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# THE GAINESVILLE EXPRESS

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Dear Gainesville Resident,

With the November elections over and the results in, I wanted to make sure that you were aware of your representatives at the state level. This year, only state positions were up for election. Federal level elections for the House of Representatives will occur next year.

At the state level, Bob Marshall (13<sup>th</sup> District) and Jackson Miller (50<sup>th</sup> District) were the incumbent state delegates that serve Gainesville residents and both were successful in their reelection campaigns. Information regarding Delegate Marshall can be found at <http://delegatebob.com/> and he can be reached at 703-361-5416. Information on Delegate Miller can be found at <http://www.delegatemiller.com/home.aspx> and he can be reached at 703-244-6172.

Virginia will also have a new Governor, Bob McDonnell and a new Attorney General, Kenneth T. Cuccinelli, II. Additionally, Bill Bolling, the current Lieutenant Governor, was reelected and will serve another four year term. Information on Lieutenant Governor Bolling can be found at <http://www.billbolling.com/>, and he can be reached at 804-612-9122. Governor-elect McDonnell and Attorney General-elect Cuccinelli will take office on January 16, 2009. I will put contact information for the new Governor and Attorney General on my website [www.gainesvillesuperivor.com](http://www.gainesvillesuperivor.com) once they have taken office.

I would also like to bring the issue of redistricting to resident's attention. Next year, the Census Bureau will begin the census which is a count of every resident in the nation. The U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 2, and the Constitution of Virginia Article II Section 6 provide that following the U.S. census of 2010, the population will be tabulated to reapportion the U.S. House of Representatives, providing that each district be equal in population. States that grow significantly may gain a representative in the U.S. House, while other states that have seen declines in population may lose seats.

As the population densities change it is important that district lines reflect these changes. The process of drawing new district lines for the state offices will be done in Virginia's General Assembly in the year 2011. The establishment of new district lines will follow the Virginia Constitution which reads: "Members of the House of Representatives of the United States and members of the Senate and of the House of Delegates of the General Assembly shall be elected from electoral districts established by the General Assembly. Every electoral district shall be composed of contiguous and compact territory and shall be so constituted as to give, as nearly as is practicable, representation in proportion to the population of the district. The General Assembly shall reapportion the Commonwealth into electoral districts in accordance with this section in the year 2011 and every ten years thereafter."

In the 2011 session of Virginia's General Assembly a Joint Reapportionment Committee will be established consisting of five members of the Committee on Privileges and Elections of the House of Delegates and three members of the Committee on Privileges and Elections of the Senate appointed by the chairmen of the two committees. They will draw the redistricting lines of congressional, state legislative and local election districts using the statistical information from the U.S. census.

As a result of the Census, Prince William County magisterial districts may also be redrawn. Depending on the wishes of the Board of County Supervisors, an additional magisterial district could be created to lower overall populations of each district. If this occurs, it will also affect the County School Board and Planning Commission membership. All incumbents will be allowed to complete their terms of election regardless of loss of residency. Elections of successors shall be held at the next November general election.

I would like to invite you to attend my next Gainesville District Quarterly Town Hall Meeting. The topic is Meet Your Elected Representatives. Several of your representatives are scheduled to speak and answer questions at this meeting which will be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Battlefield High School from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Please feel free to contact my office at [gainesville@pwcgov.org](mailto:gainesville@pwcgov.org) or 703-792-6195 if you have any questions on the election, redistricting, or any other subject.

Sincerely,



John T. Stirrup  
Supervisor Gainesville District

Recap of  
23<sup>rd</sup> Gainesville District Quarterly Town Hall Meeting  
September 23, 2009  
Battlefield High School

In my first campaign in 2003, I pledged to hold quarterly Town Hall Meetings at different locations throughout the District to "Help me to serve you better." The September 23, 2009 meeting at Battlefield High School on the Land Use and Transportation Chapters of the Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan) was my 23<sup>rd</sup> Town Hall Meeting. Approximately 115 constituents attended in what became a mutual exchange of ideas in the question/answer period.

This meeting was one in a series of meetings in each magisterial district to seek public comment on the proposed changes to the County's Comprehensive Plan. The Gainesville meeting was the largest meeting to date. The Comprehensive Plan contains a strategy for responsible, fiscally-sound growth to produce a vibrant, prosperous, stable, "livable" community through the application of policies and actions that guide capital improvements and private development.

Chairman Corey Stewart encouraged the crowd's participation, and Ray Utz, County Chief of Long Range Planning, and Rick Canizales, County Transportation Planning manager both made presentations and listened to citizen comments.

After the presentations the floor was opened up for residents to submit their comments. Each citizen comment was written for the record to be delivered to the entire Board of County Supervisors by David McGettigan of the Prince William County Planning Department.

Citizen comments during the Town Hall Meeting included concerns regarding limitations on lighting of sports fields in the Rural Crescent, providing a by-pass around Buckland Historic District, impacts on a planned VRE station to the Town of Haymarket, and providing more opportunities for upscale mixed-use development.

All citizen comments will go to the complete Board of County Supervisors for their work session on December 8, 2009 meeting after which there will be a public hearing. Then the Board will make their decisions regarding the Comprehensive Plan.

I would like to thank all the citizens who contributed to the discussion and welcome additional comments to be submitted to my office at [Gainesville@pwcgov.org](mailto:Gainesville@pwcgov.org). For more information on the proposed changes, visit <http://www.pwcgov.org/PlanUpdate>. Residents may also offer their comments, ideas, and concerns by emailing [planning@pwcgov.org](mailto:planning@pwcgov.org) (put "Comp Plan Update" in the subject line) or filling out an on-line comment form at [www.pwcgov.org/PlanCommentForm](http://www.pwcgov.org/PlanCommentForm).



Pictured from left to right: Ray Utz, Prince William County Chief of Long Range Planning; Supervisor John Stirrup; David McGettigan, Prince William County Planning Department; Chairman Corey Stewart  
Gainesville District Town Hall Meeting, September 23, 2009  
Battlefield High School

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### **Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) Meetings**

The [BOCS](#) will hold meetings on November 24th and December 1st and 8th, starting at 2:00 p.m. the meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup> will start at 5:00 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>.

### **Gainesville District Quarterly Town Hall Meeting, December 2, 2009**

Please join Supervisor Stirrup and elected officials who represent the Gainesville District at Battlefield High School, 15000 Graduation Drive, Haymarket from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

#### **Welcome to [pwcgov.org/recovery](http://www.pwcgov.org/recovery)**

The County has established a Web page to keep the public informed about how much funding the Prince William County will receive from the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), and how it will be used. Like the Federal Web site <http://www.recovery.gov>, and the state of Virginia's Web site, <http://www.stimulus.virginia.gov>, this page will be frequently updated to bring you the latest information about stimulus funding in Prince William County.

#### [Status of ARRA Funding Received by Prince William County](#)

For more information click on link below:

<http://www.pwcgov.org//DEFAULT.ASPX?TOPIC=040059000300005464>

### **Solid Waste Disposal Decal Program**

Prince William County residents may now apply for a Solid Waste Disposal – Residential User Decal that will allow for faster entry when using the [County Landfill](#), [Balls Ford Yard Waste Composting Facility](#), [rural park-outs](#), and the [Household hazardous waste](#) collection sites.

To obtain a Solid Waste Disposal Decal by mail:

Call Taxpayer Services at 703-792-6710 (Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

Email your name, address, and vehicle license tag number to [Taxpayer\\_Services@pwcgov.org](mailto:Taxpayer_Services@pwcgov.org).

State that you are requesting a solid waste decal in the body of your message.

Complete and fax [this form](#) to Taxpayer Services at 703-792-4673.

Return the completed [form](#) by mail to:

Taxpayer Services

PO Box 2467

Prince William, VA 22195-2467

Drop off the completed [form](#) at the scale-house at the [County Landfill](#) or [Balls Ford Road Compost Facility](#).

To obtain a Solid Waste Disposal Decal in person (tentatively after Oct. 28, 2009):

Present the completed [Solid Waste Disposal Decal Application Form](#) at the [James J. McCoart](#)

[Administration Building](#), the [Sudley North Government Center](#) or [Dr. A.J. Ferlazzo Building](#) Taxpayer Services counters.

Learn more about the County's [Solid Waste Division's Programs and Services](#) or call 703-792-6254.

## TEN PRINCE WILLIAM MASTER FOOD VOLUNTEERS GRADUATE FROM PROGRAM



Front row from left: Pat Margolies, DD Ross, Maureen Wells, Paula Wilde. Back row from left: Melissa Barnwell, Diane Crawford, Nancy Stegon FCS Extension Agent, Sherry Swann, Sheila Copeland. Not pictured: Carol McElroy and Carolyn Daly.

Those who love cooking, learning about nutrition and wellness, and wanted to help others embarked upon a training through the Master Food Volunteer (MFV) Program of Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) which began October 1 and concluded on October 22. This training program was held on Thursdays at Fairview at River Club in Fredericksburg, Virginia with 30 participants from throughout Northern Virginia, ten are from the Greater Prince William area.

The Master Food Volunteer Program is modeled after the Master Gardener Program of VCE. Volunteers in the MFV received 30 hours of training in basic nutrition, meal planning, healthy cooking techniques, and food safety, with an opportunity to sample delicious recipes. In exchange, they are asked to complete 30 hours of volunteering within one year.

Opportunities for volunteering will include food demonstrations and displays at health fairs, farmers markets and food pantries. They will also teach canning classes and test pressure canners as well as food preparation and food safety classes. With the FCS extension agent and three SNAP Ed program assistants they will be able to increase nutrition education programs for adults and children. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to create their own forum for outreach in the community. Contact Nancy Stegon, (703)792-4764 for more information.

Volunteers have a plethora of experience including registered dietitians, culinary arts students, family and consumer science teachers, chefs, entrepreneurs and more. The training in Northern District of Virginia encompassed 19 counties and the 30 volunteers who are being trained to assist Family & Consumer Sciences Agents through community outreach. This pilot program will be replicated in other localities throughout Virginia.

## Recent Happenings in Gainesville

### Silver Lake Opening



Supervisor Stirrup



Rick Berry

Supervisor Stirrup and Rick Berry, Gainesville Representative on the Prince William County Park Authority, plant trees at the Silver Lake Opening, October 4, 2009

### Pumpkin Pandemonium



The Stirrup Family  
Pumpkin Pandemonium, Battlefield High School, October 10, 2009



Supervisor Stirrup with Chairman Stewart  
Pumpkin Pandemonium, Battlefield High School, October 10, 2009

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