

PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY NEWSLETTER



MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS ON TRACK TO BE COMPLETED THIS SPRING



The new Fire & EMS station 7 at the corner of Moody Road and James River Drive is nearing completion. The final touches are in progress with a total price of \$2.9 million. The scheduled completion is April and a grand opening on par for May 2019. The new combination station

includes sleeping accommodations for six personnel, a training and meeting room and the County's first detoxification unit. The new station will help decrease response times to the James River corridor and will allow for a reduction in citizen's homeowners insurance costs.

The Courthouse lower level, also with a projected completion date in April, came with a price tag for renovations of \$1.1 million. Renovations include a new courtroom, judge's chambers, waiting area, meeting rooms for attorneys to meet

with clients, holding cells and storage areas for the Circuit Court Clerk's office and Sheriff's office. HVC Chenault was the architect for the project and J.W. Enochs, Inc. was the contractor. A ribbon cutting will be announced in the near future.



E911/FORT LEE AGREEMENT IN PLACE

It is not often that the Federal government appropriates funding to a local government. But, that is exactly what happens when local government leaders actively engage their military counterparts and keep the lines of (emergency) communication



open, literally. An informal discussion eventually led to an Intergovernmental Support Agreement (IGSA) signing ceremony on February 8, 2019 between Prince George County and Fort Lee.

The Fort Lee Police Department initiated discussions with the County Police Department to enter into a local agreement, which would add Fort Lee to the County's Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and call handling system. This agreement will grant Fort Lee access to a newer CAD system and grant additional benefits to emergency calls on base. The IGSA will also improve interagency cooperation with the two entities sharing the same system and call handling equipment. The contract is for a period of five (5) years with the ability to renew for successive one (1) year periods for four (4) additional years.

There will be an increased cost in expenditures during the contract term, but Fort Lee will be reimbursing Prince George County for 100% of the expenditures. The County will maintain the shared software and hardware installed in the County, while Fort Lee will maintain any equipment and software installed for Fort Lee staff. Since all of Fort Lee is within Prince George County, this partnership will provide an even closer working relationship for the public safety groups of both organizations.

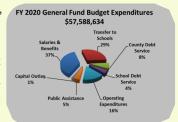
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FISCAL YEAR 2020 PROPOSED COUNTY BUDGET

County Administrator Percy C. Ashcraft presented his proposed FY'20 budget to the Board of Supervisors on February 26, 2019. The County experienced unprecedented increases in many services during 2018 to include

permitting, inspections, arrests, traffic stops, traffic accidents, pretrial services, use of county exercise rooms and cases heard at our Circuit, General District, and Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts. Despite large increase in services, virtually no new positions have been proposed for FY2020. (cont. on pg. 5)



FARMERS' MARKET OPENING SOON



The Prince George Farmers' Market begins its ninth season on Saturday, May 4th. The Market will be open Saturdays from 8 a.m. - noon under the Scott Park Pavilion adjacent to the Prince George Library through October

26th. The only day the Market will be closed is the Saturday of Labor Day weekend (August 31st).

This year, we are introducing 2nd Tuesdays in June, July and August. This special weekday market will be open from 4 - 6 p.m. at the Scott Park Pavilion at the height of produce season (June 11, July 9 and August 13). Staff is currently planning other Farmers' Market events during the summer, which will be advertised at the market and on its Facebook page. New vendors are always welcome. Visit https://www.princegeorgecountyva.gov/FarmersMarket for more information.

FACILITY NAMING

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was asked to consider naming facilities after two long tenured coaches, Reggie Jones (left) and Thomas Bendall (bottom), each serving the youth of the County for 35+ years. The Prince George County Board of Supervisors

unanimously agreed with the Recreation Advisory Commission recommendations, naming the gymnasium at the Central Wellness Center (old JEJ Moore School) after Reggie Jones and field #1 at the JEJ Moore Athletic Complex after Thomas Bendall.



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCES AWARDS FOR 2018

The Hopewell/Prince George Chamber of Commerce held their Annual Membership Meeting on February 28th at the Upper Shirley Vineyards. Over 250 members of the Hopewell/Prince George community were present for the recognition of these outstanding contributions by members of our community. Prince George County congratulates these businesses and individuals for their hard work and continued effort to make this County an exceptional place to live.

The following business members of Prince George County were recognized:

Community Service: Landen Strapping

Health & Wellness: Prince George County Fire & EMS Hometown Heroes

Volunteer of the Year: Traci Hackley, Baymont Inn & Suites

Quality of Life: Prince George Rotary Club

Beautification: Luca Italian Restaurant



YOUTH WORKFORCE WILL RETURN



Above: 2018 Graduates

Prince George County, Prince George Schools, Appomattox Regional Library System and Joint Logistics Management, Inc. will be hosting approximately 30 students during the summer months. Students are currently preparing for this internship and will be matched with their prospective employer in early May.

4-H CAMP

Prince George County 4-H Camp will be held July 1-5 at the Airfield 4-H Center for youth ages 9-14. The total cost of the camp is \$300. Please contact Hermon Maclin, 4-H Director at 733-2686 to register before June 19th. Applications can be found on the VCE/4-H website at www.offices.ext.vt.edu/prince-george/ Space is limited so don't delay!

GUNS N' HOSES IS BACK

The Prince George County Police Department and Prince George County Fire & EMS will be hosting the fourth Annual "Guns & Hoses" charity softball game. This event will take place on July 31st, starting at 6 p.m. at the upper field of Scott Park. Admission is free for the event. Don't miss this entertaining game with the proceeds going to the Prince George County Public Safety Foundation.

HOMETOWN HEROES RACE



On May 4th from 8:30 a.m. until noon at Scott Park, Prince George County will host its 4th Annual Hometown Heroes Event. The 5K

event will help to raise money to benefit County citizens looking to pursue careers in the Military, Law Enforcement and Fire & In addition, elementary school EMS. students from the County are challenged to get fit in preparation of the Little Hero Feet Meet Fun Run one-miler which is a part of the Hometown Heroes event. New this year is a 100-meter Kinder Dash for children ages 3-6. All proceeds from this event will be going towards scholarships that are related to Military and Public Safety. If you any questions, please contact hometownheroes@pgfems.org.

PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY 2019 EMS * AID OPEN ENROLLMENT

The EMS*Aid subscription program open enrollment offered by Prince George County Fire & EMS has begun. This program was implemented to reduce the



out-of-pocket expenses associated with emergency ambulance transport to a local hospital. For more information or to obtain an enrollment form, contact the Prince George Department of Fire & EMS at 804-722-8623 or visit the County's web site at www.princegeorgecountyva.gov.

SUGGEST A STORY

If there is a story that you think our readers would find informative, or if you have feedback or questions regarding this newsletter, please contact Corrie Hurt at churt@princegeorgecountyva.gov.

PARKS AND RECREATION

| Camp/Activity | Ages | Registration | When |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|
| Basketball Camp | Girls - 7-18 Boys - 9-17 | Girls - June 24 - July 19 Boys - June 10 – July 5 | Girls - July 29 – Aug.1 Boys - July 15-17 |
| Cheerleading Camp | 5-14 | May 20 - June 28 | July 22-24 |
| Football & Cheerleading League | 5-14 | May 20 - June 14 | August - 1st week of November |
| Football Camp | 6-14 | May 20 - June 28 | July 22-24 |
| Mini-Mite Camp | 3-4 | May 20 - June 14 | July 1-3 |
| Field Hockey Camp | 7-15 | May 6 - May 24 | June 4-6 |
| Soccer Camp | 5-18 | July 1 - July 26 | August 5-7 |
| Volleyball Camp | 6th grade to rising seniors | May 20 - June 14 | June 24-26 |

KITE FESTIVAL ON APRIL 27TH

Prince George Parks and Recreation is proud to be hosting its seventh Annual Kite Festival on April 27th from 11am-3pm at Temple Park. This family friendly event will feature kite demonstrations and fun contests for all groups. Participants will have the opportunity to build, fly and take home their own kite. The Kite Festival 1K Fun Run for ages 5-12 starts promptly at 11am.

SCOTT PARK & CENTRAL WELLNESS CENTER MASTER PLANS

Today, Upper Scott Park is a largely undeveloped 301-acre site with a basic 5-field soccer complex. Current development plans for the park include a new Tree Time Adventure zip-line tree-top course with disc golf and hiking trails on the north half of the site. To help determine the future needs and uses of Scott Park, community surveys, stakeholder interviews, and a level of service standards analysis were conducted by LPDA. A common theme across all age groups supports the idea of improved soccer and new baseball facilities. A final master plan is nearing completion.

The Central Wellness Center revitalization study is underway by Enteros Design to evaluate potential adaptive reuses for multiple spaces within the building. Various programming options are being considered for citizen services and utilization - a wellness center, business incubator, and community center which offers recreation, education, arts and culture, business resources, technology, and office space to meet the needs of the residents.

MOVIES IN THE PARK-SUMMER 2019

Prince George Parks and Recreation will be sponsoring free "Movies in the Park" at Scott Park. On June 14th, *Smallfoot* will be the movie of choice and on July 12th, *Lego Movie 2* will be showing. Come out and enjoy a family night under the stars. Bring a blanket to sit on, and bring your appetite as the concession stand will be open. Contact Parks and Recreation at (804) 458-6164 for more information.

ARRP 5K HELD APRIL 6TH

Prince George Parks and Recreation, the Riverside Regional Jail and the Friends of the Lower Appomattox River (FOLAR) were proud to host the 4th annual Appomattox River Regional Park 5K Trail Run (800 FOLAR Trail N. Prince

George, VA 23860) on Saturday, April 6th. Participants at all levels came to enjoy the festivities. All profits and donations went to benefit Special Olympics and Friends of the Lower Appomattox River (FOLAR).

FALL SOCCER

Registration
will be held
from July 1stAugust 2nd
Ages 4-18
Contact Parks
& Recreation
for more
information.

BALL TOURNAMENTS

Prince George County is proud to host the following upcoming youth travel league baseball and softball tournaments:

<u>April 27-28</u> - USSSA Wood Bat Blast

May 25-26 - VA USSSA State Tournament

<u>June 8-9</u> - USA Softball 16U/18U Gold Territory Championship

COMMUNITY ART EXHIBIT

Prince George Parks and Recreation will be hosting a Community Art Exhibit on Saturday, May 4th from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Prince George County Library, 6605 Courthouse Road. You are invited to come out and view paintings, photography, sculpture or other media from local artists.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Prince George County Parks and Recreation is holding a Community Yard Sale on Saturday, April 27th from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. at Temple Park Pavilion (14307 Prince George Drive Disputanta, VA 23842). All proceeds raised from vendor registration fees will go to the Prince George Parks and Recreation Foundation.

KIDS SUMMER DAY CAMP

Day Camp will be held June 17th - August 15th at Scott Park on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30a.m. - 2:30p.m. and at Temple Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30a.m. 2:30p.m. Children must be six on or before June 17th and cannot be 13 on or before June 17th. Activities will include sports and games, arts and crafts, special field trips and guest programs. Registration will be taken May 1st until filled. First time participants must present a copy of their birth certificate when registering.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

<u>Burn Building</u> - Prince George Fire & EMS is working with engineers to develop a site plan for a future live fire training center that will be funded through a \$450,000 grant from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs. The training center will be located on Wells Station Road near County Drive

and will provide state of the art, realistic training for emergency responders.

<u>Morelia</u> - A new restaurant on Courthouse Road is scheduled to be open this Spring. This endeavor, from the owners of Luca's, will serve Mexican dishes with the space renovated and decorated with murals of the owner's homeland.

PGEC Enterprises, LLC - is moving along with their "Fiber to the Home" (FTTH) project. Over 340 customers have been connected to the new fiber line, with 150+ applications pending.

<u>Sheetz, Inc.</u> - has begun construction of a new convenience store/carwash/gas station on Temple Avenue near Puddledock Road. This new business is slated for a June 2019 opening.

<u>The Star Express</u> - Sunoco travel plaza with convenience store is open for business near Exit 45. Huddle House restaurant is nearing completion with a soft opening held March 26th.

<u>Tree Time Adventures</u> - has begun clearing trees and brush to make way for their proposed adventure park near Upper Scott Park. Aerial zip-lines, rope bridges and walking trails are planned for a 2019 opening.

A new stand-alone building for <u>Virginia Physicians For Women</u> in the Puddledock Road Medical Park is underway. Construction should be completed by the end of 2019.





2019 BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE UNDERWAY

The Prince George County 2019 Business Roundtable has begun. The Roundtable started its eighth year in February as an infor-



mation exchange between the public and private sector. Meeting every other month, this group includes a diverse cross-section of private businesses which will spend the year discussing topics which impact the economic growth of our community. Each year, a new group of selected businesses is asked to serve. Every meeting includes an update from the County Administrator, Mr. Percy Ashcraft, and a keynote speaker on business topics.

The County will host an Alumni Dinner on October 30, at the Country Club of Petersburg. The classes of 2012 – 2019 will be joined by members of the Board of Supervisors, as well as local and state elected officials.

If you are a County business owner or manager and would like more information on this group or would like to be considered for the 2020 class, please contact Jeff Stoke at 804-722-8612 or jstoke@princegeorgecountyva.gov.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Prince George County and the Hopewell/Prince George Chamber of Commerce congratulate the following businesses and welcome them to the County:



The new owners of *The Barns of Kanak*, located at 5503 Ruffin Road, Prince George, held a grand re-opening and ribbon cutting celebration on October 12, 2018.

Southside Physicians Network officially opened at 4221 Crossings Boulevard, North Prince George, on February 8, 2019 with a ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony.





County staff have been actively attending trade shows for industrial, retail and sports tourism marketing. They hold one -on-one meetings with businesses evaluating our County as a place to locate or hold a tournament. They are showing the world that Prince George County,

Virginia is **OPEN FOR BUSINESS!**

PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY CELEBRATES TOURISM

Prince George County, in collaboration with Petersburg Area Regional Tourism (PART), is commemorating the 50 Year Anniversary of the *Virginia is For Lovers* slogan in conjunction with National Tourism Week.

From April 20 – June 8th, PART and its members are celebrating *50* Years of Love with 50 days of promotions. There will be *50* Years of Love celebrations at restaurants, hotels, small businesses, wineries, breweries, festivals, and more across the region. Be sure to visit the Prince George County Regional Heritage Center where wedding gowns and photos of family marriages from the past 50 years, and earlier, will be showcased. You and your loved one(s) can also enjoy a special "Lovers menu" at Luca Italian Restaurant, located at 6411 Courthouse Road, during the 50 day celebration.

On May 6th, at Pamplin Historical Park, PART and its members will showcase travel's contributions to the economy and American jobs. The program will showcase why "Travel Matters," spotlighting the many ways travel impacts American jobs,

economic growth and personal well-being.

Please visit www.petersburgarea.org for more information on all of the 50 Years of Love festivities.



FISCAL YEAR 2020 PROPOSED COUNTY BUDGET CONT..

Budget Highlights:

- 1. Large increase to *Riverside Regional Jail* \$676,886 (50%) for increased census and increased per diem.
- 2. Large increase in *Comprehensive Services Act* expenditures of \$690,000 or 54.8%.
- 3. *Two new positions* are proposed Deputy Sheriff's Office; Attorney Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney; contingent upon *Compensation Board funding*.
- 4. Pay improvement for County employees.
- 5. Funding of *Employee Health Insurance* Increase.
- 6. Full funding of the modified Memorandum of Understanding *(MOU)* between the County and *Public School Division*.
- 7. Limited General Fund *Equipment, Vehicles & Projects* of \$460,761 (including county Building Maintenance of \$300,000).
- 8. *Utility Capital Improvements* totaling \$1.53M.
- 9. Limited Capital Improvement Projects and Debt Issuance for various initiatives including Police Vehicles (\$400,000); Fire Apparatus (\$2,250,000 using devoted \$0.02 Real Estate Tax Carve Out); Stormwater projects (\$2,100,000 using Stormwater fees)

No tax or fee increases were included in the proposed budget. Assessed values increased by 3.3%, net of new construction and improvements, and 4.4% in total. The Board of Supervisors continues its work in reviewing and revising the FY'20 budget. Work sessions were held on March 7, March 18 and April 3. A public hearing is scheduled for April 23 and board adoption is planned for May 14.

A copy of the FY 2019-2020 Proposed Budget is available on the County's website at http://www.princegeorgecountyva.gov/[Departments/Finance/Forms, Documents & Reports].

STORM WATER PROJECT UPDATE

Through the Stormwater Utility Fee program, three stream channels used for stormwater drainage that were identified as severely compromised and exhibited channel erosion are undergoing transformations this spring. The streams are located in the Birchett Estates and Cedar Creek subdivisions.

These projects consist of the stabilization of outfall channels and stream banks to reduce erosion caused by uncontrolled runoff from upstream development and heavy rain events. The images below (left) show a stream channel with severe erosion in a yard and the stream channel and yard restored (right).





RT. 156 WATER MAIN EXTENSION & RT. 460 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Prince George County Utilities is currently administering two water main extension projects that will provide redundancy in the water supply in case of a failure as well as provide fire protection along these routes. The Route 460 water system improvements include upgrades to the existing booster station and a 1-mile extension of the 12" water main from the Petersburg Jail Annex entrance to the booster station located near the Food Lion distribution center. A 3-mile extension of the 12" water main along Route 156 will connect the existing water main from Mount Sinai Rd (west) to the water main at the Pine Ridge mobile home park. Construction is anticipated to begin in the winter of 2019 with the Route 460 improvement to be completed in the spring of 2020 and the Route 156 improvements completed in the fall of 2021. Residents and businesses along these routes will have an opportunity to connect to the county water system during construction. Those who connect prior to completion of project may be eligible for a discount on the \$3,000 connection fee.

SCADA SYSTEM & WATER METER UPDATE

Public Utilities is advancing its operations by using a supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system and upgrading to radio-read water meters. SCADA is a system of software and hardware elements that allows the Public Utilities to control water and wastewater activities and processes locally or at remote locations. In addition, it allows the department to monitor, gather, and process real-time data to ensure the system operates in the optimal state. The upgrade to radio-read water meters will allow the department the means to collect meter readings more safely and faster by no longer having to walk the roads, but instead they will drive through the community with devices capable of collecting the readings remotely. To properly budget and avoid a rate increase, the meter upgrades will take place over the next several years.

2019 VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WELL WATER TESTING PROGRAM

If you rely on a well for your water supply, you are responsible for the safety of your family's water! This means you should take steps toward maintaining and protecting your well and regularly test your water. This program will test for 14 constituents including bacteria, nitrate, and lead. The cost is \$60 per sample. Sample collection date is June 26, 2019. For details, contact the VCE — Prince George Office at 804-733-2686. Additional details and registration information can be found at www.prince-george.ext.vt.edu. If you are a person

with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Scott Reiter during business hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to discuss accommodations five days prior to the event. *TDD number is (800) 828-1120.



SEPTIC PUMPOUT PROGRAM

In the Spring of 2018, the Prince George County Department of Community Development & Code Compliance began administrating and monitoring the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's mandated Septic Pump-Out/Inspections Program. The intent of the program is to help improve water quality in the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area (CBPA) of the County through non-point source pollutant management.

The Prince George County Zoning Ordinance Section 90-667 requires property owners of on-site septic systems in the CBPA to have systems pumped or inspected at least once every five years. To aide with citizen service, the department implemented a new email system for the program <code>septicpumpoutprogram@princegeorgecountyva.gov</code>.

For the purpose of this program, the County's CBPA is divided into five (5) zones. First zone mailings produced an 80% compliance rate from our property owners. Our second zone mailings will be sent in May 2019.

Prince George County Police Department Calendar of Events

| Date | Time | Event | Location |
|--------------|---------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| | | | |
| April 27 | 10:00 a.m 2:00 p.m. | Drug Takeback Day | Prince George Police Dept. (side lot) |
| May 3 | 5:00 p.m 9:00 p.m. | Tip-A-Cop Fundraiser | Nanny's Barbeque |
| May 4 | 8:00 a.m 12:00 p.m. | Pet Adoption Event | Scott Park |
| May 6- 10 | | National Police Week | |
| May 22 | 10:00 a.m 2:00 p.m. | Ft. Lee Safety Day | Fort Lee PX |
| June 6 | 9:00 a.m 11:00 a.m. | Special Olympic Torch Run | Courthouse Road |
| June 7 | 6:30 p.m 7:30 p.m. | Youth Public Safety Academy Orientation | Central Wellness Center |
| June 17 - 28 | 8:00 a.m 5:00 p.m. | Youth Public Safety Academy | Central Wellness Center |
| August 6 | 5:00 p.m 9:00 p.m. | National Night Out | Countywide |
| October 12 | 9:00 a.m 12:00 p.m. | Shred Day & Food Drive | Ft. Lee Credit Union |

100% DISABLED VETERANS & SURVIVING SPOUSE REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AMENDMENT

Real property tax exemption for disabled veterans; surviving spouses; ability to move to a different residence. Enacts as statutory law an amendment to subdivision (a) of Section 6-A of Article X of the Constitution of Virginia that was adopted by the voters on November 6, 2018, which applies the real property tax exemption for the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran to such spouse's principal place of residence regardless of whether such spouse moves to a different residence. The provisions of the bill would apply to taxable years beginning on and after Jan 1, 2019. Any questions may be directed to the Commissioner of the Revenue's office at (804) 722-8740.

Darlene M. Rowsey Commissioner of the Revenue

TAX RELIEF

Real Estate Tax Relief Applications for Elderly or Permanently and Totally Disabled must be filed no later than August 1, 2019 in order to obtain credit on the December 5, 2019 real estate tax bill. Any questions or concerns may be directed to the Commissioner of the Revenue's office at (804) 722-8740.

Darlene M. Rowsey Commissioner of the Revenue

TAX REMINDER

All 2019 personal property taxes, license fees and second half of 2019 real estate taxes are due on or before June 5, 2019. Taxes not paid by due date will be subject to an immediate 10% penalty, plus interest. If you own property in Prince George County and have not received a tax bill, please call (804) 722-8750. Tax bills will be mailed May 1st, failure to receive a bill does not relieve the taxpayer of any additional charges that will accrue under the law for failure to pay within the prescribed time. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Payments must be post marked by the US Postal Service by June 5, 2019. Drop boxes are available at the County Administration Building.

Susan Clark Vargo, Treasurer

POLAR PLUNGE 2019

With 23 members from the Prince George Police



and Sheriff's Department, Team COPSicles plunged into the Virginia Beach waters for the annual Special Olympics Virginia Beach Polar Plunge. The COPSicles exceeded the goal of \$8,000 and raised \$11,229 for the event. As of March 1st, the total money raised this year through the Virginia Beach Polar Plunge was \$1.173 million for Special Olympics, Virginia. Team COPSicles ranked #20 out of 289 teams!

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE UPDATE

The winter weather is almost behind us, and grass season is around the corner! Tall grass and weeds create hazards to neighborhood residents and contribute to an unkempt look and feel to a neighborhood. County Code requires that tall grass and weeds be kept less than 15 inches in height. The Code Enforcement Division investigates all complaints of tall grass and issues notices when a violation is found. A property owner is given ten days to correct a tall grass violation. If the violation is not corrected within ten days, the County may contract a grass cutting service to remedy the violation. For more information on this or other Property Maintenance topics, please visit the Code Compliance Web Page or call the Department of Community Development and Code Compliance at (804) 722-8659.

PG TRIAD MEETING SCHEDULE

May 20th - Regular meeting at 1:00 p.m. @ PG library

June 24th - Regular meeting at 1:00 p.m. @ PG library

July & August - no meetings

<u>September 23rd</u> - Picnic at noon at Scott Park in lieu of regular meeting.

October 28th - regular meeting at 1:00 p.m. @ PG library



DUAL PRIMARY ELECTION

The order calling for a Democratic/Republican primary for Member, Senate of Virginia, Member, Virginia House of Delegates, and constitutional and local offices will be Tuesday, June 11, 2019. If only one candidate files for any of these offices, there will not be a primary election held for that office. Deadlines for the Primary Elections are:

<u>May 20</u> - Last day to register to vote if not already registered or to update an existing registration.

<u>June 4</u> - Deadline is 5 p.m. to request an absentee ballot by mail.

<u>June 8</u> - Last day for in person absentee voting. Registrar's office is open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

<u>June 11</u> - Election Day. All county precincts open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For further information about this election or current voter registration status, please call the office of the General Registrar and Director of Elections at (804) 722-8748 or email Allan Richeson at aricheson@princegeorgecountyva.gov.



The Citizens Academy is a free course providing an inside look at the Prince George County, Virginia, government system. During each class, various Directors will give an overview of their respective departments. Class locations will vary throughout the semester to give students a broad view of County operations and a chance to visit different facilities.

Registration is limited to 25 participants. The deadline to apply is May 17th. Classes are anticipated to begin June 13th and run through the fall. Members of the public who wish to attend should contact Jeff Stoke, Deputy County Administrator at (804) 722-8600 or email jstoke@princegeorgecountyva.gov.



Two Methods Of Keeping Informed

Prince George County has made Nixle & Code Red available to its citizens at no cost. Nixle delivers trustworthy and important



neighborhood-level public safety and community event notifications by web, e-mail and cell phone. Register at www.nixle.com to start receiving alerts immediately. For more information, contact the Police Department at (804) 863-1847.

CodeRED is used to send emergency messages by cell phone, land line, email, text and social media to keep citizens informed of emergencies such as



evacuation notices, utility outages, water main breaks, fire or floods, chemical spills, flash floods, tornadoes, winter storms or other emergency situations. For more information, contact the Fire/EMS department at (804) 722-8614.

RADIO SYSTEM UPDATE

The Prince George County Public Safety Radio Project continues to move forward. The County began the procurement process for a P25, land mobile radio system in 2018. Currently, the County is in negotiations with two prospective vendors for this project. A vendor is expected to be selected from the process during the spring of 2019. Once a vendor is selected, construction of the system will commence. The construction process is expected to be completed in early 2021. The new Prince George County public safety radio system will replace the current UHF, narrow-band system that was constructed in 2006.

BURROWSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Burrowsville Volunteer Fire Department, located at 17300 James River Drive, will be celebrating 50 years of service to the community with an Open House on Saturday, April 27th from 11 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The company was first formed and began running calls from an old service station and has evolved into the firehouse of today, shown in the photo. Recently, with the addition of 12-hour EMS staffing at the station, the ability to provide emergency medical care has improved the overall service to citizens in the area.

Chief John Nicol cites charter firefighter member, Barry Royer and one Ladies'

Auxiliary member, Nancy Pelter, as still actively involved with the volunteer station for the entire 50 years. All are cordially invited to attend the open house to learn more about the station, its members and the commitment to serving the citizens and visitors to the area.



PRINCE GEORGE HERITAGE CENTER TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY

On the 23rd of April, the Prince George County Board of Supervisors will honor the Prince George County Regional Heritage Center for their Ten Year Anniversary. Since November 8, 2008, the Prince George County Regional Heritage Center has organized major exhibitions, attracted multiple visitors to Prince George County, and brought historical education to students of all ages. The Prince George County Regional Heritage Center, through the support of Prince George County, and with the assistance of the Virginia Historical Society and numerous volunteers, has vitally enhanced the community and expanded educational horizons with world-class programs.

Please visit www.princegeorgevahistoricalsociety.org for more information and upcoming events.



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T.J. Webb District 2 (804) 731-0422 (804) 895-3022 tjwebb@princegeorgecountyva.gov

ANIMAL VACCINATIONS & LICENSES

Dogs and cats over the age of 4 months must have a current rabies vaccination.

A signed and valid rabies certificate is required to obtain a county dog license.

County licenses are due by February 1st of each year unless you purchased a 3 year tag.

Dog License:

\$10.00 not spayed or neutered \$5.00 spayed or neutered

Kennels:

20 Dog Kennel: \$30 (5 valid rabies certs. req.) 50 Dog Kennel: \$50 (20 valid rabies certs. req.)



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Board of Supervisors Meeting Schedule

05/14/19 - Board of Supervisors Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.

05/28/19 - Board of Supervisors Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.

06/11/19 - Board of Supervisors Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.

07/09/19 - Board of Supervisors Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.

08/13/19 - Board of Supervisors Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.

09/10/19 - Board of Supervisors Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m. **09/24/19** - Board of Supervisors Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.

10/08/19 - Board of Supervisors Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.

10/22/19 - Board of Supervisors Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.

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