



The Potomac District Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

I want you to know how blessed I feel to serve the citizens of the Potomac District. I never take my duties as Supervisor lightly and I strive to do my very best for you every day. However, sometimes events happen that leave me speechless.

In April, a reading room in the Montclair Community Library was named after me. It is a cozy room with comfortable chairs and workspaces surrounding a fireplace. I hope all that use it find it to be a pleasant room for learning and reflection. A few weeks later, I was honored to have a train locomotive named after me by the Virginia Railway Express (VRE). Later in the newsletter, I would like to share with you a few of the highlights and pictures from both events.

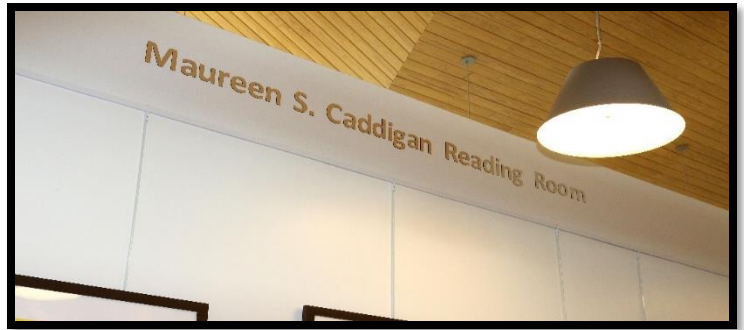
If you have any questions or concerns about the Potomac District or other County matters please do not hesitate to contact me at my office at 703-792-4645 or email mcaddigan@pwcgov.org. For information that is more current please “like” the Potomac District [Facebook](#) page or visit my website at www.potomacdistrict.com both are a good resources.

Best Wishes,

Maureen

Two Special Events Held This Spring

Two special events happened this spring that I would like to share with you. The first was on April 15th, the PWC Library Board of Trustees honored me with a room naming ceremony at the Montclair Community Library.



The Fireplace Room is now the Maureen S. Caddigan Reading Room. It is such a lovely room with big windows and a glowing fireplace.



I would like to thank Chairman Stewart and Supervisor Jenkins, County Executive Chris Martino, Library Director Deborah Wright and former Library Director Dick Murphy, Potomac District Appointee Corinne Doerr and the other members of the PWC Library Board of Trustees for attending.



The second event happened on May 13th, the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) honored me in a train locomotive naming ceremony.

It was so nice of Supervisor Anderson and Former Supervisor Barg to come out and celebrate this wonderful occasion with me.



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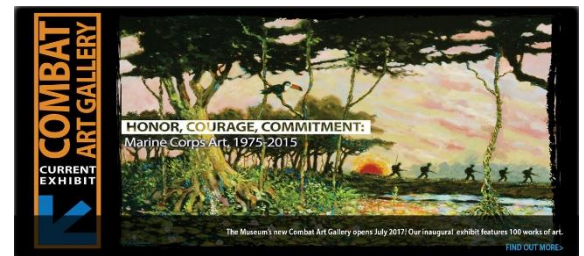
Prince William County Libraries “Journey through Books Summer Program”

Prince William County Libraries have a Summer Reading Challenge, which kicked off on June 19th. This is a nine-week program to encourage summer reading. All age groups are welcome to participate. The challenge is broken out into three age brackets, kids, young adults, and adults. Each week will have a special theme, this week’s theme is “I Spy” Week and it will run from July 10th through July 16th.

Stop by any library to partake in the challenge and be entered into the weekly drawing for a prize. Prizes will be awarded for each age bracket at every branch, every week. For more information, please click on the [“Learn More”](#) and it will take you to the Library’s Summer Reading 2017 page.

Opening of New Combat Art Gallery at the National Museum of the Marine Corps

A new exhibit is opening this month as part of the Museum’s expansion. The new Combat Art Gallery will feature changing exhibitions of the Museum’s combat art collection or related collections on loan. The origins of the Marine Corps Combat Art Program go back to 1942. The collection now managed by the National Museum of the Marine Corps has grown to over 9,000 works of art created by 350 artists.



The opening exhibition honors Marines who have served in the Corps during the last 40 years and echoes the principal values of the Marine Corps; honor, courage, and commitment. The featured works of art will be divided among three themes – “*Every Clime and Place*”, “*No Better Friend, No Worse Enemy*”, and “*The Price*”. For more information on the exhibit and museum [click here](#).

It is a Great Time to Visit Locust Shade Park



There are so many things to do at Locust Shade Park during the summer season. There are trails for the hikers and fishing and boating for the water enthusiasts. Locust Shade has activities for the golfers and baseball/softball fans with a driving range, mini-golf and batting cage. Purchase a Fun Pass and enjoy the above for only \$8.00. Mini-golf also has a “Two for Tuesday” special.

There are summer camps and the wonderful Jean C. Smith Amphitheater where you can experience everything from Patriotic Magic Shows to amazing music performed by the New Dominion Choraliers of Prince William County. Shows are held in the 500-seat amphitheater with entertainment the whole family can enjoy. Check the [schedule](#) for the offered shows and the admission prices.



If you are planning an event, Locust Shade Park has pavilion rentals. The pavilions can accommodate small groups of 24 to large groups of 200. Rental rates vary depending on the size and date. You can also purchase an alcohol permit for your event. For more information, please call 703-792-8780 or [click here](#).

Forest Park High School is a New Habitat Partner®

The Juvenile Detention Center and three of Prince William County high schools are now participating in the Habitat Partner® Schoolyard Habitats program. The habitats are program funded in part by a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency – Environmental Education division – and a partnership with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Habitat plantings are slightly different from pollinator gardens or vegetable gardens in that they incorporate native plants to provide yearlong shelter and food for a variety of wildlife.



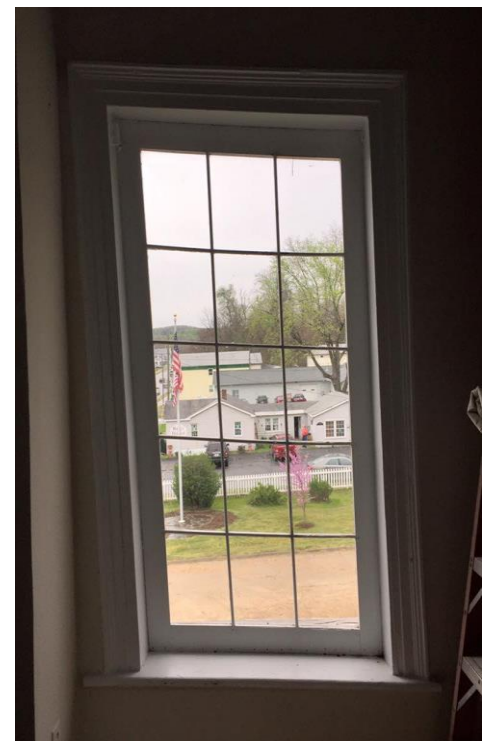
Forest Park High School is very excited to present its Legacy Garden located at the rear of the school. The Legacy Garden is a schoolyard habitat made possible through a VA-DGIF grant. Vulcan Quarry and PWC Solid Waste Division donated materials to get the school's habitat started. PWC Master Gardeners donated their time to help educate students about native plants and how they benefit the wildlife. An Eagle Scout is making benches so the students can use this space as an outdoor classroom.

This has been a yearlong project and a culmination of hard work and collaboration between teachers, students, and gardening experts. We named it the "Legacy Garden" so each year students can add to it and leave something behind for the next year's students to enjoy. The staff and students at FPHS are very excited about their Legacy Garden.

Coming Soon the Potomac District Scavenger Hunt

The Spring Photo contest went over so well I decided to launch a summer contest. In the coming weeks look for the Potomac District Scavenger Hunt. The contest consists of pictures from all over the Potomac District. The Potomac District is a very diverse District, we have parks, historic buildings, towns and businesses. For example, do you know where this view is? Have you ever seen this crooked window before?

To enter the contest just fill in the location of the photo and submit it to my office. There are three ways to submit your answers. The first way to participate is to download the form and email me at mcaddigan@pwcgov.org. The second way is to mail to my office at 15941 Donald Curtis Drive, Suite 145, Woodbridge, VA 22191. The third way will be an electronic option, just click on the link, fill in your answers and hit the submit button. The contest will run from July 25th through August 30th. I will announce the winner in my Fall Newsletter and a small prize given. So get those thinking caps ready.



Your Government at Work



Animal Shelter Update

In Fiscal 2017, the Board of County Supervisors established the priority need for improvements at the new Prince William County Animal Shelter after the dated HVAC system placed animals at risk for airborne diseases. The Board of County Supervisors funded the necessary enhancements to the HVAC system, which has since been replaced. They also appropriated \$1.0 million for staff to develop options for Board consideration on animal shelter facility improvements.

Due to the unique needs of an animal shelter, County staff is gathering requirements and working with outside consultants who have expertise in this area to present the Board with options on how to move forward with this project. The Board also directed its internal auditor to audit current animal shelter operations. Staff will incorporate any facility-specific audit findings into its recommendations.

Staff will bring forward animal shelter improvement options to the Board this Summer, and then move forward with final architectural and engineering designs in Fiscal 2018. Costs will be funded through the remaining \$1.0 million previously appropriated in Fiscal 2017. Once the design phase is complete, staff will advertise and select a contractor for improvement construction. Finally, the County will sell the necessary debt to finance project construction. Annual debt service and operating costs for the Animal Shelter improvement project are already programmed in to the adopted Fiscal Year 2018-2022 Five-Year Plan.

In my next newsletter, I will show you around the new Prince William Humane Society Pet Adopt Shop. The County and the Prince William Humane Society established a Community Partnership to help with the overcrowding at the Animal Shelter. For more information about the PWHS Pet Adopt Shop, please [click here](#).

Congratulations Service Authority Wastewater Plant for Receiving Regulatory Compliance Award

The Prince William County Service Authority's H.L. Mooney Advanced Water Reclamation Facility has won a Platinum Peak Performance Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) for the fourth consecutive year. The Woodbridge-based wastewater treatment plant has achieved 100 percent regulatory compliance for the last eight years. The Service Authority will be recognized at NACWA's Utility Leadership Conference on July 25th in St. Louis.

The Service Authority's wastewater treatment process significantly reduces the amount of nitrogen and phosphorus released into the Neabsco Creek, which is a tributary of the Potomac River. Excessive nitrogen and phosphorus can fuel the growth of algae blooms that can lead to low oxygen "dead zones" in the Chesapeake Bay.



Current Transportation Projects in the Potomac District

The Prince William County Department of Transportation and the Virginia Department of Transportation recently briefed the Prince William Board of County Supervisors on the status of road projects across the county. Here are a few of the Potomac District transportation projects that are underway:

- Dumfries Road Shared-Use Path – Scheduling for utility relocations between Country Club and Exeter Drives is underway. A geotechnical report showed that a type of soil at the construction site would require the redesign of a retaining wall. Construction is scheduled to begin in October. Construction on another project segment on Dumfries Road between Four Seasons and Talon Drives is expected to begin this summer and end this fall.
- Minnieville Road – Utility relocations are ongoing for the project to widen Minnieville road between Spriggs Road and Route 234. The design phase is ongoing to improve the westbound Spriggs Road intersection with Minnieville Road to include two left-turn lanes, two through-lanes and one right-turn lane. A prior dumpsite along the route required extensive earth removal and disposal. That work is underway. Storm pipe installation and relocation of utilities is ongoing. Construction is scheduled to be completed in October 2018.
- Route 234 Pedestrian Improvements VDOT Project – Design for the project to build a sidewalk between Four Seasons Drive and Fortuna Center Plaza have been enhanced to include developer improvements. Advertisements for bids are expected to go out in the spring of 2018.
- Route 1 Widening in the Town of Dumfries VDOT Project – Design for the project to widen Route 1 in the Town of Dumfries between Route 234 and Brady's Hill Road from two to six lanes is underway, but the project was not selected for funding under the current scenario by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. The board selects projects through the state's SMART SCALE program, a process that evaluates projects based on need and performance levels

Prince William County Police Department will host a “Conversation with the Chief”




Chief Barry Barnard of the Prince William County Police Department will host a “Conversation with the Chief” on Monday, July 17, 2017 at the A.J. Ferlazzo Building located at 15941 Donald Curtis Drive in Woodbridge starting at 7:00PM. We would like to extend an invitation to those who live in the community and the surrounding area to come out, meet the chief, and engage in conversation.

Chief Barnard will personally answer questions and discuss any topics of concern from the public and residents. This is a wonderful opportunity for the community to get to know their Police Department and ask questions directly to the Chief and other police staff. Members from the Police Department’s Crime Prevention Unit and Personnel Bureau will also be on hand to answer questions and provide useful information regarding safety tips, neighborhood watches and recruitment. The Chief plans to hold additional community engagement conversations at other locations across Prince William County in the future. We look forward to having a productive discussion.

Virginia Sales Tax Holiday is Just Around the Corner

The 2017 Virginia Sales Tax Holiday starts on August 4th and runs through August 6th. During the sales tax holiday, you can buy qualifying school supplies, clothing, footwear, hurricane and emergency preparedness items and Energy Star™ and Water Sense™ products without paying sales tax. For more information on eligible items, please [click here](#) to go to the Virginia Tax website.

July Calendar

| July Calendar | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 | 3 | 4  County Offices Closed | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 The National Museum of the Marine Corps – Secret Codes and Code Talkers A Family Day Program 12pm-3pm Link for the Event |
| 9 The National Museum of the Marine Corps – Combat Art Gallery Opens to Visitors | 10 | 11 Board of County Supervisors Meeting McCoart Building 2:00pm & 7:30pm* *Optional Meeting If Needed | 12 Planning Commission Hearing 7:00pm-10:00pm McCoart Board Chambers | 13 Locust Shade Park Amphitheater Patriotic Magic Show \$5 Event at 10:30am | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 Board of County Supervisors Meeting McCoart Building 2:00pm & 7:30pm* *Optional Meeting If Needed | 19 | 20 Locust Shade Park Amphitheater Reptile World \$5 Event at 10:30am | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Planning Commission Hearing 7:00pm-10:00pm McCoart Board Chambers | 27 | 28 | 29 |
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No Planning Meetings in August

| August Calendar | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | | 1 Board of County Supervisors Meeting McCoart Building 2:00pm | 2 | 3 Locust Shade Park Goodlife Theater Crooning with the Critters \$5 Event at 10:30am | 4 Virginia Sales Tax Holiday Starts at 12:01am (8/4-8/6) | 5 Locust Shade Park Amphitheater In Tune Music Studios Free Event at 5:30pm |
| 6 Virginia Sales Tax Holiday Ends at 11:59pm | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 The National Museum of the Marine Corps – Family Day – Girls Make History 12pm-3pm |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Locust Shade Park Goodlife Theater Little Red Rocket Hood \$5 Event at 10:30am | 18 | 19 Locust Shade Park Amphitheater Manassas Ballet Free Event at 5:30pm |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Locust Shade Park Amphitheater New Dominion Choraliers of Prince William Free Event at 5:30pm |
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JEAN C. SMITH AMPHITHEATER

AT LOCUST SHADE PARK

The summer entertainment schedule features local children's acts perfect for the entire family. Picnic-style food is permitted in the amphitheater area, however, alcoholic beverages and videotaping are not permitted at any time. Cost for performances is \$5 for ages 2 and up. Group rate for 10 or more is \$4.

For information and reservations, call (703) 792-8780.

2017 SCHEDULE

- May 11** 10:30am Reptile World
- May 25** 10:30am The Seuss-Tacular Magic Show
- June 3** 5:30pm Sonus Brass Theater*
- June 10** 2pm Woodbridge Music Club *
- June 22** 10:30am Reptile World
- July 8** 5:30pm Suburban Gypsies *
- July 13** 10:30am Patriotic Magic Show
- July 20** 10:30am Reptile World
- August 3** 10:30am Crooning with the critters (Goodlife Theater)
- August 5** 5:30pm In Tune Music Studios*
- August 17** 10:30am Little Red Rocket Hood (Goodlife Theater)
- August 19** 5:30pm Manassas Ballet*
- August 24** 10:30am Carnegie The Steampunk Illusionist
- August 26** 5:30pm New Dominion Choraliers of Prince William County*



***Free Show**



HONOR, COURAGE, COMMITMENT: **MARINE CORPS ART, 1975 - 2015**



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Fare Increase Monday, June 26

Service Change Monday, July 3

New schedules will be available from operators upon request and new timetables online starting June 26. The following routes will change; routes not listed will not change.

OmniRide:

Fares: \$6.90 SmarTrip; \$9.20 cash; \$4.60 reduced (senior/disabled)

- **Dale City-Washington:** Re-timed AM and PM trips; last six AM trips serve Telegraph Road Commuter Lot. MX-1 trip eliminated. Friday Trips adjusted.
- **Dale City-Pentagon-Rosslyn/Ballston:** Service between Lindendale Commuter Lot and Dale City Commuter Lot discontinued. Dale City-Pentagon-Navy Yard buses will continue to serve Lindendale Commuter Lot.
- **Dale City-Pentagon-Navy Yard:** Friday trips retimed.
- **Lake Ridge-Washington:** AM and PM trips retimed.
- **Lake Ridge-Pentagon-Crystal City:** AM and PM trips retimed.
- **Lake Ridge-Mark Center:** AM start times at Tacketts Mill adjusted.
- **South Route 1:** Service along 4th Street between Pennsylvania and Independence Avenues discontinued; buses will stay on 7th Street. Montclair-Washington buses will continue to serve 4th Street.
- **Montclair-Washington:** PM start times adjusted.
- **Tyson:** AM and PM start times adjusted to meet VRE trains.
- **Commuter Lot Shuttle (CLX):** CLX-2 trip eliminated. CLX will now serve Telegraph Road Commuter Lot.
- **Manassas-Washington:** AM and PM trips retimed.
- **Manassas-Pentagon:** Some trips will use I-495 Express Lanes to I-395 HOV lanes instead of I-66. Two mid-day trips will serve the Cushing Road and Limestone commuter lots. Better transfer options between Rosslyn and the Pentagon.
- **Gainesville-Washington** – AM and PM trips retimed. Two mid-day M-200 trips will now serve the Cushing Road and Limestone commuter lots.
- **Gainesville-Pentagon:** Some trips will use I-495 Express Lanes to I-395 HOV lanes instead of I-66. G-204 PM trip will depart Pentagon at 5:18 p.m. Two mid-day M-200 trips will now serve the Cushing Road and Limestone commuter lots.

Metro Direct:

Fares: \$3.45 SmarTrip; \$4.25 cash; \$2.10 reduced (senior/disabled)

- **Prince William Metro Direct:** Trip that currently goes out of service at Franconia-Springfield at 9 a.m. will stay in service to PRTC Transit Center. Two new express trips added (these trips will use Saturday routing). PM trips adjusted.
- **Manassas Metro Direct:** Most trips will no longer operate between Manassas Mall and Manassas Junction. Alternatives include Cross County Connector, Manassas OmniLink-South and Manassas Park OmniLink.
- **Linton Hall Metro Direct** – AM and PM trips retimed.

OmniLink:

Fares: \$1.55 SmarTrip/cash; \$0.75 reduced (senior/disabled); \$3.60 Day Pass; \$1.80 reduced Day Pass; \$14.35 Weekly Pass; \$7.15 reduced Weekly Pass

- **Dale City OmniLink:** PM trips adjusted to account for traffic conditions. New 5:10 p.m. trip added.
- **Woodbridge OmniLink Loop A:** All trips will serve Woodbridge VRE (now a timepoint instead of Dawsons Beach). PM trips adjusted to account for traffic conditions. New 5:10 p.m. trip added.
- **Woodbridge OmniLink Loop B:** Chinn Center becomes an on-demand stop. New stops added near the Chinn Center. PM trips adjusted to account for traffic conditions. New 5:10 p.m. trip added.
- **Dumfries OmniLink:** PM trips adjusted to account for traffic conditions. New 5:10 p.m. trip added.
- **Manassas OmniLink-South:** Route will now service residential/retail areas near Oaks of Wellington.
- **Manassas Park OmniLink:** Manassas Park Community Center becomes an on-demand stop.