

# Coles District Newsletter

## SUPERVISOR YESLI VEGA

March 2020

2nd Edition



Dear Neighbor,

Welcome to the second edition of the Coles District Newsletter. February saw the tackling of many important issues, including, but not limited to:

- The County Executive's Proposed Budget
- Setting Advertised Tax Rates
- The Prince William County Animal Shelter
- Updates on the Strategic Plan Process

I was also fortunate to attend many local community events throughout the county. This ranged from awarding the finalists of the Manassas Optimist Club's essay contest, supporting local law enforcement at the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics, and addressing county residents at MIDCO and the Prince William Conservation Alliance.

As we dive into March and budget season I hope you will stay engaged by attending our public meetings and making your voice heard. Budgets are a constant tug of war between priorities and the amount of money taxpayers are willing to allow its government to spend on those priorities.

As you'll see, county spending is poised to increase substantially. That means your taxes will go up.

By how much? You decide.

I hope you enjoy the second edition of the Coles District Newsletter and that it spurs you to get involved with your local government, one way or the other. Important decisions are about to be made and we want to hear from you.

As always, we love getting your feedback at [colesdistrict@pwcgov.org](mailto:colesdistrict@pwcgov.org).

Have a great March and don't forget to set your clocks forward this Saturday night. Spring is on its way!

For Coles,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yesli Vega', written over a horizontal line.

Yesli Vega  
Coles District Supervisor



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## Board Receives Budget Proposal

At the February 18th Board meeting, County Executive, Chris Martino, [presented his budget draft to the Board of County Supervisors.](#)

The presentation included an \$80 million increase in operating expenditures from FY2020, a percentage increase of 6.4%. Of the \$80 million in new spending, \$39 million was allocated to county public schools and \$25 million for increased pay, benefits, and personnel studies.

To pay for the increased spending, Mr. Martino proposed increasing the residential tax rate, the computer and peripheral tax rate, the adoption of a new boat tax, and increases to vehicle license fees.

After Mr. Martino's presentation, which raised the residential tax rate from \$1.125 to \$1.145 and the computer and peripheral tax rate from \$1.25 to \$1.30, Chair Ann Wheeler proposed increasing the advertised rates to \$1.170 and \$1.35, respectively.

Chair Wheeler's motion passed on a 5-2 vote with Supervisors Vega and Candland voting against the advertised tax increases.

The increases in the advertised tax rates above the County Executive's requested increases would bring in additional revenue of \$17 million according to budget projections, if adopted. With \$16.3 million coming from homeowners and \$800,000 from data centers.

If the projected amount of revenue is collected from the advertised rates and spent on FY2021, total spending from FY2020 to FY2021 would increase by \$96.9 million or 7.8% - six times higher than county population growth.

According to the county's Office of Management and Budget, \$54.1 million in additional revenue from FY2020 to FY2021 is expected to be collected through increases in residential growth, tax assessments, and economic growth prior to the adoption of any increases in tax rates.

If the advertised residential tax increases is adopted, the average county homeowner will expect to see an overall property tax bill of **\$4,529**, an increase of **\$351** from last fiscal year.

- Coles District Staff

# Average Coles Family Could See \$415 Property Tax Increase



## Advertised rate increase from \$1.125 to \$1.170 would result in largest tax increase in Prince William County history

On Tuesday, February 18th, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors approved on a 5-2 vote an advertised residential tax rate of \$1.170/\$100 on assessed home value for increases in county spending.

Supervisors Pete Candland (Gainesville) and Yesli Vega (Coles) voted against the advertised increase. Supervisor Jeanine Lawson (Brentsville) was not present for the vote.

The 4.5 cent increase coupled with the increase in the assessed value of an average home in the county would represent a total increase of 7.82% from FY2020. If adopted, the average Coles District homeowner would see their property tax bill increase by an average of \$415 this year according to census data.

“I’m still pretty surprised,” said Coles Supervisor, Yesli Vega. “County residents already pay the second highest residential tax rate of any county in Northern Virginia. This advertised rate would make our homeowners the highest taxed if adopted.”

“On one hand, the county is pushing for ‘affordable housing’. But on the other we’re pricing lower and middle class families out with these potential tax increases. Not only will this effect homeowners but renters will undoubtedly have this burden passed down to them in higher rent bills as well.”

“I understand some want our spending to be on par with Loudoun and Fairfax, but we’re just not as wealthy as those two counties. Why that means our residents should be taxed at a higher rate, I have no idea.”

According to the Prince William County Office of Management and Budget the county is projected to receive \$54.1 million in additional revenue this year at current levels of taxation and fees, mainly due to increased property assessments and growth.

“That’s \$54.1 million more we could put towards education, pay increases for teachers and government employees, public safety, and other key government functions without raising a single homeowners tax rate. \$54.1 million is a nice, healthy increase in spending.” Vega noted that the county just passed a \$396 million dollar roads and park bond to address infrastructure needs.

In addition to the increase in the advertised property tax rate, the board also approved an advertised rate increase for the computer and peripheral tax and increased fees for cars, trucks, and motorcycles from \$24 to \$33 per and \$12 to \$20, respectively. A new 3.7% advertised tax rate on boats was also approved, but later rescinded at the February 25th special meeting on the animal shelter following concern from the county’s boating and marina industry.

- Coles District Staff

## Board proposes, then rescinds, new boat tax

On February 25th the Board of County Supervisors used a special meeting called to address the county animal shelter to rescind an advertised tax on boat's passed the week prior.

On February 18th, the board, on a 5-2 vote, approved a new 3.7% advertised assessed value tax on boats kept in the county.

The proposed tax received immediate pushback from boat owners from across the region who keep their boats in the county, in addition to boating stores, restaurants and other businesses that benefit from marina traffic.

Hundreds of concerned individuals showed up to the special meeting to voice their concerns, with many who were attending because of the animal shelter left scratching their heads. Some said the tax would have destroyed the boating and marina industry in Prince William County as it would force boat owners to store their vessels in neighboring counties which do not have a boat tax, like Fairfax County and Stafford County.

Repeal of the proposed tax passed without objection. Coles Supervisor Yesli Vega, who voted against the advertised tax upon its introduction on February 18th, applauded the board's decision.

"While the Coles District doesn't border the Potomac, I know the boating and marina industry in our county contributes significantly to our local economy. This tax would have undoubtedly had devastating effects on that sector of our economy and thus our economy as a whole. I'm sorry that such chaos and concern was caused as a result of the introduction of this tax, but I'm glad the board made it right in the end."

### Supervisor Lawson's attempts to tie reduction in advertised residential tax rate to boat tax repeal denied.

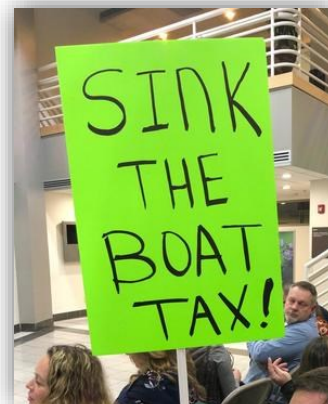
Following the directive to repeal the boat tax, Brentsville Supervisor Jeanine Lawson attempted to include a reduction in the advertised residential tax rate to the repeal.

Supervisor Lawson defended the move by citing numbers provided by the Office of Management and Budget that the county was already projected to receive an additional \$54.1 million in revenue this year from current levels of taxation and asked that the advertised residential tax rate of \$1.170 be reduced to the current rate of \$1.125.

However, Supervisor Lawson's friendly amendment to Chair Wheeler's directive was rejected.

Supervisor Vega voiced support for Supervisor Lawson's amendment. "It made sense to me since we were giving our boat owners a break that we would also want to reduce the burden on our homeowners as well. One impacts thousands, but the record increase in residential taxes impacts hundreds of thousands. I'm hopeful that by the end of budget season we'll at least be able to keep our homeowners tax rates flat, if not reduced."

- Coles District Staff



## Animal Shelter Update



At the February 18th Board of County Supervisors meeting, Deputy County Executive, Rebecca Horner, provided the Board with a history of the proposed animal shelter from 2005 to present, including an explanation for the cost overruns and delays for groundbreaking on the project, approved in September of 2017.

For a link to the presentation, [click here](#).

Following the presentation, a special meeting to discuss the animal shelter was scheduled for February 25th.

At the special meeting, Ms. Horner presented Option E, which would have resulted in purchasing an existing animal clinic scheduled for auction on Manassas Drive in Manassas Park.

According to county staff, the current animal shelter location on Bristow Road could have been used in tandem with the Manassas Park facility, particularly while the phases of Option E were being built out.

At full buildout, county staff briefed the board that Option E would have been able to hold 81% more cat kennels and 42% more dog kennels, featured a barn, had more square footage, and more potential for growth within the building. It would have also cost about 38% less to build than the current Option C.

The downsides to the plan listed were 10% higher annual operating costs (\$49k more per year) the location within the City of Manassas Park (including the density of traffic surrounding the proposed shelter), and the age of the existing building.

Several dozen residents on the subject made it clear where they stood, which was to continue forward with signing a contract for Option C as passed by the Board in 2017.

After a lengthy back and forth with county staff, the Board ultimately decided to instruct the County Executive to proceed in signing a contract with Taft Construction to proceed with Option C. The Board will next receive a progress update on the project at its next scheduled Board meeting on March 10th.

Supervisor Vega stated that she understood the public's frustration over the building delay and cost overruns, and supported a request by Supervisor Jeanine Lawson to have the Department of Public Works, the County Executive's office, and the Police Department (whom the shelter is operated by) find the funding to offset the increases in costs. "I don't think it's fair to ask the taxpayers to bear the added burden for these increases," said Vega.

Supervisor Vega also requested that an independent audit be done to investigate the process.

While she was not on the Board in 2017 when the shelter was originally approved, Vega further stated that the current Board must honor the commitment made to county residents in 2017, which is Option C.

- Coles District Staff



## Strategic Plan Update

### Progress Made, But Citizen Committee Still Cut In Half

Last Month, I updated you on county staff's initial Strategic Plan proposal which eliminated the citizen advisory committee the county had used for the previous two cycles.

In the 2016 plan, the advisory committee consisted of 16 citizens and 4 members of staff charged with providing the Board of County Supervisors with recommendations to include in our goals for the following four years.

During our January brief, the citizen element of that committee was completely removed from the first proposal. Many Supervisors, myself included, sounded the alarm on this proposal and requested a return to the citizen driven process employed in the last two Strategic Plan processes.

Staff returned with a plan seemingly in between their first proposal and the previous committees, consisting of 8 citizens and 7 staff members. I objected to this proposal as well as it still represents a decrease in citizen involvement and an increase in staff participation.

I am not opposed to county staff having a seat at the table. Many of them did go to college for this, but I am disappointed that what should be a citizen "driven" process has seemingly been decreased to citizen "input" instead.

My fear is that by having an almost equal number of citizens and staff that some of the citizens on the committee could feel intimidated by the "experts in the room" and less likely to stand up when areas of disagreement arise, leading to unhealthy "groupthink" decisions and recommendations.

To help make up for this decrease in citizen power I knew I had to appoint someone to the committee who not only has an ear to the ground and in tune with the desires of the people, but also someone not afraid to passionately advocate on behalf of those wishes.

That's why I selected Martin Jeter, the Founder and President of the Mid-County Civic Association (MIDCO) as our representative to the Strategic Plan Development Team.

Since 2005, MIDCO has served a vital role in assisting our residents in assessing and affecting issues that impact central Prince William County, particularly as it relates to land use. Through MIDCO, Martin has been able to shine a spotlight on countless controversial projects in the county negatively impacting our quality of life.

In addition to "quality of life" issues, the last Strategic Plan also tackled education, traffic, public safety and economic development.

Many of you know the one thing that impacts all of those issues in one way or another is what we chose to do in regards to land use.

Martin is a non-partisan fact-finder and I'm extremely confident he'll bring that type of needed oversight to the Strategic Plan Committee as they make important recommendations for the Board over the direction we choose to take Prince William County in over the next four years and beyond.

- Supervisor Vega



## **Supervisor Vega Seeks to Add Major Caraveo to County War Memorial**

On February 18th Supervisor Vega issued a directive to county staff to look into amending the criteria to add Prince William County residents who have been killed in service to the county war memorial, located at the McCoart Complex, near the Prince William Parkway.

Major Libardo Eduardo Caraveo, formerly of Woodbridge, was killed in the 2009 terrorist attack at the Fort Hood Military Base.

Major Caraveo was 52 and a National Guard psychologist preparing for a deployment to Afghanistan when he and twelve others were killed by Army Major, Nidal Malik Hasan, in November of 2009. However, because county criteria currently does not include death by international or domestic acts of terrorism Major Caraveo's name has not yet been added to the war memorial.

Supervisor Vega's directive specifically asks the county to add serving Members of the Armed Forces or operatives employed by the federal government killed in acts of international and domestic terrorism as grounds for having the name of an individual added to the memorial.

Libardo Eduaedo Caraveo was born in Juarez, Mexico in 1957 and came to the United States at the age of 17. Speaking little English upon his arrival, he earned degrees from the University of Texas at El-Paso, Texas Tech, and doctorate in Psychology from the University of Arizona in 1986.

He served in private practice until 1999 when he joined the Army National Guard at the age of 42. Major Caraveo was preparing for his first overseas deployment to help soldiers deal with the stresses of war when he was tragically killed in the documented act of terror on November 5th, 2009.

To visit and honor the 124 individuals whose names are currently inscribed, please visit Prince William County War Memorial at Freedom Park, 1 County Complex Court, Woodbridge, VA 22192.

- Coles District Staff



# Vote Explanations

## February 18th, 2020 Planet Fitness - Shops at County Center

On February 18th, the Board voted on a request for a Special Use Permit and a request to amend proffers to allow the property owners of the Shops at County Center (Hoadly Road and Galveston Court, just south of the Parkway) to build a Planet Fitness Gym.

I was initially skeptical of the proposal because of the increased traffic the gym would bring to that portion of Hoadly Road, which is already stretched to the brink with traffic congestion.

However, after learning that the gym would cause *less* traffic at it's peak than other uses the property owners were legally able to fill it with I decided that voting for it would be the better of the two options for the Coles District and mid-county area.

The by-right uses allowed in the shopping center when fully occupied by tenants would have created an additional **1,344** weekday car trips per day according to the traffic study done on the project. The Planet Fitness, at peak membership, is projected to add 510 weekday car trips per day, or **160% less traffic than the amount which could be allowed by-right.**

Ground is expected to be built on the project within 18-24 months with peak membership being reached around 2024 or 2025.

- Supervisor Vega



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# Vote Explanations

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## February 18th, 2020 - Advertised Tax Rates

In a surprise vote, we took up the advertised tax rates for FY 2021 at the end of our February 18th meeting. Historically the board has given the citizenry at least a week to digest the recommendations of the County Executive's proposed budget and tax rates, but this time we took up the vote immediately following.

After County Executive, Chris Martino, presented his proposed budget, he recommended an increase in residential tax rates from 1.125% to 1.145% of assessed value, an increase in the computer & peripheral tax from 1.250% to 1.300%, a new 3.7% tax on boats stored in the county, and an increase to the license fee for cars and trucks to \$33 from \$24 and motorcycles to \$20 from \$12 to pay for the proposed new spending.

Instead of allowing for citizen feedback on the County Executive's budget, the Board was made to take the vote for the advertised rates immediately following Mr. Martino's presentation.

Chair Wheeler proposed an additional increase to the residential tax rate to 1.170%, and added half a penny to the computer tax for a rate of 1.350%. Unfortunately, we were only given the option of voting for these proposed rates as a bundle, and not individually.

### I voted no, and here's why:

- 1.) Prince William County residents already pay the second highest residential tax rate of any county in Northern Virginia. The advertised rate would be the highest of any county in the region.
- 2.) The average homeowner in the Coles District would see an average increase of \$415 in their property tax bill, and \$351 countywide. This would result in the **largest tax increase** on our homeowners in Prince William County's history.
- 3.) The boat tax would have devastated our boating and marina industry here in the county as our neighboring counties do not levy such a tax.
- 4.) Assessed values of homes go up every year and between this and increased residential and economic growth the county Office of Management and Budget says that we will receive \$54.1 million **more** in additional revenue just from the increases in assessed values and growth alone - without raising the tax rate.

An additional \$54.1 million that could go towards education, increased pay for teachers and county workers, public safety, and all the rest.

Knowing we already burden our homeowners with such a high property tax rate I promised the voters of the Coles District last year that I would not vote to raise their taxes. It was made easier to fulfill that promise by the fact that we're still going to receive \$54 million extra next year without having to raise anyone's taxes or fees.

- Supervisor Vega

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# Eye on Transparency

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## Evening Meetings & Land Use

Thanks to Supervisors Boddye and Candland for their initiatives in making county government more open and transparent.

On February 4th, Supervisor Boddye introduced two resolutions which I greatly appreciated in our quest for greater openness and transparency in our local government.

Many residents have expressed concern over the lack of evening meetings on the schedule, making it difficult for working people to attend. In [Res. 9-PP](#) Supervisor Boddye successfully introduced a motion that increased the number of required evening sessions from one to two per month.

Furthermore, Supervisor Boddye's [Res. 9-QQ](#) prohibits land use matters with a residential component from taking place in the intervening period between the general election for the board seats and the seating of the new board. This would apply to the planning commission as well.

Many residents were concerned when the previous Board attempted to vote on several controversial land use cases during the "lame-duck" period between the election and the new board swearing in. This common sense approach ensures that residential land use cases will only be voted on by the those with the "consent of the governed" in the future.

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## Voting Database Tracker

Supervisor Candland successfully issued a directive which would create a searchable online database containing the votes taken by county supervisors. As local government decisions and votes do not tend to receive the same level of media attention as the state and federal level I believe this is a great way to help you hold your elected supervisors accountable to their votes taken.

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## Public Meeting Sign Enlargement Update

In last month's newsletter I mentioned my efforts to increase the size and font of public hearing notice signs in the county.

I'm pleased to announce that the first trial run for the new signs will take place later this month ahead of the March 18th Planning Commission meeting on a property along Route 29 in the Brentsville District. The details of the case can be found under case number [REF2020-00003](#).

If you're passing by please take a glance and let me know what you think - [yvega@pwcgov.org](mailto:yvega@pwcgov.org).



## Coles District Team Landfill Tour

On February 17th the Coles District office received a tour of the county landfill from Solid Waste Division Director Tom Smith.

Director Smith has been the Chief at the Solid Waste Division for 33 years and has seen a lot of growth both at the landfill and around Prince William County. Throughout that time our landfill has gone to great lengths to establish innovative and forward thinking environmental practices.

Often called the “Crown Jewel of the Coles District”, the waste disposal facility off of Dumfries Road receives 1000 tons of garbage per day. The capped portions of the facility currently hold over 10 million tons of trash. At the current rate, the landfill is estimated to last until about the year 2060.

Landfill gas is collected, and used to make electricity which is sold and distributed into the NOVEC power grid, powering an estimated 5,000 homes. Landfill gas also is used for heating or fueling at adjacent county facilities such as the Fleet Division and school bus garages, and the Animal Shelter.

The landfill has also created an Outdoor Discovery Trail and classrooms for education opportunities for neighboring Colgan High School, Benton Middle School, and Coles Elementary.

Hours for the landfill are Monday-Saturday from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and the facility is always free to county residents with an ID.

- Coles District Staff



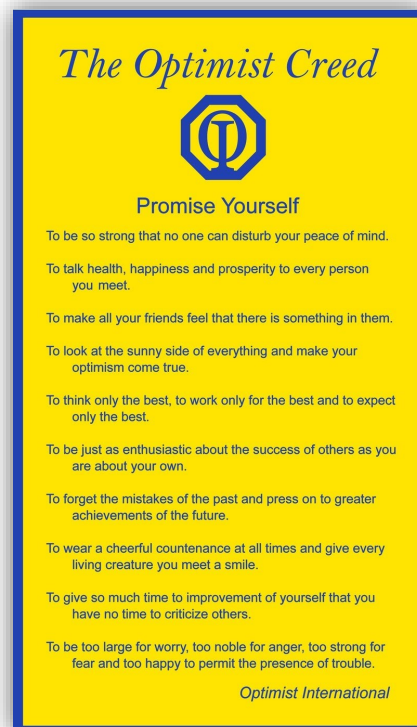
## Manassas Optimist Club

On February 12th I had the honor of presenting awards to the Manassas Optimist Club's children's essay finalists at their monthly meeting.

It was a great evening being uplifted and encouraged by members of Club #16109.

If you ever catch yourself a little down check out one of their meetings, the first Wednesday of the month at St. Thomas United Methodist Church. Chances are you'll leave with a smile on your face.

- Supervisor Vega







## Mid-County Civic Association Meeting

On February 17th I was invited as the guest speaker for the Mid-County Civic Association (MIDCO) meeting.

MIDCO is a non-partisan organization which focuses primarily on how land use decisions by our local government has an effect on our citizens quality of life, including traffic, school overcrowding, taxes, public safety, and the environment.

I explained my general governing philosophy when it came to land use - a more balanced approach which puts our citizens interests over special interests, and also provided an update on the many important land use cases coming up in the Coles District.

Many thanks to the 80+ residents who turned out on a Wednesday evening and thank you to MIDCO President, Martin Jeter, for inviting me to speak.

I also want to thank my staff and Coles Planning Commissioner Joe Fontanella for attending and answering questions during the meeting.

MIDCO's next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 19th at 7:00 PM in the Development Services Building at McCoart.

For more information please visit [www.midcopw.net](http://www.midcopw.net).

- Supervisor Vega



## Polar Plunge

On Saturday, February 22nd, Supervisor Vega supported the brave souls taking part in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge at Leesylvania State Park.

Over \$91,000 was raised by your Prince William County Police Department to benefit our Special Olympics Athletes!

- Coles District Staff

## Lake Jackson VFD Chief Walt Davis Retiring

I'm sad to announce that Lake Jackson Volunteer Fire Department Chief, Walt Davis, is retiring after twenty-four years, the last fourteen as the station chief.

Chief Davis has served the Lake Jackson area and Prince William County admirably and he will be missed. Feel free to stop by and say "hi" or to thank him for his service before his retirement in June - Lake Jackson Volunteer Fire Department, 11310 Coles Drive.

- Supervisor Vega



## Statewide Burn Law Now in Effect Until April 30th

On Saturday, February 15th, the Commonwealth's 4:00 p.m. burn law goes into effect. The law remains in effect until Thursday, April 30th. Approved burning may take place between 4:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight only. Even approved burning must be constantly attended with a method of extinguishment.

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/field 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. This ban applies to all open burning, including campfires. Remember, illegal burning is a violation of Virginia and County Code, and may result in criminal misdemeanor charges with penalties up to one year in jail and a \$2,500.00 fine.

For more information on open burning, please call the Fire Marshal's Office at (703) 792-6360 or visit them [online](#).

- Department of Fire & Rescue



## Manassas Southside Tank Rehabilitation Project

The Prince William County Service Authority will be performing a rehabilitation project for the water storage tank located at 8556 Prince William Parkway, Manassas, VA. We estimate that this project will begin in March 2020 and take approximately 4 to 5 months to complete. During this time, you may experience increased noise coming from the tank site between the hours of 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The purpose of the rehabilitation project is to preserve and extend the economic life of the water storage tank and to provide needed operational upgrades. This project will include repairs and rehabilitation to address issues such as peeling paint, rust, pitting, general metal repairs, safety improvements and deterioration of the tank coating.

If you have questions regarding the tank rehabilitation project, please contact Micah Archibald, Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project Manager, at 703-335-7986.

- Prince William County Service Authority



## Lake Jackson Dam Tour

Our team toured the Lake Jackson Dam on Thursday, February 27th to learn about the facility, and the long history of the dam and lake itself.

Joined by Coles District Planning Commissioner Joe Fontanella, our team walked across the catwalk, and had the opportunity of seeing how County Staff operate the floodgate system which is used to regulate the water level of Lake Jackson during flooding.

The Lake Jackson Dam was originally constructed in 1927, and until about 1955 the dam was for utilized for hydroelectric power. Prince William County has owned the facility since 1965, and has since been responsible for dam operations and maintenance.



Supervisor Vega will be holding a Town Hall on Thursday, March 12th at 7:00 PM at the Lake Jackson Fire-house to discuss and get citizen input on renovations to the Lake Jackson Dam, and other issues affecting the Lake Jackson Community.

- Coles District Staff

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## Prince William Conservation Alliance

On February 20th I was invited to give the introductory remarks at the Prince William Conservation Alliance on the issue of conservation easements.

Conservation easements help to protect areas we want to keep natural and pristine. From protecting wildlife to agricultural areas, open spaces, forests, and helping to improve water quality, conservation easements can serve as a great tool to conserve our land for generations to come.



Our county is blessed with natural resources. There aren't many jurisdictions in the United States that can claim a major body of water on one edge and mountains and farmland on the other, with a national park in-between.

One location in the Coles District I'm exploring an easement for is Dove's Landing Park. for the benefit of the park and our citizens. We're still in the early phases, but it is an objective of mine that I'd like to get done soon.

Special thanks to the Prince William Conservation Alliance's President, Kim Hosen, for inviting me, and for all the great work she and the Alliance does to help keep Prince William County beautiful.

For more on the Prince William Conservation Alliance, please visit their website at: [www.pwconserve.org](http://www.pwconserve.org)

- Supervisor Vega

## March Board Meetings

March 10th - 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM - Regular Meeting

March 17th - 2:00 PM - Budget Work Session

March 31st - 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM - Regular Meeting

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## Links To Watch February Board Meetings

[February 25th](#)

[February 18th](#)

[February 11th](#)

[February 4th](#)

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## Upcoming Town Halls

### Lake Jackson Dam & Roads

*Thursday, March 12th - 7:00 PM | Lake Jackson Volunteer Fire Department*

The main topics will be road improvement in the Lake Jackson community, improvements to the Lake Jackson Dam, and a discussion on the Lake Jackson Sanitary District special tax rate.

### Dar Al-Noor Expansion

*Thursday, March 26th - 7:00 PM | Benton Middle School*

Dar Al-Noor is requesting a Special Use Permit to increase building square footage from 12,000 to 88,276 square feet to allow for an expanded prayer hall, day care, private school, and a potential medical clinic, among other uses at its location on Hoadly Road between Purcell Road and the Prince William Parkway.

Neighboring Neabsco District Supervisor, Victor Angry, is also expected to join us.

### Route 234 - Brentsville Road Interchange Project

*Wednesday, March 25th - 6:30 PM | Lake Jackson Volunteer Fire Department*

Discussion on the proposed construction of a new traffic interchange at the junction of Dumfries Road (Business Route 234), Dumfries Road (Route 234), Prince William Parkway (Route 234), Prince William Parkway (Route 294) and Brentsville Road (Route 649).

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## March County Events

For a full list of Prince William County Office of Tourism Events, including events for Women's History Month and St. Patrick's Day, please go to [VisitPWC.com/events](https://www.visitpwc.com/events)

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# Coles Land Use Cases

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## Upcoming

### **Dar Al Noor Mosque Expansion**

The Dar Al-Noor Mosque, located on Hoadly Road between Purcell Road and the Parkway, is requesting a Special Use Permit to expand its current 12,000 square foot structure to 88,276 feet.

The expansion would include three stories with a basement, along with an updated prayer hall, a multi-purpose banquet hall, a youth and senior center, meeting rooms, play areas, daycare, a private school for 200 students, and an auditorium. The expansion may also include a medical center.

The Special Use Permit would allow the applicant to increase its number of prayer rugs from 502 to 1,782, resulting in an increase of daily vehicle trips from 1,761 to 6,250 according to county estimates. Please [click here](#) to view the case under “Under Review”.

### **Kline Farm Development**

Located at the corner of Liberia Avenue & the Parkway to Buckhall Road (South/Southeast). Would rezone 92.19 acres from A-1 Agricultural to Planned Business District, Planned Mixed Residential, and Semi-Rural Residential Cluster to develop mixed residential, retail, commercial, office, and recreational uses. A mixture of up to 250 multi-family town-homes and single family detached residential dwellings surrounding a 145,000 square foot commercial center are being proposed.

Twenty-four acres would be devoted to a new school or parkland. In addition, the Comprehensive Plan would be amended for up to forty-nine acres, and a Special Use Permit needed for a CVS pharmacy with a drive through which would also be built. The development would add an additional 9,400 vehicle trips per day to area roads according to Stanley Martin Homes. Please [click here](#) to view the case under “Pending”.

### **The Preserve at Long Branch (Mid County Park and Estates)**

The Preserve at Long Branch, formerly known as Mid County Park and Estates. Would amend the Comprehensive Plan to rezone 325.6 acres out of the Rural Crescent to build 118 homes with sewer in addition to 195.6 acres for open space and a park. Located off of 234 East/Dumfries Rd, behind Canova Dr. Please [click here](#) to view the case under “Pending”.

## **Board / Commission / Committee Meetings**

### **Animal Advisory Committee**

March 17th, 2020 - 6:45 PM  
McCoart Building

### **Commission on Aging**

March 24th, 2020 - 10:00 AM  
McCoart Building, Occoquan Conference Room

### **Board of Zoning Appeals**

March 25th, 2020 - 2:00 PM  
McCoart Building, Board Chambers

### **Community Services Board**

March 19th, 2020 - 6:30 PM  
McCoart Building, Powell's Creek Conference Room

### **Historical Commission**

March 10th, 2020 - 7:30 PM  
Development Services Buildings, Rooms 202 A & B

### **Housing Board**

March 26th, 2020 - 8:30 AM  
A.J. Ferlazzo Building, Locust Shade Room

### **Human Rights Commission**

March 12th, 2020 - 7:30 PM  
McCoart Building, Board Chambers

### **Library Board**

March 26th, 2020 - 6:30 PM  
13083 Chinn Park Drive, Woodbridge

### **Manassas Regional Airport Commission**

March 19th, 2020 - 7:00 PM  
Airport Office Conference Room - Terminal

### **Northern Virginia Regional Commission**

March 26th, 2020 - 7:30 PM  
3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200, Fairfax VA

### **Parks & Recreation Commission**

March 18th, 2020 - 7:00 PM  
14220 Bristow Road, Manassas VA

### **Planning Commission**

March 4th, 2020 - 7:00 PM  
March 18th, 2020 - 7:00 PM  
McCoart Building, Board Chambers

### **PRTC**

March 5th, 2020 - 7:00 PM  
14700 Potomac Mills Road Woodbridge, VA

### **Trails & Blueways Council**

March 24th, 2020 - 6:30 PM  
14220 Bristow Road, Manassas VA

### **School Board**

March 4th, 2020 - 7:00 PM  
March 18th, 2020 - 7:00 PM  
Edward L. Kelly Leadership Center

### **Service Authority**

March 12th, 2020 - 7:30 PM  
Service Authority Office, 4 County Complex Court

### **Social Services Board**

March 17th, 2020 - 6:00 PM  
McCoart Building, Occoquan Room

### **VRE Operations Board**

March 20th, 2020 - 9:00 AM  
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Circuit Court	(703) 792-6015	Neighborhood Services	(703) 792-7018
Commonwealth's Attorney	(703) 792-6050	Office of Elections	(703) 792-6470
Community Services - Manassas	(703) 792-7800	Parks and Recreation	(703) 792-7060
Community Services - Woodbridge	(703) 792-4900	Planning Office	(703) 792-7615
County Attorney	(703) 792-6620	Police Department (Non-Emergency)	(703) 792-6500
Criminal Justice Services - Manassas	(703) 792-6065	Prince William Health District	(703) 792-7300
Criminal Justice Services - Woodbridge	(703) 792-4984	Public Libraries	(703) 792-6100
Development Services	(703) 792-6930	Real Estate Assessments	(703) 792-6780
Economic Development	(703) 792-5500	Sheriff's Office (Non-Emergency)	(703) 792-6070
Environmental Services	(703) 792-7070	Social Services	(703) 792-7500
Executive Management	(703) 792-6600	Solid Waste Management	(703) 792-6254
Fire and Rescue (Non-Emergency)	(703) 792-6800	Taxpayer Services	(703) 792-6710
General District Court	(703) 792-6141	VDOT	(800) 367-7623
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