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Dear Gainesville Resident,

In response to the numerous calls my office has received on multiple families per dwelling unit, I held a meeting this past week with officials from Immigration and Naturalization Services, Public Safety from neighboring jurisdictions, members of the Northern Virginia Gang Task Force, and members of County staff from Code Enforcement, Police, and numerous other agencies. This meeting proved successful in identifying the significant problems we are facing here in the Gainesville District. Complaints have included; too many residents in a home, too many vehicles parked along state right-of-way, increasing gang activity, noise and litter.

County staff was able to determine where we, as a County, need to work harder. As a result, our County's Code Enforcement branch and our Police Department have agreed to increase the amount of time and resources spent on all of these issues. As a County we cannot restrict the number of family members living in a home, as this would violate our U.S. Constitution. We can address the number of non-related residents in a home as well as the number of residents per square footage. The Uniform Statewide Building Code specifies how many people can occupy living space based on allowable square footage.

As a Gainesville District citizen you can help by contacting our Code Enforcement branch at (703) 792-7018 if you have any complaints regarding litter, zoning violations or if you suspect a residence to contain more than three non-related members. Our Code Enforcement branch is adding staff. So until they are fully trained, response time for your complaint will be approximately two weeks. Code Enforcement is working very hard to address these issues for the improvement of our community.

Complaints on noise or suspected gang activity should be addressed to our Police Department at (703) 792-6500.

The majority of roads in our community are state-owned and VDOT maintained. The County cannot restrict residents from parking on state right-of-way. If a car is parked longer than ten days or does not have the proper registration, please contact the Police non-emergency number at (703) 793-6500 to report the vehicle for towing enforcement.

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I hope this update provides you with helpful information. My office will continue to work to address these issues. The County has recently put together an internal task force to address these issues countywide. I will also be attending a regional Gang Summit in late September so look to my webpage in early October for an update on this meeting. Thanks to all of you who have called my office to bring these important issues to my attention.

Sincerely,

John T. Stirrup

Town Hall Meeting

Our Third Gainesville District Quarterly Town Hall Meeting will be held at Tyler Elementary School, 14500 John Marshall Hwy, Gainesville, VA 20155, on September 20, 2004, from 7:30pm to 9pm. The main topic of this meeting will be Transportation. This meeting will be a joint meeting with the Brentsville District Supervisor, Wally Covington and the Brentsville District residents. Mr. Tom Farhney, Virginia Department of Transportation and Mr. Tom Blaser, Prince William County Transportation, will give presentations on current and proposed road improvements.

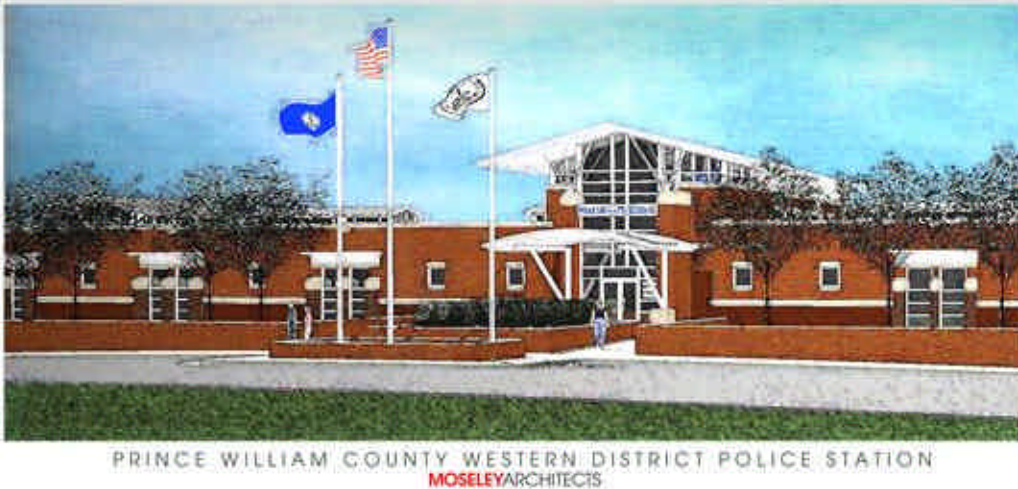
I made a pledge to have quarterly Town Hall Meetings and would like to invite all residents of the Gainesville District to attend. These meetings are designed to give the community the opportunity to receive information on issues concerning Prince William County with an emphasis on the Gainesville District. These meetings have proved to be very successful as I am better able to hear your concerns and answer your questions.

The Second Quarterly Town Hall Meeting was held on June 16, 2004, at Stonewall Jackson High School in Manassas. At this meeting I was able to address how the Board of County Supervisors has changed with the election of four new members. I also spoke about my commitment to work towards changing the philosophical approach of the Board of County Supervisors when developers come to us to rezone land. The County needs to look for transportation dollars up front. I was also able to address questions from the audience concerning transportation, public safety, and development. Supervisor Wally Covington of the Brentsville District gave a general description of where the boundaries are for the Gainesville and Brentsville Districts, spoke about the similarities and common difficulties of our two Magisterial Districts and announced the expedited completion schedule for Sudley Manor Drive. Sudley Manor Drive is a three phased, public/private road development venture that will ease travel from Linton Hall Road to the Prince William Parkway.

County Executive Craig Gerhart announced the formation of a Strategic Goal Task Force, comprised of Prince William County Residents to work on a Strategic plan to advise the Board of County Supervisors on: Community Development, Economic Development, Education, Human Services, Public Safety and Transportation. Mr. Greg Steverson of our County's Transportation Planning Division, gave an update on County Road Improvements. Mr. Ray Utz of our County's Planning Department, spoke about the updated comprehensive plan. Mr. Utz listed goals of his department such as placing new development in the best location to utilize our infrastructure, adding mass transit modes, adopting changes to strengthen environmental protection, updating plans for Innovation, securing more open spaces, and maintaining population projections. Mr. Utz also informed us that the level of service fees have been updated to help pay for the impact of new development. Lt. Ken Murray of our County Police Department gave an overview of the department and spoke about the new Western District Police Station. The new station will be completed in 2006 and will replace the current Western District Station currently located behind

the courthouse in Manassas. The new station under construction is located on Freedom Center Boulevard at the Innovation office park. Mr. Lawrence Smiley of our County Code Enforcement Branch outlined four areas of enforcement: the Zoning Ordinance, Building Maintenance Code, Spot Blight and Popsicle Signs.

I would like to thank all those who participated and attended the Second Quarterly Town Hall Meeting and look forward to seeing all of you at Tyler Elementary School for our next meeting. Please tell your neighbors and friends to attend! If you have any questions concerning the Town Hall Meeting, please contact my Communications Director, Karen S. Ulrich at (703) 792-7779 or via email to Kulrich@pwcgov.org.



TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Traffic signals approved and waiting VDOT installation/final inspection

- Linton Hall Road and Glenkirk Road
- Irongate Road and 234 (Sudley Road)
- I-66 ramp and 234 (Sudley Road)- **Installed**

Status on Route 55/Catharpin Road

Funds to install the light at Route 55 and Catharpin Road have been secured. The funds for the necessary turn lanes are not available at this time. The engineering phase has begun by our County Transportation Department and a developer has proffered funds for the turn lanes. However, per the proffer agreement, these funds will not be available until they break ground on their project.

Linton Hall Road from Route 29 to Devlin Road

Widening of six lanes between Route 29 and Glenkirk Road and four lanes between Glenkirk Road and Devlin Road; right of way acquisition complete, utility relocation underway. Construction scheduled to begin spring 2005.

I-66 widening

The Commonwealth Transportation Board awarded a \$37.1 million contract to widen Interstate 66 to eight lanes for 3.8 miles from Va. 234 Business in Manassas to Route 234/Prince William Parkway.

Construction begins next month and VDOT expects the widening to be completed in October 2006. Two lanes will be added to I-66 in each direction, one regular and one HOV lane. The inside lane will be reserved for two-person carpools during peak periods. The median will be preserved to accommodate future barrier-separated HOV lanes or transit. Construction will be sequenced to minimize disruption to motorists. No lane closures will be permitted during Nissan Pavilion events or during rush hours and holidays. VDOT's original plans called for widening I-66 for 5.4 miles, from Va. 234 Business in Manassas to U.S. 29 at Gainesville.

Wellington Road & Wellington Road Extension

Construction is scheduled to begin in December to widen Wellington Road from Limestone Drive to Balls Ford Road; the intersection at Wellington, Devlin and Balls Ford roads will be realigned. Wellington Road will be extended and adjusted to meet with Linton Hall Road by Virginia Gateway. Construction scheduled to begin August 2004.

East/West Connector (Phase I – Gainesville Interchange)

Construct four lane road over I-66 from Route 29 to Wellington Road; right-of-way acquisition complete; advertisement date summer 2004.

Sudley Manor Drive Extension

- I. Sudley Manor Drive extension between Linton Hall Road and the Prince William Parkway, scheduled to be completed in August 2006.
- II. Sudley Manor Drive extension between the Prince William Parkway and Chatsworth Drive, scheduled to be completed in October 2006, will extend Sudley Manor Drive south from its current dead-end at Chatsworth Drive to the Victory Lakes development.



Supervisor Covington, Haymarket Mayor Taylor, Supervisor Stirrup, Supervisor Nohe, School Board Vice Chair Johns

BATTLEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MARKS OPENING WITH RIBBON CUTTING

I had the privilege of attending the ribbon cutting ceremony of Battlefield High School, the County's newest high school serving western Prince William County. Battlefield High School is located at 1500 Graduation Drive off Route 15 in Haymarket. Opening day, September 7th, Battlefield will welcome

approximately 1,050 students. There will be no senior class, as is customary in the year a new high school opens.

Construction began on the 79.77-acre school site in March 2002. The building has a student capacity of 2200. Battlefield High School will be the western site for one of the county's specialty programs on information technology. This program offers a wide range of information technology programs in three areas; graphics and multimedia, hardware and networking, and math and computer programming. Jack W. Parker, principal of Battlefield High School, has been working for the past year with the community and with County schools construction and plant operations staff to ensure that opening day will meet the expectations of students, their parents, and school employees. For information on extracurricular and athletic activities, see the school website at www.battlefieldbobcats.org or www.pwcs.edu.



Supervisor Stirrup with Supervisor Jenkins and Supervisor Stewart at BOCS meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Board of County Supervisors' Meetings are Broadcast Live:

Prince William County Government access Channel 23, available to Comcast Cable subscribers, broadcasts the regularly-scheduled Supervisors' meetings live on the first, second and third Tuesdays of the month beginning at 2 p.m. Meetings are re-broadcast on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m. Tune in and see your County Supervisors in action! **The next meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2004.**

Public Hearings for Proposed Changes to the Zoning Ordinance:

Each property owner in Prince William County will receive a letter in August informing them of public hearings for the proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Commission's public hearing is scheduled for September 1, 2004 at the McCoart Building, 1 County Complex Court, Woodbridge. The Board of County Supervisor's public hearing is scheduled for September 21, 2004 also at the McCoart Building. For more information, please go to <http://www.pwcgov.org/planning>. Click Zoning on the left side of the page, and then select Zoning Ordinance.

Boards, Committees and Commissions Positions Filled:

Karen Wayne, of Gainesville appointed to the Housing Advisory Committee. Gwendolyn Walton of Haymarket, appointed to the Community Development Strategic Goals Task Force.

Attention Homeowner Associations:

Need a speaker at your annual meeting? Please contact my scheduler, Nancy McDonnell at (703) 792-6196.

In order to better serve you, our office is in the process of collecting updated information for homeowner associations. Please email any changes in association name, address, phone number and email address of the current contact. Please let us know the date, time and location of your next annual meeting. For homeowner associations served by a management firm, please provide their name, the contact person and phone number as well. Send information to Nancy McDonnell at nmcdonnell@pwcgov.org

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