

# Coles District Newsletter

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Dear Neighbor,

I hope you had a restful and blessed holiday season with your family and loved ones.

As we've turned the page on 2020 and conclude the first week of 2021, I wish I could tell you this year was off to a better start. The forecast for 2021 is still to be determined.

As a member of law enforcement, I condemn the attacks on police officers and vandalism we saw this week at the Capitol, just as I condemned the months long, daily assault on police officers and vandalism that occurred in cities across our country last year. My thoughts and prayers go to the deceased and their families and for the unification of our nation as a whole.

Locally, despite the Governor's latest lockdown measures, land use cases are scheduled to go on. Including some high profile cases in the Coles District. The Preserve at Long Branch will be held on January 19th and the Dar Al-

Noor Mosque Expansion is tentatively scheduled for February 2nd. There's also the threat that the Independent Hill Small Area Plan may be coming forward soon despite the recent recommended denial of the plan by the planning commission. We will keep you updated as any and all major district land use cases are scheduled.

Some county residents, including first responders and front line medical workers have begun to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. We are hopeful this will become more readily available across the board in the coming months for all county residents.

It's been quite a first year since the new Board was sworn in last January, and one none of us could have expected or anticipated what it would quite look like. Thank you to everyone in the Coles District for your feedback and support over the last twelve months. It's a continued honor to serve you and your family.

For Coles,

Yesli Vega



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## Key Coles Land Use Cases Expected to Come Up In the Next Month



*Illustration of Preserve at Long Branch Development*



*Illustration of Proposed Dar Al-Noor Mosque Expansion*

A pair of high profile land use cases in the Coles District are expected to come before the Board for a final hearing in weeks ahead.

The Preserve at Long Branch, formerly known as Mid-County Park and Estates, is scheduled to come before the Board during the evening session on January 19th. The request would amend the Comprehensive Plan to rezone 147 acres out of the Rural Crescent for the building of 100 homes with sewer. A passive use park would also be included. A hearing for the latest iteration of the plan was originally scheduled for October 20th, but a deferral was requested by the applicant a few days before. On July 29th, the Prince William County Planning Commission recommended denial of the plan by a vote of 6-1.

The Dar Al-Noor Mosque Expansion is expected to come before the Board for a vote on February 3rd. The Mosque, located in the heavily trafficked portion of Hoadly Road between Purcell Road and the Parkway, has asked for a Special Use Permit to expand its current 12,000 square foot structure by a factor of seven to 88,276 square feet. The expansion would include three stories with a basement, along with an expanded prayer hall, a multi-purpose banquet hall, a youth and senior center, meeting rooms, play areas, daycare, a private school for 200 students and an auditorium. The expansion may also include a medical center.

The Special Use Permit would allow the applicant to increase its number of prayer rugs from 502 to 1,782, resulting in an increase of daily Friday vehicle trips from 1,761 to 6,250 (a 355% increase) according to county estimates.

Supervisor Vega previously held a town hall in regards to the well documented “Preserve” on October 12th. Our office will have at least one community meeting to get feedback from constituents in regards to the Dar Al-Noor expansion request prior to its hearing by the Board.

**To share your thoughts with the Board on either proposal please e-mail [BOCS@pwcgov.org](mailto:BOCS@pwcgov.org)**

*- Coles District Staff*

# Planning Commission Recommends Denial of Independent Hill Small Area Plan

On December 8th, the Prince William County Planning Commission recommended a denial of the “Independent Hill Small Area Plan” on a 5-3 vote. Voting in favor of denial were Commissioners Joe Fontanella (Coles), Don Taylor (At-Large), Patti McKay (Brentsville), Rick Berry (Gainesville), and Bill Milne (Neabsco). Commissioners Rob Perry (Occoquan), Juan McPhail (Potomac), and Cynthia Moses-Ned voted to keep the controversial proposal alive.

The mixed use development proposed in the mostly rural area along 234 would add up 200 homes along with new business and industrial zonings. This includes clearing out 41 acres in the Rural Crescent buttressing the Prince William National Forest Park to potentially make way for a data center.

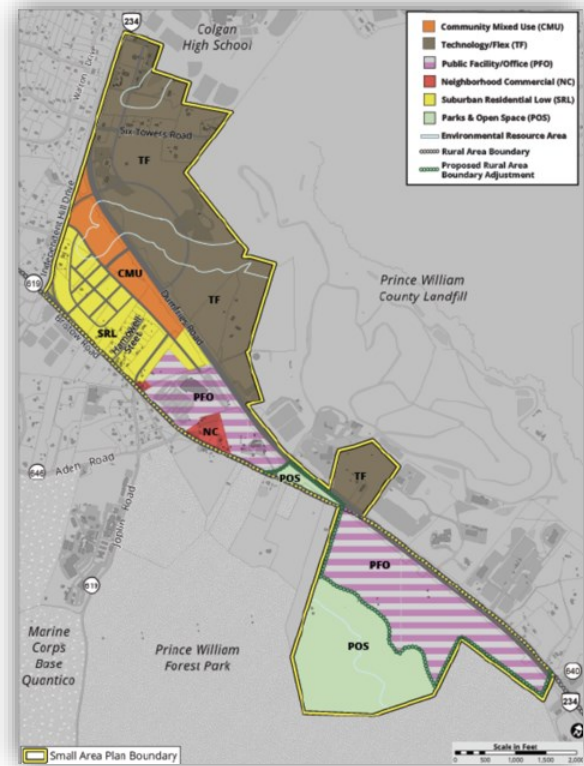
Numerous residents and conservation groups opposed the proposal due to its density and location - in the rural crescent and next to a national forest.

Coles District Planning Commissioner said the plan would have, amongst other things, contradicted the Board’s recent decision to endorse the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and protecting the environment.

“So, here, we’re going to potentially put a data center in the rural crescent next to a national forest, while adding homes where everyone is going to be in a car which will increase the amount of vehicle miles traveled,” said Fontanella. “Additionally, this is no where near an activity center or mass transit which is the stated point of these small area plans. This plan stinks, and it’s not just because of its proximity to the landfill.”

Despite the recommended denial by the planning commission there is a chance the Chair could bring the proposal forward to the Board for a vote in the near future.

- Coles District Staff



Map of Independent Hill Small Area Plan



# **Virginia Begins Distribution of COVID-19 Vaccine**

## **Two COVID-19 Vaccines with Emergency Use Authorization**

In July 2020, the Trump administration awarded a \$1.9 billion contract to Pfizer and BioNTech in exchange for 100 million doses of the vaccine if it proved to be safe and effective. On December 11th, 2020, the Pfizer / BioNTech vaccine received emergency use authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The Pfizer / BioNTech vaccine has an efficacy of 95% and required 2 doses three weeks apart. The vaccine must be stored at -94°F. Pfizer is an American company based in New York, and BioNTech is a German company based in Mainz.

In August 2020, the Trump administration awarded a \$1.5 billion contract to Moderna in exchange for 100 million doses of the vaccine if it proved to be safe and effective. On December 18th, 2020, the Moderna vaccine received emergency use authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The Moderna vaccine has an efficacy of 94.5% and requires 2 doses four weeks apart. The vaccine must be stored at -4°F. Moderna is an American company based in Massachusetts.

## **Three COVID-19 Vaccines in Phase 3 Clinical Trials**

There are currently three vaccine in Phase 3 Clinical Trials in the United States. Before receiving Emergency Use Authorization from the federal government, vaccines must go through this phase. Phase 3 Clinical Trials help to determine the “efficacy” of a vaccine. Doses are given to thousands of individuals to document its effectiveness and reveal any potential rare side effects which may occur.

A vaccine developed by AstraZeneca and researchers at the University of Oxford has been shown to have up to 90% efficacy. This vaccine would require 2 doses four weeks apart. Notably doses can be kept stable in a refrigerator for at least 6 months. On December 30th, 2020, it was announced that this vaccine has received emergency use authorization in the United Kingdom. AstraZeneca is a British and Swedish company based in Cambridge, United Kingdom.

Johnson & Johnson have developed a vaccine (referred to as Janssen) using a method invented by researchers at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts. This efficacy of this vaccine is currently unknown. It is believed that doses can be kept up to two years frozen at -4° F or for three months refrigerated at 36–46° F. Johnston & Johnson is an American company based in New Jersey.

The efficacy of the vaccine created by Novavax is currently unknown. However, it is understood that the doses can be kept stable in a refrigerator. The vaccine would require 2 doses three weeks apart. Novavax is an American company based in Maryland.

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## Virginia Begins Distribution of COVID-19 Vaccine (Continued)

### Virginia Department of Health Vaccination Prioritization Guidelines

The following table from the Virginia Department of Health displays the different groups who are eligible to receive a vaccine in the first phase of distribution:

Phase 1a – Healthcare Workers and Long-Term Care Residents				
Healthcare Workers			LTC Residents and Staff *Note: Vaccinated through CMS/ Pharmacy partnership	
i.	Healthcare personnel who directly engage in the care of or interact with patients known or suspected of COVID-19, or who have direct exposure to potentially infectious materials from patients known or suspected to be infected with COVID-19.	Health Systems: 124,000 Residential Care facility staff (DBHDS, private psychiatric facilities, rehabilitation hospitals): 4,000 EMS: 27,000 Dialysis: 10,000 DOC: 4,500	169,500	Skilled nursing facilities Assisted Living Residential Care Communities Intermediate care facilities for individuals with developmental disabilities State Veterans Homes 158,000
ii.	Healthcare personnel who interact with patients at higher risk for infection due to the patients' individual risk factors but are not known or suspected to be infected with COVID-19 (dialysis, residential care facilities and EMS)			
iii.	All other employees in populations included in other employees and contracted personnel not otherwise vaccinated per the above categories whose duties may require access to clinical setting at health system facilities or who are critical to the ongoing operations of health system facilities.	Health Systems: 55,000 Residential Care Facilities (DBHDS, private psychiatric facilities, rehabilitation hospitals): 5,000 EMS: 10,000	70,000	
iv.	All other Healthcare Personnel who interact with patients not known or suspected to be infected with COVID-19.	Home Health & Hospice Ambulatory Surgery Centers FQHC Public health workers (patient facing) CSBs Primary Care Offices Dental Practices Pharmacies Other	43,000	

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## **Virginia Begins Distribution of COVID-19 Vaccine (Continued)**

### **Virginia Department of Health Vaccination Prioritization Guidelines (Continued)**

In summary, there are a few parts to the first phase of vaccine distribution. Phase 1a will be for healthcare workers, as well as Long Term Care residents and staff. Phase 1b will be for “essential workers” such as first responders and “essential” store workers, as well as adults age 75 and older. Phase 1c will be for adults age 65 to 74, and those who are 16-64 who are deemed “high risk adults” due to medical conditions. Also included in Phase 1c will be “other essential workers” such as those in media and “officials needed to maintain continuity of government”. There have been no specific dates released by the Virginia Department of Health regarding when the different stages of Phase 1 will begin. However, there have been documents released which further explain the different phases of vaccine distribution which you can find below:

- [Phase 1a In Depth](#)
- [Phase 1b In Depth](#)
- [Phase 1c In Depth](#)

### **Current COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery in Virginia**

The Commonwealth is currently in Phase 1a of vaccine distribution. As of January 7th, 2021, Virginia has received 481,550 doses of COVID-19 vaccines. There have been 135,863 first doses administered in Virginia. Using these numbers, it can be determined that the Virginia Department of Health currently has 345,687 doses of the vaccine in storage. It is important to note that the two vaccines which currently have Emergency Use Authorization both require two doses. It is unknown what proportion of the vaccines are from Pfizer/BioNTech or Moderna.

For up-to-date information on vaccine distribution, please visit [the Virginia Department of Health COVID-19 Vaccine page](#).

- Coles District Staff



## NRVC COVID Dashboard

The Northern Virginia Regional Commission provides an interactive dashboard every Thursday on the number of COVID cases per zip code and the percentage. You can view the dashboard [here](#) or click the map below.

The percentage of residents who have tested positive within zip codes located in the Coles District are as follows:

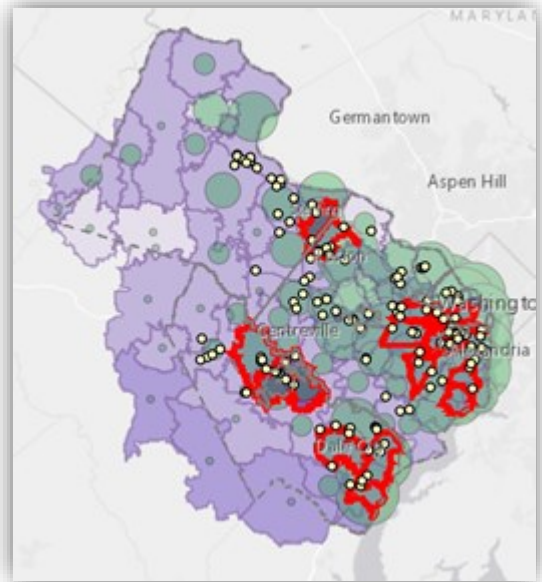
20110: 48,939 residents/3,381 positive cases = 6.9%

20111: 37,103 resident/2,500 positive cases = 6.7%

22193: 76,498 residents/5,046 positive cases = 6.6%

20112: 27,805 residents/984 positive cases = 3.5%

20181: 10,830 residents/253 positive cases = 2.3%



- Coles District Staff

## Emergency Housing Assistance Available for Individuals Impacted by COVID-19

Prince William County Office of Housing and Community Development is offering assistance to eligible households who are having difficulty in paying their mortgage, rent and utility payments due to COVID-19. The Emergency Housing Assistance Program, or EHAP, can provide one-time or short-term assistance to households who have lost income on or after March 1, 2020 due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Eligible households must meet criteria for income, provide applicable documentation, and cannot have received assistance from another federal, state, or local agency to pay mortgage, rent or utilities due to COVID-19.

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

- Coles District Staff

## County COVID-19 Testing Locations

Prince William County has continued to conduct free COVID-19 testing events in partnership with the Virginia Department of Health and private sector partners. Please find a list of upcoming free COVID-19 testing events which are currently scheduled. Please note that testing is only available until the allocated test kits are depleted at the site or until the site's closing time, whichever comes first.

<b>Friday January 8th</b>	<b>Saturday January 9th</b>
<p><b>Splashdown Water Park</b> Start Time - 11:00 AM End Time - 1:30 PM 7500 Ben Lomond Park Rd. Manassas, VA 20109</p> <p><b>Woodbridge Senior Center</b> Start Time - 4:00 PM End Time - 6:00 PM 13850 Church Hill Dr. Woodbridge, VA 22191</p>	<p><b>Development Services Building</b> Start Time - 9:00 AM End Time - 12:00 PM 5 County Complex Ct. Woodbridge, VA 22192</p>
<b>Monday January 11th</b>	<b>Tuesday January 12th</b>
<p><b>Metz Middle School</b> Start Time - 11:00 AM End Time - 1:30 PM 9950 Wellington Rd. Manassas, VA 20110</p> <p><b>Splashdown Water Park</b> Start Time - 4:00 PM End Time - 6:00 PM 7500 Ben Lomond Park Rd. Manassas, VA 20109</p>	<p><b>James S. Long Regional Park</b> Start Time - 11:00 AM End Time - 1:30 PM 4603 James Madison Hwy. Haymarket, VA 20169</p> <p><b>Cloverdale Park</b> Start Time - 4:00 PM End Time - 6:00 PM 15150 Cloverdale Rd. Dale City, VA 22193</p>

For notifications on upcoming free testing events, please follow the [Prince William Health District Facebook page](#). You can find more information on these events at [coronavirus.pwcgov.org/testing](https://coronavirus.pwcgov.org/testing).

The Virginia Department of Health has compiled a [map of all current COVID-19 testing sites](#) in the Commonwealth. This is a list of private testing sites, and their inclusion in the list does not constitute endorsement by VDH. Please contact the location before visiting, as each facility has different testing availability and requirements.

Please talk to your doctor to determine if you require testing for COVID-19. Get medical attention right away if you have any health emergency. For more information on COVID-19 testing from the Virginia Department of Health, please visit [vdh.virginia.gov](https://vdh.virginia.gov).

- Coles District Staff



## **Passionate about Public Health? Volunteer with the Medical Reserve Corps!**

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, local Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers have served more than 5,000 hours—more than 208 days—in Prince William County and the surrounding areas. MRC volunteers support COVID-19 testing sites and vaccine clinics, and educate the community on the best ways to prevent spreading and contracting the virus.

The MRC is a group of dedicated volunteers, who donate their time and talents to prepare for and respond to public health emergencies and promote healthy living throughout the year. MRC volunteers supplement existing emergency and public health resources.

Anyone can join the Medical Reserve Corps—no medical experience is needed. Volunteers receive free training and participate in drills and exercises to prepare for emergencies. Volunteers must be over 18 and pass a criminal background check.

Visit the Virginia Department of Health [website](#), or call 703.792.7341 for more information.

*- Prince William County Office of Communications*



## **Community Feeding Taskforce Continues to Serve During the Pandemic**

The Community Feeding Taskforce, a partnership between Prince William County, Action in Community Through Service (ACTS), the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park, and the Prince William County Community Foundation, was established shortly after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic to coordinate food distribution for those in need.

Since April, the taskforce has provided over six million pounds of food (the equivalent of five million meals), made over 1,100 no-contact emergency food deliveries to families and made over 800 no-contact food deliveries to shut-in senior citizens. Each week, the taskforce receives at least nine tractor trailer loads of USDA Farmers to Families food boxes, 1,500 non-perishable food boxes from the Capital Area Food Bank and donations from 145 food donor partners, which it uses to support 72 food distribution sites.

The Food Helpline is available for those in need Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 703.794.4668. Bilingual volunteers staff the phones. Also, Prince William County has an [online map](#) that provides information about free food distribution sites

*- Coles District Staff*



## **Service Authority Offers COVID-19 Municipal Utility Relief Program**

If you or somebody in your household has faced economic hardship due to the COVID-19 shutdowns, you may be eligible for financial assistance for unpaid Service Authority bills accrued from March 1st through December 30th. Reasons for economic hardship include the loss of a job, closing of a business, being unable to work after contracting COVID-19, or facing other devastating financial consequence due to the impacts of COVID-19.

The deadline to apply is January 21st, 2021, at 5:00 PM. You can [apply online](#) or you can download the application by [clicking here](#). To learn more about the program, please [visit the Service Authority's website](#).

*- Coles District Staff*

## Prince William County students struggle with virtual learning

The following is an excerpt from a December 19<sup>th</sup> article in InsideNova.  
To read the full article, [please click here](#)

Last year, Michelle Ramirez, a junior at C.D. Hylton Senior High School, was doing well in school. She received A's and B's, as well as the occasional C, but was overall a good student academically.

This year, however, with classes being entirely online, her grades have plummeted.

"When I was in school, I did well but now my grades aren't the best at the moment, and it's so hard to improve. The work they [the teachers] give us is making me overwhelmed and more anxious," Ramirez said.

Although this may be just one incident, it is not isolated. Fairfax County Public Schools released a report last month showing that the percentage of middle school and high school students earning F's in at least two classes jumped from 6% to 11% as of the end of the first quarter — an increase of more than 4,300 students. The Prince William County Public School system declined a request from InsideNoVa to release similar statistics on student grades, but student accounts confirm that online learning is causing academic struggles.

"Our teachers hand out work faster than we can finish them, and it is so easy to become burned out," said Kyndall Evans, a senior at Charles J. Colgan Senior High School.

These struggles have not gone unnoticed by parents, who have been removing their children from Prince William schools by the thousands.

Compared with September 2019, Prince William public school enrollment was down 2.9% as of Sept. 30, amounting to 2,693 students, the majority of whom are in elementary school, according to data from the county and the Virginia Department of Education.



- Gianna Jirak, InsideNOVA



## School Board to Vote on Renaming Gainesville High School Months After Unanimously Voting for It

School Board Member Lillie Jessie Now Considers Gainesville to be an Offensive Term After Praising Her Vote to Name It Gainesville Over the Summer



The Prince William County School Board will discuss whether or not to rename Gainesville High School, less than seven months after the vote to name the county's 13th high school for its geographic location was unanimously approved by the very same School Board by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Immediately following the vote to name the high school for its geographic location, School Board Member, Lillie Jessie (Occoquan) [told InsideNova in June](#) "I think we did something good tonight."

However, Jessie has since made an about face and is now pushing to change the name of the school outside of her district because Thomas Brawner Gaines, for whom the unincorporated area of Gainesville is reportedly named after, was a slave owner. Gaines died in 1856.

School Board Member Jessie's husband, Richard Jessie, has led the movement to have the school renamed following his wife's vote in the affirmative last June.

Brentsville School Board Member, Adele Jackson, who represents the area where the new school will be built opposes the name change.

**"Gainesville is a proud, diverse, and thriving town whose students will become tomorrow's leaders. Yes, Gainesville High School was named after a Geographic location, but it represents more than a location on a map. Gainesville is comprised of families, residents, schools, businesses, and other institutions that share a zip code and a name. The name Gainesville was nominated and overwhelmingly supported by this community through community input and unanimously voted by School Board. I acknowledge that Virginia's history is painful, and it is imperative that we address lasting inequities. The intent was to honor the families and future students of Gainesville who will continue to move our community forward. "**

Gainesville School Board Member, Jen Wall, has argued that the school is not being named for Thomas Gaines.

**"To be clear, the new high school is not named Thomas Gaines. Its name is Gainesville High School. The school is named after the thriving and ethnically diverse Gainesville community from which most of its students will come. Aside from the practical difficulties and costs for renaming schools, I personally think it is a slippery slope, especially here in Virginia, to begin erasing any vestiges of our troubled past regardless of how much time has passed, how many steps removed, or what the modern reputation of a community is today."**

The discussion of the name change was supposed to take place at the School Board's January 6th meeting but was postponed to a future date following hours of public comment time related to the proposed change and school reopening.

- Coles District Staff



## **Prince William Public Schools Considers Delaying Return to In-Person Learning**

At around midnight on January 7th, the Prince William County Schools Superintendent recommended to the School Board that the “Return to Learn” plan be delayed to follow guidance on reopening from the Commonwealth.

The Superintendent’s proposal allows second and third grade students to still choose 50/50 “hybrid” in-person learning and return as scheduled on January 12th and 13th. However, students in grades four through twelve would not be allowed to return to in-person learning part time until late April. These students were originally to be allowed to participate in hybrid in-person learning starting later this month.

On January 7th at 2:20 AM, the School Board voted to revisit the timeline for the “Return to Learn” plan during a special meeting on January 12th (which is the same afternoon that the Board of County Supervisors will reconvene).

To learn more about the public school’s current Return to Learn plan, please visit [pwcs.edu](http://pwcs.edu).

*- Coles District Staff*

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## **BOCS to Provide Hotspot Devices and Laptops to Public Schools**

The Board of County Supervisors has allocated \$1.2 million in CARES Act funding to buy 4,061 Wi-Fi hotspot devices for public school students without reliable internet service. These Wi-Fi hotspot devices will help to provide internet access to students who do not have a reliable connection at home. The public school division will be prioritizing the distribution of the Wi-Fi hotspot devices to Title I schools, which are schools where at least 40 percent of children are from low-income families. CARES Act funding will pay for devices for one year under the County Student Hotspot Program.

In addition, the Prince William County Library System is providing 100 Chromebooks to the public schools to assist students' learning and academic studies.

*- Coles District Staff*



## **Supervisor Vega Hosts Townhall on Education with School Board Member Zargapur**

On December 22nd, Supervisor Vega hosted a tele-town hall with Coles District School Board Member, Lisa Zargapur, on a wide range of topics related to education in Prince William County.

About 30 residents participated in the town hall and asked a range of questions including the county's plan to return to in-person learning, meal assistance for students, cost savings estimates, and the negative impact of virtual learning on students.

You can listen to the one hour community conversation in its entirety on the [Coles District website](#).

Special thanks to Coles School Board Member Zargapur and to the county residents who called in and participated.

- Coles District Staff

## **School Board Elects Zargapur As Vice-Chair**

The Prince William County School Board elected Lisa Zargapur to a one-year term as the Vice Chairwoman of the Board, effective January 6, 2021. Zargapur was elected in November of 2019 to represent the Coles Magisterial District.

Zargapur is a graduate of Prince William County Public Schools (PWCS). She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in music from George Mason University and a master's degree in education from the University of Mary Washington, where she was awarded the honor, Teacher of Promise.

Zargapur is an elementary general music and chorus teacher in Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). She has served as secretary on the Fairfax General Music Educators Association board and is a member of the Fairfax Education Association. She has been an Equity Lead in her school for the past two years, has presented workshops at the American Orff Schulwerk Association's National Conference, and has been part of cultural competency symposiums for PWCS staff. In 2019, she was nominated for an Outstanding Co-Curricular Educator Award from the FCPS Special Education PTA (SEPTA). Zargapur and her husband, Yaqub, a local community and business leader, have three children: two graduated from PWCS and the youngest is in high school.

- Prince William County Schools

## **Consulting Firm Identifies Traits County Residents Say They Want in Next School Superintendent**

“An outstanding visionary and innovative instructional leader who has solid experience and proven success leading and working in a culturally diverse school system and community,” is what the School Board says they heard from county residents in response to more than two dozen meetings, three community forums, and almost 8,000 survey responses conducted over the last month.

These traits were included in leadership profile drafted by the consulting firm BWP Associates, which was then unanimously approved by the School Board at their meeting on December 17th.

PWCS is seeking a new Superintendent following the retirement of Steven Walts. You can view the full leadership profile conducted by BWP Associates here – [Leadership Profile](#).

The search process for a new superintendent now heads into the recruitment phase, which will last until the end of January and will be followed by candidate interviews and possible site visits by the school board.

The School Board hopes to have a new Superintendent hired no later than July 1st.

- Coles District Staff

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## **Prince William Public Schools Offers Virtual Parent Learning Series**

The Parent Learning Series (previously known as the High School Parent Summit) helps families learn how to support their students as they navigate high school and beyond. Programs are available to parents through a select number of pre-recorded presentations on Canvas and live video webinars by Zoom.

[Paying for College Workshop](#) - December 17, 2021 - 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

[MyOptions College Planning](#) - January 7, 2021 - 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

[NOVA Community College Programs and Admissions](#) - January 12, 2021 - 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

[MyOptions College Planning](#) - January 19, 2021 - 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

To see a full list of upcoming programs and to learn more about the Parent Learning Series and to learn more on how to participate, please visit the [Prince William County Public Schools website](#).

- Coles District Staff

## Woodbine Cemetery Update

On Friday, December 18th, 2020, the County Attorney's office was served a petition for a Writ of Certiorari related to the Woodbine Cemetery property code violations. This was filed by the tenant, Mr. Gene Wells. The Writ of Certiorari is a request asking for the Circuit Court to review the decisions made by Prince William County's Board of Zoning Appeals. In November 2020, the Board of Zoning Appeals upheld the six "Violation Notice and Correction Orders" issued by Prince William County. At this time, the county is not taking further enforcement action on the cited violation notices until the conclusion of the appeals process.

- Coles District Staff

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## Virginia General Assembly Begin 2021 Legislative Session

On January 13th, the Virginia General Assembly is scheduled to begin their 2021 legislative session. The legislative session will conclude on February 27, 2021.

You can watch live video or recordings of Virginia House of Delegates meetings on [this site](#). If you would like to speak remotely or submit written comments to the House of Delegates, please [click here](#).

You can watch live video or recording of Virginia State Senate meetings on [this site](#).

If you would like to contact your representatives in the House of Delegates or State Senate, you can find their contact information at the end of this newsletter under "Contact Information". If you do not know who represents you in Richmond, you can find out by using [the Who's My Legislator online tool](#).

- Coles District Staff

## Real Estate Tax Payments Due February 3rd

The Prince William Board of County Supervisors extended the payment deadline for the second-half of 2020 Real Estate taxes for both commercial and residential properties. The original deadline December 5th has been moved to February 3rd, 2021.

To pay real estate taxes online, please visit [tax.pwcgov.org](http://tax.pwcgov.org). For more details, please visit the Taxpayer Services website. If you have questions about your bill, you can contact Taxpayer Services by phone (703) 792-6710 or email at [taxpayerservices@pwcgov.org](mailto:taxpayerservices@pwcgov.org).

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# Police Blotter



## Police Basic Recruit School Graduates

The Prince William County Criminal Justice Academy Basic Law Enforcement 47th Session graduated on Friday, Dec. 18, 2020, in a modified ceremony due to the pandemic at the Police Association Hall in Manassas. This class was composed of 29 Prince William County Police officers.

The 29 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. The graduating law enforcement personnel are listed below, and brief biographies of each graduate follow:

Shadrack K. Arko	Courtney M. Houpt	Destin R. McKinzy
Moira M. Balcazar-Aguilera	Briana L. Huber	Maziar Nourizadeh
Thomas G. Barnes	Michael C. Huber	Adrian Peña
William E. Benenson	Joseph T. Incheck	Danilo G. Rosa
Deisha A. Carter	Evan T. Johnson	Jacob S. Simrell
Kevin A. Darling	Josephine C. Lyon	Anthony M. Spinosa
Michael R. Dougherty	Nathaniel J. Mazzini	Matthew S. Spinosa
Christopher R. Glaser	Scott V. McBride	Robert M. Theimer
Delone A. M. Hannah	Kate L. McCarthy	Kyle T. Woolf
Matthew E. Harkin	Francisco X. McDonough	

- Prince William County Police Department

# Police Blotter

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## **Board Approves MOU Allowing for Prince William Police Department's Partnership with the Northern Virginia Critical Incident Response Team**

On December 15th the Board approved an MOU allowing the Prince William County Police Department to enter into a partnership with the Northern Virginia Critical Incident Response Team. A request made by the county's police department.

The understanding allows the department to join in with the City of Alexandria Police Department, Arlington County Police Department, City of Fairfax Police Department, City of Falls Church Police Department, Town of Herndon Police Department, City of Manassas Police Department, Manassas Park Police Department, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Police Department, Prince William County Police Department, Town of Purcellville Police Department, and the Town of Vienna Police Department in allowing outside detectives who do not work for the police department to investigate an agency's critical incident by conducting a thorough, professional, and complete criminal investigation of all the facts and actions involved in the incident.

The purpose of establishing the Northern Virginia Critical Incident Response Team is to promote public confidence that an objective investigation will occur when an officer discharges a firearm at a subject or detainee, or when the discharge, use of force, or other action by an officer results in death or serious bodily injury to any person.

The agreement also establishes uniform procedures and mutually agreed-upon investigative guidelines that allow for an objective investigation of a critical incident that an individual experiences during an encounter with law enforcement, with the goal of mitigating concerns regarding potential conflicts of interest should the affected agency investigate the incident itself.

The CIRT will work hand-in-hand with the prosecuting authority for the jurisdiction which has had the force incident, and will complete a detailed and accurate report of findings at the end of the investigation where they will then present the completed case investigation and provide updates as the investigation proceeds to the affected Commonwealth's Attorney, or designated prosecuting authority who shall determine whether to initiate or decline prosecution, ensuring persons are held accountable for their criminal conduct and that those who have not engaged in criminal conduct are absolved.

The CIRT investigation will identify when a police officer may be in violation of laws, training and practices, and will provide an independent investigative report to hold persons accountable for their actions.

This independent team will demonstrate to the community that law enforcement holds itself to higher standards and community expectations, and that officers conduct themselves according to the law and mandated training plans.

For a link to the resolution and staff report please [click here](#).

- Coles District Staff



# Police Blotter

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## **Prince William Commonwealth Attorney Deems Officer Involved Shooting of Dumfries man ‘Justified and Reasonable’ After Reviewing Evidence**

Prince William County, VA... The criminal investigation into the officer-involved shooting that occurred on December 10, 2020, on Secret Grove Court in the Dumfries area of Prince William County has been completed. This investigation was conducted by detectives from the Prince William County Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division and was reviewed by the Prince William County Commonwealth's Attorney Office for a determination of criminal liability concerning the officers' actions during the incident. In the interest of keeping the residents of Prince William County informed of significant incidents involving our officers and the community, further details of the investigation are being publicly disclosed.

On December 10, 2020, at approximately 7:14PM, the Prince William County Public Safety Communications Center received a 9-1-1 call from a woman indicating her husband was armed and threatening suicide. During the call, call-takers could overhear a man indicating he would shoot himself. The call was dispatched to officers at approximately 7:15PM with the first responding officers arriving in the area at approximately 7:23PM. Prior to officers arriving at the residence, the man left the home on foot with the weapon and was believed to be in a nearby wooded area where he was reportedly going to commit suicide. The caller was requested to remain inside the home with the doors locked while officers conducted a search of the area. Additional officers from the Co-Responder Unit and Negotiation Team were also on scene to assist as needed.

Officers saturated the neighborhood and requested helicopter assistance from Fairfax County police in an effort to locate the man and facilitate a safe approach. The police helicopter arrived and was successful in locating the man in the wooded area at approximately 7:50PM.

At approximately 8:24PM, while officers were formulating their response, the police helicopter advised officers that the man was walking in the direction of the residence. Based on this information, officers mobilized and began to head back towards the home. As officers approached the residence, they immediately encountered the man on the front porch still armed with the weapon. Officers issued verbal commands to the man to drop the weapon and, within seconds, the man pointed the weapon towards officers. At approximately 8:28PM, officers reported shots were fired. Officers further requested Fire & Rescue personnel respond to the home while they rendered the scene safe and provided immediate first aid to the man.

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## **Prince William Commonwealth Attorney Deems Officer Involved Shooting of Dumfries man ‘Justified and Reasonable’ After Reviewing Evidence (Continued)**

In total, five Prince William County police officers fired their Department issued firearms almost simultaneously in response to the threat of the firearm being pointed towards them. A neighboring home was inadvertently struck by gunfire, no injuries were reported from the residence.

The five officers involved were in full uniform at the time of the incident and were not injured during the encounter. The wife was also uninjured.

The man, identified as Kurtis Kay Frevert, age 79, was transported to an area hospital where he was pronounced deceased at approximately 9:18PM.

Upon reviewing the facts and details of the investigation, Ms. Amy Ashworth, the Commonwealth Attorney for Prince William County, ruled the actions of the officers involved in the incident were “...*justified and reasonable under the circumstances of this tragic encounter.*” Ms. Ashworth stated, “*In this incident, the danger posed by the decedent was real... Each of the officers expressed that they believed either they, individually, were in danger of being killed or that the other officers present were in danger of being shot or killed.*”

“*This incident underscores the dangers officers face each day,*” said Jarad Phelps, Acting Chief of the Prince William County Police Department. “*The officers involved were faced with an imminent deadly situation in a matter of seconds. This incident is very tragic for everyone involved and I ask everyone to keep the family and the officers in their thoughts and prayers.*”

The Prince William County Police Department’s Office of Professional Standards is continuing an independent administrative investigation into the shooting. A final review of the incident will be conducted by the Police Department’s Use of Deadly Force Review Board, which will examine all aspects of the incident. The Board will determine if the shooting was within policy and will make any recommendations as needed based on their findings.

The officers involved in the shooting were identified as;

- Sergeant James Krisner, age 35, assigned to the Eastern Patrol District within the Operations Division as an evening shift patrol supervisor with approximately 13 years of service
- Master Police Officer Shaun Barrett, age 37, assigned to the Special Operations Bureau within the Operations Division as a K-9 officer with approximately 14 years of service
- Officer Adam Beard, age 32, assigned to the Personnel Bureau within the Support Services Division as an officer on the Co-Responder Unit with approximately 6 years of service
- Officer Ravinder Mehta, age 36, assigned to the Eastern Patrol District within the Operations Division as an evening shift patrol officer with approximately 6 years of service
- Officer Ivan Torres, age 33, assigned to the Eastern Patrol District within the Operations Division as an evening shift patrol officer with approximately 4 years of service

## **Police Blotter**

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### **Prince William Commonwealth Attorney Deems Officer Involved Shooting of Dumfries man ‘Justified and Reasonable’ After Reviewing Evidence (Continued)**

None of the aforementioned officers have been involved in a previous officer-involved shooting. All officers have been cleared to return to duty.

The Police Department recognizes the sensitivity of officer-involved shootings and the public’s interest in remaining informed as to the circumstances surrounding incidents when the police use deadly force. We remain committed to conducting a thorough investigation when these incidents occur and appreciate our community’s patience while we gather and process information.

The Police Department continues to evaluate this incident and will release any additional, pertinent information related to this investigation as needed to keep our community informed.

In response Supervisor Vega expressed her condolences to all involved and thanked the county representatives who withheld judgement before the facts of the case were in. *“Our thoughts and prayers go to the deceased and his family, in addition to the officers placed in this situation. Thank you to the Prince William County leadership and elected officials who did not run to politicize this tragedy or jump to conclusions before the facts of the situation were released.”*

*- Prince William County Police Department & Coles District Staff*

# Police Blotter

## More Arrests Made in November 29<sup>th</sup> Woodbridge Murder

On December 8, detectives with the Homicide Unit identified and arrested three additional suspects in connection to the shooting of Michael Bright ADOM that was reported to have occurred in the 4000 block of Westwind Dr. in Woodbridge (22193) on November 29. Following the investigation, the suspects, identified as J'Vahn DURGAN, Wilford Amoako OSEI, were arrested on December 4 and Joseph Alpha TARAWALIE, was arrested on December 8. An additional suspect was previously arrested in connection to this investigation on December 2. The investigation continues.

### Arrested on December 4 & 8:

J'Vahn DURGAN, 19, of 3393 Eagle Ridge Dr. in Woodbridge

Wilford Amoako OSEI, 19, of 3507 Eagle Ridge Dr. in Woodbridg

Joseph Alpha TARAWALIE, 18, of 149 SW Galveston Pl. in Washington DC



DURGAN



OSEI



TARAWALIE

All three men were charged with accessory after the fact in a felony, conspiracy to commit a felony, and attempted shooting into an occupied dwelling

Court Date: February 19, 2020 | Bond: Held WITHOUT Bond

### Felony Homicide Investigation \*ARREST [Previously Released]

On December 2, detectives with the Homicide Unit identified a suspect in connection to the shooting of Michael Bright ADOM that was reported to have occurred in the 4000 block of Westwind Dr. in Woodbridge (22193) on November 29. The investigation revealed that the victim and other acquaintances, including a man later identified as the accused, were in the above area when the victim was shot. After the shooting the victim was brought to an area hospital where he later died as a result of his injuries. During the investigation, detectives identified the accused as an involved party. Following the investigation, the accused, identified as Marquis Rene WHITMORE, was arrested. The investigation continues.

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# Police Blotter

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## **Another Murder in Woodbridge**

**Latest Murder Occurs Just Three Days Before Christmas**

On December 22 at 9:31PM, officers responded to the 12700 block of Harbor Dr in Woodbridge (22192) to investigate a shooting. When officers arrived, they initially located two victims, later identified as the deceased and an 18-year-old woman, in the parking lot of the Tackett's Mill shopping complex suffering from gunshot wounds. Officers provided immediate first aid to the victims until rescue personnel arrived. While officers were tending to the victims, a third individual, later identified as a 19-year-old man, was located on Tacketts Village Sq., also suffering from gunshot injuries. Officers provided immediate first aid to that man until he and the two victims were transported to an area hospital for treatment. A short time later, the male victim died as a result of his injuries at the hospital. A police K-9 and helicopter assistance from Fairfax County police aided in the search for any suspects involved in the encounter. During the search, a man was located on Gorham Way and was detained without incident. That individual, later identified as Daquil Raheem SMITH, was subsequently determined to have been involved in the shooting. The investigation revealed that two vehicles arrived in the parking lot of the shopping complex to conduct a narcotics transaction. One vehicle was occupied by the accused and the 19-year-old man who was located with gunshot injuries on Tacketts Village Sq. The other vehicle was occupied by the victims and a third man. During the encounter, the accused and the other suspect fired into the second vehicle, striking the two victims. The third male occupant in the second vehicle was not injured. Immediately after the shooting, the suspects fled on foot, and police were contacted. Following the investigation, detectives with the Homicide Unit arrested the accused in connection to the shooting. Additional charges are pending against the 19-year-old male suspect who remains hospitalized. The female victim sustained serious injuries and is expected to survive.

### **Arrested on December 22:**

Daquil Raheem SMITH, 19, of the 6900 block of Garman St in Philadelphia, PA

Charged with murder, aggravated malicious wounding, and use of a firearm in commission of a felony

Court Date: Pending | Bond: Held WITHOUT Bond

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# **Police Blotter**

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## **Another Murder in Woodbridge (Continued)**

**Latest Murder Occurs Just Three Days Before Christmas**

### **Murder Investigation \*ADDITIONAL ARREST**

On December 23, the remaining suspect sought in connection to the shooting investigation that was reported to have occurred in the 12700 block of Harbor Dr. in Woodbridge (22192) on December 22, was charged. The accused was the third person located by officers suffering from gunshot wounds, where a 22-year-old man later died. Following the investigation, detectives obtained and served arrest warrants on the accused, identified as, Taron Jarrell THOMAS. On December 25, the accused was transported to the Prince William—Manassas Regional Adult Detention Center after being released from the hospital. An additional suspect was previously arrested in connection to this investigation on December 22.

### **Arrested on December 23:**

Taron Jarrell THOMAS, 19, of 14513 Piccolo Ln. in Woodbridge

Charged with murder, aggravated malicious wounding, and use of a firearm in commission of a felony

Court Date: Pending | Bond: Held WITHOUT Bond

### **Identified:**

The deceased was identified as Matthew Joseph COSTANZO, 22 of Woodbridge



# Police Blotter

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## **Shooting in Signal Hill Area Leads to Three Dead including Father, Good Samaritan, and the Suspect**

**Murder Investigation**—Prince William County detectives and investigators with the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office are jointly investigating an incident which initially began as a domestic related shooting that occurred at a residence located in the 10000 block of Ellis Rd in Manassas (20111) at approximately 6:04PM on January 6.

The investigation revealed that the suspect shot four family members at the home before fleeing in a family member's vehicle. Arriving officers tended to the victims and issued a lookout for the vehicle to neighboring law enforcement agencies. Three of the victims were transported to an area hospital with serious injuries where they are expected to recover. The fourth victim was pronounced dead at the residence.

The surviving victims were identified as a 76-year-old woman, a 56-year-old woman, and a 16-year-old male juvenile. They are being treated in the hospital, and all three are expected to recover.

While investigating the initial shooting, Prince William County detectives learned of a shooting that occurred in the Delaplane area of Fauquier County. The same suspect sought in connection to the Manassas shooting was involved in a single vehicle crash which rendered the vehicle inoperative. At one point, the suspect encountered a passing motorist at the crash location in Fauquier County. During the encounter, the suspect shot and killed the other driver before fleeing on foot. As law enforcement were connecting the two incidents, deputies with the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office located the suspect nearby the crash scene. The suspect later succumbed to a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The investigation continues as Prince William County detectives work to determine what lead up to the initial shooting at the home on Ellis Dr in Manassas. More information will be released when available. For more information regarding the incidents in the Fauquier County, please contact the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office.

### ***Identified:***

The deceased victim was identified as Eric Mark **MITCHELL**, 55, of Manassas

The second deceased victim has not been identified

The deceased suspect was identified as Asa Ellington **MITCHELL**, 21, of Manassas

# Police Blotter

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## **Prince William County Commonwealth Attorney Joins Call to Abolish the Death Penalty in Virginia**

The following appeared in the January 4th version of the Prince William Times.  
For a link to the article, please [click here](#)

Prince William County was once ranked second in the country for sending people to death row. Now, the county's Commonwealth's Attorney Amy Ashworth and 11 other Virginia commonwealth's attorneys are calling for an end to the death penalty in Virginia.

The Virginia Progressive Prosecutors for Justice, a group of commonwealth's attorneys who advocate for criminal justice reforms, published a letter to General Assembly leaders on Monday outlining the reforms they're supporting for in the upcoming legislative session, which begins on Jan. 13.

"The death penalty is unjust, racially biased, and ineffective at deterring crime," the letter said. "We have more equitable and effective means of keeping our communities safe and addressing society's most heinous crimes. It is past time for Virginia to end this antiquated practice."

The group includes the commonwealth's attorneys from the counties of Prince William, Loudoun, Fairfax, Arlington, Henrico and Albemarle, and the cities of Alexandria, Charlottesville, Norfolk, Hampton, Portsmouth and Newport News. Together, the group says they represent about 40% of Virginia's 8.5 million residents.

In addition to abolishing the death penalty, the group is also advocating to end cash bail, mandatory sentences and the "three strikes" felony enhancement for larceny offenses. They're also calling for the automatic expungement of criminal records once offenders have completed their sentences.

Ashworth noted that "the government sanctioned killing of a person who no longer poses an imminent threat to anyone" is also a costly process that could be better spent on crime prevention and deterrence. The state currently operates four capital defender offices that represent poor people charged with capital murder and facing the death penalty.

Del. Lee Carter, D-50th, and state Sen. Scott Surovell, D-36th, both of whom represent parts of the Prince William County, introduced bills in the 2020 General Assembly session to ban the death penalty in Virginia. But both bills were killed.

Carter, who is running for Virginia governor and for re-election in the 50th district, has re-introduced his bill ahead of the 2021 meeting of the General Assembly.

- Prince William Times

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## Registration is Open for Polar Plunge 2021!

Registration is open for the 2021 Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics Virginia. This year's event, which culminates on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021, will look a little different due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but participants can still have a fantastic time supporting a great cause.



This February, the Polar Plunge will look a little different. The Police Department asks participants to take the plunge in their own hands. Plunge Week will be February 1-6, 2021, with a virtual celebration on Feb. 6, 2021.

Be creative! Sing in the shower, relax in the hot tub, or go old school and jump in some icy water indoors or out. Share your pictures or video on social media, using the hashtag #plungeyourway for a chance to be featured. Plunge Week will have fun challenges each day including a virtual costume contest and giveaways at favorite local hotspots. The celebration will wrap on Feb. 6, 2020, with a Facebook Live event.

Registration is open, and the public is invited to participate in two ways:

- Take “the Plunge” virtually, either as an individual or as a team that you put together with friends, neighbors, family or co-workers.
- Make a donation.

To register as a team, click the link, click “Join a Team,” and type PWCPD in the search: <https://impact.specialolympicsva.org/campaign/2021-polar-plunge/c306429>

To donate, click the link, click “Donate Now,” and type PWCPD in the box to credit the Police Department: <https://impact.specialolympicsva.org/campaign/2021-polar-plunge/c306429>

The Polar Plunge benefits Special Olympics, an organization which is supported by law enforcement officers throughout the United States and in 45 countries.

- *Prince William County Police Department*



## **Merry Christmas from the Eastern District PD's A Squad**

Supervisor Vega spent Christmas morning with her staff whipping up breakfast for the PWCPD's Eastern District A Squad. Special thanks and blessings to all of those working on the front lines during the holidays to keep us safe!

*- Coles District Staff*



## **Christmas Tree Lighting at Historic Lucasville School**

On December 13th we continued the tradition of the annual Coles District Christmas Tree Lighting at the Historic Lucasville School on Godwin Road. Special thanks to the Lake Jackson Volunteer Fire Department and the Prince William County Historic Preservation Division, and Cub Scout Pack 1355 for their help in addition to our guest of honor, Santa Clause, for making it a special evening for the kids and parents.

- *Supervisor Vega*



## **Recycle your Christmas Tree and Greenery**

After you remove all ornaments, decorations, tinsel, nails and the tree stand, you may recycle your cut tree and greenery at several convenient locations.

### **The Prince William County Landfill, 14811 Dumfries Road in Manassas**

Monday - Saturday, 6 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### **The Balls Ford Road Compost Facility, 13000 Balls Ford Road in Manassas**

Monday - Saturday, 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### **Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative (NOVEC), 5399 Wellington Branch Road in Gainesville**

December 26 – January 10, 2021

The drop off area is located in the parking lot in the area outlined with safety cones to the right of the building. For more information contact NOVEC at 703-335-0500 ext. 1600, or [VegetationMgmt@novec.com](mailto:VegetationMgmt@novec.com).

- Prince William County Solid Waste Division

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## **Thank You, Coles District!**

Thank you Coles District for the Toys for Tots donations that you all so generously provided. On December 11th, we delivered the toys to station 6.

Thank you for helping to put a smile on a child's face this Holiday Season.

- Supervisor Vega





## **Animal Advisory Committee Update**

**Please find a summary of an end of the year e-mail update from the Chairman of the Animal Advisory Committee, below:**

“Madam Chair and Members of The Board of County Supervisors,

I wanted to provide you with somewhat of a year end report for the AAC. Meetings were held in January and February and started back up in September due to Covid-19.

We started the year out on the animal shelter and I appreciate the Board’s diligence in asking the right questions to get the project started. We are currently working on several areas:

1. Sub Committee on Tethering, working to add to the current ordinances and how State codes can suit Prince William County.
2. Sub Committee on TNR and Feral Cats, we will be recommending by resolution an update concerning TNR and Community Cat Caretakers.
3. Sub Committee on Animal Welfare Laws to ensure that animal abuse and cruelty cases are receiving their due process, leading to prosecution.

We also are having continuing conversations on education with adopting a pet and, how to care for them. We have talked about working with the schools to have classes on this subject or even clubs. We have also looked at a program in PA called Throw Away Dogs, an organization that trains dogs for security purposes. We are looking at this program to see if Prince William County Police could benefit from working with this organization, although we are mindful to the extreme care and training that is needed. We are seeking the contract for the current company where dogs are purchased from. Our concern is if a dog comes to PWC and fails and is sent back, what happens to the dog. We had a presentation from the K-9 unit which was very informative, in addition to two other presentations - one from the Commonwealth Attorney’s Office to provide information on the process of prosecuting animal cruelty cases and one this month from Michael Baker International on the construction of the animal shelter. Our goal is to make sure the dollars approved are being spent as approved and that we are truly in the end getting what we are supposed to be getting in a shelter.

I visited the construction site to take pictures and will continue to do so to have a picture history of the construction. Finally, many of us will be participating in the Humane Society Lobby day on January 21st via zoom. We want to stay on top of animal control laws coming that would affect PWC.

So as you can see, even though we had a gap in meetings, we are quite active and looking forward to presenting to the BOCS some new ideas and ordinance recommendations in 2021.

Wishing each of you a safe, and healthy Holiday, and Merry Christmas.”

*- Prince William County Animal Advisory Committee*

## Supervisor Vega Talks Civics & Responsible Citizenship with Local Cub Scout Pack 1355

On December 7th, I had the honor of meeting with Cub Scout Pack 1355 out of Manassas. In addition to civics and responsible citizenship, we discussed the role of a supervisor, leadership, and fears that come with the job. The future of the Coles District looks bright thanks to these fine young men. Thank you for your service, boys!



- Supervisor Vega



## Supervisor Vega Meets with Members of Sikh Community

In December 3rd, Supervisor Vega had the pleasure of meeting with representatives of the Sikh Center of Virginia, located on Buckhall Road to discuss their requested expansion.

“It was great meeting with members of the Sikh Center of Virginia in regards to their proposed expansion. I really appreciate when applicants are willing to work with our office and listen to their neighbors concerns.”

- Coles District Staff

# Prince William Economic Indicators

## THE HIGHLIGHTS:

**Unemployment:** Prince William County's unemployment rate continued its downward trend in October 2020, falling to 5.5% (from 6.5% the previous month and a high of 11.3% in April 2020).

**Hospitality:** Overnight hotel stays declined in November 2020 causing the hotel occupancy rate to fall to 45.5% from 54.3% in the previous month. The decline was most likely due to seasonal factors as well as rising COVID-19 cases.

**Residential Real Estate:** The median home price declined in November 2020 for the second month in a row, falling to \$409,750 from \$415,000 in October. Nevertheless, the price was still 9% higher than the previous year. Other indicators point to continued tightness in the market on account of lower inventories - declines in active listings and closed sales with average days on the market holding at 10 days, down from 30 days a year earlier and the "average sales price to original list price" ratio also holding steady at 101%.

Click [here](#) to access the full set of Recent Economic Development Indicators.

## ICYMI:

We recently launched two new and exciting programs:

Be Safe Work Safe, designed to guide businesses on how to stay open safely. View recorded webinars [here](#) and [here](#); and

IGNITE, a grant program to assist startups. Click [here](#) to view recorded webinar.

The NOVA EDA Catalyst for Change webinar series is also ongoing. The series focuses on real-world companies and how they have succeeded in turning disruption into success. Register for upcoming events and watch recorded sessions [here](#).

If you haven't already done so, we encourage you to take the #[PrinceWilliamStrong](#) pledge. Companies that take the pledge are eligible to receive free PPE!

Lastly, should you require our services, we encourage you to contact: Michele Weatherly at [MWeatherly@pwcgov.org](mailto:MWeatherly@pwcgov.org) or 703-850-0140 OR Clarice Grove at [CGrove@pwcgov.org](mailto:CGrove@pwcgov.org) or 571-334-0242.

- Prince William County Department of Economic Development and Tourism

## **County's Finance Department Receives Awards**

The Prince William County Department of Finance has received two awards from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

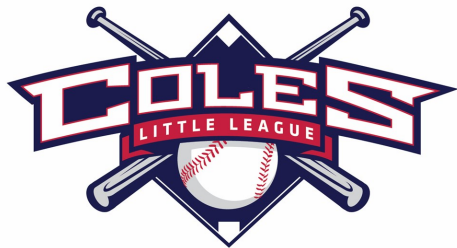
For the 39th consecutive year, the Department of Finance has received the "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" for the department's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. In a press release, the GFOA said that the county received the award for "demonstrating a 'spirit of full disclosure'".

The Department of Finance received the "Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting" for its FY 2019 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the 14th consecutive year. This award was judged based on the financial reporting's "reader appeal, understandability, distribution methods, creativity and other elements".

- Coles District Staff

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## **Coles Little League Spring 2021 Registration is now open!**



Coles Little League has been an established leader in providing the Little League Baseball experience for youth, ages four through sixteen in the mid-Prince William County area.

In addition to practicing on-field fundamentals and the excitement of playing games in a competitive environment, Coles baseball proudly enlists the sport to strengthen its participants' self-esteem and confidence.

Our Spring 2021 registration is now open and you can take advantage of our early-bird pricing until the end of January. The Spring season will begin in early April and will run through the first week of June,

you can find all of the information and the answers to many common questions on our website at [www.coleslittleleague.com](http://www.coleslittleleague.com) and be sure to follow us on Facebook and Twitter to stay up to date on all of our programs and updates.

- Coles Little League

## Prince William Conservation Alliance Upcoming Virtual Events



### **Opportunities for 2021: Development in Prince William County**

Monday, January 11 at 7pm

RSVP required, [click here to register](#)

Tom Eitler of the Urban Land Institute will discuss how Prince William County can maintain its rural area while accommodating growth.

Special attention will be given to the recent impact of the Covid pandemic, how the county can continue to attract and retain talent, and how the development should be focused on locations where infrastructure already exists.



### **Designing Cities that Love Nature with Dr. Timothy Beatley**

Thursday January 14 at 7pm

RSVP required, [click here to register](#)

Urban design and planning that puts nature at the center is the most effective approach to building communities that are resilient.

Join PWCA and UVA Professor Timothy Beatley in a conversation about the many ways in which cities are already profoundly natureful and biodiverse, and he will describe the emerging concept of "Biophilic Urbanism" as an alternative global vision for how cities might develop in ways that make them profoundly resilient (i.e. able to respond to change).

Beatley believes that contact with nature is not something optional but is absolutely essential for a happy, healthy and meaningful life. This emerging new model overcomes the current physical (and mental) disconnect between nature and cities to the benefit of both.

- Prince William Conservation Alliance

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# **Upcoming Coles Land Use Cases**

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## **The Preserve at Long Branch**

The Preserve at Long Branch, formerly known as Mid County Park and Estates. Would amend the Comprehensive Plan to rezone several hundred acres out of the Rural Crescent to build one hundred homes with sewer in addition to open space and a park. Located off of 234 East/Dumfries Rd, behind Canova Dr.

**UPDATE: RECOMMENDED DENIAL BY PLANNING COMMISSION 6-1-1 (7/29).**

**UPDATE: HEARING DEFERRAL REQUESTED (10/16). UPDATE: HEARING SCHEDULED 1/19/21.**

Please [click here](#) to view the case under “Board Scheduled”.

## **Dar Al Noor Mosque Expansion**

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

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

The Special Use Permit would allow the applicant to increase its number of prayer rugs from 502 to 1,782, resulting in an increase of daily Friday vehicle trips from 1,761 to 6,250 according to county estimates.

**UPDATE: CASE LIKELY TO BE HEARD IN EARLY FEBRUARY.** Please [click here](#) to view the case under “Under Review”.

## **Independent Hill Small Area Plan**

This Plan encompasses ±544 acres, is bisected by Rte. 234 (Dumfries Rd) and bounded by Colgan High School on the north, the PWC Landfill on the east, Independent Hill Dr. on the northwest.

The mixed use development would add up 200 homes along with new business and industrial zonings. This includes clearing out 41 acres in the Rural Crescent buttressing the Prince William National Forest Park to potentially make way for a data center.

Please [click here](#) to view the case under “Pending

**UPDATE: RECOMMENDED DENIAL BY PLANNING COMMISSION 5-3 (12/9).**

**UPDATE: CASE MAY BE HEARD IN FEBRUARY.**



## January Future Board of Supervisors Meetings

January 12th	2:00 PM/7:30PM	<a href="#">Regular Meeting</a>
January 19th	2:00PM/7:30PM	<a href="#">Regular Meeting</a>

### All Board of County Supervisors Meetings Are Broadcast Live:

- Comcast: Channel 23
- Verizon: Channel 37
- County Website: [pwcgov.org/bocs](http://pwcgov.org/bocs)

## Links To Watch Recent Board of Supervisors Meetings

December 15th	2:00 PM/7:30 PM	<a href="#">Regular Meeting</a>
December 8th	2:00PM/7:00PM	<a href="#">Regular Meeting</a>
December 1st	2:00PM/7:00PM	<a href="#">Regular Meeting</a>

## January future Planning Commission Meetings

January 13	7:00 PM	<a href="#">Regular Meeting</a>
January 27	7:00 PM	<a href="#">Regular Meeting</a>

## Board / Commission / Committee Meetings

### Animal Advisory Committee

January 19th at 6:45 PM

Zoon Meeting

### Northern VA Regional Commission

January 28 7:30Pm

### Arts Council

No meeting schedule

### Parks & Recreation Commission

January 20 7:00 PM

Helwig Park Administrative Building

### Commission on Aging

January 12 10:00 AM (Cancelled)

January 26 10:00 AM (Cancelled)

### Planning Commission

January 13 & 27 7:00 PM

McCoart Building, Board Chambers

### Board of Zoning Appeals

January 25th 2:00PM

McCoart Building, Board Chambers

### PRTC

January 7th 7:00PM( Meeting canceled)

[youtube.com/PRTCtransit](https://www.pwcgov.org/government/dept/planning/Pages/Planning-Commission.aspx)

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### Community Services Board

January 21st 6:30 PM

McCoart Building, Powell's Creek Conference Room

### Trails & Blueways Council

January 26 6:30 PM

### Historical Commission

January 12 7:30

Development Services Building, Room 202 A&B

### School Board

January 6th,11th,12th & 20th 6:00 PM

[Meeting Schedule](#)

Watch at [pwcstv.com](http://pwcstv.com)

### Human Rights Commission

January 14 7:30PM

McCoart Building, Board Chambers

### Service Authority

January 14th 6:45 PM

The Spittle Building

### Regional Jail Board

January 20 6:00 PM

### Social Services Advisory Board

January 19 6:00 PM

Sudley North Gov't Center

### Library Board

January 28 6:30 PM

Library Administrative Support Center Chinn library

### VRE Operations Board

January 15th 09:00 am

PRTC Boardroom

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