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# PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY NEWSLETTER



## DENISE WAFF HIRED AS NEW DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

## FISCAL YEAR 2022 INTRODUCED BUDGET

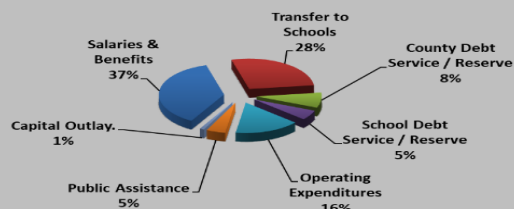
County Administrator Percy Ashcraft presented the introduced FY'22 budget to the Board of Supervisors on March 9th. The presentation followed six pre-budget work sessions, where Board members provided input into budget priorities.

### Budget Highlights:

1. **Continued contribution of \$1,244,686 to capital / debt reserves** to fund construction of a new elementary school and other county and school capital projects as outlined in the County's Capital Improvement Plan. This will be an ongoing, long-term annual contribution to accommodate projects approved for FY'21, proposed for FY'22 and for future projects.

2. General Fund transfer to the **Public School Division of \$17,056,643**; an increase of \$367,808. (cont. on pg.5)

FY 2022 Introduced General Fund Budget  
Expenditures \$62,288,849



Prince George County Administrator Percy Ashcraft has announced that Denise Waff has been hired as the new Director of Community Corrections. Waff will oversee operations of the Riverside Criminal



Justice Agency. She assumed her responsibilities April 16th. "Denise rose to the top in what was a very competitive process," Ashcraft said. "She has experience in all aspects of the position." Waff left her post as Supervisor in the Colonial Heights office of the Chesterfield/Colonial Heights Community Corrections and Pre-Trial Services. She held that position since 2016, and was a long time probation officer before elevating to her supervisory role. Waff received her bachelor's degree from James Madison University, where her studies of emphasis were psychology, criminal justice and sociology. Waff and her family are residents of North Prince George County.

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## FARMERS MARKET WILL OFFER SNAP MATCH

The Prince George Farmers Market will kick off the ninth season on Saturday, May 8th. The Market will be open Saturdays from 8 a.m. - noon at the Scott Park Pavilion adjacent to the Prince George Library through October 30th. The only day the Market will be closed is July 3rd. Corrie Hurt, Market Manager, is pleased to announce that the Market will offer SNAP matching incentives to customers this year through Virginia Fresh Match. Hurt said, "This means when you buy one, you get two. It's a huge incentive for our customers to shop local." The match will only apply to fresh fruits and vegetables. (cont. on pg. 2)



### FARMERS MARKET CONT...

The Market will offer a new token system this year with separate tokens for the match incentives. This year will feature various events to include "Christmas in July", story time with free children's books given away, two different expanded Market dates and various other events that will be planned and announced throughout the season. There are many new vendors joining the Market this year. Lingerfelt Farms will be selling fresh meats, Sunnyside Produce will offer a wide variety of produce and Pop's Kettle treats will have fresh pork rinds, cracklings, fried Oreos and many other treats. "It's always exciting to see new vendors who want to join us each year," Hurt said. The Market will expand into the parking lot that is adjacent to Scott Park Pavilion and will continue to expand as more vendors want to participate. Visit the Facebook page PG Farmers Market or visit the website at <https://www.princegeorgecountyva.gov/farmersmarket/index.php> for more information.

### 4-H CAMP OFFERS A VIRTUAL OPTION



Youth who have attended Prince George 4-H camp almost unanimously agree that it is the best experience. The virtual 4-H camp was such a success in 2020 that both versions will be offered this year. There will be in-person camping at Airfield 4-H center July 5-9

and the event will be broadcasted on social media websites for youth who cannot attend in person.

The number of campers that can be in person this year is limited to 104, which is about a third of the normal camp size. The in-person residential 4-H camp is already full, however, things may change and allow the ability to accept more youth as July approaches. Contact Hollie Perkins at the Prince George 4-H office (804) 733-2686 to have your name added to the waiting list if you are interested.

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ESTABLISHES SENIOR CITIZENS TASK FORCE

The Prince George County Board of Supervisors unanimously established a Senior Task Force at its meeting March 9th. The Task Force was introduced at the request of Chairman Floyd Brown, Jr. Each Supervisor will appoint a member to the panel which can have up to seven members.



The purpose of the Task Force will be to address issues facing older residents such as: Recognition, affordable housing, nursing home care, increased partnership with the Commission on Aging, transportation, weatherization, access to exercise centers, personal supplies such as hearing aids, glasses and walkers, safety from scams, dementia, Alzheimer's and other mental health issues, connection with churches for senior needs, connecting seniors with volunteer organizations, access to adult services, involving seniors with social gatherings, connecting with Fort Lee, starting a grandparents program, Project Lifesaver and a program to regularly check up on seniors who live alone or have a special need.

Dates and times for the committee will be announced after the members are appointed. Anyone interested in serving should contact Teresa Knott, Clerk to the Board of Supervisors at [tknott@princegeorgecountyva.gov](mailto:tknott@princegeorgecountyva.gov) or (804) 722-8610.

### NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UPDATE

Following months of planning, a construction contract was awarded to Loughridge & Company on March 18th to build a new elementary school to replace existing William A. Walton Elementary School which was constructed in 1960. The school will accommodate 850 students ranging from Pre-K to fifth grade, and will be situated on the County-owned Middle Road site. Sufficient funding is included in the County's introduced FY2022 budget to accommodate future debt payments for this school without an increase in the real estate tax rate. The County began putting away over \$1.2 million in debt reserves in FY2021 and will continue this level of investment for the foreseeable future. Construction is slated to begin later this spring, with a move in date of September 2022 planned.

### CENTRAL WELLNESS CENTER CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Renovations are proceeding on schedule at the Central Wellness Center with 60% project completion so far for Phase 1. The contract was awarded to Centennial Contractors Enterprises Inc. in the amount of \$1,457,710. Masonry work, roofing, building finishes, fire protection, plumbing, electrical, fire alarm and heating and ventilation are all progressing as scheduled with a projection completion date of August 2, 2021. Pictured is the new concrete floor and plumbing rough-in located in a restroom.

### NEWSLETTER WILL BE ELECTRONIC IN 2022

Beginning in calendar year 2022, the newsletters will no longer be mailed to County residents. If you would like to be added to the e-mail distribution list, please contact Donna Traylor at [dtraylor@princegeorgecountyva.gov](mailto:dtraylor@princegeorgecountyva.gov) or call County Administration at (804) 722-8600.

### 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](mailto:churt@princegeorgecountyva.gov).



## PARKS AND RECREATION

Camp/Activity	Ages	Registration	When
Field Hockey Camp	7-15	May 3 - May 28	June 14-16
Football Camp	6-14	May 10 - June 25	July 12-14
Football & Cheerleading League	5-14	May 17 - June 11	August - 1st week of November
Mini-Mite Camp	3-4	May 17 - June 11	June 22-24
Cheerleading Camp	5-14	May 17 - June 25	August 16-18
Basketball Camp	Girls - 7-18 Boys - 9-17	Girls - June 21 - July 16 Boys - June 7 - July 9	Girls - July 27- July 30 Boys - July 19-21
Tennis Lessons	5-adult	June 14 - July 16	Lesson Dates -July 26-30
Soccer Camp	5-18	July 5 - July 23	August 2-4

### ARRP 5K WAS A SUCCESS



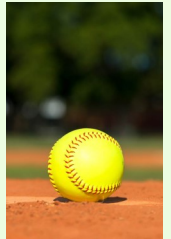
Prince George Parks and Recreation, Riverside Regional Jail and the Friends of the Lower Appomattox River (FOLAR) were proud to host the 5th annual Appomattox River Regional Park 5K Trail Run on April 17th. Participants at all levels came to enjoy the festivities. All profits and donations went to benefit Special Olympics and FOLAR.

### UPCOMING YOUTH TRAVEL LEAGUE

#### TOURNAMENTS

Prince George County is proud to host the following upcoming youth travel league baseball and softball tournaments at J.E.J. Moore Athletic Complex.

April 24-25 - USSSA Baseball Tournament  
May 8 - Field Hockey Tournament  
May 14-15 - USSSA Softball Tournament  
June 12-13 - USSSA Softball Tournament  
July 23-29 - Dixie Softball World Series



### MOVIES IN THE PARK

#### SUMMER 2021

Prince George Parks and Recreation will be sponsoring free movies in the park at Scott Park on June 11th and July 9th at 8:30 p.m. These will be dependent upon the Governor's restrictions at the time of the events. Bring a blanket and your appetite for a family night under the stars. Contact Parks and Recreation at (804) 458-6164 for more information.

### PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY TO HOST DIXIE SOFTBALL

#### WORLD SERIES JULY 23-29

From July 23-29, 2021, Prince George County will host the 2021 Dixie Softball World Series for both the Darlings division (7-8 years old) and Angels X-play division (9-10 years old). The Dixie Softball World Series will host teams from eleven states across the south and, as the host, Prince George County will be allowed to enter a team in both divisions to compete for the title. The Prince George County Board of Supervisors and County Administrator have actively supported sports tourism initiatives. This "home run" is an exciting opportunity for the area to showcase our sports fields, local amenities and community pride.

### SUMMER DAY CAMP

Summer Day Camp will be held June 14 - August 12 at Scott Park on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and at Temple Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Dependent upon the current COVID-19 restrictions, registration numbers and participation length may be limited.



Children must be six on or before June 14 and cannot be 13 on or before June 14th. Activities will include sports and games, arts and crafts, special field trips and guest programs. Registration will be online at [www.princegeorgeva.org/online-registration](http://www.princegeorgeva.org/online-registration) beginning May 1st until filled. First time participants must present a copy of their birth certificate when registering.

### FALL SOCCER REGISTRATION

Registration for Fall Soccer will be held June 28th through July 30th for ages 4-18. Contact Parks and Recreation at (804) 458-6164 for more information.



## PROJECT DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

**Dockside Restaurant** - The former Dockside Restaurant has been purchased and is currently undergoing renovations. The new restaurant will feature Holy Mackerel beer, which is a small batch beer company based out of Florida.

**Circle D** - The new Davis Travel Center Express has opened at the intersection of Routes 156 and 106. The new store features a Subway, Little Caesar's Express and a wider variety of prepared foods and convenience items.



**Hollingsworth Companies** - Hollingsworth Companies are preparing to build a 650,000 SF building in the SouthPoint Business Park that is projected to be ready by the end of 2021. With this new facility, SouthPoint Business Park will have 1,600,000 square foot of industrial space suitable for high-growth manufacturing and distribution companies. Hollingsworth Companies estimates that this will be the largest spec building in the Richmond region.



**Jordan Point Marina** - Jordan Point marina is now under new management, with plans to expand their offerings and make improvements to the existing facilities. A few of the improvements include: creating an event space in an underutilized portion of the marina, offering more food and beverage items in their ship store, potentially adding more slip space, and offering boat rentals.



## AWARD & FRAME SHOP

### OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The Award and Frame Shop celebrated the opening of their second location on Monday, March 15th. The new location will be inside of the Main Exchange Store on Fort Lee, located at 300 A Avenue. The business will continue to operate their original location, at 2019 Boulevard in Colonial Heights. The hours at the Fort Lee location will be 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday - Friday and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday - Sunday.



Chairman Floyd Brown, Jr. stated, "Prince George County is pleased to welcome another growing business to Fort Lee. As part of the County, Fort Lee is expanding commercial services to aid in the mission of military families serving our Country. We applaud the Award and Frame Shop for their expansion, service and new job creation."

Owner Darryl Cheek stated, "We are thrilled to expand in Prince George County on Fort Lee. Our second location will help meet the demands of our growing commercial business." The Award and Frame Shop can be reached via email at [admin@theawardshop.com](mailto:admin@theawardshop.com) and orders can be placed through their website, [www.theawardshop.com](http://www.theawardshop.com).

## IGSA FORT LEE E911 AWARD WINNER

The Army has selected Fort Lee and Prince George County, VA as a 2020 Community Partnership Award recipient in recognition of an Inter-Governmental Support Agreement that saved money and improved response times in emergencies. The award recognizes the significant impact community partnerships make to readiness, modernization, and to the Soldiers and families of the Army.

Locally, the partnership established in February 2019 allowed the Fort Lee Directorate of Emergency Services to upgrade and share the neighboring community's 911 Computer Aided Dispatch System and add a combined electronic emergency response network for both jurisdictions. "It was a huge accomplishment for us and Prince George as a joint venture," said Lt. Col. Robin Pinckney, chief of Fort Lee's Directorate of Emergency Services. "It was a big win for everyone."

Prince George had been using their CAD system since 2006. "By combining with Fort Lee, it helped both departments make better use of available funding and improve their interoperability", said Capt. Jessica Deaton, the operations officer for DES. "For Fort Lee specifically, the new CAD system decreased dispatch times significantly and made overall responses to emergencies faster", she said.

In the past, Fort Lee dispatchers had to hand write details of a complaint into the log and then call police, firefighters or EMS. Now, they can start the dispatch immediately while continuing to type details into the system as the rescue forces respond. The CAD system also will read the notes out loud in the emergency vehicle so the responder doesn't have to stop to read what the dispatcher is inputting. By working together on a combined system, Fort Lee and Prince George County were able to save each other more than \$485,000.

For the community member, there are a couple of advantages to this additional technology as well. The system can now pinpoint the location of a cellphone emergency call, whereas in the past, the dispatcher had to get the information from the caller. That equates to emergency personnel knowing immediately where they need to go. "The E-911 system can accept texts", Deaton said. This is useful, especially for younger people who prefer to communicate via that means as opposed to making a voice call.

The Army Community Partnership Program promotes the pursuit of exceptional cooperative relationships by all garrisons now and well into the future. The awards continue to recognize mutually beneficial agreements between the Army and communities that enhance readiness, contribute to modernization, support Soldiers and their families, and improve relationships with the community.





## FISCAL YEAR 2022 INTRODUCED BUDGET CONT..

3. Increases to **Riverside Regional Jail and Crater Youth-care Commission** of \$49,763 (2.3%) and \$17,798 (5.5%) respectively based on census.

4. Increase in **Children's Services Act** expenditures of \$158,420 or 7.9%.

5. Sizable improvements in Police and Fire/EMS pay plans are included in the introduced budget, and a 2% pay raise or one-time bonus for other County full-time and part-time regular employees. Two position reclassifications are proposed. Some increase in wage costs are incorporated to address the state approved increase in the minimum wage rate.

6. One new position for Department of Social Services was included in the FY'22 budget.

7. A 10% increase is anticipated for the Employee Health Insurance, as well as an increase in worker's compensation. Retirement and group term life insurance contributions will remain at FY'21 levels.

8. An increase of \$26,694 was included for software enhancements (Information Technology). Additionally, increased lease costs for equipment housed on communications towers included at \$45,842 as part of the County's ongoing radio system replacement. A building maintenance repair budget of \$250,000 remains funded to address needed facility repairs throughout the county. Capital funding remains included for public safety and county vehicles at \$400,000.

No Tax Rate increases were proposed for Real Estate or Personal Property. Assessed real property values are projected to increase, mainly due to new construction and improvements. There is an increase in permit fees in the FY'22 introduced budget, and state sales tax collections are expected to rise. Personal property tax revenue is expected to increase due to increased taxable property values. Machinery and Tools tax will decline due to the recent closure of Rolls Royce, and interest revenues will dip in FY'22. There are no increases in the water or sewer rates for FY'22.

The Board of Supervisors continues its work in reviewing and revising the FY'22 budget. State revenue projections will be fine-tuned for both the General Fund and for the Public School system. A public hearing on the FY'22 budget is scheduled for April 27 and board adoption is planned for May 11. A copy of the FY2022 introduced budget is available on the County's website at [http://www.princegeorgecountyva.gov/\[Departments/Finance/Forms, Documents & Reports\]](http://www.princegeorgecountyva.gov/[Departments/Finance/Forms, Documents & Reports]).



## NEW CREDIT & DEBIT CARD CONVENIENCE FEE ON JULY 1

During FY'22 budget deliberations, the Prince George County Board of Supervisors provided direction to implement a credit and debit card convenience fee. As card use has increased to pay tax bills, utility bills, recreation fees and other County fees, so have the County's processing costs to third party providers who manage these card payments. The County can no longer absorb this cost.

Our neighboring local governments have had convenience fees in place for a number of years. The Board will hold a public hearing on April 27th to consider amending its County Ordinance § 2-731 to implement this fee. If the ordinance change is approved, beginning on July 1, 2021, the County Treasurer and various fee collection sites throughout the County will implement a 1.4% credit card and debit card convenience fee. However, the County will not add the processing fee for tokens purchased by credit or debit card at the Prince George Farmers Market.

The 1.4% fee is lower than most surrounding jurisdictions, as Prince George makes every effort to obtain these services at the lowest cost. We will continue to accept payments by cash, check and money order in person, by mail and drop box with no fee.

Locality	Credit Card Fee
Petersburg	2.5%
Chesterfield	2%
Dinwiddie	3%
Colonial Heights	Currently Waived
Hopewell	Variable Fee – Depends on Card

## LAG IN CENSUS NUMBERS STALLS POLICY CONSIDERATIONS BY THE BOS

A lag in finalizing numbers for the 2020 Census at the Federal level has stalled any consideration to make new policy decisions regarding redistricting for the Prince George County Board of Supervisors and other jurisdictions across the nation. Every 10 years, a new census is taken to ascertain an accurate number of people living in the U.S. The data is used for various purposes, including the redistricting of voting districts that can affect representation at the federal, state and local levels.

The Federal Census Bureau ended its compilation of statistics at the end of 2020. This includes 73.2 percent of the population in Prince George County that filled out Census forms. Since that time, there has been much confusion at the Federal level regarding finalizing the detailed population data and returning it back to the states so state legislatures and County and City governments can react.

In Prince George County, discussions by the Board of Supervisors regarding possible redistricting of election districts or even shifting to single-member voting districts have been delayed. "The Board of Supervisors has its hands tied right now until the Census numbers are passed down from the Federal level and upheld by the State Legislature," commented Prince George County Administrator Percy Ashcraft. "There is certainly interest in this subject, but supervisors cannot move forward without accurate information." Residents will be notified of any meeting that will be called on this matter.

# Prince George County Police Department Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event	Location
May 6		Virtual Tri-City Police Memorial Service	Virtual
May 8	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Shred Day & Food Drive	Ft. Lee Credit Union
May 9-15		National Police Week	
May 14	5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Tip-A-Cop Fundraiser	Nanny's Restaurant
June 11	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Special Olympic Torch Run	Courthouse Road
June 21-25	8:00a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Youth Police Academy	J.E.J. Moore
August 3	5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	National Night Out	Countywide
October 2	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Shred Day & Food Drive	Ft. Lee Credit Union

## COVID-19 UPDATE

The Prince George County Regional COVID-19 call center remains open to serve the needs of citizens in Prince George, Surry and Sussex Counties. Please call (804) 722-8799 from 9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, to register with the State or ask questions about the vaccination process. The call center's primary focus is to assist the Crater Health District during the vaccination phase of the pandemic.



## TAX RELIEF

Real Estate Tax Relief Applications for the Elderly or Permanently and Totally Disabled must be filed no later than August 1, 2021 in order to obtain credit on the December 5, 2021 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 2021 personal property taxes, license fees and second half of 2021 real estate taxes are due on or before June 5, 2021. 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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, 2021. Drop boxes are available at the County Administration Building.

**Susan Clark Vargo, Treasurer**

## COVID-19 IMPACT ON THE PERSONAL PROPERTY VEHICLE VALUATIONS OF 2021

The following information is intended to provide insight about the updated NADA vehicle values for 2021 which will affect your Personal Property Tax Bills.

Historically, vehicle values tend to depreciate from month to month. As such, the predicted value of any vehicle would be lower than the value of that same vehicle the previous January. In early 2020, vehicle values were trending as the industry normally expected. Then, in March, COVID-19 altered the anticipated trends of the automobile industry. As a result, all major vehicle valuation services, not just National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA), indicated increased market values between January 2020 and January 2021. Just over the summer of 2020, prices increased over 10% for the U.S. used car market as a whole. Several key market events, beginning as far back as mid-2019, played a part in the values established in January 2021.

These events include but are not limited to: In March of 2020, the Federal Reserve cut the interest rates to near 0%. These unprecedented low interest rates, on both new and preowned vehicles, allowed consumers to purchase vehicles sooner than they would have in the past. A strong demand means higher prices. The "COVID-19" related closing of certain auto manufacturing plants for the necessary production of ventilators and other PPE caused a further reduction in inventory. Large fleet companies (e.g., rental agencies and car services) chose not to replace inventory adding to the shortage of preowned vehicles in the market. 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

### **PRIMARY ELECTIONS**

There will be a Democratic Primary election for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General on Tuesday, June 8, 2021. In-person absentee voting will begin Friday, April 23, 2021. Deadlines for the Primary Elections are:

**May 17** - Last day to register to vote if not already registered or to update an existing registration.

**May 28** - Deadline is 5 p.m. to request an absentee ballot by mail.

**June 5** - Last day for in person absentee voting. Registrar's office is open 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

**June 8** - 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](mailto:aricheson@princegeorgecountyva.gov).

### **SEPTIC PUMPOUT PROGRAM**

The Prince George County Department of Community Development & Code Compliance Environmental Division continues the management of the Septic Pumpout and Inspections Program. The intent of the program is to help improve water quality in the Chesapeake Bay Protection Area (CBPA) of the county through non-point source pollutant management. Under the provisions of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act, owners of properties within the James and Appomattox River watersheds serviced by private on-site septic systems are required to have those systems pumped or inspected once every five (5) years.

Approximately 2,500 households and businesses located within the CBPA of the county are required to participate. The county has divided the CBPA area into 6 zones for the program, rotating the zones each year for notifications to achieve the 5 year cycle for each zone.

In 2020, due to the effects of the pandemic, the decision was made to delay mailings to Zone 4 properties from June to September. Zone 4, which is comprised of 356 properties, to date is recorded as being 69% compliant. The next area to be contacted will be Zone 5 which is comprised of approximately 185 properties. These properties are in the Eastern area of the county and include the James River Drive, Brandon Road and Lebanon Road corridors. Mailings are scheduled for June 1, 2021.

To aide with citizen service, the department has established an email system for the program [septicpumpoutprogram@princegeorgecountyva.gov](mailto:septicpumpoutprogram@princegeorgecountyva.gov). This system has proven to be a very valuable tool in assisting with questions and concerns as well as a convenient way to accept program documentation.

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

The Route 460 water system improvements include an extension of the central system's 12" water main along Route 460 from the Petersburg Jail Annex connecting to the Industrial (Food Lion) Water System located near the Food Lion distribution center. The improvements will also include upgrades to the existing booster station located adjacent to the Food Lion distribution center. The project will increase the water capacity, improve water pressures and add a significant increase in the water volume available for fire control to the area currently served by the Food Lion water system. Furthermore, the connection adds 1 million gallons of storage for fire control to the central system, which significantly improves the fire protection at the business park.

The Route 156 water main extension project is an extension of the 12" water main along Route 156 from Mount Sinai Rd (west) to the Pine Ridge mobile home park. This project adds a loop in the water system, which improves water quality, increases water volume available for fire control and provides redundancy to the water system. This redundancy allows for continuous water supply to customers by providing the ability to isolate a water line break, or other disruption of service, at a single location. The new water line will be approximately 3 miles in length which will require more time to construct. Construction is anticipated to be completed by July 2022.

Residents and businesses along both new water lines will have an opportunity to connect to the county water system after the projects are complete. The Board of Supervisors has approved a 50% discount in the connection fee for single-family homes that connect within 60 days after the water lines are made available. This represents a reduction of \$1,500 off the \$3,000 connection fee. The connection fee for single-family homes will revert back to \$3,000 after the 60 days. Those along these routes that wish to connect are encourage to contact the Department of Engineering and Utilities at (804) 722-8706.

### **PUMP STATION #7 (RICHARD BLAND) REPLACEMENT**

The sewer lift station that serves Richard Bland College and the residential subdivisions along Johnson Road is being overhauled to include a complete replacement of the pumps and control panels. This station is located in a remote area of the county making response times longer than desired. Therefore, the improvements will include the addition of SCADA to allow remote monitoring and control of the station. A new generator will also be installed to ensure uninterrupted service to the college and residential customers. The project began in November 2020 and is expected to be completed in May 2021.

### **STORMWATER UTILITY FUND PROJECTS UPDATE**

Throughout the past year, staff has worked with citizens and state agencies to identify areas in the county which are experiencing stormwater drainage/infrastructure problems. These concerns range from drainage easement maintenance to major infrastructure failures. These types of projects are in addition to the major stream restoration and drainway improvement projects that the County has worked on over the past few years. These projects are funded through our Stormwater Utility Fund and grants awarded by the Dept. of Environmental Quality.

Currently there are three infrastructure repair/replacement projects under contract to start in Spring 2021. These projects are located in the Birchett Estates, New Birchett Estates and Branchester Lakes Subdivisions. The scope of work will include repair or replacement of underground storm sewer pipes that have experienced separations or failures.



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### 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.

#### FEES

#### **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

**05/11/21** - Board of Supervisors Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.

**05/25/21** - Board of Supervisors Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.

**06/08/21** - Board of Supervisors Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.

**07/13/21** - Board of Supervisors Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.

**08/10/21** - Board of Supervisors Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.

**09/14/21** - Board of Supervisors Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.

**09/28/21** - Board of Supervisors Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.

**10/12/21** - Board of Supervisors Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.

**10/26/21** - Board of Supervisors Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.