

Coles District Newsletter

SUPERVISOR YESLI VEGA

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6th Edition



Dear Neighbor,

I hope you had a great 4th of July weekend. While this Independence Day may have been without the pomp, circumstance, and illuminations of previous holidays I hope you were still able to spend some meaningful time with your friends, family members; and loved ones as we celebrated our Nation's 244th birthday.

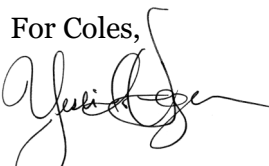
Here locally, as nationally, demonstrations and protests continued following the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

I participated in some of the unity marches and vigils throughout the county in addition to the "back the blue" walk held in Manassas. As a community, we must hear from all sides of each issue to foster a genuine respect and understanding for one another and to bring healing to our County and Nation.

The exact opposite of this occurred at our June 16th board meeting as divisive rhetoric was infused into the debate by partisans and, frankly, borderline anarchists with calls to "Abolish America" and our local law enforcement, in addition to other invectives and four letter words not suitable for public discourse. It is my hope that county leadership can get a hold on our meetings before chaos becomes the norm. The residents of Prince William County deserve and expect better.

The last four months have been a trying time for us all. However, we will not overcome this period with even more hatred and anger. Healthy differences of opinion and debate on issues will always arise in a free society, but we must remain respectful, with malice towards none and charity towards all in our hearts if we are to come out on the other side of this period a better County, Commonwealth, and Nation.

I hope you enjoy the July edition of the Coles District Newsletter. As always, we welcome your feedback at ColesDistrict@pwcgov.org.

For Coles,

Yesli Vega

Coles District Supervisor

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Virginia Begins Phase 3 of Reopening

On July 1st, the entire Commonwealth of Virginia entered Phase 3 of reopening. Although the requirements for social distancing remain in most circumstances, some rules have been lifted. The restrictions eased include the limit on gatherings being raised from 50 to 250 people, and the capacity limit on non-essential retailers being lifted. Other restrictions eased are for fitness centers and gyms capacity to be raised from 30% to 75%, and entertainment venues now being allowed to open at 50% capacity with a maximum of 1,000 people.

Although it was originally announced that the capacity limit would be lifted for restaurants and that bars could open, the Governor announced a day before Phase 3 took effect that this would be halted. In Phase 3, bars will remain closed, and restaurants must remain within the guidelines set out in Phase 2 which limit them to operating at 50% capacity.

For more information on the restrictions eased during Phase 3, please read [these guidelines for all business sectors](#) or view the Governor's [Executive Order 67](#).

- Coles District Staff

Prince William County Begins Reopening Facilities

On July 1st, many of Prince William County's facilities began restarting services to the public. The **Planning Office, Taxpayer Services, Social Services, Development Services, and Parks, Recreation, and Tourism** continued walk in counter service for citizens. In person services will be available Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Other county offices will continue to provide services by appointment.

The **Solid Waste Division's Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Recycling program** resumed July 1st. The services will be available on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and only at the Prince William County Landfill.

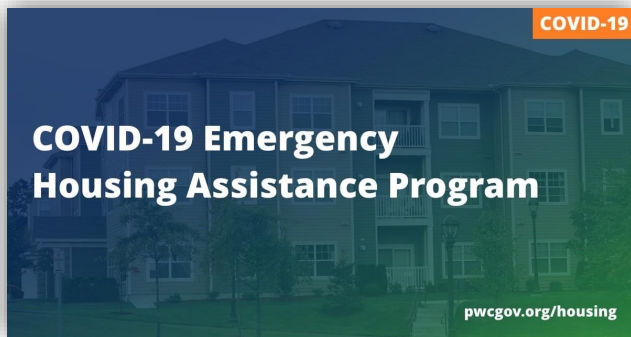
The **Prince William County Service Authority** started counter services in the Raymond Spittle Building on July 1st. Their services will be available Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. For more information on the Service Authorities operational status, please visit pwcsa.org.

Some libraries will reopen on July 6. Library visitors will need to reserve a one hour appointment time by calling their library or scheduling a time online at pwcgov.org/library. The facilities that will reopen are the Bull Run Regional Library, Chinn Park Regional Library, Haymarket Gainesville Community Library, Montclair Community Library, and Potomac Community Library.

On June 18, Prince William County's [historic sites](#) reopened and began offering tours for groups of 7 or fewer. The Locust Shade Park driving range, mini-golf course and batting cages have reopened as well. For a full list of the Parks, Recreation, and Tourism facilities that have reopened, please visit pwcgov.org/parks.

Senior Centers and the Adult Daycare facility will continue to remain closed to the public. The Ferlazzo Building will remain closed as it will continue to be utilized as a homeless shelter.

- Coles District Staff



Prince William County Offers COVID-19 Emergency Housing Assistance

Prince William County's Office of Housing and Community Development has established the Emergency Housing Assistance Program. This program offers emergency financial assistance for mortgage, rental, or utility payments. Citizens who have lost documentable income on or after March 1, 2020 due to COVID-19 may be eligible for a one-time or short-term assistance through this program.

For more information on the Emergency Housing Assistance program, eligibility requirements, and to apply online, please visit pwcgov.org/housing. For paper applications or further guidance on applying, please call (703) 792-7538 or email at EHAProgram@pwcgov.org.

- Coles District Staff



Prince William County Now Has Over 50,000 First Time Unemployment Claims Since COVID-19 Lockdown

According to the Virginia Employment Commission, Prince William County has seen over 50,000 first time unemployment claims from the start of COVID-19 restrictions in mid-March to the end of June.

On July 1st, state officials released their most recent statistics on unemployment. This data showed that the county's unemployment rate was 10.1% for the month of May. This rate is more than four times higher than the unemployment rate in May 2019. The current unemployment rate in Prince William County is also higher than the state unemployment rate, which was 9.4% for the month of May.

- Coles District Staff

June 16th Board Meeting Descends into Chaos

The following story appeared in the June 16th version of Potomac Local

By: Uriah Kiser, June 16, 2020

Black Lives Matter supporters filled the Prince William Board of County Supervisors meeting chamber today in Woodbridge.

Through statements laced with profanity, they attacked the sitting members of the elected body, which is controlled by a Democratic majority, for having a discussion about issuing a proclamation that “all lives matter,” immediately preceding the issuance of a proclamation that “black lives matter,” and demanded the county end its partnership with Federal Immigrations and Customs Enforcement.

Most fiercely attacked were two women on the Board, Supervisors Jeanine Lawson and Yesli Vega, of the Brentsville and Coles districts, respectively, both Republicans. A woman representing [CASA in Action](#), an immigrants rights activist group in Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania, told Vega — the first elected Hispanic member of the county board — that she “is the devil,” and to “zip your mouth,” following Vega’s support for the federal 287(g) program used to identify those charged with a crime and who may be in the U.S. illegally.

Vega and Lawson never responded to the commenters, as it a rarity for supervisors to do so during public comment periods. And the insults to the board members kept coming, as a crowd of Black Lives Matter supporters stood outside chambers and cheered as they were hurled.

“You guys are worthless,” said one commenter. “You guys F—ing suck,” yelled another.

That prompted the Board of County Supervisors Chair Ann Wheeler to react.

“You do nothing for your cause by losing decorum,” said Wheeler.

A short time later, another speaker confronted Wheeler from the microphone.

“The minute you police the language that can be used in here is the minute you lose the voices who are rightfully angry. All I have to say is F— decorum,” said the speaker.

At no time did Wheeler threaten to use police to clear the room. It was a reversal from a Board of County Supervisors meeting on May 19 when she threatened to have police remove a crowd of conservative protestors who stood outside the Board of Supervisors chamber and heckled the supervisors during the session, but used no profanity.

“My group of like-minded invidious were threatened to be thrown out of there. I would like to remind you, Madam Chair, you set the example,” said Coles District resident Bret “Alan” Gloss, who last week filed a lawsuit against the Board of County Supervisors, alleging Freedom of Information Act violations, over an unpublicized May 31 meeting where five of the eight members Board of County Supervisors attended where the police response to a riot was discussed.

Multiple Black Lives Matter supporters called to defund the Prince William County Police Department — a department that in 2018 noted only 7% of residents were dissatisfied with police. The department scored 68% in a citizen satisfaction survey where residents were “very satisfied, 25% of residents were “satisfied.”

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June 16th Board Meeting Descends into Chaos (Continued)

"I want to remind you how much you are white supremacists. Abolish the fricken the police. Abolish America. Its existence its a threat to the world. It's a threat to immigrants at the border. The roots of police are from slave patrols, where white people paid people to catch their runaway slaves," said one female speaker from Fairfax County. "F— your white supremacists' asses."

After she reached her three-minute speaking time limit, Wheeler asked her to surrender the microphone.

"F— you, girl. F— y'all," she replied.

At the close of public comment time, Lawson asked County Executive Christopher Martino if his staff would be able to edit out the foul language from what will be an archived video of the meeting, which will be accessible on the county's website.

"I don't think people, as they're listening at home, should have to listen to that," said Lawson.

The Prince William County Jail Board is set to hold a virtual meeting on Wednesday, June 17 — it's first since the coronavirus pandemic. On the agenda will be the 287(g) program that's been in place in the county since 2007, and whether or not to keep it.

As part of the program, local jail officers receive federal training to identify people who are suspected of being in the U.S. illegally, after they've been charged with a crime. If a suspect is identified — as was the case last month when Walner Alberto Pichinte Echeverria, 35, of 6502 Monarch Road in Frederick, Md. was charged with felony hit and run in the death of 62-year-old Alberto Anthony Marino, of Bristow.

On same day Potomac Local News reported that news, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors appointed three new members to the jail board, including Virginia Delegate Elizabeth Guzman, who, in 2017, told Prince William Times she vowed to abolish the 287(g) program.

Prince William and Culpeper counties are the only two jurisdictions in Virginia that have a 287(g) agreement in place.

Corrections: An earlier version of this story incorrectly stated the Prince William County Police Department scored a 55% approval rating in a 2018 citizen satisfaction survey. The department scored a 93% combined approval rating in a citizen satisfaction survey in 2018.

This story incorrectly reported the Board of County Supervisors issued a proclamation that "all lives matter." It, in fact, issued a proclamation stating "black lives matter."

Police Blotter

Message from the Prince William County Police Department Regarding HB1250

June 29, 2020

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Informational Message Regarding Community Policing Act

Prince William County, VA... Beginning July 1, 2020, Virginia House Bill 1250, commonly known as the **Community Policing Act**, will become law. It requires local law enforcement agencies to collect and report certain data pertaining to drivers to the Virginia State Police during a motor vehicle (traffic) stop. In Prince William County, some of this data was previously collected on stops that resulted in an arrest or the issuance of a Virginia Uniformed Summons (VUS).

The Police Department will comply with this mandate, issuing written warning notices for the purpose of collecting the required data outside of an arrest or VUS being issued. This means police officers must document the demographic information of individuals on all traffic stop encounters. The data that is required to be collected during traffic stops includes;

- the race, ethnicity, age, and gender of the person stopped;
- the reason for the stop;
- the location of the stop;
- whether a warning, written citation, or summons was issued or whether any persons were arrested;
- if a warning, written citation, or summons was issued or an arrest was made, the warning provided, violation charged, or crime charged; and
- whether the vehicle or any person was searched.

As the Police Department complies with this new mandate, we want our community to be aware that additional questioning by our officers may occur during these stops so our agency can collect the required data.

A written warning notice is also new for our Department. These notices are considered only a warning of an infraction and are not meant to serve as a citation of a violation requiring a court appearance or payment of a fine. No action by the recipient will be needed following the issuance of a warning notice by an officer.

The Department remains committed to ensuring all community members are treated fairly and impartially. This new law seeks to “prohibit law-enforcement officers from engaging in bias-based profiling in the performance of their official duties.” The Police Department supports this effort and will provide all required data to ensure this does not occur in our community.

Police Blotter

Wanted Suspect in Rape of Local Women Caught After Report of Second Incident



The suspect, whom Prince William County Police asked for our help in identifying last month was arrested after the police received reports of a second act of forcible rape.

Josue Leobardo Moya Aguilar, 24, was arrested on June 20th, one day after the second incident, and charged with two counts of rape, two counts of object sexual penetration, one count of attempted forcible sodomy and one count of grand larceny in connection with the incidents, according to Prince William County Police Public Information Officer, Renee Carr. Both incidents occurred in the Golansky Boulevard section of the Occoquan District near Potomac Mills Shopping Center.

New Jail Board Declines to Renew 287g Agreement

On June 17th, the newly constructed Prince William County Jail Board declined to renew the county's life saving 287g agreement with the federal government. The agreement, derived from a law signed by President Bill Clinton, was successfully implemented in the county in conjunction with the Bush Obama, and Trump Administrations from 2007 through June 30th, 2020 and allowed the local jail to notify Immigration and Customs Enforcement of criminals who had been arrested for additional crimes worthy of being booked into the Adult Detention Center following illegal entry into the United States.

The local program, which earned national acclaim for its efficiency and instrumental impact in protecting the residents of Prince William County, did not target law abiding immigrants or those whose criminal offense was unlawful entry into the country. Only after one was arrested for committing an additional crime would they be

"The newly appointed jail board members did what they were appointed to do by the Democrats on the BOCS," said Coles District Supervisor, Yesli Vega, a former police officer and descendent of Latino immigrants. "Unfortunately, the law-abiding residents of Prince William County will be the ones paying the price."

Police Blotter

Over 400 Show Up for “Back The Blue” March to County Courthouse

The following story appeared in the June 27th version of Potomac Local

More than 400 people came to Nelson Park to show their support for area law enforcement.

The park is about four miles from the scene of a riot that took place on May 30, following the death of Minneapolis resident George Floyd, who died at the hands of a former police officer during an arrest attempt.

Today’s rally was peaceful, with attendees holding U.S. flags, hugging, and cheering for conservatives who rallied the crowd before marching to the Prince William County courthouse.

“We need people who are willing to fight back and change the narrative,” said Alicia Andrews, Republican candidate for Virginia’s 10th Congressional District, a seat now held by Democrat Jennifer Wexton. “I stand proudly, here with you, for the men and women who, every day, do the right thing — defending our streets.

Andrews says the suspension of a Fairfax County police officer following a traffic stop, where the officer notified U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers that the person he stopped was suspected of being in the U.S. illegally, was one of the catalysts that drove her to campaign for the seat.

Former Prince William County Board of Supervisors Chairman At-large Corey Stewart attended the rally. Stewart has kept a low profile since leaving the office on December 31, 2019.

Dion Alexander, an activist who spoke at multiple Stewart rallies during his run for Virginia governor in 2017, spoke today in Manassas.

“A lot of black people will say ‘why are you out there defending the blue?’” said Alexander, who is black.

Alexander told the crowd that he grew up living with his grandmother in an impoverished neighborhood that the police ignored.

“Imagine my grandmother being elderly, being afraid to call the police because we knew they weren’t coming. It wasn’t the police officer’s fault, just like it’s not the police officer’s fault why black men are getting shot,” he added.

The “Back the Blue” rally comes after weeks of protests in our area in the wake of the death of George Floyd. Over the past month, thousands have taken to the streets in our region to protest what they call police brutality.

The June 16 meeting of the Prince William Board of County Supervisors focused largely on race relations, as the elected governing body passed a resolution stating “black lives matter,” which mirrors the name of the organized group of protestors marching across the U.S.

Saturday’s rally comes after similar rallies held in Napa, Calif. and Washington, D.C. by the organizing group “We Back Blue.” The group has additional rallies planned for tomorrow in Fredericksburg, and in Baltimore on July 4.

Police Blotter



31 Graduate from the Prince William County Criminal Justice Academy

On Friday, June 19th, 31 individuals, including 30 Prince William County Police Officer's and 1 Prince William County Sheriff's Deputy, graduated from the Prince William County Criminal Justice Academy in a modified ceremony due to the pandemic at the Police Association Hall in Manassas.

The 31 men and women completed a 24-week course of training in all aspects of police work, including classes in firearms, use-of-force decision making, driver training, legal training, patrol techniques, criminal investigation and crash investigation.

For a full list of the graduates and their bios see the PWCPD News Release [here](#).

Happy 50th Anniversary to the Prince William County Police Department

On July 1, the Prince William County Police Department (PWCPD) celebrated their 50th anniversary serving and protecting the residents of the county. We thank everyone who has put their lives on the line to help make our communities safer.

[Click here](#) to watch a video posted by the county commemorating PWCPD's 50 years of service to Prince William County.





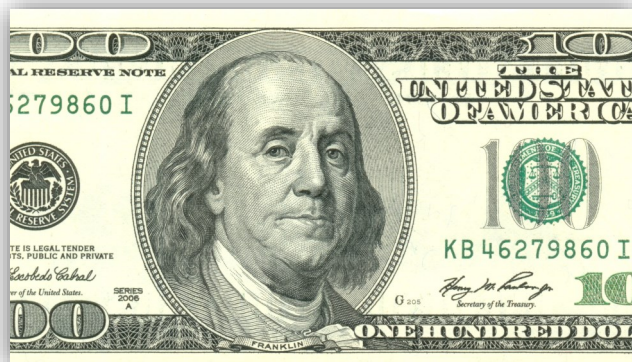
Directive Given to Rename Jefferson Davis Highway

On June 16th, Woodbridge District Supervisor, Margaret Franklin, issued a directive to county staff to begin looking into the feasibility of renaming Jefferson Davis Highway (Route 1) along the eastern end of Prince William County.

A memo put out by the Prince William Department of Transportation in March of this year was unable to pin down the actual costs of renaming, but it is anticipated that it would cost taxpayers in the millions. The memo stated that approval would be needed by the Prince William Board of County Supervisors, the Virginia Department of Transportation, and the Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board in order for the name change to take effect. Though not required, PWDOT also recommended that an advisory committee be formed to look into the impacts of such a change in addition to outreach to the resident and businesses that would be affected by a potential change, including 302 parcels of land and 816 premise addresses.

County Executive, Chris Martino, is expected to provide the BOCS with a more detailed review of the potential costs at the scheduled July 14th meeting.

- Coles District Staff



First Half of Real Estate Tax Bills Due by July 15th

For homeowners who do not pay their residential tax bills through their mortgage escrow account the deadline to pay your real estate bill to the county for FY2021 is Wednesday, July 15th.

Many of you will notice that your tax bill has increased over last year. [This is due to the property tax increase approved by the Board of County Supervisors earlier this year on April 29th.](#) The average tax bill increase from FY2020 to FY2021 was \$177, based on a home value of \$387,000.

For information on how to pay your property tax bill please [click here](#).

- Coles District Staff

FY2021 Budget Now Available Online

For those interested in viewing the FY2021 Budget and FY2021-2026 Capital Improvement Program please [click here](#).

- Coles District Staff

Strategic Plan Update – Resident Survey

Through August 30th an Online Community Survey for the 2021-2024 Strategic Plan will be available for county residents to fill out in regards to their top five issues facing the county over the next four years.

The survey can be accessed here: <https://www.surveymoz.com/s3/5635864/2021-2024-Strategic-Plan-Survey>

I have heard from many of you that limiting overdevelopment ranks among your top issues pertaining to local government. Our rate of growth has an impact on many areas of our daily life, including traffic congestion, school overcrowding, public safety, taxes, and many other areas pertaining to our overall quality of life here in Prince William County. Which is why during my conversations with county staff earlier this year I requested that overdevelopment be included as an option in the survey. While it may not be entirely clear, I believe the “Sustainable Growth” option is the option provided that most closely mirrors those concerned with overdevelopment. Whatever your response or top issues may be, Question 2 enables you the opportunity to more clearly expand upon your thoughts.

Filling out this survey is an excellent opportunity for your government to hear from you and what is important to you and your family. I hope you’ll take 1-2 minutes to take this anonymous online survey and provide us with your feedback.

For more information about the strategic planning process, visit the [strategic planning webpage](#) or contact the Strategic Plan Coordinator at strategicplan@pwcgov.org.

- Supervisor Yesli Vega

LOOKING BACK: From Dumfries to Brentsville: How the county moved west

By: Martin Jeter

Read this article in the [Prince William Times](#).



Happy Fourth of July!

While John Adams's declaration to celebrate the day with pomp, parade, and illuminations may not be possible this year we can all still take time to celebrate the 244th Birthday of our blessed United States of America!

- Supervisor Vega



Honoring our Fathers



To all the fathers and father figures out there – thank you for all you do. We honor and celebrate you.

- Supervisor Vega

Commemorating Juneteenth

On June 19th, 1865, Union Army Major-General Gordon Granger spoke from a balcony in downtown Galveston, Texas. There, it was announced, “the people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free.”

Since that day, Juneteenth has been celebrated as one of the final acts of emancipation of slaves in our country.

This holiday commemorates a pivotal milestone in our pursuit of one of America's fundamental values, that all men are created equal. Today, we acknowledge our nation's achievement in fulfilling our founding principles.

- Supervisor Vega (June 19th, 2020)

Congrats to the Class of 2020!

The end of your primary school education and graduation season isn't what anyone imagined it would be like but your hard work over the last 13 years should be celebrated all the same.

Whether your next destination is college, trade school, the military, or an employment of your choosing I encourage you be a lifelong learner in fulfilling the callings on your life.

Congratulations again and enjoy your day. You've earned it!

- Supervisor Vega

Join Us in Wishing A Happy Birthday to Ms. Gladys!

On July 16th, Ms. Gladys Smith of the Coles District will be turning 108 years young! I had the opportunity to visit with Ms. Gladys in March and she is a gem of a lady.

Please join us in celebrating Ms. Gladys and her special day by [clicking here](#) to send her an E-Birthday Card!



- Supervisor Vega

BOCS Proclaims June LGBTQ+ Pride Month



On June 16th, the Board of County Supervisors proclaimed June 2020 "Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender, Questioning and More Pride Month".

- Coles District Staff

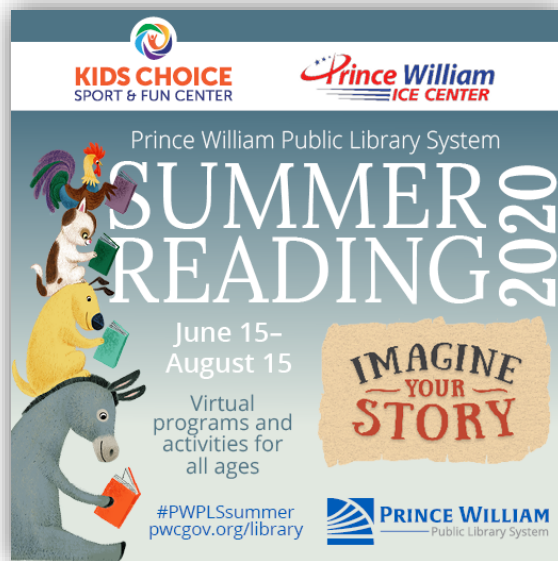
Summer Reading with the Prince William Public Library System

Imagine Your Story

Where will this year's Summer Reading program take you? A faraway magical land, where dragons fly and unicorns roam the forests? A trip across the ocean, singing with the whales and dancing with the dolphins? Wherever you go, the Prince William Public Library System (PWPLS) invites you to "Imagine Your Story" this summer.

Our Summer Reading Program has something for all ages! To participate, [register online](#), use the Beanstack Tracker app on your smartphone, or grab a game card when you pick up your holds via Contact-Free Pick Up. Track your progress by checking off activities! When our libraries reopen, come in after 10 activities for a free book and to be entered into a grand prize drawing. Complete all the activities for a bonus entry for the grand prize drawing.

New! All our programs are virtual this year: Visit us at pwcgov.org/library to watch awesome programs online!



What is the Summer Reading Program?

Summer Reading at PWPLS is an annual program that combines quality programs, challenges, and incentives to keep children, young adults, and adults reading and coming to our libraries throughout the summer. This year, we are using our imaginations and creativity with the theme "Imagine Your Story."

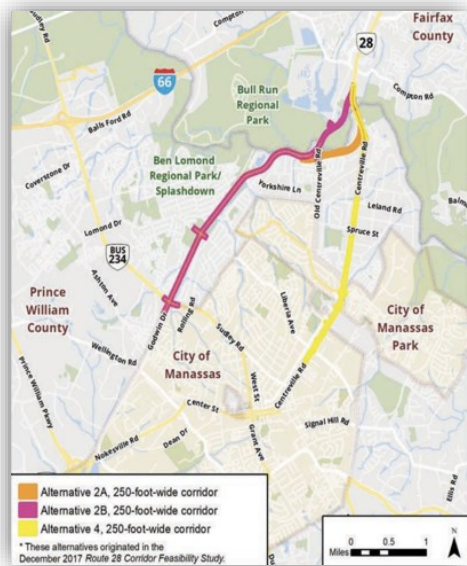
Our libraries are offering virtual programs conducted by trained staff, community partners, and live performers. These include STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) elements that spark a love of learning through music, puppetry, theatre, story times, crafts, and other great programs. In addition, challenges with prizes and incentives along the way excite and engage people of all ages.

Summer Reading is developed in close collaboration with area public schools. The program supports school system initiatives by aligning public library programs with school literacy goals.

Why is Summer Reading so Important?

Research shows that students who don't engage in learning activities during the summer can get caught in the "summer slide" and forget what they learned during the long break. By the end of 6th grade, students who lose reading skills over the summer are two years behind their classmates. Reading as few as four books can help students maintain – and even increase – their reading skills during the summer.

- Prince William Public Library System



28 Bypass/Godwin Extension Public Hearing Scheduled for July 14

A public hearing will be held to approve the alignment of the Route 28 Bypass/Godwin Drive Extension at the next Board of County Supervisors meeting on July 14th. Residents interested in signing up to speak at the hearing can sign up through [SpeakUp](#) or attend the meeting in-person.

- Coles District Staff

Hundreds of New Virginia Laws in Effect as of July 1st

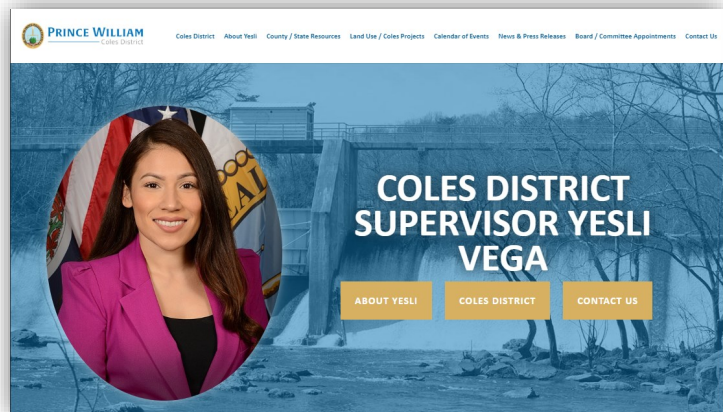
Please [click here](#) for a list of some of the more notable laws that went into effect on July 1st. For the entire list of new statewide laws in Virginia, please [click here](#).

New ColesDistrict.org Office Website Now Live

The newly revamped colesdistrict.org website is now live! The newly designed site includes information on the Coles District, county and state resources, upcoming land use cases and projects in the district, a calendar of events, and news and press releases in addition to information on how to contact us with your constituent requests. You can also access previous newsletters and find contact information for all of Supervisor Vega's appointments and county department offices.

We hope it will be a helpful resource for Prince William County and Coles District residents.

- Coles District Staff



Coles Land Use Cases

Upcoming

Independent Hill Small Area Plan

**Planning Commission Work Session:
July 8th, 6:00pm, Potomac Conference Room**

**Planning Commission Public Hearing:
July 22nd, 7:00pm, McCoart Board Chambers (Tentative)**

Plan is TBA as of print

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

**Planning Commission Public Hearing:
July 29th, 7:00pm, McCoart Board Chambers (Tentative)**

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”.

Message from Planning Commissioner Joe Fontanella

Citizens,

Several of you have emailed me regarding the Independent Hill Small Area Plan, as well as the Mid-county park and estates homes (now known as the Preserve at Long Branch).

Regarding the scheduling....the planning director and chair of the planning commission set the agenda for these meetings....for Independent Hill, they have decided to hold a work session on 8 July and a hearing on 22 July. The Preserve will be heard on 29 July. (Work sessions have no public comment time, but they are open to the public for observation).

With respect to Independent Hill. I have pointed out the objections that you, as well as I and Supervisor Vega, have regarding the rush to move this forward. Nonetheless, it is proceeding as scheduled. We only very recently had a chance to review this "new" version of the plan.

Frankly, I, as well as supervisor Vega, believe there are unresolved issues with this plan....while issues of density appear to be improved, perhaps most importantly, the removal of approximately 85 acres from the Rural Crescent in the Potomac District, adjacent to the Prince William National Forest, to be dedicated to Public Facility/Office Space. There is a plan to return only 5 unusable acres back to the RC as part of this plan. We have asked Planning Director Horner to consider removing the Potomac District/Rural Crescent from this plan, but it appears thus far that she intends to move it forward as is.

Subsequent to this action, there will be a vote on 29 July of the developer Mark Granville-Smith's newly named "Preserve at Long Branch." This plan calls for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment affecting 317.7 acres, removing approximately 166 plus acres from the Rural Crescent...so that SRR rules can apply and bring in sewer and water.

Although these plans are separate, I think that you can see that one sets a precedent for the other.

I would recommend that you reach out to members of the planning commission and board of county supervisors with your comments. Please also feel free to attend both hearings either in person or virtually.

- Commissioner Fontanella

Board / Commission / Committee Meetings

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| Animal Advisory Committee N/A N/A | Northern VA Regional Commission July 23rd - 7:30 PM novaregion.org |
| Commission on Aging July 28th - 10:00 AM Manassas Senior Center | Parks & Recreation Commission July 15th - 7:00 PM Helwig Park Administrative Building |
| Board of Zoning Appeals July 20th - 2:00 PM McCoart Building, Board Chambers | Planning Commission July 8th - 6:00 PM (Work Session) McCoart Building, Potomac Conference Room July 15th - 7:00 PM July 22nd - 7:00 PM July 29th - 7:00 PM McCoart Building, Board Chambers |
| Community Services Board July 16th - 6:30 PM McCoart Building, Powell's Creek Conference Room | PRTC July 9th - 7:00 PM youtube.com/PRTCtransit |
| Historical Commission July 14th - 7:30 PM Atrium, Development Services Building | Trails & Blueways Council July 28th - 6:30 PM 14220 Bristow Road, Manassas |
| Human Rights Commission July 9th - 7:30 PM McCoart Building, Board Chambers | School Board July 7th - 6:00 PM July 16th - 6:00 PM pwcstv.com |
| Regional Jail Board July 15th - 6:00pm Adult Detention Center or youtube.com | Service Authority N/A N/A |
| Library Board N/A N/A | Social Services Advisory Board July 21st - 6:00 PM Molinari Shelter |
| Regional Airport Commission N/A N/A | VRE Operations Board July 17th - 9:00 AM PRTC Boardroom |

July Board of Supervisors Meetings

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| July 14th | 2:00 PM | Regular Meeting |
| July 14th | 7:30 PM | Regular Meeting |
| July 21st | 2:00 PM | Regular Meeting |
| July 21st | 7:30 PM | Regular Meeting |

SpeakUp! Prince William is a way for you to comment on meeting agendas of the Board of County Supervisors online. When the agenda is posted, you can add comments to items [here](#).

All Board of County Supervisors Meetings Are Broadcast Live:

- Comcast: Channel 23
- Verizon: Channel 37
- County Website: pwcgov.org/bocs

Links To Watch June Board of Supervisors Meetings

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| June 2nd | 2:00 PM | Regular Meeting |
| June 16th | 7:30 PM | Regular Meeting |

July Planning Commission Meetings

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| July 8th | 6:00 PM | McCoart, Potomac Conference Room | Work Session Independent Hill Small Area Plan |
| July 15th | 7:00 PM | McCoart Building, Board Chambers | Public Hearing |
| July 22nd | 7:00 PM | McCoart Building, Board Chambers | Public Hearing |
| July 29th | 7:00 PM | McCoart Building, Board Chambers | Public Hearing |

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| Adult Detention Center | (703) 792-6420 | Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court | (703) 792-6160 |
| Area Agency on Aging | (703) 792-6374 | Management and Budget | (703) 792-6720 |
| 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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