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OVER THE FENCEPOST

150th Anniversary of the Civil War

150th Civil War

MANASSAS BULL RUN

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During the 2006 session, the Virginia General Assembly created the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Virginia's participation in the American Civil War. The General Assembly then commissioned the formation of local Sesquicentennial committees.

The Prince William County Sesquicentennial Committee was formed in 2008 to assist in planning the local commemoration events. The committee's vision is to understand our past, while embracing our future. The main goals of this committee is to ensure the commemorative events are diverse, inclusive and portray a fair story of Virginia's participation in the American Civil War that includes the African-American, Union and Confederate perspectives. The Prince William County Sesquicentennial Committee also ensures that

the commemoration is accessible to all localities involved and has a strong educational component, igniting a renewed interest in Virginia's historical heritage.

Throughout 2011 and beyond, Prince William County will host numerous events to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War. More than 100 programs and events are planned for 2011, and while events will take place throughout the year to mark the anniversary, next week will be a time of particularly unique events. There will be more than 40 events for visitors to experience throughout the county and the City of Manassas from July 21 through 24, 2011.

For more information on the many activities and events planned, visit www.manassasbullrun.com, www.manassascivilwar.org, or call Discover Prince William & Manassas at (703)396-7130.

Watch the County's
YouTube Channel to find
out more about the
commemoration of the
150th Anniversary of the
Civil War...

[http://www.youtube.com/
PrinceWilliamCounty](http://www.youtube.com/PrinceWilliamCounty)

PWC Strives to Protect Local History

During the last decade, the County has made great strides in protecting our local historic resources. To date, we have completed projects including the acquisition and development of the Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park, the renovation of the Old Manassas Courthouse, stabilized and restored Rippon Lodge, and completed the restoration of Ben Lomond House, Williams Ordinary and the Union Church and courthouse at Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre. In addition to site preservation, the County has identified more than 22 Civil War Trail sites to mark and interpret the county's Civil War resources.



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In my view...Reenactment of the Battle of First Manassas/Bull Run

By Katie Fritz

One of the largest events that will be held next week is the two-day reenactment of the Battle of First Manassas/Bull Run. The event will be held on July 23rd and 24th at Pageland Farm with the battle reenactment taking place from 9:30 a.m. to noon each day. The site will be open daily from 6:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Pageland Farm is located adjacent to Manassas National Battlefield Park in Gainesville.

The event will include over 8,700 Civil War re-enactors and feature historically accurate battle reenactments on both days. In addition to the battle reenactment, the event will feature living history tents offering insight into different aspects of life during the Civil War. Living history topics and activities will include Civil War photography and how photography changed the perspective on war, an activity for children on the fundamentals of being a soldier, a program on medical advances during war, and an educational program on slavery. There will also be programs about disguised female combatants in the Battle of First Manassas, children's games that were played, and the story of Jim Robinson and his experience as an African-American during the Civil War. There will also be food and merchandise vendors, as well as sutlers selling reproduction Civil War items.

Admission prices are:

- \$24.00 for Standing Adults, \$40 for Adults in bleachers (Sunday ONLY)
- \$15.00 for Standing Children ages 6 to 12 years old, \$31.00 for Children ages 6 to 12 years old in bleachers (Sunday ONLY)
- Children five and under are free

Tickets may be purchased online in advance, or at Jiffy Lube Live the day of the event. Discount tickets are available for Sunday if purchased online and in advance by using coupon code FPIS. To purchase tickets, visit www.manassasbullrun.com. For more information, call (703)396-7130.

Check out the article below for tips on how to make sure your day at the event is comfortable and safe...

Reenactment Spectator Parking:

Parking for general admission spectators attending the reenactment will be located at Jiffy Lube Live. The parking lots at Jiffy Lube Live will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. both days.

Free shuttles will run continuously from Jiffy Lube Live to the event location.

Please note that there will be no walk-up access to the event. Each attendee must ride the official shuttle from Jiffy Lube Live.

50% off discount tickets are available for Sunday. Use coupon code FPIS when purchasing tickets online.

Tips to Make Your Day at the Reenactment Fun & Safe

As you enjoy your day, please keep the following safety tips in mind:

- The reenactment site will be open to spectators from 6:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Be sure to visit the living history demonstrations, activity tents and food and merchandise vendors.
- The battle reenactment will be held from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. both days. In order to see the entire reenactment, please board the shuttle buses at Jiffy Lube Live no later than 8 a.m.
- The event is held entirely outdoors, and you will be walking through working farm fields to the activity site, so please wear sturdy, close-toed shoes.
- No lawn chairs, coolers or blankets are permitted.
- Food and beverages will be available for purchase throughout the site.
- The reenactment site will be open regardless of the weather.
- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water. Water will be available throughout the reenactment site. Drinking water is one of the best ways to prevent dehydration.
- Protect yourself from the sun by wearing sunscreen and a hat. Reapply sunscreen throughout the day, if possible. Don't forget your sunglasses!
- Watch out for insects and wear insect repellent. Check for ticks thoroughly in the evening.
- Don't overexert yourself, take breaks if you are tired. Look for shaded areas, seating areas and cooling stations.
- If you need medical assistance, please visit the medical services tents. If you have an emergency, please dial 9-1-1.
- If you have any health safety questions, call 2-1-1.
- In the case of severe weather or other emergency, listen for announcements and instructions about what to do and where to go.

Court Closing Information:

All courts and court offices will be closed on Thursday, July 21, due to the Sesquicentennial events planned in the area. Regular business will resume Friday, July 22. For more information, call (703)792-6015.

Reenactment Living History Activities

Saturday, July 23, 2011

TENT A:

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

“Eye Witness to War: Colodian photography and how it forever changed the way we look at war”
Tent closed
Children’s Activities - “So You Want to Be A Soldier! Fundamentals of drill for young and old”
“Medical Advances in War” a program presented by the National Museum of Civil War Medicine
“Frederick Douglass and the Scourge of Slavery”

TENT B:

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

“Patriots in Disguise, Female Combatants at 1st Manassas”
Tent closed
Children’s Activities - “Games People Played”
“African American Experience, The Jim Robinson Story”
Liberty Hall Fifes and Drums

Sunday, July 24, 2011

TENT A:

7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

“A Concern for the Soul” - Protestant Service
Tent closed
Children’s Activities - “So You Want to Be A Soldier! Fundamentals of drill for young and old”
“Medical Advances in War” a program presented by the National Museum of Civil War Medicine
“Eye Witness to War: Colodian photography and how it for ever changed the way we look at war”

TENT B:

7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Catholic Service
Tent closed
Children’s Activities - “Games People Played”
“Frederick Douglass and the Scourge of Slavery”
“Patriots in Disguise, Female Combatants at 1st Manassas”



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Sesquicentennial Traffic Advisories

The following information is provided to help motorists during the events being held on Saturday, July 23 and Sunday, July 24 in conjunction with the commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of First Manassas/Bull Run:

- Drivers in the area of Lee Highway/Route 29 between Sudley Road/Route 234 and University Drive can expect delays due to the Sesquicentennial activities, and are encouraged to avoid the area if possible.
- Pageland Lane between Groveton Road and Artemus Drive will be closed to thru traffic on Saturday and Sunday starting at 5:30 a.m. and continuing until 6:30 p.m. each day.
- Those patrons attending the reenactment at Pageland Farm must park at Jiffy Lube Live off of Wellington Road, where shuttle buses will be available to the event. Jiffy Lube Live can be accessed by taking Interstate 66 to Exit 44/Prince William Parkway, followed by a right onto Wellington Road. The venue will about one mile on the left.
- There will be very limited parking in and around Historic Manassas during the Civil War commemorative events. It is encouraged that all visitors park at the remote site located at the Prince William County Fairgrounds. Transfer service will be provided from the fairgrounds to Historic Manassas. There will be no public parking allowed at event sites.
- In the event of an emergency or evacuation, those in attendance should remain calm and follow official direction.

In my view...Free First Manassas Program Tickets Available

By Candi Choi

The four-day observance of the 150th anniversary of the First Battle of Manassas begins at Manassas National Battlefield Park with a commemorative ceremony at Henry Hill. The ceremony will be held on Thursday, July 21, at 9:15 a.m. Free general admission tickets to the commemorative ceremony are available at the Manassas National Battlefield Henry Hill Visitor Center located at 6511 Sudley Road in Manassas. The Henry Hill Visitor Center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Tickets are available first come, first served basis.

This program, sponsored by the National Park Service and the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission, will examine both the profound impact of the battle, as well as the broader Civil War, and the rich opportunities afforded by the anniversary. Invited speakers include Robert F. McDonnell, Governor of Virginia, along with local, state, and federal officials. The keynote address, titled "The Battle of Manassas: America's Brief Civil War," will be given by Edward L. Ayers, president of the University of Richmond and historian of the American South.

Thursday, July 21 is a fee-free day in the park. Events on July 22, 23 and 24 are open to the general public with an admission fee of \$3.00 per person.

For more information on scheduled programs at Manassas National Battlefield Park, visit the park's event Web site at <http://www.nps.gov/mana/parknews/index.htm> or at www.VirginiaCivilWar.org/manassas. You can also keep track of the park's events to commemorate the Sesquicentennial and learn more about the Battle of First Manassas on the park's social media sites:

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/manassasbattlefield>, Twitter: <http://twitter.com/manassasnps>,
Youtube: <http://www.youtube.com/manassasnps> and Flickr: <http://www.flickr.com/manassasnps>

New Electronic Civil War Publication

The County's Planning Office, in conjunction with the Prince William County Historical Commission, recently announced the release of a new publication: "The Civil War in Prince William County."

The publication chronicles the major actions in the county during the Civil War. It features a timeline of the Civil War in the county, along with a map of important engagements. The publication also contains photos and descriptions of significant county properties and people involved in the Civil War.

Jan Townsend, former County archaeologist, wrote the original text of the document in the 1990s. Historical Commission member James Burgess expanded and edited the work with new information. Historical Commission member Tom Knock added modern era photographs of historic sites. Civil War era photographs also complement the text and bring the publication to life.

The 50-page publication is free and available at www.pwcgov.org/CivilWarPub. The Historical Commission also has additional print and online publications available. Visit www.pwcgov.org/HistoricalCommission for more information.

The Prince William County Historical Commission, a group of citizens appointed by the Board of County Supervisors, advises the Board's efforts to identify, to preserve, to protect and to promote Prince William County's historical sites, artifacts, buildings and events.

150th Anniversary of the Civil War - Calendar of Events

150th Anniversary Commemorative Ceremony

Thursday, July 21, 2011 at 9:15 a.m.

Manassas National Battlefield Park
6511 Sudley Road, Manassas, Virginia

Cost: Free, but you must obtain tickets in advance

Scheduled speakers include Governor Bob McDonnell, and key local, state, and federal officials. Dr. Edward L. Ayers, President of the University of Richmond and historian of the American South, will give the keynote address titled, "The Battle of Manassas: America's Brief Civil War." Free general admission tickets to the Commemorative Ceremony are available at the Manassas National Battlefield Henry Hill Visitor Center. For more information, call (703)361-1339.

Peace Jubilee

Thursday, July 21, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Old Manassas Courthouse
9248 Lee Avenue, Manassas, Virginia

Cost: Free

Prince William County and the City of Manassas will participate in a full re-creation of the 1911 Peace Jubilee for the 100th anniversary. The event will feature vintage automobiles, flags, colorful bunting, peace maidens and a production of the ceremony held on the courthouse steps attended by President Taft and Civil War soldiers. For more information, call (703)361-6599 or visit <http://www.pwcgov.org/default.aspx?topic=030039002180005556>.

Sesquicentennial Commemorative Concert

Thursday, July 21, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.

Hylton Performing Arts Center
10960 George Mason Circle, Manassas, Virginia

Cost: \$30, \$45 or \$60, depending on seat selected

A concert of Americana music featuring opera star Denyce Graves and conductor Lorin Maazel with the Castleton Festival Orchestra. For more information, call (703)993-7550 or visit www.hyltoncenter.org.

Confederate Headquarters at Liberia

Thursday, July 21 - Saturday, July 23, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 24, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Liberia Mansion
8601 Portner Avenue, Manassas, VA 20110

Cost: Free

Liberia, the Manassas home built in 1825 by William James Weir, will once again serve as it did in 1861 as the headquarters for Confederate General P.G.T. Beauregard and his officers before the Battle of First Manassas. This program will feature interpretations of William James Weir, General P.G.T. Beauregard, President Davis, and lady spy Rose Greenhow. For more information, call (703)368-1873 or visit www.manassascivilwar.org.

Pringle House Hospital

Thursday, July 21 - Sunday, July 24, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Ben Lomond Historic Site
10321 Sudley Manor Drive, Manassas, Virginia 20109

Cost: \$5 per person, children under six are free

On July 21, 1861, as the Battle of 1st Manassas was raging, the Pringle House was hastily converted into a Confederate field hospital. Join site staff and costumed interpreters as the field hospital comes alive once again. Activities include Civil War-era medical demonstrations, making bandages and civilian life during the War. Evening tours available on Saturday evening July 23, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Evening tours are \$10 per person. For more information, visit www.pwcgov.org/historicsites or call (703)367-7872.



Ben Lomond Historic Site, Manassas

150th Anniversary of the Civil War - Calendar of Events, Continued

Manassas Civil War Parade

Friday, July 22, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

Old Town Manassas

Cost: Free

Civil War re-enactors from around the country are invited to join the local community to commemorate the First Battle of Manassas and participate in a military parade through the streets of Manassas in preparation for the battle reenactments on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call (703)361-6599.

Live Civil War Period Music

Friday, July 22, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

The Harris Pavilion

Battle Street, Manassas, Virginia

Cost: Free

Dance instructors will teach period dances such as the waltz. For more information, call (703)361-6599 or visit www.manassascivilwar.org.

World Premiere: Director's Cut of Gods and Generals

Hylton Performing Arts Center

10900 University Boulevard, Manassas, Virginia 20110

Reservations are required.

Join the Journey through Hallowed Ground Partnership in conjunction with Warner Home Video and director/producer Ron Maxwell for the theatrical premiere of the Extended Director's Cut of Gods and Generals (in Blu-ray™ high definition). For more information, e-mail esther@jthg.org. To order tickets online, visit www.tickets.com/browseother.cgi?minpid=6980635.

Friday, July 22, 2011

Ticket cost: \$61.00 per individual; \$50.00 for groups of 20 or more.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.: Panel discussion moderated by director/producer Ron Maxwell with actors Donzaleigh Abernathy (Martha), Bruce Boxleitner (Lt. General James Longstreet), Kevin Conway (Sergeant Buster Kilrain), Frankie Faison (Jim Lewis), Dennis Frye (Griffin's Aide and Associate Producer), Joseph Fugua (Maj. General J.E.B. Stewart), Steven Lang (Lt. General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson), and Brian Mallon (Maj. General Winfield Scott Hancock). Actors subject to change based on filming schedules.

5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.: Director's Cut of Gods and Generals.

Saturday, July 23, 2011

Ticket cost: \$35.00 per individual

6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.: Director's Cut of Gods and Generals.

Civil War Baseball Game

Friday, July 22 - Sunday, July 24, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. daily

Jennie Dean Elementary School

9601 Prince William Street, Manassas, Virginia 20110

Cost: Free

Enjoy a game of America's national pastime as far more than just a mere sporting event. Baseball has become a major part of the American culture and has often been responsible for bringing people together in times of crisis. Therefore, it somehow seems fitting that the origins of modern baseball can be traced back to a divided America when the country was in the midst of the Civil War and both sides sought relief by playing baseball. For more information, call (703)361-6599 or visit

www.manassascivilwar.org

Blue and Grey Ball

Saturday, July 23, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.

9021 Center St, Manassas, Virginia 20110

Cost: \$75.00 per person, \$25.00 for children ages 7 to 17, children 6 and under are free

Period music, dress and food. For more information, call (703)361-6599 or visit www.manassascivilwar.org.



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150th Anniversary of the Civil War - Calendar of Events, Continued

Reenactment of the First Battle of Manassas/Bull Run

Saturday, July 23 and Sunday, July 24, 2011

Site open from 6:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. daily

Pageland Farm, Gainesville, Virginia

Cost: \$24.00 for Standing Adults, \$40 for Adults in bleachers (Sunday ONLY), \$15.00 for Standing Children ages 6 to 12 years old, \$31.00 for Children ages 6 to 12 years old in bleachers (Sunday ONLY); Children five and under are free

This two-day event will include 8,700 Civil War re-enactors and feature historically accurate battle reenactments on both days. There will also be food and merchandise vendors, as well as sutlers selling reproduction Civil War items. Displays and exhibits will include 30 camps, artillery firing demonstrations, lectures, living history vignettes, music and children's activities. Advance discount tickets are available online for Sunday by using coupon code FPIS. Tickets will also be available at Jiffy Lube Live the day of the event. For more information call (703)396-7130, to purchase tickets visit www.manassasbullrun.com.



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John Chapman's Civil War Nightmare

Saturday, July 23, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Chapman/Beverley Mill

17504 Beverley Mill Road, Broad Run, Virginia 20137

Cost: \$5.00, children under 12 free

Take a guided tour through historic Chapman/Beverley Mill and learn about the Civil War history of the mill and the family who operated it in that era. Hear the fascinating history of Chapman's Mill during the Civil War from a "living historian" interpreting Ellen Chapman, the widow of John Chapman. Learn the impact of the war on this important 19th century industrial center and the man who operated it. Additional reenactments will take place. This event is also available upon request at your site. For further information, call the Turn the Mill Around Campaign at (540)253-5888 or visit www.chapmansmill.org.

Bristoe Station Battlefield Tours

Saturday, July 23 and Sunday, July 24, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park

10708 Bristow Road, Bristow, Virginia 20136

Cost: \$5 per person, children under six are free

Bristoe Station Battlefield staff and volunteers will provide guided tours of the battlefield. Learn about Camp Jones and the two battles that took place there in 1862 and 1863. Tours will begin on the hour and depart from the kiosk in the parking lot on Iron Brigade Unit Avenue. The last tour will depart at 3:00 p.m. Please dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes. No pets please. For more information, call (703)792-5546 or visit www.pwcgov.org/historicsites.

Inter-faith Service on the Lawn

Sunday, July 24, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

Manassas Museum

9101 Prince William Street, Manassas, Virginia 20110

Jennie Dean Historic Site

9601 Wellington Road, Manassas, Virginia 20110

Cost: Free

The City of Manassas concludes its Sesquicentennial commemoration with a church service on the Manassas Museum lawn in Old Town Manassas. A Catholic Mass will be celebrated at the Camp Manassas site located at the Jennie Dean Historic Site. For more information, visit www.manassascivilwar.org.

United Daughters of the Confederacy Wreath-Laying Ceremony

Sunday, July 24, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

City Cemetery

9027 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia 20110

Cost: Free

The UDC remembers their veterans at the Manassas City Cemetery following the church service. For more information, call (703)368-1873 or visit www.manassascivilwar.org.

July Brings the Ringing of Wedding Bells

I am excited to announce that on Saturday, July 2nd, one of my legislative aides, Candi Plaster, married her longtime love, David Choi. I was honored to preside over the marriage ceremony which took place at 3:00 p.m. at one of the County's historic properties, the Old Manassas Courthouse. The reception was held at La Capilla, a restaurant located in Old Town Manassas. The restaurant is also historic, originally a Presbyterian church dating back to 1875.



Mr. & Mrs. David Choi

The ceremony was intimate and elegant and was attended by family and friends of the bride and groom, including Candi's childhood friends from Michigan and David's parents who travelled from Korea.

The couple met eight years ago while working together and began dating shortly after meeting. The happily married bride and groom reside in the county and are currently planning an August honeymoon.



Bride & Groom with Coles District Office Staff (from left): Delain Moyers (Chief of Staff), Katie Fritz (Legislative Aide), David Choi (Groom), Candi Choi (Bride and Legislative Aide), Coles District Supervisor Marty Nohe

First Baptist Commuter Services End, New Lot Opens in Lake Ridge

As of Friday, July 8, Prince William County terminated our commuter parking lease agreement with First Baptist Church on Minnieville Road and PRTC has discontinued its late evening shuttle bus service between the Horner Road Commuter Lot and the church. The routing for PRTC's Rosslyn OmniRide buses will not change at this time. From the beginning, the church parking lot was intended as a temporary solution to the parking crunch created in February when Potomac Mills Mall eliminated approximately 750 spaces, however few commuters were parking at the church.

The County now has an alternative temporary solution: we have successfully concluded negotiations with another property owner to place a temporary commuter lot with 222 spaces on land that borders the existing Lake Ridge Commuter Lot on Minnieville Road. The new temporary Lake Ridge Commuter Lot is now open and because PRTC already offers extensive commuter bus service at the lot, this addition will enhance the appeal of parking and slugging from there.

The County also has a long-term solution to the parking shortage in the I-95 corridor and is currently designing a new 600+ space commuter parking lot on Telegraph Road, opposite Horner Road. The lot is expected to be complete in fall 2012.

Prince William Achieves Highest Credit Rating

Standard and Poor (S&P) announced the issuance of "AAA/Stable" credit rating for Prince William County on its Virginia Public School Authority (VPSA) bond issuances. With this new rating, the County has now received AAA status from all three of the major credit ratings agencies (Fitch, Moody's and S&P) – a measure that only 72 out of the 17,669 (or 0.4%) local governments throughout the country have achieved.

Credit ratings are tied strongly not only to the financial management of a local government, but also to the economic climate. To this end, S&P noted, "The County's financial position is, in our view, strong and has remained consistent throughout the recession owing to conservative financial management. The County's revenue stream is diverse, with property taxes accounting for approximately 70% of general fund revenues."

Regarding the stability of the AAA rating, S&P reported, "The stable outlook reflects our opinion of the county's consistent financial performance throughout the recession, despite a significant decline in [real estate] assessments in 2009 and 2010. We expect the county's capable management team will maintain a solid financial position, as it begins to see growth in the tax base and economically sensitive revenues. The county's strong wealth and income levels, continued economic development, and participation in the diverse Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) are also stabilizing factors. We do not anticipate changing the rating within the two-year outlook parameter."

Prince William County continues to be viewed by rating agencies as a key economic engine in the metro area, and throughout the nation. "Anchored by the military and government, the county's economy continues to show above-average employment indicators," reported Fitch Ratings. Moody's reported that it "believes that Prince William County's efforts to diversify the economy and resulting commercial development will partially offset the impacts of the region-wide real estate downturn.... Industries targeted for significant expansion include life sciences and data storage, as well as the defense-related sector as Quantico Marine Base is located within the County."

Commuters: Find Lost Items, Report Found Items

There are 488 Found items and 912 Lost items posted on the slug-lines.com Web site. To locate a lost item or post something you have found, go to the Lost and Found section of the Web site at <http://www.slug-lines.com/forum/lost.asp>. To make a posting you must first register and login as a member. Once logged in, click on the appropriate category (Lost or Found) and enter the required information.

There have been reports of slugs recovering items that have been lost for many years!

Lake Ridge Park Offers Twilight Kayaking/Canoeing

Lake Ridge Park is offering an opportunity to view wildlife and park scenery by moonlight. Participants can choose between a canoe and a kayak and paddle around the Occoquan Reservoir. Opportunities for this hour-long twilight adventure are July 15 at 7:30 p.m. or August 13 at 6:30 p.m. Boats cost \$20 per person and children age 10 to 16 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Registered participants should arrive thirty minutes early.

Register online in advance at www.pwcparks.org. Lake Ridge Park is located at 12350 Cotton Mill Drive in Woodbridge.



New Development Fees in Effect as of July 1

The Building Development and Land Plan Review and Inspections fee schedules have been revised as approved by the Prince William Board of County Supervisors during FY12 budget adoption. Fee schedule revisions were effective July 1, 2011.

New fee schedules are available at the Development Services Building which is located at 5 County Complex Court in Prince William or online at www.pwcv.gov/DDSfees. You may also request a copy by sending an e-mail to DDS@pwcv.gov.

For more information, please contact the Department of Development Services at (703)792-6930.

Cooling Assistance Program Taking Applications

The Prince William County Department of Social Services will accept applications until August 15, 2011, for the Cooling Assistance Program.

This program assists low-income County residents with the purchase or repair of cooling equipment and/or payment for electricity to operate cooling equipment. To qualify for Cooling Assistance, certain income criteria must be met and there must be an elderly person, disabled person or a child under six living in the home.

The last date to submit an application is Monday, August 15, 2011.

Applications may be obtained at either of the Department of Social Services Offices (A. J. Ferlazzo Building in Woodbridge or Sudley North Government Center Building in Manassas) or they are available to download and print from the state Department of Social Services Offices Web site at <http://www.dss.virginia.gov/benefit/ea/cooling/index.cgi>.

For more information about the program, please call (703)792-7500.

Foster Family of the Year Recognized

Prince William County Department of Social Services foster parents, Carlos Pasquel and Ada Feliciano, were recently recognized as a Foster Family of the Year by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and the Freddie Mac Foundation. The award is given to foster parents in the region who have exhibited extraordinary courage, patience and care while working with foster children. The couple have been foster parents in Prince William County since 2003.

The Department of Social Services is continually in need of foster parents. Orientation sessions for people who may be interested in becoming a foster parent are held each month. The next orientation session is Monday, July 18, 2011, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Dr. A. J. Ferlazzo Building located at 15941 Donald Curtis Drive in Woodbridge.

For more information, contact the Department of Social Services at (703)792-7500 or visit www.pwcv.gov/dss.

Congratulations to the Winners of the County Executive's Awards

On Friday, June 25, 185 County employees were honored at the annual County Executive's Awards breakfast. The County Executive Awards are presented annually to selected County employees and teams of employees whose exemplary performance sets a standard of excellence for the County government and demonstrates that leadership can originate from any level within our organization.

Nominations are reviewed based on the County's Vision and Values. The County Executive looks for employees who exemplify the County's Vision while incorporating the Values in their interactions with other employees, County residents and elected leaders. Entries are reviewed by a five-member panel of County employees. The panel consists of past award recipients and members of a variety of agencies. Once the panel has reviewed all the nominations, they make a recommendation to the County Executive who then determines the recipients.

The following employees took home an award:

Group Winners:

Crime Analysis & East Coast Rapist Task Force

- . Jim Guzdowski, Police
- . Machel Montgomery, Police
- . Gwen Udell, Police
- . Det. Cameron Crouch, Police
- . Sgt. Liam Burke, Police
- . Det. Brian Cavanaugh, Police
- . Det. Steve Piaskowski, Police

Redistricting Team

- . Phyllis Aggrey, Human Rights
- . Lorrie Andrew-Spear, Communications
- . Phillip J. Campbell, Clerk to the Board
- . Tracy Gordon, Legislative Liaison
- . Dahae Hwang, DoIT
- . Cynthia Martinez, Voter Registration
- . Stott Mason, Budget & Analysis
- . David McGettigan, Planning
- . Valerie Moore, Chief Deputy Clerk to the Board
- . Gardy Morales, Voter Registration
- . Debbie Nolan, Voter Registration
- . Jeff Notz, County Attorney's Office
- . Kathy Prescott, DoIT
- . Bill Vaughan, Finance
- . Helen Walla, DoIT
- . Debra Watson-Grady, Finance
- . Betty Weimer, Voter Registration

HRIS Implementation Team

- . Gary Presler, Finance
- . Bruce Nicholson, DoIT
- . Andrea Brenner, Human Resources
- . Marstean Dean, Finance
- . Khanh-Van Tran, Finance
- . Cynthia Chapates, Finance
- . Shirley Jordan, Finance
- . Cindy Miller, Finance
- . Mary Flores, Human Resources
- . Sandy Ellis, Human Resources
- . Rashmi Thakur, DoIT
- . Sam Elswick, Finance
- . Michelle McClelland, DoIT

Save a Life Litter Crew Team

- . John Adams, Public Works
- . Tom Yee, Public Works

Individual Winners:

- . Christine Gallagher, Fire & Rescue
- . Tom Blaser, Transportation
- . Allison Lindner, Finance
- . Bernie Osilka, Public Works

Vision

Prince William County Government is an organization where elected leaders, staff and citizens work together to make our community the best.

We, as employees, pledge to do the right thing for the customer and community every time.

We, as a learning organization, commit to provide the necessary support and opportunities for each employee to honor this pledge.

RICTER Values

Respect – We believe all people have value and we show consideration for all persons with whom we have contact – our customers and fellow employees.

Integrity – We have the courage to consistently do what is right, honest and fair.

Creativity – We find better ways to do things. We are innovative in achieving excellence.

Teamwork – We support and encourage others as we work towards our common goals.

Excellence – We exceed expectations for the results we produce, the quality of our services, and the interactions with our customers.

Responsibility – We seize the opportunity to do the right thing in carrying out commitments and obligations.

Leadership Philosophy

We believe that valuable knowledge exists in all employees and recognize that improvements most often come from the people providing the service. We share information, consult with each other and work in teams and groups to make the best decisions and produce excellent results.

We are an organization of diverse, honest and hardworking employees who trust each other to do the right thing and make the right decisions every time. We are united around our commitment to the County's Vision and Values. To this end, we believe in maximizing talent, skills and creativity.

We encourage continuous learning, having fun and recognizing achievements and contributions. We believe people are Prince William County's most valuable asset and are committed to sharing the leadership responsibility for making our county the best while creating a legacy of excellence.



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Coles District Volunteer Fire Department - www.cdffd.org
Court Appointed Special Advocates of Greater Prince William - www.casaofgpw.org
Dale City Civic Association - <http://sites.google.com/site/dccawebsite/>
Dale City Volunteer Fire Department - www.dcvfd.org
Habitat for Humanity - www.habitatpwc.org
Lake Jackson Volunteer Fire Department - <http://www.ljvfd.com/>
Lake Ridge Occoquan Coles Civic Association - P.O. Box 204 Occoquan, VA 22125
Leadership Prince William - www.leadershipprincewilliam.org
Meals-On-Wheels - (703)792-4156
Mid County Civic Association - www.midcopw.net
NAACP of Prince William County - www.pwnaacp.org
Prince William Chamber of Commerce - www.pwchamber.org
Prince William Conservation Alliance - www.pwconserve.org
Prince William Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals - www.pwspca.org
Prince William Soil & Water Conservation District - www.pwswcd.org
Prince William Special Olympics - www.pwsova.org
Prince William Neighborhood Leaders Group - www.pwcgov.org/neighborhoodleaders
Prince William Trails and Streams Coalition - www.pwtrailsandstreams.com
Register to Vote - www.pwcgov.org/vote
Virginia Cooperative Extension - www.pwcgov.org/vce

If you know of a way for citizens to get involved in the community that is not listed above, send it to us at dmoyers@pwcgov.org and we'll add it to the list.

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