

# News

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Last Dumpster Day of the Year! Potomac District Dumpster Day & Shredding Event Sat. Sept. 18, 2021 3613 Graham Park Road Triangle, VA 9am-Ipm









#### Neighborhood Leaders Group Update...

Neighborhood Services received minimal feedback to warrant hosting the Fall HOA/COA Leadership Seminar in October. Until more interest is expressed in participating in group events, we will stand-by with our planning efforts. Kindly email your feedback to the Neighborhood Coordinator at choltzlander@pwcgov.org if you have suggestions for group meetings. Thank you!

#### Good Neighbors ~ Better Communities ~ Best World!

# NSD

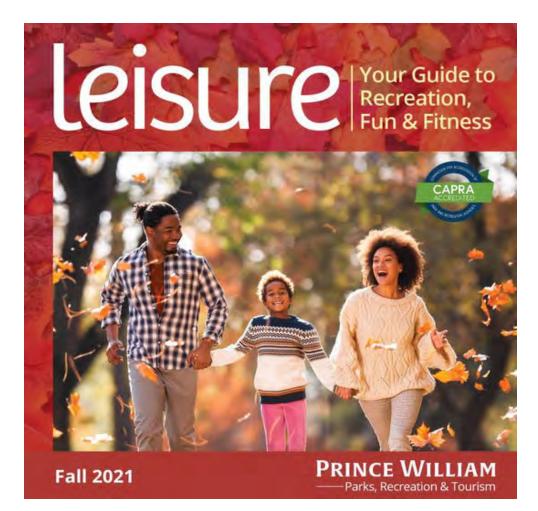
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PWC Parks & Rec 703-792-8667

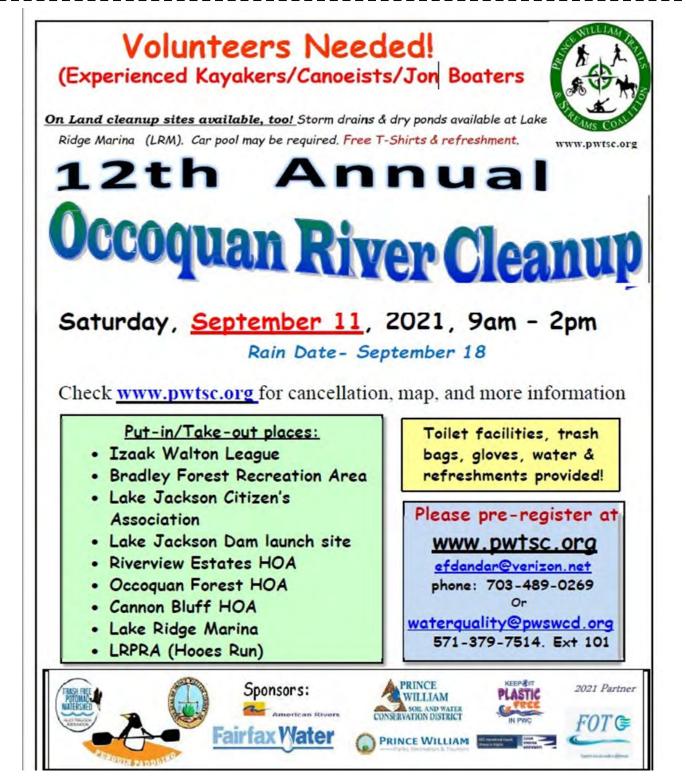
#### News from Parks, Recreation & Tourism ...



Fall LEISURE 2021, your guide to recreation, fun & fitness in Prince William County is now available online.

Discover recreation programs including Swim Lessons, Survival Club, Nature Photography, Dance Academy, Adapted Recreation Programs, Fitness on the Boardwalk, a Bluegrass Concert Series, Sports, Children's Programs, Holiday Happenings and LOTS MORE!

LEISURE online: <sup>(()</sup><u>http://ow.ly/u6eJ50FIRrC</u>



**Register at:** <u>http://www.pwtsc.org/event/12th-annual-occoquan-river-cleanup-</u> september-11-2021/

Video of the Occoquan River: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KU3RhTH\_s48</u>

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

#### PWSWCD

8850 Rixlew Lane Manassas, VA 20109 571-379-7514 www.pwswcd.org



**Opportunities from Our Community Partner...** 

#### Together, We Can Make A Change! To adopt a stream for cleanup, Contact;

waterquality@pwswcd.org

Video on Plastic Awareness https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rh4r15a-su4&t=15s PWC Marine Debris Project - Prince William Soil and Water Conservation District



#### Become a Certified Water Quality Monitor in Biological Monitoring!

Are you interested in becoming a Certified Water Quality Monitor in Biological Monitoring? Visit: https://www.iwla.org/water/streammonitoring/upcoming-water-monitoringworkshops/online-certification to start your online identification training!



Please ensure to fill out this registration

form: https://forms.gle/NRir3RFUiX1pDkNK6 so that the Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA) can follow-up on your progress. After your online training, email Veronica Tangiri to start on Part II: Field Practical Test and complete certification.

#### News from Neighborhood Services Litter Crew...

The Litter Crew has been hard at work keeping the County clean during the Summer months.

June	July	August
76.3 Miles Cleaned	79.1 Miles Cleaned	70.1 Miles Cleaned
5.35 Tons Litter Collected	10.38 Tons Litter Collected	3.72 Tons Litter Collected









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PWC Neighborhood Services Division

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703-792-7018

#### News from Neighborhood Services...

#### NSD by the Numbers

2021	June	July	Aug.
Spot Blight	0	0	1
Zoning	146	160	189
Vegetation	85	50	66
<b>Building Maintenance</b>	25	34	47
<u>Graffiti</u>	0	1	2
<u>R</u> efuse	1	0	0
Unsafe/Unfit	11	12	13
Illegal Roadside Signs	6	11	4
Total Cases	274	268	322
Removed			
Roadside Signs	176	556	290

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)

<u>Illegal Roadside Signs</u> (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:

- $\Rightarrow$  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\*
- $\Rightarrow$  Over occupancy
- $\Rightarrow$  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 <u>Zoning Administration</u> within the <u>Planning Office</u> 703-792-7615.

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





1 County Complex Ct Prince William, VA 22192 703-792-6800

#### News from Fire & Rescue...

#### **Residential Sprinklers Save Lives**

A fire occurs in a residential structure about every 80 seconds taking a considerable toll on life and property. Through public education fire and rescue personnel can suggest ways to protect yourself and your family against death injury and property damage resulting from a residential fire. Some examples include installation of smoke alarms and



emergency preparation/escape planning. Residential sprinklers introduced in the1980s are an additional means to protect your family and home should a fire occur.

It is recommended that all homes should be equipped with smoke alarms and automatic fire sprinklers. Within the past few decades millions of Americans have installed smoke alarms in their homes. Although this is a significant life-safety initiative working smoke alarms only alert occupants regarding a fire in the home -- they cannot contain or extinguish a fire. Whereas sprinklers provide 'built in protection' by reducing a fire's heat flames and smoke providing residents valuable time to exit safely.

Through extensive and successful research performed by the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) the use of residential sprinklers has diminished initial concerns regarding cost reaction and reliability. These life-saving systems have gained increasing acceptance as demonstrated by their quick and effective response in the presence of a fire. Sprinklers installed in the home is equivalent to having your own individual firefighters. Sprinklers save lives!



#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Home fire deaths are reduced by 80% when sprinklers and working smoke alarms are both present.
- Sprinklers reduce property loss by 70%.
- 85% of fires are contained by the operation of just one sprinkler.
- Research shows that when sprinklers were present during a fire, the fire is kept to the room of origin 97% of the time.
- Sprinklers are designed and calibrated to activate when sensing a significant heat increase.
- Only the sprinkler closest to the fire will activate spraying water directly on the fire.
- Sprinklers use a fraction of the water used by fire department hoses.
- Sprinklers can save homeowners between 5% 15% on their insurance.
- In new homes under construction sprinklers cost about 1 1.5% of the total building cost.
- Modern sprinklers are designed to fit flush with walls and ceilings to blend in with most any decor



Photo from Washington Post: <u>Two separate fires in Prince William County cause families to be displaced - The Washington Post</u>





PWC Police Dept. 5036 Davis Ford Road Woodbridge, VA 22192 703-792-6580

#### News from Our Police Department...

#### Community Fair Offers Fun, Info About the Police Department

The Prince William County Police Department will host a Community Fair on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021, to showcase the many facets of Police work in the County with displays, fun activities, appointments with a recruiter, pet adoptions and much more.

The event will be held from noon to 4 p.m. at the Sean Connaughton Plaza, 1 County Complex Court, Woodbridge, VA 22192.

County residents are cordially invited to the Community Fair, which also will feature displays from numerous County publicsafety agencies and other County government organizations, live music and food trucks.

Background investigators and recruiters will be present to speak to anyone interested in a career as a police officer. Job applications will be accepted that day.

The Department is committed to a diverse workforce and encourages all interested applicants to contact the Prince William County Police Personnel Bureau at (703) 792-6580 or visit the Department's recruiting website at www.joinpwcpd.org



# Inaugural Community

Sponsored by: THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Saturday, September 25, 2021 Noon to 4 pm Sean Connaughton Plaza McCoart Government Complex 1 County Complex Ct., Woodbridge, VA 22192



# Celebrating Diversity & Embracing Unity

Police Department Rapid Hiring Event Signup Genius

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Solid Waste

8900 Freedom Center Blvd Manassas, VA 20110 703-792-7240

#### News from Solid Waste ...

## New Yard Waste Collection Program

\*\*\*No Plastic Bags Beginning October 1\*\*\*

On Dec. 15, 2020, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors unanimously approved changes to Chapter 22 (Refuse) of the County Code. As a result of this code change, a new curbside yard waste collection program will begin on Oct. 1. Yard waste will be collected weekly, separate from trash and recycling. Yard waste must be placed in biodegradable paper bags or containers labeled "Yard Waste". Labels are available at the County Landfill or Balls Ford Road Compost Facility. Plastic bags should no longer be used for yard waste collection.

Residents, businesses, apartments, landscapers, etc. are all required to arrange for a separate collection of yard waste, leaves and brush. The yard waste collection program is seasonal and will run March through December, each year. In addition to yard waste collection, Christmas trees will be collected during the first two weeks of January. Residents and business may contact their trash and recycling hauler for information on yard waste collection days, provision of containers and other account specific details.

Like refuse, there will be no charge to private waste haulers or residents for yard waste delivered to the Balls Ford Road facility. The yard waste will be made into a soil amendment product which will be available for purchase by area residents, landscapers, and garden centers.

The separate collection of yard waste has numerous benefits for the Prince William Community:

\*Collected yard waste is converted in compost, a soil amendment product at the newly expanded Balls Ford Compost Facility.

\*Diverts yard waste from the County landfill, which expands the landfill life by 10-15 years. \*Increases the County's recycling rate.

\*Provides more dependable collection of yard waste material.

\*No plastic bags, improves the quality of the compost product.

With these changes, the County realizes a goal from the 2004 Solid Waste Management Plan. "I think, these changes will significantly enhance the County's overall waste reduction efforts. I am certain that the new Code will serve the County for years to come," commented Scott MacDonald, solid waste division recycling manager.

Guidelines on yard waste preparation and other details on the new program are available at <u>www.pwcva.gov/yardwaste</u>.



# PRINCE WILLIAM



#### March – December

Starts

October 2021

#### Yard Waste includes: \*

- ·Leaves, plants, flowers
- Grass clippings
- Wood chips
- Shrub, tree and yard trimmings
- Christmas trees (First two full weeks of January, only)

#### Containers and Preparation: \*\*

- Paper yard waste bags
- Containers labeled "Yard Waste"
- Bundle and tie sticks and branches
- No plastic bags



www.pwcva.gov/yardwaste





\* No root balls, stumps, trees, or branches exceeding 6"in diameter and 4' in length.

\*\* No bags or containers more than 50 pounds (unless, mechanically lifted).



Solid Waste

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# More News from Solid Waste...

#### Mega Paper Shred at Pfitzner Stadium

#### Free confidential document shred on Saturday, October 23

The Prince William County Solid Waste Division will hold a free document shred event for Prince William area residents on Saturday, Oct. 23, 8 a.m. to 12 noon (or until trucks reach capacity). The mega shred will be held at Pfitzner Stadium, 7 County Complex Court, Woodbridge, the former home of the Potomac Nationals baseball team.

This event is for residents. Only confidential documents such as bank statements and tax returns will be accepted. Non confidential documents such as junk mail should be recycled at the curb or a Solid Waste facility customer convenience center recycling drop-off. Paper clips (regular size) and staples do not have to be removed.

Residents may bring the equivalent of up to four boxes (18"x12"x15") of paper for shredding at no charge. No business or commercial shredding will be accepted.

**COVID 19 Restrictions:** Customers must wear a mask and stay in the vehicle. All items for shredding must be place in the rear of the vehicle (trunk, hatchback, or truck bed) before coming to the shred location.

For additional material limits and guidelines see *Events* at <u>www.pwcva.gov/</u> trashandrecycling.



Resident drives up to shred truck with boxes of confidential documents for shredding onsite. Assistance is provided, so residents do not have to get out of their vehicle.



# at Pfitzner Stadium PAPER SHRED

# Saturday, October 23 8 a.m. to 12 noon\* 7 County Complex Court, Woodbridge

**Up to four boxes** Confidential documents Bank statements Tax returns

# Residents only, no business or commercial shredding available.

No junk mail, newspapers, magazines, large binder clips, ring binders, CDs/other media, or electronics.

\*Unless trucks reach capacity before noon.

Visit pwcva.gov/trashandrecycling for additional restrictions.

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#### News from Environmental Services...



ESD encourages you to consider growing natives when first creating gardens or when your replant at your home or business setting. Why native? When natives are planted in the right location, there are numerous benefits:

- You will enjoy healthy plants since they are here naturally they like the soil and the climate.
- You will have less work to maintain the plants since they are native to our area.
- You will save money since the plants are more likely to thrive here.
- You will provide natural habitat and food for butterflies, birds and pollinators.
- You can plant a variety of natives to thrive in the various settings (shade, full sun, wet soil and bloom schedule) on your property.
- You will enjoy beautiful plants as intended for our area-

Here are some organizations that can help you successfully plan, select, plant and care for your native species:

- ⇒ The Virginia Native Plant Society, <u>www.vnps.org</u> (The local chapter is the Prince William Wildflower Society)
- ⇒ Plant NoVA Natives, <u>www.plantnovanatives.org</u> (A collaboration of many agencies)
- $\Rightarrow$  Audubon at Home, <u>http://audubonva.org/audubon-at-home-1</u>
- $\Rightarrow$  National Wildlife Federation, <u>http://www.nwf.org/Garden-For-Wildlife.aspx</u>
- ⇒ Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, <u>https://</u> <u>www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/habitat/habitat-at-home/</u>
- $\Rightarrow$  Xerces Society, <u>https://xerces.org/</u>

For plants truly native to the Northern Virginia area, please check out Native Plants for Northern Virginia posted on the pages at <u>www.plantnovanatives.org</u>. You can also contact the Master Gardeners and the Virginia Cooperative Extension for guidance. They can help you choose the right plant or plants to create the perfect spot. Contact the Extension Horticulture Help Desk at 703-792-7747 and one of the helpful Master Gardeners will assist you. Just describe the spot (sun, shade, wet or dry) and they will help you select a low maintenance, beautiful native tree, shrub or plant. You can also contact them by email at <u>master gardener@pwcgov.org</u> In addition, they have a page dedicated to planting natives at <u>http://www.pwcgov.org/government/dept/vce/pages/nativeplants.aspx</u>

There are classes on a variety of gardening and landscape topics offered throughout the year to help you. To learn more, please visit <u>http://</u>www.pwcgov.org/government/dept/vce/pages/enr-program-information.aspx.

# HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

- Trick-or-treat in groups.
- · Have children walk only in well-lighted areas.
- Only trick-or-treat at homes with porch lights on.
- Children should not eat any candy until they get home and have it checked.
- Have a cell phone with you. Any suspicious behavior or criminal activity should be reported to the police immediately.
- If driving a car, be extra alert for Trick or Treaters and all pedestrians.
- To receive trick-or-treaters, leave your porch light on and greet them at the door. Do not encourage them to come inside.
- Children and adults are reminded to put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.





Prince William County Police

**Crime Prevention Unit** 

Emergency: 911 Non-Emergency: 703-792-6500

**Crime Prevention Unit:** 

703-792-7270

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#### News from Our Community Partner...



Nancy Berlin, Natural Resource Specialist Master Gardener Coordinator Virginia Cooperative Extension – Prince William



Virginia Tech · Virginia State University



# Virginia Pesticide Disposal Program

Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the Virginia Pesticide Control Board invite farmers, pesticide dealers, pest control firms, local governments, pesticide applicators, homeowners and more to participate in the 2021 Pesticide Disposal Program. Our program collects unwanted, outdated, or banned pesticides and disposes of them in a safe and environmentally cautious way. **No cost to participants.** 



Merrifield Garden Center- Fair Oaks 12101 Lee Highway Fairfax, VA 22030 (703) 968-9600



September 9, 2021 9 AM- 1 PM



James S. Long Regional Park 4603 James Madison Highway Haymarket, VA 20169- 1932 (703) 792-7060



September 10, 2021 9 AM- 1 PM

Participants must transport their unwanted pesticides to central collection sites located within the service area. If participants cannot safely containerize the unwanted pesticides for transport, the disposal contractor will make arrangements to do that for them. **Only pesticides will be accepted.** Pesticide contaminated materials will not be accepted as part of the disposal program. In addition, the program does NOT accept motor oil, pain, fuel, fertilizer or other chemicals.

For more information visit VDACS website at: https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/pesticidecollection.shtml

Fairfax VCE : Adria Bordas (703) 324-8558; Kirsten Conrad (703) 228- 6400 Loundon County VCE: Jim Hilleary & Beth Sastre (703) 777- 0373 Prince William County VCE: Paige Thacker & Thomas Bolles (703) 792- 4371



VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

For Additional Information please visit: <u>Pesticide Collection (virginia.gov)</u>

	PESTICIDE COLLECTION PROGRAM REGISTRATION	SKAM REGISTRATION		
PLEASE COMPLETE THE ENTIRE FORM. LIST ONLY THOSE PESTICIDES THAT WILL BE SUBMITTED. IF THE PESTICIDE IS UNKNOWN OR UNLABELED, LIST IT AS "UNKNOWN" UNDER "PESTICIDE TRADE NAME" AND COMPLETE THE OTHER COLUMNS. IF THE PACKAGE IS PARTIALLY FILLED, ESTIMATE QUANTITY AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE, USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY. FORMS NEED TO BE RETURNED 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE COLLECTION EVENT.	HOSE PESTICIDES THAT WILL BE SUBMITTED. IF IF THE PACKAGE IS PARTIALLY FILLED. ESTIM FORMS NEED TO BE RETURNED 30 DAYS PR	THE PESTICIDE IS UNKING ATE QUANTITY AS CLOSEI JOR TO THE COLLECTION	WN OR UNLABEL Y AS POSSIBLE EVENT.	ED, LIST IT AS "UNKNOWN" UNDER "PESTICIDE USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY,
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MAILING ADDRESS				
TELEPHONE NUMBER ( )		EMAIL ADDRESS		
DO YOU HAVE PESTICIDES THAT CANNOT BE SAFELY IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN	TRANSPORTED TO THE COLLECTION SITE?	YESNO		
DO YOU HAVE PESTICIDES IN EXCESS OF 3000 POUNDS? YESNO DO YOU HAVE ANY "UNKNOWN" PESTICIDES GREATER THAN 50 POUNDS FOR SOLIDS OR 5 GALLONS FOR LIQUIDS?	357 YES NO REGALLONS FOR SOLIDS OR 5 GALLONS	FOR LIQUIDS? YES	Q.	
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# We Will Never Forget





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A memorial to the 22 Prince William County residents who died at the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001 sits on the grounds of the County's complex. (Photo credit Belch.com)

The Prince William Board of County Supervisors will host a remembrance service to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the September 11 terror attacks. This event is open to the public.

Twenty years ago on September 11, our country changed forever. Nearly 3,000 people lost their lives when terrorists attacked our nation. Across Prince William County, we lost 22 residents, more than any other region in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area.

This ceremony will allow the public to honor the people that died in the terror attacks on September 11, 2001. The ceremony will be held on Friday, Sept. 10, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. at the Prince William County Government Complex, September 11 Memorial Fountain, near 5 County Complex Ct., Woodbridge.

