JUNETEENTH

Prince William County CXO, Chris Martino today announced that we are closing Prince William County government services tomorrow in observance of Juneteenth. As you know, Virginia Governor Ralph Northam announced this on Tuesday as a State holiday and recommended businesses and local governments do the same.

In his message, Mr. Martino shared:
"I have decided to declare Friday, June 19, 2020, as a local holiday for Prince William County Government in observance of Juneteenth.

This is to ensure the history of all our community members is included as Prince William County history. On Tuesday, June 16, 2020, Governor Ralph Northam declared Friday, June 19, 2020, an official paid state holiday to recognize and observe Juneteenth. He asked that localities and businesses follow suit in providing a paid holiday.

Juneteenth marks the arrival in 1865 of Union General Gordon Granger in Galveston, Texas, who brought the news to the enslaved people of Texas that they had been freed. This came two years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation freeing all slaves. Juneteenth is an American holiday celebrated annually on June 19."

Most Prince William offices and departments including libraries will close. The courts will open. The Courts, County Landfill and Balls Ford Road Compost Facility will open, along with the following County services and facilities:
- Police
- Fire and Rescue
- Emergency Management and 911
- Juvenile Detention Center
- Adult Detention Center
- Outdoor parks are open.

We apologize for the short notice and inconvenience this may cause due to the need to cancel inspections for tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Wade A. Hugh
Director
Development Services
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.

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