so we suggest arriving early to get a parking space. We hope you will be able to join us! If you have any questions please call our office at 703-792-4620.

Now Accepting Toys for Tots Donations

Our office is happy to yet again be an official drop-off location for the Toys for Tots program! We will be accepting donations of new, unwrapped toys from now until Friday, December 9th. Our hours are Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm and we are located at 13476 Dumfries Road, Manassas, VA 20112. For more information you can call our office at 703-792-4620 or visit the Toys for Tots website:



<http://quantico-va.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/default.aspx>

Federal Employees Health Benefits Open House

Hosted by Congressman Rob Wittman



Saturday November 12th , 10am-12:30pm
James J. McCoart Administrative Building
1 County Complex Ct, Woodbridge, VA 22192

Considering changing your health plan? New to the federal workforce?

Please join Congressman Wittman, OPM, and FEHB Providers like:

GEHA

Kaiser Permanente

NALC

Blue Cross Blue Shield

Aetna

and more!

All current and retired federal employees are invited to attend and learn more about the open season process and the health options available to them.

Coming This November to PWC's Historic Sites!



While the historic sites are closed to regular tours from November to April, we are still open by appointment! To schedule a tour please call 703-792-4754 for more information.

November 12 Early Days of Prince William County at Rippon Lodge *11 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Free*



Prince William County's rich history begins in 1731 when it was founded by the Virginia House of Burgesses. One of the County's oldest homes will host a special event to highlight the history and culture of Native Americans and the colonial peoples of the area. Living history demonstrations of Native American culture, colonial life and military encampments will be available all day. Tours of the house are also included.



Rippon Lodge Historic Site, Woodbridge, VA 22192. 703-449-9812

November 12 Brentsville Campfire *6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.; \$5 per person, reservations recommended*



Enjoy a warm campfire at Brentsville Courthouse and learn how Confederate soldiers lived during the American Civil War. Practice drilling with a Civil War soldier, see a musket firing demonstration, and learn about the rations given to Confederate soldiers. Try the cornpone that Confederate soldiers commonly ate during the Civil War and compare it to the s'mores we enjoy today.

November 12 Paranormal 101 *7 p.m. - midnight; \$100 per person for seminar and investigation; \$40 for just the seminar, reservations required*



Brentsville has a diverse history as the County seat for Prince William County. Today, many local residents claim that the jail, courthouse and grounds are haunted by spirits from the past. Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre is partnering with East Coast Research and Investigation of the Paranormal (ECRIP) to host a paranormal seminar and investigation at Brentsville. Participants will first attend a seminar about various theories and techniques. Afterwards, participants will work alongside members of ECRIP in a paranormal investigation. The seminar will run from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The investigation will be held from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre, Bristow, VA 20136. 703-365-7895



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Ways To Get Involved

ACTS - www.actspwc.org

Arc of Greater Prince William/INSIGHT, Inc. - <http://arcgpw.org/>

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

Coles District Volunteer Fire Department - www.cdofd.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

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 - lakefacebook@hotmail.com

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

Lake Ridge Occoquan Coles Civic Association - <http://www.loccapeltva.org/>

Leadership Prince William - www.leadershipprincewilliam.org

Meals-On-Wheels - (703)792-4156

Mid County Civic Association - www.midcopw.net

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 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.org/neighborhoodleaders

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

Register to Vote - www.pwcv.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.pwcv.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 kclark@pwcv.org.



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November Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Planning Commission 7:00 pm- 10:00 pm McCoart Build Board Chambers	3	4	5
6	7	8 Historical Commission 7:30 pm-10:00 pm Development Services Building, Room 202 A&B	9	10	11 Prince William County Offices Closed in Observance of Veterans Day	12
13	14	15 Trails and Blueways Council Meeting 6:30 - 9:30 pm Hellwig Memorial Park	16 Parks Commission 7:00 pm- 9:00 pm George Hellwig Me- morial Park Planning Commission Hearing 6:00 pm- 10:00 pm McCoart Build Board Chambers	17 Agricultural and Forestral Districts Advisory Committee 7:00pm -10:00 pm Nokesville Volun- teer Fire Depart- ment	18	19
20	21 Board of Zoning Appeals 2:00 pm- 4:00 pm McCoart Build Board Chambers	22 Board of Supervisors 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm McCoart Build Board Chambers	23	24 Prince William County Offices Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving	25 Prince William County Offices Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving	26
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