Prince William County Celebrates Eric Mays' 25 Years of Service as Building Official

The Prince William County Department of Development Services today recognized Eric M. Mays who has served Prince William County, the second largest and fourth fastest growing County in Virginia that spans 348 square miles, as well as Manassas and Manassas Park as the Building Official for 25 years and collectively served 33 years in increasingly senior roles within the County.

Mays significant anniversary milestone is attributed to his devotion to Prince William County and dedication to public service in the interest of public safety. He is respected by his staff, peers and industry partners across the nation, having served on numerous Association boards and committees for the past three decades.

While sharing his career highlights, Mays said: “My responsibility is to inspire you to trust me. That mutual respect builds partnerships. Partnerships build solutions; they solve problems; but it’s even better if you prevent problems.”

“We are delighted to congratulate Eric on this important milestone and greatly appreciate his length of service which has helped shape and build a safe County. His work exemplifies resiliency, sustainability and innovation, which are three key characteristics emphasized during this year’s Building Safety Month,” said Wade A. Hugh, Director, Department of Development Services.

Mays has many accomplishments to his name, having worked tirelessly to advance international codes across jurisdiction boundaries, advocate for improved building safety standards and work with stakeholders to push for the highest safety standards that Prince William County is recognized for today. He has extensive knowledge and experience, having been responsible for acquired and thorough knowledge of building codes, policies and procedures to the day-to-day operations of the Building Development Division.

The Commercial Project Management Program is one of the keystones of Mays’ work, which firmly established a project-oriented culture across all job functions within the Building Development Division. Furthermore, it was this program that later set the foundation for today’s Small Business Project Management Program, that is part of over a $1 million collective initiative established by the Board of County Supervisors.
When asked what has inspired and motivated him, Mays shared: “I’m very lucky to have had many people around me who share the same dedication and commitment, who together accomplish so much in the name of public safety,” Mays added. “Many of my proudest moments have come from the ability to truly listen to people and serve as a catalyst to help people address and resolve issues with one another. People can say the same thing, but each person can mean something different. When you listen, you can begin to identify issues, build consensus and gain support to remove barriers and solve problems.”

Temporary Activity Permit
Outdoor Seating

In support of restaurants, dining and craft beverage establishments Prince William County has fast tracked Temporary Activity Permits for Outdoor Seating to comply with Governor Ralph Northam’s Phase One Executive Order 61.

Learn more here>>>

Fire Protection ePlan Submission Process

Electronic Fire Protection Plans are now being processed via the Building Development Division (BDD) ePlan.

Please refer to the Customer Electronic Plan Review (ePlan) Guide and send all electronic submissions to FMOSubmissions@pwegov.org.

Coming this Monday!

The newest version of ePortal (also known as Citizen Self-Service (CSS)) officially launches this Monday.

To attend a Webex Training and Q&A meeting, please find out more here >>>