



Neighborhood News

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NSD

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Don't forget to Vote! Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Five candidates are running in the Democratic primary for [Governor of Virginia](#) on June 8, 2021.



Incumbent Gov. [Ralph Northam](#) (D) is unable to seek re-election due to term limits. Virginia's constitution prevents the governor from running for a second consecutive term, although there is no lifetime term limit, meaning governors can serve non-consecutive terms.

Not sure where your polling place is located? Find it here:
[Lookup \(virginia.gov\)](#) For more information, visit [Prince William County Office of Elections](#)



Neighborhood Leaders Group Update...

As the County prepares to regain a sense of normalcy after 15 months of grappling with the COVID-19 pandemic, Neighborhood Services is considering hosting our Fall HOA/COA Leadership Seminar in October. Let us know if you'd be interested in participating. Kindly email your feedback to the Neighborhood Coordinator at choltzlander@pwcgov.org. Thank you!

Good Neighbors ~ Better Communities ~ Best World!



PWC Parks & Rec
703-792-8667

THE DALE CITY FARMER'S MARKET IS BACK HOME ON GEMINI WAY



Open Sundays year-round, the Dale City Farmer's Market is back at its usual location at 1409 Gemini Way, in Dale City, between Center Plaza Shopping Center and the Comcast Building.

Every Sunday, from 8:00am to 1:00pm, you can visit over 50 market booths and meet the local people who offer the freshest produce and delicious foods available for you to purchase.

Fruits, vegetables, honey, jams, baked goods, eggs, cheese, meats and seafood. You will also find bedding plants, hanging plants, cut flowers, lotions and soaps.

The SNAP/EBT token program is available at the Market. The Dale City Farmer's Market adheres to strict Health & Safety rules. We are all in this together, so please wear your face mask while visiting our market. Here's to good health!

Visit www.dalecitymarket.com for more information.



News from Parks, Recreation & Tourism...

WE'VE GOT SUMMER JOBS!

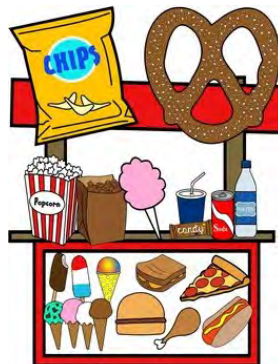
Prince William County Parks, Recreation and Tourism is excited to be opening our great summer facilities this summer. We need a huge seasonal staff to help deliver the level of excellence in customer care and service our community and visitors deserve.

Lifeguards, Camp Counselors, Guest Services and Concessions are a few of the areas we are actively recruiting for. Job training, skill development, great hours and really good pay can be yours this summer!

If you have a passion for being outdoors, helping people and your community, why not join our team. Oh, don't forget your favorite shades 'cuz this summer, the Future is Bright!

Ready? Visit Here > <https://pwcparkejobs.com/>

**Summer
Camp**



KAB

About Keep America
Beautiful (kab.org)



KEEP AMERICA
BEAUTIFUL



Largest Study on Litter in America

KAB is thrilled to announce the summary of their 2020 study on litter in America. The Keep America Beautiful 2020 National Litter Study provides a detailed understanding of the quantity, composition, and sources of litter across the United States.

The 2020 Study is a follow-up to their landmark 2009 study, which builds on a history of science-based litter research started by Keep America Beautiful in 1969.

Key findings include:

- Nearly 50 billion pieces of litter along U.S. roadways and waterways
- Slightly more litter along waterways (25.9B) than roadways (23.7B)
- 152 items for each U.S. resident
- More than 2,000 pieces of litter per mile (both roadway and waterway)
- 90% of people surveyed believe litter is a problem in their state
- 6 billion pieces more than 4 inches in size
- Most littered item remains cigarette butts, but this litter is down almost 70%
- 207.1M PPE items littered

"This data will help inform our programs for years to come addressing both litter on the ground and the act of littering," said Dr. Helen Lowman, Keep America Beautiful President and CEO. "Our many diverse partners, our 700 affiliate organizations, and the millions of volunteers activated annually will use this data to work towards our vision that everyone in America lives in a beautiful community."

Click to download the [Litter Study Summary Report](#).



We're very proud of the hard work our Litter Crew does every day. However, a truly effective program to keep our communities clean, safe and sustainable combines the efforts of **everyone** in the community.

Perhaps you've wondered how you might be able to help solve our litter problem? Neighborhood Services collaborates with our Community Partner Keep Prince William Beautiful (KPWB), a local non-profit organization dedicated to a clean and litter-free Prince William.



[Keep Prince William Beautiful](#) provides community cleanup guidance, a variety of educational materials, as well as supplies to support your cleanup efforts. KPWB also coordinates [Adopt-a-Spot programs](#) and will support your [neighborhood cleanups](#). For more information call 571-285-3772.



These opportunities allow High School students to earn their community service hours while beautifying their neighborhoods. Local Scouts can also earn credit towards their service badges. Consider joining us as we strive to make Prince William the BEST it can be!



BEFORE THE LITTER CREW...



AFTER!!!



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Services Division

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Court, Suite 280
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News from Neighborhood Services...

NSD by the Numbers

2021	March	April	May
<u>Spot Blight</u>	0	0	0
<u>Zoning</u>	289	294	167
<u>Building Maintenance</u>	26	59	33
<u>Vegetation</u>	0	38	102
<u>Graffiti</u>	6	1	1
<u>Unsafe/Unfit</u>	8	15	8
<u>Illegal Roadside Signs</u>	12	7	6
Total Cases	341	414	317
<u>Removed</u>			
<u>Roadside Signs</u>	406	341	492

Neighborhood Services' Mission is to assist residents understand, abide by, and raise concerns about compliance with Property Codes. The Codes are the basis for and guide the way we work together to maintain adequate health, safety and quality of life in the places where we live, work and enjoy Prince William County.

Property Code Enforcement staff members work to ensure our communities are properly maintained by educating and enforcing, when necessary the following:

[Prince William Zoning Ordinance](#) (regulates how land is used)

[Building Maintenance Code](#) (regulates safety and structural elements of existing structures)

[Spot Blight Program](#) (addresses extremely deteriorated properties)

[Illegal Roadside Signs](#) (signs placed illegally in the road right-of-way)

[Tall Grass and Weeds](#) (seriously neglected lawns and properties)

[Graffiti](#) (vandalism that is not removed or repaired in a reasonable time)

How Neighborhood Services Help Communities Thrive...



Neighborhood Services Staff are responsible for enforcing the Zoning Ordinances of Prince William County. The goal of this enforcement is to ensure properties in Prince William County are maintained and used in accordance with the County's adopted land use requirements. The most common violations are:

- ⇒ Inoperative vehicles on private property
- ⇒ Prohibited commercial vehicles on private property (please call for clarification on this type of violation)
- ⇒ Storage of items outside in the public view including under a porch or deck or inside a carport such as trash containers car parts tools construction materials etc.
- ⇒ Dump heap/trash storage
- ⇒ Illegal accessory structures
- ⇒ Illegal businesses*
- ⇒ Over occupancy
- ⇒ Graffiti

*Illegal businesses are those who have not secured proper permits and/or zoning approval to operate within a residential neighborhood.

It is important to note: 1) Inoperative vehicles on the **public streets** should be reported to the **Prince William County Police** non-emergency number at **703-792-6500**. 2) Neighborhood Services staff do not issue zoning permits or approvals. Permits and approvals are issued by [Zoning Administration](#) within the [Planning Office](#) 703-792-7615.

Should you notice a property code issue in your community, please report it to us via our [online reporting form](#) so that we can assist. If you prefer to speak to someone, please call our Intake Staff at 703-792-7018.





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News from Fire & Rescue...

Things to remember when celebrating the Summer holidays.

FIREWORK SAFETY

Even legal fireworks can be dangerous. Take special precautions to celebrate safely on the Fourth of July. Here are some helpful tips:

- Fireworks should only be used under adult supervision.
- Fireworks should only be used outdoors on a driveway sidewalk or other fire-resistant surface. Remember fires are caused by careless handling of fire-works in areas exposed to sparks or live fireworks.
- Never ignite fireworks during high winds where flying sparks can start a fire.
- Keep a bucket of water handy in case sparks start a fire.
- Be sure children around fireworks know to stop drop and roll if their clothing catches on fire.
- Deposit sparklers in a metal container as they may be stepped on while hot or lost in the grass and stepped on while playing.
- Never aim or throw fireworks at another person.
- Never try to re-ignite fireworks that malfunction or fail to go off.
- Do not wear loose clothing when using fireworks.
- Never experiment or make your own fireworks.
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket.



The safest way to prevent fireworks-related injuries or worse is to leave fireworks displays to the professionals.

REMEMBER

Misuse of fireworks causing death injury or property loss shall incur civil or criminal liability. Our goals are public safety and voluntary compliance of the law. Help us protect you and your loved ones:

- Surrender illegal fireworks voluntarily when requested by authorities.
- Argument may lead to issuing a summons to court and confiscation of illegal fireworks.
- Refusal to comply will result in a custodial arrest and confiscation of the contraband.

For more information about selecting and using legal fireworks or if you would like to safely dispose of illegal fireworks contact the Fire Marshal's Office at 703-792-6360.

Turning in illegal fire-works will not result in any fines or summons and no questions will be asked.

Get Ready to Grill Safely

Separate

When shopping, pick up meat, poultry, and seafood last and separate them from other food in your shopping cart and grocery bags.



Chill

Keep meat, poultry, and seafood refrigerated until ready to grill. When transporting, keep below 40°F in an insulated cooler.



Clean

Wash your hands with soap before and after handling raw meat, poultry, and seafood. Wash work surfaces, utensils, and the grill before and after cooking.



Cook

Use a food thermometer to ensure meat is cooked hot enough to kill harmful germs. When smoking, keep temperature inside the smoker at 225°F to 300°F to keep meat at a safe temperature while it cooks.

145°F	beef, pork, lamb, veal, fish
160°F	hamburgers and other ground meat
165°F	poultry



Don't cross-contaminate

Throw out marinades and sauces that have touched raw meat juices. Put cooked meat on a clean plate.



Refrigerate

Divide leftovers into small portions and place in covered, shallow containers. Put in freezer or fridge within two hours of cooking (one hour if above 90°F outside).





www.cdc.gov/foodsafety

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Keep a **3-foot safe zone** around your grill to keep kids and pets safe.





PWC Police Dept.
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Woodbridge, VA
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News from Our Police Department...

Are you interested in a career in law enforcement? Do you have questions about how to become a police officer?

Join us for a recruiting information session to learn more about becoming an officer with the Prince William County Police Department on Saturday, June 5, 2021, from 9 a.m. to Noon. The event will be held at the Charlie T. Deane Station, 5036 Davis Ford Rd., Woodbridge (22192).

Recruiters will be available to answer questions about the qualifications, hiring process, benefits, incentives and more. Speak one-on-one with an officer and get detailed information about what the Prince William County Police Department has to offer. Families are welcome. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, all must wear masks and observe social distancing.

Message from the Chief

About Us

Hiring Process

Specialized Units

Pay & Benefits

FAQ

Awards & Recognition



We look forward to seeing you! If you have questions, please call 703-792-6580. For more information, please visit this Police Department webpage: www.joinpwcpd.org.



News from Our Community Partner...



The Prince William Soil and Water Conservation District has been experiencing an increasing number of citizen engagement in its Water Quality programs. For example, its Adopt-A-Stream/Pond program registered 605 volunteers who collected over 19,726 lbs. of debris from an estimated 21.15 miles of Prince William County's waterways (January to April 2021 only).

This recorded 1,770 hours of citizen volunteer time which saved the County Government \$50,515.80 of tax-payers money (Independent Sector, 2021).

Together, We Can Make A Change!

Contact;

waterquality@pwsacd.org

[Video on Plastic Awareness](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rh4r15a-su4&t=15s)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rh4r15a-su4&t=15s>

PWC Marine Debris Project - Prince William Soil and Water Conservation District



Boy Scout Troop 964 at Powells Creek





Solid Waste

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News from Solid Waste...

June 17 - Special Week to Recognize Waste and Recycling Workers

The week of June 17 is National Waste and Recycling Workers Week, formerly known as Garbage Man Day. Annually, communities across the nation are encouraged to take a moment during this special week and show appreciation for the men and women in the solid waste management industry. These workers, particularly, trash and recycling collectors keep neighborhoods and streets safe and clean.

June is also National Safety month and according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, these workers rank 6 out of 10 on the [list of fatal job injuries](#), which makes safety an appropriate focus year round. The Prince William County Solid Waste Division will recognize National Waste and Recycling Workers Week, with a focus on worker safety and appreciation. All trash haulers that come to the Prince William County Landfill on June 17 will receive an expression of thanks and a special treat that includes safety tips.

In addition to collecting trash, solid waste industry employees are also pioneers in advancing technologies such as recycling, renewable and sustainable energy, and reduction of fossil fuel dependence. Match that with their clear impact on community cleanliness and hygiene, and it seems the modern-day garbage man should receive more than our garbage every week.



PWC family share a treat and a big "Thanks" in 2020.



WASTE & RECYCLING WORKERS WEEK

During the week of June 17 (June 13-19), there are many ways that residents and businesses can show support and appreciation for the people doing these dangerous and important jobs.



Here are several suggestions:

[Slow down](#) and pay extra attention when approaching or passing a collection vehicle.

Follow the provided guidelines for size and weight limitations and types of materials discarded in the regular trash and recycling bins.

Properly dispose of hazardous materials, do not put them in the trash.

Use more caution when putting harmful items in the trash such as glass or hot ashes.

Consider ways you can reduce, reuse and recycle things instead of throwing them in the garbage.

Wave to your collector to show your awareness and appreciation of their efforts.

Express thanks and appreciation with a chalk drawing on the sidewalk or driveway, or a cardboard sign, banner taped to your trash receptacle.

Give the landfill attendants an air “High Five”.

To learn more about National Waste and Recycling Workers Week, and how to show support, go to <https://www.wasterecyclingworkersweek.org/>. Celebration ideas and photos may be sent to PWCRecycles@pwcgov.org.



Dale City Dumpster Day Gemini Way Commuter Lot
May 8, 2021



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News from Our Community Partner...

Join Keep Prince William Beautiful in a new effort to build a sustainability movement in Prince William County. Introducing "**Raise The Bar**", a sustainability initiative created to encourage community members to pursue a more sustainable lifestyle one step at a time.

The Campaign runs from May 10, 2021 until December 31, 2021. There are multiple ways to participate- join our litter cleanup efforts or organize your own, share your creative material reuse projects, plant a garden (even if it's just one potted plant hanging out on your patio), and more!

Each month offers an opportunity to win fun prizes just by incorporating a sustainability mindset in your daily life, and there are other additional prizes up for grabs as well so visit www.kpwb.org/raise-the-bar to register!



RAISE THE BAR

Spend this summer helping us make our community
vibrant and beautiful.

Together let's 'Raise The Bar' on sustainability in NOVA.



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News from Our Library...

Hours of Operation

BULL RUN, CHINN PARK, HAY-
MARKET GAINESVILLE,
MONTCLAIR, POTOMAC:

OPEN

Monday – Saturday:
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

CURBSIDE PICKUP

Monday – Thursday:
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Closed Sunday

CENTRAL, MANASSAS CITY:

OPEN

Monday – Thursday:
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday:
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

CURBSIDE PICKUP

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Closed Sunday

DALE CITY, DUMFRIES, INDE-
PENDENT HILL, LAKE RIDGE,
NOKESVILLE:

OPEN

Monday – Thursday:
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday – Saturday:
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

CURBSIDE PICKUP

Available by request only.
Closed Sunday



Summer Reading Program

Animals of all kinds roam lands, swim in the deep blue oceans, and soar through the air. Many have both a tail and a tale to share as part of this year's Summer Reading theme, "Tails and Tales!" From June 14 – August 15, we invite you to join us for Summer Reading at Prince William Public Libraries.

To participate, visit any Prince William Public Library, register [online](#),

or through the Beanstack Tracker app on your smartphone. Track your progress by checking off completed activities. This year, we're introducing a game card just for infants and toddlers, and have designed games cards just for grades K – 5 and 6 – 12 to keep them engaged and excited about reading all summer long. We will also have a Summer Reading Bucket List Challenge for adults to enjoy!

Come into any of our libraries after 10 activities for a free book and to be entered into a grand prize drawing. Complete all the activities for a bonus entry for the grand prize drawing.



Fun Things to do in PWC...



Looking for fun things to do with your family and friends as Summer begins in Virginia? Prince William County offers so much to do and explore in our very own backyard.

Top Attractions



Father's Day Weekend Ideas



The Full Scoop - 10 Ice Cream Spots to Try

Jiffy Lube Live 2021 Concert Series





The Dale City Civic Association invites you to join them for their Annual Independence Day Parade to be held on Saturday, July 3, 2021.

The parade will begin at 10am. Line up is at 9:00am. The parade route will travel along Dale Boulevard, starting at Kirkdale Road.

Parade applications should be mailed to: Dale City Parade Committee, P.O. Box 1822, Dale City, VA 22195

To learn more or receive an application for the Dale City Independence Day Parade, contact Coordinator Lisa Hicks at 571-723-2493.

