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Dear Gainesville Resident,

Recently, The Prince William Health System (PWHS) announced that it would be merging with Novant Health, a non-profit healthcare system based in North Carolina. Novant Health is widely respected for its commitment to quality care and ranks among the nation's top performing integrated health networks. Many may be wondering what this will mean to the County and to the PWHS. Representatives of Novant have reported that they are seeking to improve the existing facility on Route 234 and will build the new facility in Haymarket close to the intersection of Route 15 and I-66. Essentially, customers should not observe any degradations in service.

As a part of the agreement between Novant and PWHS, Novant has pledged more than \$200 million to help PWHS meet the growing demands in western Prince William. Population in this region of the County has grown significantly. The Haymarket facility is expected to include 60 beds and provide access to inpatient hospital care closer to home. In addition to the new Haymarket facility, Novant expects to increase the number of private rooms in the Manassas facility, update the critical care unit and develop a cardiac catheterization lab, as well as, hire 50 new physician specialists.

Novant Health currently has nine hospitals in its system with numerous affiliated facilities, serving more than 3.5 million people from Virginia to South Carolina and is ranked among the 2009 Top 100 Integrated Healthcare Networks. Novant is a relatively large organization which employs more than 24,000 individuals and is fiscally strong as demonstrated by their AA bond rating.

As the merger process continues, Novant Health will further assess the needs of the community to determine how to best fulfill these needs. It is also important to note that this is a merger of PWHS and Novant, not a take over. All funds donated to the PWHS will remain in this system.

Please feel free to visit the PWHS website www.pwhs.org/partnership if you would like more detailed information on the merger. You can also email pwhnews@pwhs.org if you have any specific questions. You can also contact my office by email at gainesville@pwcgov.org or by phone at 703-792-6195.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John T. Stirrup". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) Meetings

The [BOCS](#) will hold meetings on June 2nd, 16th and 23rd, July 14th and 21st and August 4th, starting at 2:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers at the McCoart Building located at 1 County Complex Court in Woodbridge. Meetings are broadcast live on Comcast Cable Channel 23, and then re-broadcast in their entirety at 7:30 p.m. on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday following the Tuesday Board meeting and at 10 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. To view the current agenda, visit: [PWC - Board Of County Supervisors \(BOCS\)](#). You can also visit the County website to view video of past BOCS meetings using the following link: <http://www.pwcgov.org/MeetingRoom.aspx>.

Battlefield High School Broadway Concert

Battlefield High Choral students will perform a Broadway concert May 28th at 7:30 p.m., in the school auditorium. The cost for the Broadway Concert is \$5.00 per person. Proceeds from this concert will benefit the choir department at Battlefield High. Battlefield High School, 15000 Graduation Drive, Haymarket, 20169

County Clean Up

It's time to get rid of all of that clutter. Bring your trash, old furniture, small appliances and stuff that you just don't have room to store to one of the monthly clean ups. Open-top containers will be available for you to dispose of your clutter. County clean ups are held from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Residents are invited to make use of this service at any location. Below are two locations in western Prince William. To view all County clean ups and for more information, call 703-792-7018 or visit www.pwcgov.org/junk

Saturday, June 6th
Sudley Elementary School
8300 Community Drive
Manassas, VA 20109

Saturday, September 5th
Yorkshire
8006 Centreville Road
Manassas, VA 20111

Colonial Prince William County Van Tour

On Saturday, June 6th, the Prince William County Historic Preservation Division is sponsoring a van tour focusing on Prince William County's colonial history. Formed in 1731, the county played a prominent role during the colonial period of Virginia's history.

The tour will highlight locations and events that pertain to the County's colonial past. Tour stops will include: Bel Air, Rippon Lodge, King's Highway, Williams Ordinary, Dumfries and the Weems-Botts Museum. Bel Air, one of the oldest homes in the County, is privately owned and rarely opened for tours. The date of the tour, June 6th, is the 235th anniversary of the Prince William Resolves that were passed in protest to the British rule of the colonies in 1774. The tour will witness a recreation of the passing of the resolves in Dumfries.

The cost is \$80 per person, which includes transportation, admission to all sites and a boxed lunch. Space is limited and reservations are required. For more information, please call 703-499-9812 or rorrison@pwcgov.org

Car Seat Check

Did you know that over 80% of child safety seats are defective or incorrectly installed? Come have your child safety seat inspected by nationally certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians.

WEDNESDAY, July 29, 2009 1:00pm — 4:00pm
Bristow Fire Station #25
9405 Devlins Grove Place Bristow, VA 20136

Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday

Tax holiday: May 25 - 31.

Get ready to save money! Stock up on supplies for your family's emergency supply kit and to protect your home. The complete list of tax-exempt items and price caps are available at the [Virginia Department of Taxation's Web site](#). Also visit [Ready Virginia](#) for preparedness information.

14th Street Bridge Construction to Begin on or About May 26th

(Washington, DC) Work scheduled to begin the week of May 18th on the northbound 14th Street Bridge will now be pushed to start on or about the night of Tuesday, May 26th. The change in timing in starting work on this heavily traveled corridor is to ensure traffic plans are coordinated to the maximum extent possible among District Department of Transportation, the Virginia Department of Transportation and the National Park Service and to allow unrestricted travel over the bridge during the Memorial Day holiday weekend. Details on the construction, including graphics showing the eight phases of work, are at www.ddot.dc.gov/14thstreetbridge. Commuters are encouraged to also sign up for email or [Twitter](#) alerts.

DID YOU KNOW?

Information from the Prince William Red Cross

On the morning of April 24, a fire swept through an apartment building in Manassas, resulting in the displacement of 19 families — a total of 45 people, including 12 children. On that morning your local Red Cross chapter was on scene helping the families displaced by the fire. No other organization provides the services our local chapter provides to those devastated by house fires. Our local chapter is available 24/7 to help our neighbors prepare for, respond to and, most importantly, recover from disasters like house fires and other emergencies such as flooding. Most of this work is done behind the scenes. As a result, many in our community are not aware of the positive impact our chapter has in helping those in need.

In addition, your Prince William chapter works with our military personnel and their families every day, providing emergency communications, casework, counseling, social service referrals and emergency financial assistance.

And when the worst occurs, we reach out to the families of the fallen service members, offering comfort, guidance and transportation so that families can be by their loved one's bedside or attend a funeral. The Red Cross continues to be a symbol of hope and comfort not only to our community but also around the world.

The current state of our economy has had a negative effect on chapter finances. Yet the need for the services we provide is greater than ever. Our local chapter receives no funding from the American Red Cross national organization. We depend entirely on the generosity of people in our community. Our local chapter has been helping our neighbors since 1917. Now more than ever, we rely on the generosity of the community. Only with that generosity will we be able to continue the important work we do — helping our neighbors put their lives back together when disaster strikes.

Donations can be made by visiting the Prince William Red Cross Chapter Web site <http://www.pwarc.org>, or by calling 703-368-4511, ext 227.

Prince William County Master Gardeners Help Feed Local Families

Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Volunteers collect produce from two local Farmers Markets to support the Plant-A-Row -for -the -Hungry program. The items that are collected are fresh produce, pastries, chicken, pork, coffee and eggs which are delivered to the food pantries at ACTS in Woodbridge and SERVE in Manassas. The Master Gardeners collect every week from May through October at the Manassas market on Thursdays and Saturdays and at the Dale City market on Sundays. During the 2008 season the Master Gardeners provided 40,000 pounds of fresh produce and other items valued at \$67, 600 to the local food pantries. These contributions added both variety and nutritional value to benefit many local needy families.

Recent Happenings in Gainesville

Spring into Green, Earth Day Celebration at Virginia Gateway



Pictured from left to right: Karen Nottingham, Peterson Management L.C. Marketing Manager; Leslie Lewis, Heritage Landscape Services Area Manager; John Stirrup, Gainesville District Supervisor April 28, 2009 at Virginia Gateway Tree Dedication. The tree was donated by Heritage Landscape Services.

Earth Day Celebration in Haymarket



Pictured from left to right: John Stirrup, Gainesville District Supervisor; Gene Swearingen, Haymarket Town Manager; Bob Weir, Haymarket Town Council Member at Haymarket Earth Day Celebration
April 25, 2009
Haymarket, Virginia



Pictures from the Children's Littlest Parade at Haymarket Earth Day, April 25, 2009

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