

Community Developments

In This Issue

- Planning Commission Update
- VDOT Citizen Information Meetings
- Roanoke Valley Preservation Foundation Fundraiser
- 2013 Growers Academy
- VDOT Road Notices

Upcoming Meetings

Planning Commission

- January 7 @ 4:00 PM*
- January 15 @ 6:00 PM
- February 5 @ 4:00 PM*
- February 19 @ 6:00 PM

Board of Supervisors

- January 8 @ 3:00 PM
- January 22 @ 3:00 PM*
- February 12 @ 3:00 PM
- February 26 @ 3:00 PM*

*Work Session Time, Public Hearing Begins at 7:00 PM

[Like us on Facebook](#)

"Like" Roanoke County Planning Services to keep current on planning news, road construction updates and other County events!

Greetings!

Happy New Year! 2013 is getting off to a busy start so keep up-to-date with January's *Community Developments*!

Planning Commission Update

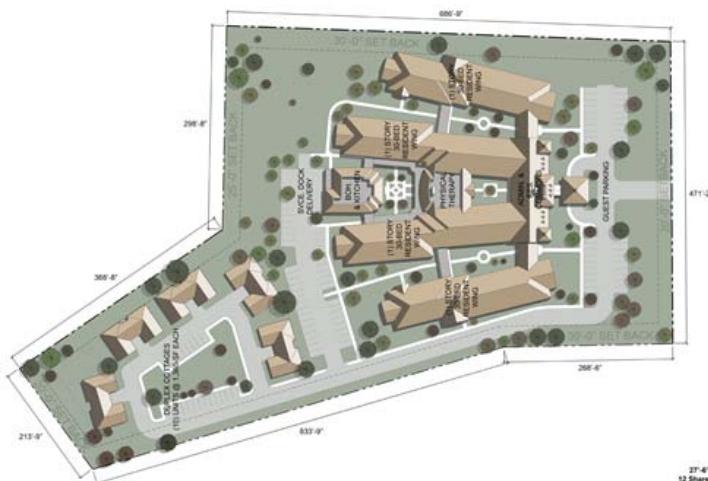
December 3rd Meeting

The Planning Commission considered two applications as part of the Consent Agenda for the January 7th meeting. See more information on these applications below.

January 7th Meeting

Two public hearings are scheduled:

- The petition of [Philip M. Argabright](#) to rezone approximately 12.9 acres from R-1, Low Density Residential, District to AG-3, Agricultural/Rural Preserve, District, located at 5032 Stanley Farm Road in the Glenvar area, Catawba Magisterial District; and
- [Friendship Health and Rehab Center South, Inc.](#) and [Friendship Health and Rehab Center, Inc.](#) to rezone approximately 10.27 acres from R-1, Low Density Residential, District to C-2, General Commercial, District and to obtain a special use permit for a nursing home and life care facility on property located at 5647 Starkey Road, Cave Spring Magisterial District.



Revised Friendship Concept Plan (Click for larger PDF)

January 15th Meeting
The agenda for this meeting has not been set.

February 5th Meeting
No public hearings are scheduled for this meeting.

VDOT Citizen Information Meetings on Interstate 81 Tier 2 Environmental Study

VDOT is hosting citizen information meetings to seek public input on the [Tier 2 Environmental Study for Interstate 81](#) between Roanoke and Christiansburg on the following dates:



- February 6th, 2013, from 5pm to 7pm
Falling Branch Elementary Cafeteria
735 Falling Branch Road, Christiansburg, VA 24073
(snow date February 13th)
- February 7th, 2013, from 5pm to 7pm
Fort Lewis Elementary School
Cafeteria 3115 West Main Street, Salem,
VA 24153 (snow date February 14th)

The Tier 2 Study will:

- Evaluate site-specific conditions and impacts before design and location decisions are made;
- Examine traffic, wetlands, land use, cultural resources, air, noise, and recreational facilities, etc.;
- Validate/update info from Tier 1 (number of lanes needed, traffic);
- Look at a "corridor width" and appropriately sized "bubble" for interchanges; and
- Consider location of lanes (inside, outside, or combination) may be recommended in some locations.

Roanoke Valley Preservation Foundation 'Downton Abbey' Fundraiser January 6th
Get your tickets for the 'Downton Abbey' Premiere Party and help support the [Roanoke Valley Preservation Foundation](#)! The evening will include:

- Light hors d'ouevres;
- Cash bar featuring locally crafted wine and beer;
- Vintage photo booth to show off your best 1920's attire;
- 'Downton Abbey' trivia contest; and
- \$1 raffle tickets for your chance to win fabulous prizes!

Tickets are \$25 per person with all proceeds benefiting the Roanoke Valley Preservation Foundation. Purchase tickets through Eventbrite [here](#) or for more information visit us at www.roanokepreservation.org.

2013 Growers Academy at the Virginia Tech Catawba Sustainability Center

The Virginia Tech Catawba Sustainability Center is offering the fourth annual [Growers Academy](#), a series of courses specifically designed to help new and transitioning agricultural

businesses succeed. An eight week learning series focused on low input, small scale production and starting your own agribusiness. Instructors include resource professionals and farm business owners. **Registration ends January 15.**

Topics include

- * Planning for Success: Setting Goals and Establishing Targets
- * Soils and Composting
- * Marketing
- * Business Plan Development
- * Equipment for Small Farms
- * Preventative Pests and Weed Management
- * Crop Production and Planning
- * Business Plan Review
- * Farm Tour on Saturday, March 9



Dates and Location

January 22 - March 12

Tuesdays, 6-9 pm (no class on
February 19)

[Virginia Tech Roanoke Center](#) in the Roanoke Higher
Education Building at 108 North Jefferson Street

Contact

Josh Nease

Manager, Catawba Sustainability Center

jnease@vt.edu

(540) 553-2311

www.facebook.com/VTcatawba
blogs.lt.vt.edu/catawba/

VDOT Road Notices

Check out the weekly [Road Notices](#) on the Transportation webpage for information about road construction, closures and other news.

Have a great year!

Sincerely,

Megan Cronise, AICP

Principal Planner



Try it **FREE** today.

Community Developments

Greetings!

We have several updates and events to share in this month's edition of *Community Developments*. Enjoy!

In This Issue

Planning Commission Update

Old Heritage Corporation Community Meeting

VDOT Citizen Information Meetings

Area Workshops

Welcome to County Engineer David Henderson

Plantation Road Bicycle, Pedestrian and Streetscape Improvement Project

East Roanoke River Greenway

Construction Underway on Bandy Road and Mayland Road

VDOT Road Notices

Blue Ridge Parkway Final General Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement Available

Upcoming Meetings

[Planning Commission](#)

February 19 @ 6:00 PM

March 5 @ 4:00 PM*

March 19 @ 6:00 PM

[Board of Supervisors](#)

February 12 @ 3:00 PM

February 26 @ 3:00 PM*

*Work Session Time, Public Hearing Begins at 7:00 PM

[Like us on Facebook](#) 

"Like" Roanoke County Planning Services to keep current on planning news, road construction updates and other County events!

Planning Commission Update

January 7th

The [Planning Commission](#) heard presentations on two MAP-21 Transportation Alternatives Program applications for the [Plantation Road Bicycle, Pedestrian and Streetscape Improvement Project](#) and for the East Roanoke River Greenway. See the articles below for information on these projects.

Two public hearings were held:

- Petition of [Philip Argabright](#) to rezone 12.9 acres from R-1 to AG-3 off Stanley Farm Road in the Glenvar area, Catawba Magisterial District. The Commission voted (5-0) to recommend approval of the rezoning. *The Board of Supervisors approved the request at its January 22nd meeting.*

- Petition of [Friendship Health and Rehab Center South, Inc.](#) to rezone 10.27 acres from R-1 to C-2 and to obtain a special use permit for a nursing home and life care facility on property located on Starkey Road, Cave Spring Magisterial District. The Commission voted (5-0) to recommend approval of the petition with one proffered condition and four



Friendship Concept Plan

conditions associated with the special use permit. *The Board of Supervisors approved the request with one proffered condition and five conditions on the special use permit at its January 22nd meeting.*

January 15th

The Commission discussed a potential [Route 221 Area Plan](#) amendment and the possibility of making amendments to uses permitted in the Zoning Ordinance.

February 5th

This meeting was canceled.

February 19th

The Commission will have a presentation on the [Partnership for a Livable Roanoke Valley's](#) progress, a possible Route 221 utility extension and Zoning Ordinance amendments.

March 5th

A public hearing will be held on the petition of [Old Heritage Corporation](#) to rezone approximately 1.880 acres from R-1, Low Density Residential District, to C-1, General Office District, with

proffers, located near the intersection of Crossbow Circle and Franklin Road (Route 220 South) and 5259 Crossbow Circle, in the Cave Spring Magisterial District. See information below about a [community meeting](#) to be held on February 13th.

Old Heritage Corporation Rezoning Community Meeting

[Old Heritage Corporation](#) has submitted a revised land use application to rezone 1.880 acres located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Franklin Road and Crossbow Circle including 5259 Crossbow Circle from R-1, Low Density Residential District, to C-1, Office District, with proffers, in the Cave Spring Magisterial District. The proposed use is Office.



*Old Heritage Revised Concept Plan
(click for larger PDF)*

A community meeting will be held to discuss this application:

Wednesday, February 13, 2013, at 6:30 PM
South County Library Auditorium, 6303 Merriman Road

View the [community meeting notice](#) for additional information and visit the [Planning Commission](#) webpage for other related materials.

VDOT Citizen Information Meetings on Interstate 81 Tier 2 Environmental Study

VDOT is hosting citizen information meetings to seek public input on the [Tier 2 Environmental Study for Interstate 81](#) between Roanoke and Christiansburg on the following dates:



- February 6th, 2013, from 5pm to 7pm
School Cafeteria
Christiansburg, VA 24073
Falling Branch Elementary
735 Falling Branch Road,
(snow date February 13th)
- February 7th, 2013, from 5pm to 7pm
Cafeteria
VA 24153
Fort Lewis Elementary School
3115 West Main Street, Salem,
(snow date February 14th)

The Tier 2 Study will:

- Evaluate site-specific conditions and impacts before design and location decisions are made;
- Examine traffic, wetlands, land use, cultural resources, air, noise, and recreational facilities, etc.;
- Validate/update info from Tier 1 (number of lanes needed, traffic);
- Look at a "corridor width" and appropriately sized "bubble" for interchanges; and
- Consider location of lanes (inside, outside, or combination) may be recommended in some locations.

Area Workshops

Trees... The Dirty Truth Workshop

[Trees Virginia](#), a mission of the Virginia Urban Forestry Council, is sponsoring the 13th Annual Roanoke Tree Care Workshop to be held on March 6, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. hosted by [Virginia Western Community College](#).

Click the brochure at right for more details and for registration information.

Accessibility Workshop for Trails and Outdoor Developed Areas

The [Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation](#), [Roanoke County](#) and the [Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission](#) are hosting an Accessibility Workshop at Roanoke County's [South County Library](#) from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on March 15, 2013. This workshop will cover ADA design requirements as well as rules about Other Power Driven Mobility Devices.



Brochure (click for larger PDF)

View further information, the agenda and registration materials [here](#). The \$15 cost covers lunch and snacks.

Welcome to County Engineer David Henderson

David Henderson joined Roanoke County as the County Engineer in early January. He has over 30 years of consulting experience serving government entities and authorities in the development of public infrastructure facilities and programs. Even though he is a new County employee, he is not new to the area. He was born and raised in the Roanoke Valley, and has lived in Roanoke County since 1986. David and his wife Carol have been married for 32 years and have 3 children. The oldest, Matthew, is a math teacher in Charlottesville, VA; Rebecca is a kindergarten teacher in Augusta County; and the youngest, Joshua, attends Vanderbilt University. David is excited by the opportunity to serve his long-time neighbors and positively impact the community.



David Henderson, County Engineer

Plantation Road Bicycle, Pedestrian and Streetscape Improvement Project

Roanoke County Community Development recently submitted an \$850,000 request for funding through the MAP-21 [Transportation Alternatives \(TA\) Program](#) for the [Plantation Road Bicycle, Pedestrian](#)

[and Streetscape Improvement Project](#). The current request for Phase 2 comprises the bulk of the project as none of the planned components can be feasibly built in isolation. Sidewalks, street trees in landscaped strips, pedestrian-scaled lights, bicycle accommodations, a shared use path along a portion of Plantation Road will be constructed simultaneously, along with necessary storm drain systems and curb and gutter.

A similar application for SAFETEA-LU Transportation Enhancement Program funds submitted in 2011 was successful. This award of \$341,000 fully funded Phase 1 of the project which includes landscaped medians and left turn lanes, pedestrian crossings, shared use paths off of Plantation Road, entrance landscaping and a welcome sign with landscaping.



Plantation Road
Transportation Alternatives
Program Application
Board of Supervisors Work Session
January 8, 2013

Plantation Road Presentation
(click to view PDF)

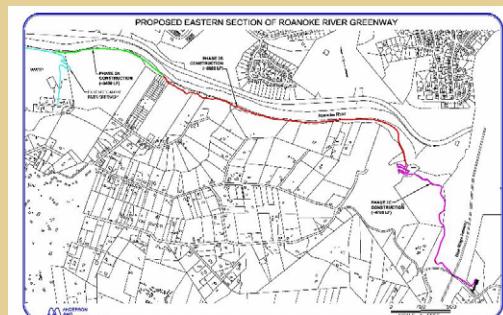
TA funding announcements are anticipated in May or June. The next steps for the Plantation Road project include hiring a consulting firm that will design and engineer improvements for the entire corridor. Visit the Plantation Road Bicycle, Pedestrian and Streetscape Improvement Project [webpage](#) to view progress on the project, application materials and presentations.

Contact Megan Cronise for more information by email at mcronise@roanokecountyva.gov or by phone at (540) 772-2068 ext. 282.

East Roanoke River Greenway

The Roanoke County Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism is partnering with the Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission to apply for [Transportation Alternatives Program funding](#) to help design and construct

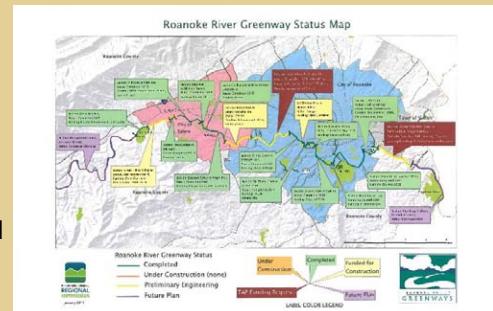
a section of the [Roanoke River Greenway](#) proposed in eastern Roanoke County. Community input received during the preparation of the [Comprehensive Master Plan for Parks and Facilities](#) identified greenways and trails as a "high priority need" for recreational amenities needed in our community.



Proposed Eastern Section of Roanoke River Greenway (click for larger PDF)

The Roanoke River Greenway is a regional bicycle and pedestrian trail proposed through the Roanoke Valley linking Roanoke County, the Cities of Roanoke and Salem, and the Town of Vinton. [Roanoke Valley Greenways](#)

Last spring, the City of Roanoke partnered with the Western Virginia Water Authority to complete a section of the Roanoke River Greenway through the regional wastewater treatment plant that provided a connection to the [Tinker Creek Greenway](#). The County's greenway project will pick up at the waste water treatment plant in Roanoke City and extend east approximately 2.7 miles east to the Blue Ridge Parkway.



Roanoke River Greenway Status Map
(click for larger PDF)

The County has entered a contract with [Anderson and Associates, Inc.](#) for professional engineering and design services. Surveying has been completed along the Roanoke River and preliminary design is underway. This application from Roanoke County requests funding to complete Phases 1 and 2A of the Roanoke River Greenway. Phase I includes the preliminary design, engineering, environmental permitting, and right-of-way acquisition of the greenway and Phase 2A is the first construction phase of the project.

For more information, please contact Lindsay Blankenship in Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism at (540) 777-6328 or lblankenship@roanokecountyva.gov.

Construction Underway on Bandy Road and Mayland Road

Two slope maintenance projects are under construction in Roanoke County, on Bandy Road and Mayland Road. The purpose of these projects is to improve the sight distance around curves, so that drivers can see approaching vehicles from a greater distance.

The Bandy Road project is nearing completion. The slope under construction is in a curve in the 3000 block of Bandy Road, near the Roanoke City limits, in the Vinton Magisterial District.

The Mayland Road project slope is in the 7900 block, between Bandy Road and Yellow Mountain Road, in the Cave Spring Magisterial District.

These two projects are funded through the Virginia Department of



Bandy Road Construction
December, 2012



Transportation (VDOT) Revenue Sharing Program. The purpose of the Revenue Sharing Program is to provide additional funding for use by a county to construct, reconstruct, improve or maintain the highway system. Local funds are matched with state funds, through a program that is typically used to provide funding for immediately needed highway system projects, or the supplement existing projects.

*Mayland Road Construction
January, 2013*

For more information view the [VDOT Revenue Sharing Program](#) webpage.

VDOT Road Notices

Check out the weekly [Road Notices](#) on the Transportation webpage for information about meetings, road construction, closures and other news.

Blue Ridge Parkway Final General Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement Available

The [Blue Ridge Parkway](#) Final General Management Plan provides comprehensive guidance for perpetuating natural systems, preserving cultural resources, and providing opportunities for high-quality visitor experiences along the parkway for the next 20+ years. After more than 75 years since the parkway was established, this is the parkway's first comprehensive management plan.



The Final General Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement is now available on the National Park Service [website](#).

Have a great month!

Sincerely,

Megan Cronise, AICP
Principal Planner



Try it FREE today.

Community Developments

In This Issue

[Accessibility Workshop](#)

[VMI Day](#)

Upcoming Meetings

Planning Commission

March 19 @ 6:00 p.m.
April 2 @ 4:00 p.m.*
April 16 @ 6:00 p.m.

Board of Supervisors

March 12 @ 3:00 p.m.
March 26 @ 3:00 p.m.*
April 9 @ 3:00 p.m.
April 23 @ 3:00 p.m.*

*Work Session Time, Public Hearing Begins at 7:00 p.m.

Join Our List

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

Stay Updated!

[Like us on Facebook](#) 

"Like" Roanoke County Planning Services to keep current on planning news, road construction updates and other County events!

March, 2013

Greetings!

With about two weeks to go, we are ready for Spring! Read about updates, future activities and events in this month's newsletter.

Planning Commission Update

February 19th

The Planning Commission heard two presentations on progress made by the [Partnership for a Livable Roanoke Valley](#) and on a possible Route 221 water line extension. The Commission also discussed possible future Zoning Ordinance amendments.

March 5th

A public hearing was held on the petition of [Old Heritage Corporation](#) to rezone approximately 1.880 acres from R-1 to C-1C located near the intersection of Crossbow Circle and Franklin Road and 5259 Crossbow Circle in the Cave Spring Magisterial District.



The Planning Commission voted 3-0 to recommend denial. The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on March 26, 2013, at 7 p.m. at the Roanoke County Administration Center.

March 19th

The agenda for this meeting has not yet been set.

April 2nd

A public hearing will be held on the petition of [April Caudle](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in an R-2, Medium Density Residential District, for the operation of a family day care home on approximately 2.00 acres, located at 5629 Cove Road, Catawba Magisterial District.

Accessibility Workshop for Trails and Outdoor Developed Areas

The [Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation](#), [Roanoke County](#) and the [Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission](#) are hosting an Accessibility Workshop at Roanoke County's [South County Library](#) from 8:30



a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on March 15, 2013. This workshop will cover ADA design requirements as well as rules about Other Power Driven Mobility Devices.

South County Library

View further information, the agenda and registration materials [here](#). The \$15 cost covers lunch and snacks.

VMI Day

On Saturday, April 20, 2013, the [Williamson Road Area Business Association](#) (WRABA) and [Roanoke City](#) will be hosting a VMI football practice (scrimmage) at William Fleming High School Stadium. This provides the Alumni, high school students and citizens to participate by watching and enjoying.

Admission to the practice is free to the general public.

Alumni Tailgate: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Clinics: Morning (time to be determined)

Scrimmage: 12:30 p.m.

For more information contact [Wendy Jones](#), Executive Director of WRABA, at 362-3293.

VDOT Road Updates



VDOT has been very busy handling several types of winter weather in addition to many road projects. Check out the weekly [Road Notices](#) on the [Transportation](#) webpage for information about road construction, closures and other news.

Have a great month!

Sincerely,

Megan Cronise, AICP

Principal Planner



Try it **FREE** today.

Community Developments

IN THIS ISSUE

[Planning Commission Update](#)

[Old Heritage Rezoning Update](#)

[11/460 Citizen Information Meeting](#)

[Arbor Day](#)

[VMI Day](#)

[Landscaping Project Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony](#)

[Housing Symposium: Housing A to Z](#)

[Gallop 4 the Greenways](#)

[Roanoke Valley Environmental Events and Volunteer Opportunities](#)

[Roanoke County Assists in Setting Benchmarks for Future Energy Performance Standards](#)

[Residential Chickens](#)

[VDOT Road Updates](#)

QUICK LINKS

[Planning Commission](#)

April 2 @ 4:00 p.m.*

April 16 @ 6:00 p.m.

May 7 @ 4:00 p.m.*

May 21 @ 6:00 p.m.

[Board of Supervisors](#)

April 9 @ 3:00 p.m.

April 23 @ 3:00 p.m.*

May 14 @ 3:00 p.m.

May 28 @ 3:00 p.m.*

*Work Session Time, Public Hearing Begins at 7:00 p.m.

STAY UPDATED!

[Like us on Facebook !\[\]\(6f46288fd6d1962f166b8f00d402bb41_img.jpg\)](#)

"Like" Roanoke County Planning Services to keep current on planning-related news, road construction updates and other County events!

April, 2013

Greetings!

In addition to our regular news, we have included several outdoor activities this month to (hopefully) take advantage of warming spring weather! Get outside and enjoy!

Planning Commission Update

March 19th

The [Planning Commission](#) viewed the proposed web-based Pictometry imagery of the county that will be available at the end of the year. Also discussed were potential Zoning Ordinance changes pertaining to the uses allowed by zoning district.

April 2nd

A public hearing will be held on the petition of [April Caudle](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in an R-2 District for the operation of a family day care home located at 5629 Cove Road in the Catawba Magisterial District.

The Planning Commission will also review four upcoming land use cases as part of the Consent Agenda for the May 7th meeting (see meeting description below for details). View the full April 2nd meeting agenda [here](#).

April 16th

Further discussion will take place on potential Zoning Ordinance amendments concerning uses allowed by zoning district.

May 7th

Several petitions are scheduled for public hearings:

1. The petition of [Wendy's of Western Virginia, Inc.](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in a C-2S, General Commercial, District with Special Use Permit to increase a drive-in and fast food restaurant by more than ten percent (10%) on approximately 1.296 acres, located at 4369 and 4377 Electric Road, Cave Spring Magisterial District.



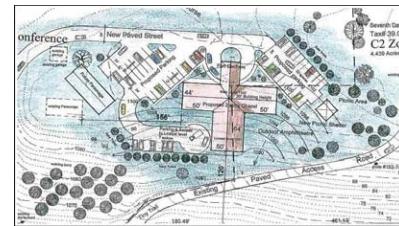
Proposed Wendy's Restaurant

2. The petition of [Seventh Day Adventist Reform Movement](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in a C-2, General Commercial, District for the operation of a religious assembly on approximately 11.685

[JOIN OUR LIST](#)

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

acres, located at 5248 Hollins Road, Hollins Magisterial District.



*Seventh Day Adventist Reform Movement Concept Plan
(click for larger PDF)*

3. The petition of [Mount Union](#)

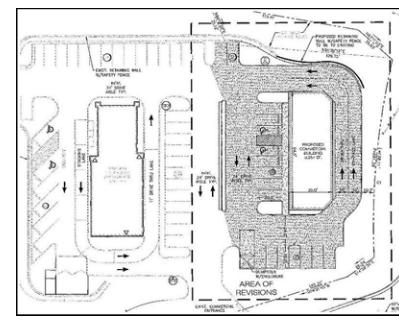
[Church of the Brethren Trustees](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in an AR, Agricultural/Residential, District for the operation of a religious assembly on approximately 5.45 acres, located at 9240 Bent Mountain Road (near its intersection with Airpoint Road and Tinsley Lane), Windsor Hills Magisterial District.



Mount Union Church of the Brethren Proposed Elevation

4. The petition of

[Seaside Heights, LLC](#) to amend the proffered conditions and proffered Master Plan and to obtain a Special Use Permit in a C-2S, General Commercial, District with Special Use Permit for the operation of a drive-in and fast food restaurant on approximately 2.088 acres, located at 4510 Brambleton Avenue, Cave Spring Magisterial District.



*Seaside Heights LLC Master Plan
(click for larger PDF)*

Old Heritage Rezoning Update

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on March 5th on the [Old Heritage application](#) to rezone 1.088 acre located at the southwestern corner of the intersection of Franklin Road and Crossbow Circle from R-1 to C-1C for an office use. The Planning Commission voted 3-0 to forward a recommendation of denial to the Board of Supervisors.

Old Heritage Corporation requested to place the rezoning application [on hold](#) on March 15, 2013. The Board of Supervisors public hearing is postponed until the applicant requests reactivation of the application.



*Old Heritage Revised Concept Plan
(click for larger PDF)*

April 10th - 11/460 Citizen Information Meeting

VDOT will hold a second round of Citizen Information Meetings to gather input for a study on Route 11/460 in Roanoke and Montgomery Counties and for a study on Route 8 in Montgomery County. The 11/460 meeting information is as follows:

Wednesday, April 10th, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Elliston Volunteer Fire Department, 5001 Enterprise Drive, Elliston.

The meeting will be an "open-house" format with a formal presentation at 5:15 p.m. and repeated at 6 p.m.

Additional details on the meeting can be found in the News Releases portion of the [Roanoke County Road Notices and News Releases](#) webpage.

Information from the first Citizen Information Meeting can be found [here](#).

April 19th - Arbor Day

Did you know that the oak tree is [America's National Tree](#)? Arbor Day was founded in 1872 by J. Sterling Morton in Nebraska City, Nebraska and an estimated one million trees were planted that day.



Roanoke County is observing National Arbor Day with a celebration at [Glen Cove Elementary School](#) on Friday, April 19, 2013. The celebration will include a ceremonial tree planting, a presentation by the [Virginia Department of Forestry](#) on the importance of trees, and a presentation by students. The Valley Beautiful Foundation and the Virginia Department of Forestry are sponsoring the planting of maple trees on the school grounds near the playground at Glen Cove Elementary School. [Creative Nursery & Landscapes, Inc.](#) will provide and plant the maple trees at the school.

Roanoke County encourages residents, business, and organizations to plant trees in honor of National Arbor Day! Not sure what trees to plant? The Arbor Day Foundation's [Tree Wizard](#) can help you. For a list of common native trees growing throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia, check out the Virginia Department of Forestry's [tools](#) to identify trees.

Roanoke County is also proud to announce its designation as a [Tree City USA Community](#) for 15 years!

April 20th - VMI Day

The Williamson Road Area Business Association ([WRABA](#)) and the [City of Roanoke](#) are bringing the [Virginia Military Institute](#)'s 2013 Keydet football team to Roanoke. A Keydets scrimmage and much more will take place at [William Fleming High School](#) Stadium on Saturday, April 20, 2013. Events begin at 10 a.m. with the scrimmage running from noon to 2 p.m.

The events will include free JV and



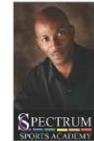
Varsity student athlete clinics, free admission to the practice scrimmage and VMI Alumni tailgating.

For more information contact [Wendy Jones](#) at (540) 362-3293.

April 20, 2013 | 10:00-11:00AM | William Fleming High School

Clinic will include:

90 minute seminar for athletes and parents on "Rhythm and Balance in Sports and Life".
90 minute speed and agility clinic for athletes.
15 minute FCA message on the #12 Athlete.



SPECTRUM
SPORTS ACADEMY

Jamie Price is a two time High School All American, 2001 Patrick Henry HS Hall of Fame Inductee, and has numerous Football and Track and Field achievements. He still holds the 100m and 200m record from the Commonwealth Invitational. A graduate of University of South Carolina, where Jamie played football and ran track, Jamie won the Providence Hospital All Heart Award (Given by Coach Lou Holtz). He was also named as a 3 time Track and Field All-American. Jamie brings great passion to teach and motivate athletes of all capabilities!

Register Online at:
www.spectrumsportsacademy.com/events/speedandagility

The 2013 VMI Keydets will scrimmage at William Fleming from 12:00-2:00 following the Clinic. Food vendors will be on site.

Central & Southwest VA FCA • PO Box 682 Forest, VA 24561 • 434-586-7649 • VirginiaFCA.org

[Speed and Agility Clinic Flyer \(click for larger PDF\)](#)

April 24th - Friendship Retirement Community/WRABA Landscaping Project Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony



Proposed Landscaping for the Williamson Road/Peters Creek Road Intersection

The Williamson Road Area Business Association ([WRABA](#)) will dedicate another beautification project sponsored by [Friendship Retirement Community](#) at the intersection of Williamson Road and Peters Creek Road. The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place on April 24, 2013, at 10 a.m. on the North Market Village side of the intersection. Contact [Wendy Jones](#) at (540) 362-3293 for more information.

This project falls under VDOT's Comprehensive Roadside Management Program which encourages businesses and organizations to invest in and to maintain landscaping within the public right-of-way and be acknowledged with a "Landscaping By" sign. Contact [Megan Cronise](#) at (540) 772-2068 extension 282 if your business or organization is interested in participating in this program.

May 2nd - Roanoke Regional Housing Network Symposium: Housing A to Z

The theme for the [Roanoke Regional Housing Network's](#) 2013 Symposium is Housing A to Z: From Homelessness to Homeownership. Rene Godefroy will be featured as the Keynote Speaker and topics of



Roanoke Regional Housing network
May 2, 2013 • Tanglewood Holiday Inn



[\(Click for flyer PDF\)](#)

the symposium include Reducing Homelessness, Homeownership and Livability.

The symposium will be held on May 2nd at the Tanglewood Holiday Inn. The \$40 registration fee includes a continental breakfast and lunch. View the event [flyer](#) for additional details and register [here](#).

May 11th - Gallop 4 the Greenways

Don't miss the 2013 [Gallop 4 the Greenways](#) 5K race and post-race Roanoke River Beach Party! The race will be held Saturday, May 11th and will start at 5 p.m. on Wiley Drive near River's Edge Sports Complex.

The Gallop is a fundraising event to support the greenways and net proceeds go to [Pathfinders for Greenways](#), a local non-profit charitable organization whose members volunteer their time to maintain and build trails and greenways.

Learn more about Roanoke Valley Greenways [here](#).

Roanoke Valley Environmental Events and Volunteer Opportunities

Do you enjoy volunteering your time for the benefit of others? Are you interested in learning more about the environment and what you can do to help improve water quality in the Roanoke Valley? Take a look at the list of upcoming public events and volunteer opportunities available below. Come out, pitch in, and you may learn something new and inspiring to help keep Roanoke clean! For more information on these events and more, please visit www.cleanvalley.org or [email us](#).



Fall Waterways Cleanup

[Calendar of Environmental Events and Volunteer Opportunities](#)

- [Clean Valley Day](#) - April 13, 2013
- [Earth Day Celebration](#) - April 20, 2013
- [Blue Ridge Marathon](#) - April 20, 2013
- E.C.O. E-Waste Collection - September (Date TBD)
- Fall Waterways Clean-up - October 5, 2013
- Vinton Fall Festival - October 12, 2013
- GreenLiving & Energy Expo - November (Date TBD)
- Earth Summit - November 14, 2013

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Events: The RVRA now accepts some household hazardous wastes (HHW) during normal working hours in addition to their monthly collection events! For details about what, where, and when to dispose of your HHW, take a look at the [RVRA website](#).

Roanoke County Assists in Setting Benchmarks for Future Energy Performance Standards

Roanoke County recently joined with 19 other localities across the state in a volunteer effort headed by the State Building Code Office. The purpose of the project was to determine the current level of compliance by the state as a whole in effectively meeting the requirements of the International Energy Conservation Code. The [Department of Energy](#) has set a goal to achieve 90% compliance for new construction by 2017. In order to meet this goal, it was important to determine the current level of compliance. This benchmark would then be used to determine training and education needs for inspectors, builders and the public.



Roanoke County Certificate of Appreciation

The County was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the [Department of Housing and Community Development](#) (DHCD) during the 2012 Fall Conference of the Virginia Building and Code Officials Association held in Fredericksburg, Virginia. A copy of the assessment findings was also provided to each locality. The result of the assessment indicates Virginia is well on the way to meeting the 90% goal. Additional details can be viewed [here](#) along with the entire report.

Residential Chickens

Roanoke County residents may now keep chickens in a residential zoning district (R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-4) as long as Roanoke County Code [requirements](#) are met and a [Zoning Permit](#) is completed and submitted. Both documents are available in the Community Development Department on the second floor of the [Roanoke County Administration Center](#).



The [Board of Supervisors](#) adopted the Residential Chicken Keeping amendment on August 28, 2012.

For more information [email us](#) or call (540) 772-2068 and press 2.

VDOT Road Updates

Electric Road Signal Changes

Beginning Wednesday, April 3rd, the following Roanoke County traffic



signals along Electric Road (Route 419) will be modified with new flashing yellow arrow left turn indicators:

- Chaparral Drive (Route 800);
- Colonial Avenue (Route 720);
- Postal Drive; and
- Springwood Park Drive (at Ruby Tuesday.)

This type of signal is currently utilized at Penn Forest Boulevard and Chaparral Drive. View the full VDOT [press release](#) for additional information.

VDOT Road Notices

Check out the weekly [Road Notices](#) on the [Transportation](#) webpage for information about road construction, closures and other news.

Have a great month!

Sincerely,

Megan Cronise, AICP
Principal Planner



Community Developments

IN THIS ISSUE

[Planning Commission Update](#)

[VDOT Comprehensive Roadside Management Program](#)

[Regional Surface Transportation Program Funding](#)

[Housing Symposium: Housing A to Z](#)

[Gallop 4 the Greenways](#)

[South County Wetland Trail Ribbon Cutting Ceremony](#)

[Other Upcoming Events](#)

[Glade Creek Restoration Project](#)

[Matching Grants Now Available for Park Improvements](#)

[Roanoke County Code Complaints](#)

[VDOT Road Updates](#)

QUICK LINKS

[Planning Commission](#)

May 7 @ 4:00 p.m.*

May 21 @ 6:00 p.m.

June 4 @ 4:00 p.m.*

June 18 @ 6:00 p.m.

[Board of Supervisors](#)

May 14 @ 3:00 p.m.

May 28 @ 3:00 p.m.*

June 11 @ 3:00 p.m.

June 25 @ 3:00 p.m.*

*Work Session Time, Public Hearing Begins at 7:00 p.m.

STAY UPDATED!

[Like us on Facebook](#) 

"Like" Roanoke County Planning Services to keep current on planning-related news, road construction updates and other County events!

May, 2013

Greetings!

Enjoy this month's *Community Developments* including full Planning Commission agendas, new landscaping projects, alternative transportation grant requests, a stream restoration project and many local events!

Planning Commission Update

April 2nd

A public hearing was held on the petition of [April Caudle](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in an R-2 District for the operation of a family day care home located at 5629 Cove Road in the Catawba Magisterial District. *The Board of Supervisors approved the Special Use Permit request at its April 23rd meeting.*

April 16th

The Planning Commission discussed the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) and the Roanoke County projects to be submitted for consideration. Potential Zoning Ordinance amendments concerning uses allowed by zoning district were also discussed.

May 7th

Several petitions are scheduled for public hearings:

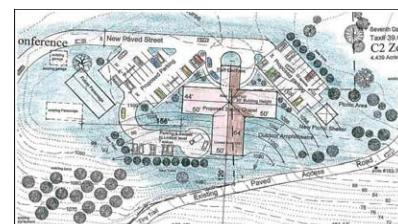
1. The petition of [Wendy's of Western Virginia, Inc.](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in a C-2S, General Commercial, District with Special Use Permit to increase a drive-in or fast food restaurant by more than ten percent (10%) on approximately 1.296 acres, located at 4369 and 4377 Electric Road, Cave Spring Magisterial District.

2. The petition of [Seventh Day Adventist Reform Movement](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in a C-2, General Commercial, District for the operation of a religious assembly on approximately 11.685 acres, located at 5248 Hollins Road, Hollins Magisterial District.



Proposed Wendy's Restaurant

3. The petition of [Mount Union Church of the Brethren](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in an AR, Agricultural/Residential, District for the operation of a religious assembly on approximately 5.45 acres, located at 9420 Bent Mountain Road (near its intersection with Airpoint Road



[JOIN OUR LIST](#)

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

and Tinsley Lane, Windsor Hills Magisterial District.

4. The petition of [Seaside Heights, LLC](#) to amend the proffered conditions and proffered Master Plan and to obtain a Special Use Permit in a C-2S, General Commercial, District with Special Use Permit for the operation of a drive-in or fast food restaurant on approximately 2.088 acres, located at 4510 Brambleton Avenue, Cave Spring Magisterial District.

May 21st

A presentation will be given by [Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism](#) staff on the status of a segment of the West Roanoke River Greenway under design to be located in both Roanoke County and the City of Salem.

June 7th

Public hearings are scheduled for five petitions:

1. The petition of [Larry and Rhonda Conner](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in a R-1, Low Density Resident, District for an accessory apartment on approximately 4.68 acres, located at 6185/6183 Bent Mountain Road, Windsor Hills Magisterial District.

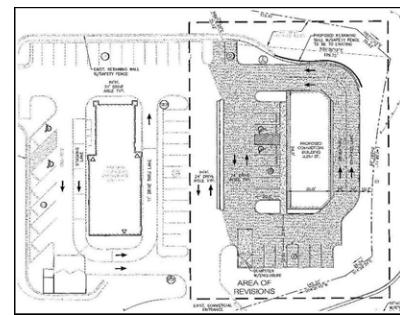
2. The petition of [Fellowship Community Church](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in a R-1, Low Density Residential, District for the construction of an overflow parking lot on approximately 0.412 acre, located at 1230 Red Lane Extension, Eagle View Estates, Catawba Magisterial District.

3. The petition of [Carol Lachowicz](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in a AV, Agricultural/Village Center, District for the operation of automobile repair services, minor on approximately 4.476 acres, located at 8364 Bent Mountain Road, Windsor Hills Magisterial District.

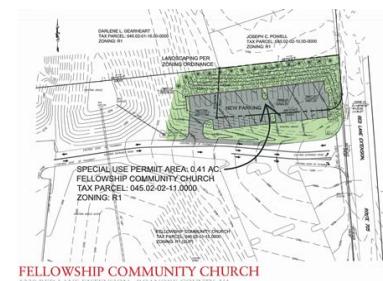
[Seventh Day Adventist Reform Movement Concept Plan](#)
(click for larger PDF)



*Mount Union Church of the Brethren
Elevation*

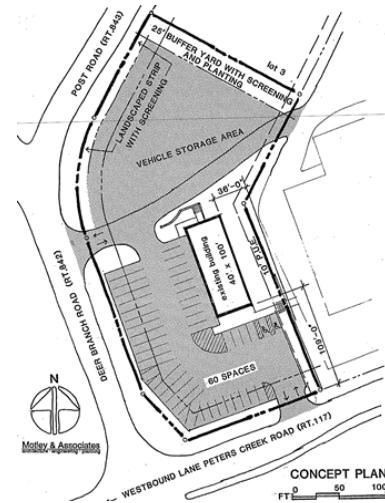


*Seaside Heights LLC Master Plan
(click for larger PDF)*



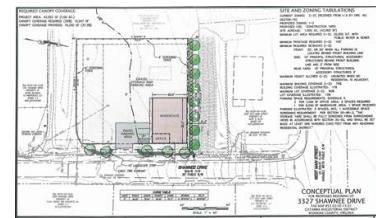
*Fellowship Concept Plan
(click for larger PDF)*

4. The petition of [Pelewoo Properties LLC](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in a C-2C, General Commercial, District with conditions for the operation of an automobile dealership, used on approximately 1.57 acres, located at 6802 Peters Creek Road and 7323 Deer Branch Road, Hollins Magisterial District.



Pelewoo Concept Plan
(click for larger PDF)

5. The petition of [Charles S. Wells](#) to rezone approximately 1.0 acre from C-2C, General Commercial, District with conditions to I-2C, High Intensity Industrial, District with conditions, located at 3327 Shawnee Drive in the Glenvar area, Catawba Magisterial District.



Wells Rezoning Concept Plan
(click for larger PDF)

VDOT Comprehensive Roadside Management Program



Friendship Retirement Community/WRABA Landscaping Project Ribbon Cutting
From left: Chief Howard Hall, Roanoke County; Charlotte Moore, Roanoke County Supervisor; John Leftwich, Ivy Realty; Danna Owen, Friendship; Wendy Jones, WRABA; Ernie Chandler, Cox Communications; Chad Scott, First Citizens Bank; Regina Manning, Sun Trust Bank

The Williamson Road Area Business Association ([WRABA](#)) dedicated another beautification project sponsored by [Friendship Retirement Community](#) at the intersection of Williamson Road and Peters Creek Road on April 24, 2013. The project includes additional landscaping near North Market Village, in the triangle between North Market Village and Consumer Credit Counseling Services and new bulbs in the median adjacent to the left turn lane onto Williamson Road. Thank you to both

Friendship Retirement Community and WRABA for completing and maintaining another great project!



T.J.S. Enterprises Landscaping Project
From left: T.J. Smithson, President and Jason Snell, General Manager

T.J.S. Enterprises also recently completed a landscaping project at the Colonial Avenue and Penn Forest Boulevard roundabout. The project substantially improved the space by replacing all of the previous landscaping with low-maintenance species including many perennials. We look forward to the new plants blooming throughout the year. Thank you to T.J.S. Enterprises for a lovely project!

Both of these projects fall under VDOT's Comprehensive Roadside Management Program which encourages businesses and organizations to invest in and to maintain landscaping for five years within the public right-of-way and be acknowledged with a "Landscaping By" sign. Contact [Megan Cronise](#) at (540) 772-2068 extension 282 if your business or organization is interested in participating in this program.

Regional Surface Transportation Program Funding

According to the U.S. Census Bureau the Roanoke Valley Urbanized Area now qualifies as Transportation Management Area (TMA) as its population surpassed 200,000 with the 2010 Census. As a TMA, additional transportation funding is available for localities within the [Roanoke Valley Area Metropolitan Planning Organization \(RVAMPO\)](#) through the Regional Surface Transportation Program.



Exit 140 Park and Ride

Roanoke County submitted applications in April for the following projects:

- Funding to reconstruct and expand the Exit 140 Park and Ride on Thompson Memorial Drive;
- Additional funding for the [Plantation Road Bicycle, Pedestrian and Streetscape](#)



Improvement project; and

- Funding to construct sidewalks along the north side of West Main Street between Fort Lewis Elementary School and Fort Lewis Baptist Church (about 1.5 miles) with pedestrian signals at Alleghany Drive and Daugherty Road.

West Main Street Sidewalk Location

Roanoke County also participated in a joint Roanoke River Greenway application with the City of Roanoke, City of Salem and Town of Vinton. Funding decisions will be made by the MPO in late May.

May 2nd - Roanoke Regional Housing Network Symposium: Housing A to Z

The theme for the Roanoke Regional Housing Network's 2013 Symposium is Housing A to Z: From Homelessness to Homeownership. Rene Godefroy will be featured as the Keynote Speaker and topics of the symposium include Reducing Homelessness, Homeownership and Livability.



Roanoke Regional Housing network
May 2, 2013 • Tanglewood Holiday Inn

HOUSING A to Z
From Homelessness To Homeownership

(Click for flyer PDF)

The symposium will be held on May 2nd at the Tanglewood Holiday Inn. The \$40 registration fee includes a continental breakfast and lunch. View the event flyer for additional details and register here.

May 11th - Gallop 4 the Greenways



Don't miss the 2013 Gallop 4 the Greenways 5K race and post-race Roanoke River Beach Party! The race will be held Saturday, May 11th and will start at 5 p.m. on Wiley Drive near River's Edge Sports Complex.

The Gallop is a fundraising event to support the greenways and net proceeds go to Pathfinders for Greenways, a local non-profit charitable organization whose members volunteer their time to maintain and build trails and greenways.

Learn more about Roanoke Valley Greenways [here](#).

June 4th - South County Wetland Trail Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



South County Wetland Trail (Library at right)

Even before the [South County Library](#) was envisioned for its site on Merriman Road, park planners had conceptualized a boardwalk trail through the nearby wetland.

"I think that one of the ideas all along was that if we could get citizens, visitors and school children walking on a trail through the wetland we would have some important environmental education opportunities," said landscape architect, and project organizer Lon Williams. "The fact that we could build it on the same site as a library increased the opportunity for hands on learning for school children."

That opportunity came as the new library neared completion, and there was some additional funding remaining in the construction budget. County administration, including director of libraries Diana Rosapepe, thought it was a good fit.

"We've been looking forward to the completion of the wetland trail," said Rosapepe. "We see it as another form of education, one that gives us all a window on a fragile ecosystem and helps us to be both good neighbors and good stewards of this unique resource."

Good stewardship was kept top of mind during the entire construction process. The company selected to built the trail approached the project from top down. Their equipment actually sat on portions of the deck that had already been completed, and moved along the deck as they progressed. That means that there was very little disturbance to the wetland while building the trail.

The boardwalk trail was approved by the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, who granted permitting for the project. Roanoke County was able to make up for the minimal environmental disturbance by purchasing a small amount of wetland credits from the Virginia Office of The Nature Conservancy.

On Tuesday, June 4 at 11:00am, Roanoke County officials will

hold a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the new boardwalk trail. This trail system already connects the South County Library with the roundabout by Penn Forest Elementary School. By the end of the year, the Parks, Recreation and Tourism department hopes to complete the final piece of the project, an upland trail segment between the boardwalk and [Starkey Park](#).

Parks, Recreation and Tourism director Doug Blount believes that one of the most important aspects of the new trail is the sense of community it creates. "Libraries, schools and parks are government services that touch the lives almost every citizen," says Blount. "The wetland trail project not only provides a physical link between all three, but also enhances the mission of each department in one key area where they overlap. This trail will give back to the community for generations to come, by helping youth gain a better appreciation of the natural world through good stewardship and environmental education."

For more information, please contact the [Roanoke County Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism](#) at (540) 387-6078.



South County Wetland Trail

Other Upcoming Events

May 8th - [Agritourism Workshop](#) at Braeloch in Vinton (register by May 3rd)

May 22nd - [Trees, the Dirty Truth](#), a Roanoke Tree Care Workshop at Hollins University

May 28th and June 1st - [Beginning Beekeepers' Workshop](#) with sessions at the Virginia Tech Roanoke Center and at the Catawba Sustainability Center (register by May 21st)

June 1st - [2013 Race for Open Space 5K Classic and 3K Run/Walk](#) at Green Hill Park

June 28th and 29th - 12th Annual [Star City Motor Madness](#) Cruise-In and Car and Truck Show on Williamson Road

Glade Creek Restoration Project

[Trout Unlimited](#) is a national organization whose mission is "To conserve, protect, and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds." The group has an ongoing conservation and restoration project on Glade Creek which originates from springs in the community of Blue Ridge, near the Bedford County and Botetourt County line. It flows through Roanoke County from Bonsack to Vinton, where it joins Tinker Creek, just upstream from the Roanoke River.

Trout Unlimited produced a [flyer](#) and mailed it to landowners all along Glade Creek, encouraging them to consider activities to preserve and enhance their stream bank. The organization also offers assistance with planting or fence building along the stream bank "riparian buffer". In December, 2012, a group of volunteers from Trout Unlimited planted over 300 trees at a headwater spring of Glade Creek.

Roanoke County has partnered with the [Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation](#) to develop a plan to restore and enhance Glade Creek through [Vinyard Park](#). Phase I of the project included baseline water quality data collection, identifying restoration/conservation constraints, contacting stakeholders for input, developing strategies and alternatives for water quality improvement, and choosing a conceptual design that best achieved the restoration goals. For more information about the Glade Creek Water Quality Improvement Project, or for ideas about how to preserve and enhance your creek bank visit the [Roanoke County Glade Creek Water Quality Improvement Project webpage](#).



[Help Glade Creek Flyer \(click for PDF\)](#)

Matching Grants Now Available for Park Improvements

Are you, your business, or your civic organization interested in giving back to your community? Have you ever wanted to build a trail, add lights to a playing field, or make improvements to a county park? If so, the [Roanoke County Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism](#) has matching grants available to enable you or your organization to take an active leadership role in your community.



Through the Capital Improvement Incentive Fund (CIIF), Roanoke County is making \$25,000 in matching funds available for park improvement projects that help further the mission of the department. Approved grants may receive up to 50% of the cost of a project up to \$5,000. In order to be considered for funding, grant applications are due by Friday, June 7, 2013 at 5:00 pm.

For more information regarding the application, please visit our Capital Improvement Incentive Fund [website](#) and direct questions to Arlain

Martin at (540) 387-6078 ext. 0.

Roanoke County Code Complaints

If you have observed conditions on any property within Roanoke County that you feel may be a violation of Roanoke County Code, the best way to report it so that we may investigate it is through our [Code Compliance Complaint Form](#) accessed from the Roanoke County [Planning and Zoning webpage](#). Two examples of Code violations include:

- Vehicles with expired license plates or expired state inspection stickers; and
- Excessive junk or debris in the yard.

Please include the specific location of the alleged violation, a detailed description of your complaint and your contact information. A Code Enforcement Officer may need to contact you for additional information. All personal information will be kept confidential and will not be released.

VDOT Road Updates

VDOT Road Notices
Check out the weekly [Road Notices](#) on the [Transportation](#) webpage for information about road construction, closures and other news.



Have a great month!

Sincerely,
Megan Cronise, AICP
Principal Planner



Community Developments

IN THIS ISSUE

[Planning Commission Update](#)

[A Farewell to Tammi Wood](#)

[Regional Surface Transportation Program Funding](#)

[Bandy Road and Mayland Road Slope Reconstruction Projects Complete](#)

[DEQ Upper Roanoke River Open House](#)

[Pathways to Education Showcase](#)

[Star City Motor Madness](#)

[Roanoke Valley Greenways Photo Contest](#)

[Tall Grass in your Neighborhood?](#)

[Matching Grants Now Available for Park Improvements](#)

[VDOT Road Updates](#)

QUICK LINKS

[Planning Commission](#)

June 4 @ 4:00 p.m.*

June 18 @ 6:00 p.m.

July 2 canceled

July 16 @ 6:00 p.m.

[Board of Supervisors](#)

June 11 @ 3:00 p.m.

June 25 @ 3:00 p.m.*

July 9 @ 3:00 p.m.

July 23 @ 3:00 p.m.*

*Work Session Time, Public Hearing Begins at 7:00 p.m.

STAY UPDATED!

[Like us on Facebook](#) 

"Like" Roanoke County Planning Services to keep current on planning-related news, road construction updates and other County

June, 2013

Greetings!

Please enjoy our monthly updates on projects starting and ending, as well as several meeting notices and opportunities to get involved!

Planning Commission Update

May 7th

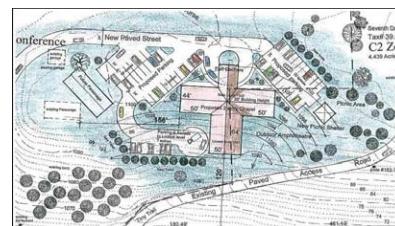
Several petitions were heard:

1. The petition of [Wendy's of Western Virginia, Inc.](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in a C-2S, General Commercial, District with Special Use Permit to increase a drive-in or fast food restaurant by more than ten percent (10%) on approximately 1.296 acres, located at 4369 and 4377 Electric Road, Cave Spring Magisterial District. *The Board of Supervisors approved this petition at its May 28th meeting.*



Proposed Wendy's Restaurant

2. The petition of [Seventh Day Adventist Reform Movement](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in a C-2, General Commercial, District for the operation of a religious assembly on approximately 11.685 acres, located at 5248 Hollins Road, Hollins Magisterial District. *The Board of Supervisors approved this petition at its May 28th meeting.*



*Seventh Day Adventist Reform Movement Concept Plan
(click for larger PDF)*

3. The petition of [Mount Union Church of the Brethren](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in an AR, Agricultural/Residential, District for the operation of a religious assembly on approximately 5.45 acres, located at 9420 Bent Mountain Road (near its intersection with Airpoint Road and Tinsley Lane, Windsor Hills Magisterial District. *The Board of Supervisors approved this petition at its May 28th meeting.*



Mount Union Church of the Brethren

4. The petition of [Seaside Heights, LLC](#) to amend the proffered conditions and proffered Master Plan and to obtain a Special Use Permit in a C-2S, General Commercial, District with Special Use Permit for the operation of a

events!

JOIN OUR LIST

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

drive-in or fast food restaurant on approximately 2.088 acres, located at 4510 Brambleton Avenue, Cave Spring Magisterial District. *The Board of Supervisors approved this petition at its May 28th meeting.*

May 21st

Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism staff gave a presentation on the status of a segment of the West Roanoke River Greenway under design to be located in both Roanoke County and the City of Salem. Proposed zoning ordinance amendments were also discussed.

June 4th

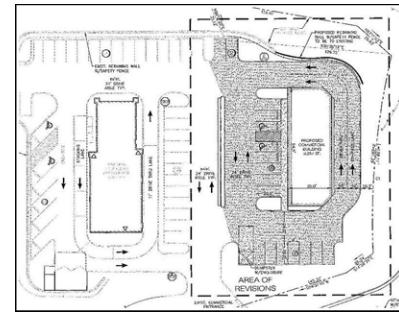
The Planning Commission held several public hearings:

1. The petition of Larry and Rhonda Conner to obtain a Special Use Permit in a R-1, Low Density Resident, District for an accessory apartment on approximately 4.68 acres, located at 6185/6183 Bent Mountain Road, Windsor Hills Magisterial District. *The Planning Commission forwarded a recommendation of approval to the Board of Supervisors.*

2. The petition of Fellowship Community Church to obtain a Special Use Permit in a R-1, Low Density Residential, District for the construction of an overflow parking lot on approximately 0.412 acre, located at 1230 Red Lane Extension, Eagle View Estates, Catawba Magisterial District. *The Planning Commission forwarded a recommendation of approval to the Board of Supervisors.*

3. The petition of Carol Lachowicz to obtain a Special Use Permit in a AV, Agricultural/Village Center, District for the operation of automobile repair services, minor on approximately 4.476 acres, located at 8364 Bent Mountain Road, Windsor Hills Magisterial District. *The Planning Commission forwarded a recommendation of*

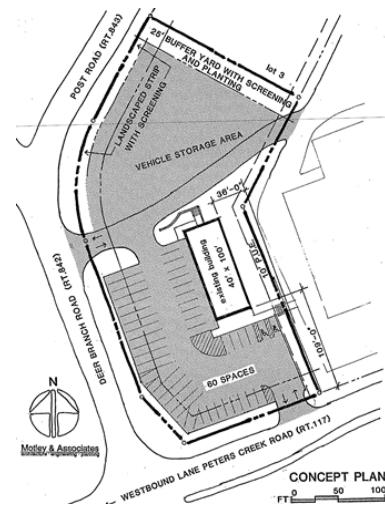
Elevation



Seaside Heights LLC Master Plan
(click for larger PDF)

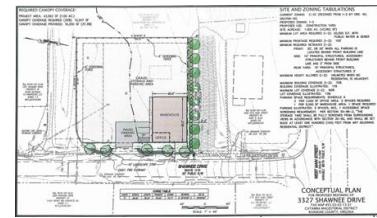


Fellowship Concept Plan
(click for larger PDF)



Pelewoo Concept Plan
(click for larger PDF)

approval to the Board of Supervisors.



Wells Rezoning Concept Plan
(click for larger PDF)

4. The petition of Pelewoo Properties LLC to obtain a Special

Use Permit in a C-2C, General Commercial, District with conditions for the operation of an automobile dealership, used on approximately 1.57 acres, located at 6802 Peters Creek Road and 7323 Deer Branch Road, Hollins Magisterial District. *The Planning Commission forwarded a recommendation of approval to the Board of Supervisors.*

5. The petition of Charles S. Wells to rezone approximately 1.0 acre from C-2C, General Commercial, District with conditions to I-2C, High Intensity Industrial, District with conditions, located at 3327 Shawnee Drive in the Glenvar area, Catawba Magisterial District. *The Planning Commission forwarded a recommendation of approval to the Board of Supervisors.*

June 18th

The Planning Commission will review a final package of proposed zoning ordinance amendments pertaining to permitted uses in preparation for an August 6th public hearing.

July 2nd

This meeting has been canceled as no petitions are scheduled for public hearings.

Farewell to Tammi Wood

The Community Development Department has bid farewell to one of its most valued members as Tammi Wood has accepted the Zoning Administrator position in Roanoke City. Tammi spent 13 years with the County starting as a Program Support Specialist. After two years she was promoted to Planner I and worked as a Code Enforcement Officer for two years before coming out of the field to take on a wide variety of zoning and planning tasks which included plan review, guiding land use cases through the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals, researching and writing several Zoning Ordinance amendments, answering land use questions and mastering the most complicated projects with ease. During her tenure, Tammi earned certifications including Combined Administrator for Erosion and Sediment Control, Certified Zoning Administrator and Certified Building Official.



Tammi Wood

We wish Tammi all the best with our colleagues in Roanoke City and we look forward to continuing to work with her in our neighboring jurisdiction! Congratulations, Tammi!

Regional Surface Transportation Program Funding

At its May 23rd meeting the [Roanoke Valley Area Metropolitan Planning Organization \(RVAMPO\)](#) awarded funding through the Regional Surface Transportation Program to 15 projects within the Roanoke Valley.

Roanoke County submitted applications for the following projects which will be funded in their entirety over three years:

- Roanoke River Greenway completion from Green Hill Park to the Blue Ridge Parkway (joint application with Roanoke City, Salem, Town of Vinton and Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission);
- Funding to reconstruct and expand the Exit 140 Park and Ride on Thompson Memorial Drive;
- Additional funding for the [Plantation Road Bicycle, Pedestrian and Streetscape Improvement project](#); and
- Funding to construct sidewalks along the north side of West Main Street between Fort Lewis Elementary School and Fort Lewis Baptist Church (about 1.5 miles) with pedestrian signals at Alleghany Drive and Daugherty Road.

Read the [RVAMPO press release](#) for additional information.

Bandy Road and Mayland Road Slope Reconstruction Projects Complete

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) contractors have completed work to reconstruct slopes on Route 666, Bandy Road and Route 667, Mayland Road, in Roanoke County. These projects were undertaken to improve "sight distance" on dangerous curves. Vegetation was removed, and the slopes were cut back and stabilized. The new slopes allow drivers to safely see farther around the curves.



Bandy Road, 2008



Bandy Road, 2013

The two projects were funded through the VDOT Revenue Sharing Program; a matching funds program where VDOT and Roanoke County share the costs of the project. Roanoke County engineering staff designed the projects, and VDOT administered the construction.



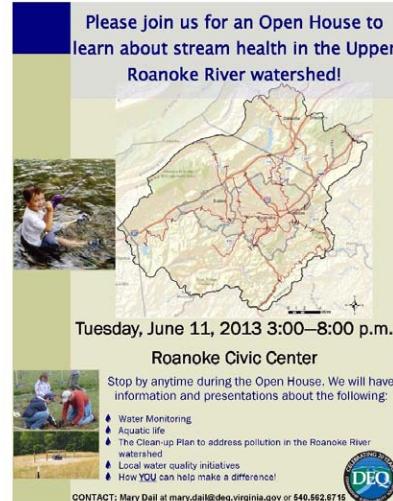
Mayland Road, 2008



June 11th - Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Upper Roanoke River Open House

Roanoke County has streams that have been identified as impaired due to excessive bacteria and sediment. To assist in identifying clean-up strategies, the [Virginia Department of Environmental Quality](#) is currently preparing a TMDL Implementation Plan (Clean-up Plan) for the Upper Roanoke River watershed from Niagra Dam, just downstream from the Town of Vinton; to the confluence of the North and South Forks of the Roanoke River. The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality will be holding an "open-house" format public meeting to discuss this planning process at the Roanoke Civic Center, on Tuesday, June 11th, from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Roanoke County staff will also be present to explain the County's efforts to maintain and improve water quality in the Roanoke River and other streams. View additional information [here](#).



[DEQ Open House Flyer](#)
(click for larger PDF)

June 19th - Pathways to Education Showcase

Have you thought about going back to school? Are you looking at higher education options close to home?

Visit the Pathways to Education Showcase at the Roanoke Civic Center on Wednesday, June 19th, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and register online at www.education.edu.



[Pathways to Education Showcase Flyer](#)
(click for larger PDF)

June 28th and 29th - Star City Motor Madness

Star City Motor Madness for the 12th year comes to Williamson Road, Friday, June 28th, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. This is the largest single evening event on Williamson Road annually bringing in excess of 25,000 participants and patrons. Many Williamson Road retailers report this to be their "Black Friday" and biggest sales day of the year. The [Williamson Road Area Business Association \(WRABA\)](#) is a Diamond Sponsor of the two-day event and has been the premier sponsor since Star City Motor Madness' first year in 2002.

Star City Motor Madness is a fantastic and enormous "cruise-in" on Williamson Road on Friday, followed by a 500+ car show in downtown Roanoke the next day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year's mark car is the street rod.



As anyone who has attended the cruise can attest, Williamson Road and its businesses are in the spotlight the evening of the cruise as literally thousands of cars cruise the road and thousands of spectators set up lawn chairs along the sidewalk from Orange Avenue to the Boxley Hills area.

Through fees from the participants and donations from sponsors, the event raises money for the [Virginia Museum of Transportation](#). All spectator activities are free and there is no charge to cruise. Parking at the main event is \$10 and across the street is \$5. To show a car on Saturday the fee is \$25. Come join the fun!

For more information visit www.starcitymotormadness.com.

Roanoke Valley Greenways Photo Contest

The [Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission](#) has launched the first annual Roanoke Valley Greenways Photo Contest. Roanoke Valley Greenways is looking for images captured along the greenway corridors and trails comprising the Roanoke Valley Greenway system within the cities of Roanoke and Salem, Roanoke County, and the Town of Vinton. Images may include greenways users and activities, wildlife, plant life, natural landscapes, cultural landscapes, weather, architecture/structures, etc. The Photo Contest period is May 1, 2013 through September 15, 2013. Photos taken between October 1, 2012 and September 15, 2013 are eligible for submission. The categories include:

1. Greenway use/activities
2. Wildlife/Nature/Scenery/Landscape

Images will be judged on originality, composition, overall impact, artistic merit, and technical excellence with photo contest winners being announced at the annual Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission Picnic scheduled for Sunday October 6, 2013. Prizes will include:

- * 1st Place - \$100.00
- * 2nd Place - \$50.00
- * 3rd Place - \$25.00
- * Honorable Mention - No cash prize, recognition only
- * Grand Prize - \$200 (one grand prize winner)

"Beyond providing a fun activity for interested greenway users of all

ages, the Greenways Photo Contest will serve more practical functions including increasing awareness of area greenways and the associated uses, activities, and benefits of the greenway network and providing a portfolio of greenway related images for use in greenway publications, grant applications, and promotional activities" says Liz Belcher, Roanoke Valley Greenway Coordinator. View additional information on the Roanoke Valley Greenways Photo Contest [here](#).

Tall Grass in your Neighborhood?

Any plant, grass or other vegetation covering a substantial portion of a parcel zoned for residential, business, commercial or industrial use must be kept shorter than 12 inches tall. Taller than 12 inches? [File a complaint online.](#)



Code Enforcement Officer Rebecca Mahoney Inspects a Tall Grass Complaint

Matching Grants Now Available for Park Improvements

Are you, your business, or your civic organization interested in giving back to your community? Have you ever wanted to build a trail, add lights to a playing field, or make improvements to a county park? If so, the [Roanoke County Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism](#) has matching grants available to enable you or your organization to take an active leadership role in your community.



Through the Capital Improvement Incentive Fund (CIIF), Roanoke County is making \$25,000 in matching funds available for park improvement projects that help further the mission of the department. Approved grants may receive up to 50% of the cost of a project up to \$5,000. In order to be considered for funding, grant applications are due by Friday, June 7, 2013 at 5:00 pm.

For more information regarding the application, please visit our Capital Improvement Incentive Fund [website](#) and direct questions to Arlain Martin at (540) 387-6078 ext. 0.

VDOT Road Updates

VDOT Road Notices
Check out the weekly [Road Notices](#) on the [Transportation](#) webpage for information about road construction, closures and other news.



Have a great month!

Sincerely,

Megan Cronise, AICP
Principal Planner



Try it **FREE** today.



Community Developments

Greetings!

Last month's storms slowed us down a bit but we are ready for July with another edition of *Community Developments*.

Keep up with Planning, Roanoke County and community news and events throughout the month by liking Roanoke County Planning Services on Facebook! Click on the link below to be directed to our page.

[Like us on Facebook](#)

Planning Commission Update

June 4th

The Planning Commission held several public hearings:

1. The petition of [Larry and Rhonda Conner](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in a R-1, Low Density Resident, District for an accessory apartment on approximately 4.68 acres, located at 6185/6183 Bent Mountain Road, Windsor Hills Magisterial District. *The Board of Supervisors approved this application at its June 25th meeting.*



2013 Planning Commission

2. The petition of [Fellowship Community Church](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in a R-1, Low Density Residential, District for the construction of an overflow parking lot on approximately 0.412 acre, located at 1230 Red Lane Extension, Eagle View Estates, Catawba Magisterial District. *The Board of Supervisors approved this application at its June 25th meeting.*

3. The petition of [Carol Lachowicz](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in a AV, Agricultural/Village Center, District for the operation of automobile repair services, minor on approximately 4.476 acres, located at 8364 Bent Mountain Road, Windsor Hills Magisterial District. *The Board of Supervisors approved this application at its June 25th meeting.*

4. The petition of [Pelewoo Properties LLC](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in a C-2C, General Commercial, District with conditions for the operation of an automobile dealership, used on approximately 1.57 acres, located at 6802 Peters Creek Road and 7323 Deer Branch Road, Hollins Magisterial District. *The Board of Supervisors approved this application at its June 25th meeting.*

QUICK LINKS

[Planning Commission](#)

July 2 (Canceled)
July 16 @ 6:00 p.m.
August 6 @ 4:00 p.m.*
August 20 @ 6:00 p.m.

[Board of Supervisors](#)

July 9 @ 3:00 p.m.
July 23 @ 3:00 p.m.*
August 13 @ 3:00 p.m.
August 27 @ 3:00 p.m.*

*Work Session Time,
Public Hearing Begins at
7:00 p.m.

[JOIN OUR LIST](#)



5. The petition of [Charles S. Wells](#) to rezone approximately 1.0 acre from C-2C, General Commercial, District with conditions to I-2C, High Intensity Industrial, District with conditions, located at 3327 Shawnee Drive in the Glenvar area, Catawba Magisterial District.

The Board of Supervisors approved this application at its June 25th meeting.

June 18th

The Planning Commission reviewed a final package of [proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments](#) relating primarily to permitted uses. A public hearing on the proposed amendments will be held on August 6th.

July 2nd

This meeting has been canceled as no petitions are scheduled for public hearings.

July 16th

Planning Staff will present preliminary analysis on the potential impacts of a possible water line extension along Bent Mountain Road (Route 221).

August 6th

Two public hearings are scheduled for this meeting:

1. The petition of [Blue Ridge Autism and Achievement Center](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in a R-1, Low Density Residential, District for operation of an educational facility, primary/secondary on approximately 2.967 acres, located at 8132 Olsen Road, Hollins Magisterial District.

2. [Proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments](#) relating primarily to permitted uses.

July 1st - The Glenvar Branch Library is Open!

NOW OPEN!

Glenvar Branch Library
3917 Daugherty Road, Salem
540.387.6163



Glenvar Library Interior

July 25th - Community Meeting for Starkey Road Bridge Replacement

Work is underway to replace the bridge on Route 904 (Starkey Road) over a branch of Back Creek near the intersection of Route 679 (Buck Mountain Road). Lane closures may be in place at various times during the day between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Nighttime lane closures may occur at times from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. as needed. Motorists should use caution in the work zone and watch for signs and flaggers directing traffic. Estimated completion is September.

The bridge replacement project includes a 10-day closure, tentatively starting on August 5. Roanoke County and VDOT will hold a community meeting at 7:00 pm on July 25th, at the [South County Library](#), to alert the area neighbors and businesses of the upcoming road closure, explain the planned detours, and discuss plans to discourage traffic impacts to the Crescent Heights neighborhood. This community meeting was requested by Roanoke County during preliminary planning for the project.

July 30th - Midsummer Sustainable Gardening Workshop

The [Catawba Sustainability Center](#) is hosting a three-hour workshop on Tuesday, July 30th, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. focusing on sustainable management of a mid-summer garden, with special attention on some challenges of the season.

Register [online](#) by July 28th, and click on the flyer at right for

additional information.



Roanoke Valley Greenways Photo Contest

The [Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission](#) has launched the first annual Roanoke Valley Greenways Photo Contest. Roanoke Valley Greenways is looking for images captured along the greenway corridors and trails comprising the Roanoke Valley Greenway system within the cities of Roanoke and Salem, Roanoke County, and the Town of Vinton. Images may include greenways users and activities, wildlife, plant life, natural landscapes, cultural landscapes, weather, architecture/structures, etc. The Photo Contest period is May 1, 2013 through September 15, 2013. Photos taken between October 1, 2012 and September 15, 2013 are eligible for submission. The categories include:



1. Greenway use/activities
2. Wildlife/Nature/Scenery/Landscape

Images will be judged on originality, composition, overall impact, artistic merit, and technical excellence with photo contest winners being announced at the annual Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission Picnic scheduled for Sunday, October 6, 2013. Prizes will include:

- * 1st Place - \$100.00
- * 2nd Place - \$50.00
- * 3rd Place - \$25.00
- * Honorable Mention - No cash prize, recognition only
- * Grand Prize - \$200 (one grand prize winner)

View additional information on the Roanoke Valley Greenways Photo Contest [here](#).

Congratulations to Dr. Bill Gordge

Dr. Bill Gordge was nominated as a 2013 Cox Conserves Hero for helping maintain Roanoke's section of the Appalachian Trail for three decades. He is a member of the [Pathfinders for Greenways](#) and is the organizer of the "Wednesday Crew," a group of volunteers who build and maintain trails around the Roanoke Region every Wednesday, year-round, rain or shine.

As one of three finalists, Dr. Gordge received the most votes and won the top \$10,000 award which he has designated for Pathfinders for Greenways. Read the [full press release](#) from Cox Communications here.

Where do you get stuck in traffic?

[Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission](#) planners are working on a Congestion Management Process Plan required by the Federal Government now that the Roanoke region contains more than 200,000 people. Visit the [Regional Traffic Congestion Spots webpage](#) to tell planners where and when you get caught in traffic.

Prohibited Signs Reminder

Remember that several types of popular signs are prohibited in Roanoke County. Examples of these signs are below:



- Vehicle Sign parked adjacent to a public road
- Sail Sign
- Stick-in-Ground or Step Stake Sign in public right-of-way
- Portable Sign

Refer to Roanoke County [Zoning Ordinance](#) Section 30-93-4 for further details and contact [Bill Richardson](#) at (540) 772-2068 x222 or [Becky Mahoney](#) (540) 772-2068 x233 with any questions.

We hope you enjoyed this month's edition!

Megan Cronise, AICP
Principal Planner





Community Developments

Greetings!

Enjoy this month's *Community Developments* with development updates, community events and news!

Planning Commission Update

July 2nd

This meeting was canceled as no petitions were scheduled for public hearings.

July 16th

The Planning Commission discussed the potential impacts of a possible water line extension along Bent Mountain Road (Route 221).

August 6th

Two public hearings are scheduled for this meeting:

1. The petition of [Blue Ridge Autism and Achievement Center](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in a R-1, Low Density Residential, District for operation of an educational facility, primary/secondary on approximately 2.967 acres, located at 8132 Olsen Road, Hollins Magisterial District.

2. [Proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments](#) relating primarily to permitted uses. The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the amendments on September 24th. See the article below for additional information.

August 20th

The Planning Commission will continue to discuss a possible water line extension along Bent Mountain Road (Route 221) and will review recent transportation project approvals.

September 3rd

Two applications are scheduled for public hearings:

1. The petition of [Brambleton Baptist Church Church](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in a C-1, Office, District for the operation of a religious assembly on approximately 0.58 acre, located at 4313 Old Cave Spring Road, Windsor Hills Magisterial District.

2. The petition of [3B Properties LLC](#) to amend the proffered

Quick Links

[Planning Commission](#)

August 6 @ 4:00 p.m.*
August 20 @ 6:00 p.m.
September 3 @ 4:00 p.m.*
September 17 @ 6:00 p.m.

[Board of Supervisors](#)

August 13 @ 3:00 p.m.
August 27 @ 3:00 p.m.*
September 10 @ 3:00 p.m.
September 24 @ 3:00 p.m.*

*Work Session Time, Public Hearing Begins at 7:00 p.m.

[Like us on Facebook](#) 

Like Roanoke County Planning Services on Facebook for current updates on community meetings, development projects, traffic notices and more!

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

conditions on property approximately 0.343 acre in size and zoned C-2C, General Commercial, District with conditions, located at 4345 Brambleton Avenue, Windsor Hills District.

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments

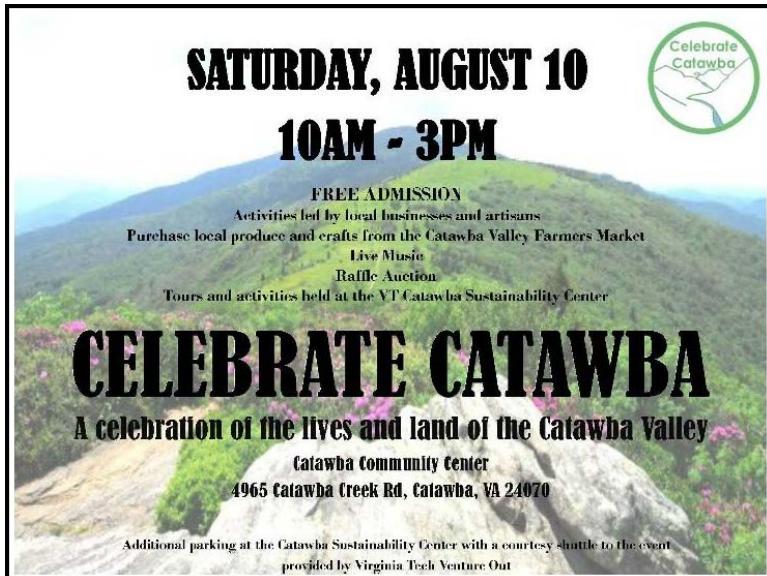
At its August 6th meeting, the [Planning Commission](#) will hold a public hearing on [proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance](#). The Planning Commission has been working with staff over the past 6 months to review the various uses in the Zoning Ordinance and where they are allowed, either as a by-right use or as a special use, or where they are not allowed, and the Commission has recommended changes to these uses in certain zoning districts. As part of its review, the Planning Commission has also reviewed and recommended changes to the use and design standards for various uses. These include, but are not limited to: home beauty/barber salon; religious assembly; antique shops; golf course; fine arts studio; bed and breakfast; home occupations; agricultural services; new automobile dealership; used automobile dealership; business support services; commercial outdoor sports and recreation; construction sales and services; equipment sales and rental; mini-warehouse; general restaurant; retail sales; family day care home; veterinary hospital/clinic; consumer repair services; personal improvement services; automobile rental/leasing; drive-in or fast food restaurant; recycling centers and stations; convenience store; industry, type I; construction yards; multi-family dwelling; and townhouses.

Changes to various site development regulations - maximum building coverage, maximum lot coverage, minimum lot frontage, and minimum front yard setback - to certain zoning districts are included in the proposed amendments. A number of housekeeping items are included with the proposed amendments as well. These include moving sections to other places within the Zoning Ordinance, clarifications, and corrections to grammar and referenced code sections. All comments are welcomed. The public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room at the [County Administration Center](#).

August 5 - Starkey Road Bridge Replacement Starts

Work is underway to replace the bridge on Route 904 (Starkey Road) over a branch of Back Creek near the intersection of Route 679 (Buck Mountain Road). Lane closures may be in place at various times during the day between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Nighttime lane closures may occur at times from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. as needed. Motorists should use caution in the work zone and watch for signs and flaggers directing traffic. The bridge replacement project includes a 10-day closure, tentatively starting on August 5. Estimated completion is September.

August 10th - Celebrate Catawba



(Click for larger PDF)

Celebrate the lives and land of the Catawba Valley on Saturday, August 10th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Catawba Community Center (4965 Catawba Creek Road) at this free event which will include:

- Activities led by local businesses and artisans;
- Sale of local produce and crafts from the Catawba Valley Farmers Market;
- Live music;
- A raffle auction; and
- Tours and activities held at the VT Catawba Sustainability Center.

Click on the flier above for additional information.

September - Roanoke County Police Department Citizen Police Academy

The [Roanoke County Police Department](#) will be sponsoring the Fall Session of the Citizen Police Academy beginning this September. The Citizen Police Academy is a great way to achieve a better understanding of how your Police Department works. Each week topics will be discussed and hands-on practical exercises will be established to give each participant a better understanding of why the police take the actions that they do in the performance of their jobs. Participants will not be trained law enforcement officers at the end of this program. They will receive a Certificate of Completion and automatically be enrolled in the Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association. The Alumni Association allows participants to continue their relationship with the Roanoke County Police Department in the future.



During the Citizen Police Academy, among the other interesting activities planned for them, participants have the opportunity to drive a patrol car on a closed training cone course and will also be able to shoot Department issued firearms under the strict observance of a certified Range Instructor. If you are interested in this program,

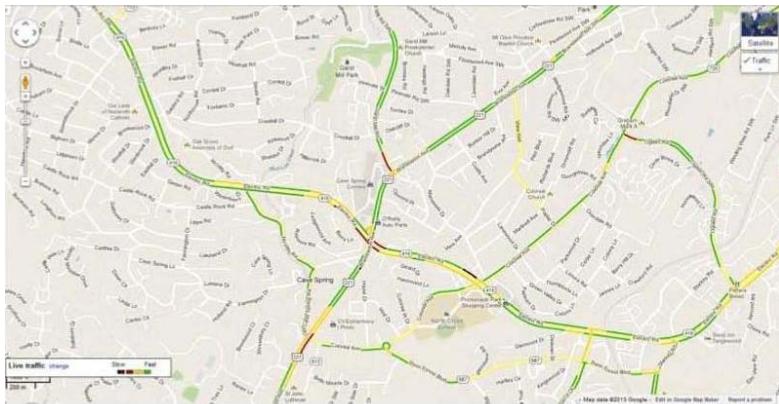
please contact [Officer Rick Crosier](#) at (540)777-8651. You can also go directly to the [Crime Prevention webpage](#) and fill out the application online. You do not have to be a Roanoke County resident to attend. The program is free and dinner will be provided each night of classes.



September 20th - 22nd - Greek Fest

Save the date for the [Roanoke Greek Festival](#), September 20th through the 22nd!

Where do you get stuck in traffic?



Cave Spring Corners/ 419 - Friday May 24, 2013 - 5:10 p.m.

Congestion Map (Click to access Ride Solutions Blog Post)

Above is a "congestion snapshot" of the Cave Spring Corners area of Roanoke County, showing slow spots and backups in the evening rush hour. Regional Planners are working on the region's first Congestion Management Process (CMP) Plan and they need your help. Comment on [this location](#), [Tanglewood Mall or Route 24 through Roanoke City and the Town of Vinton](#), or the [Elm Avenue interchange, the Hollins area or East and West Main Streets](#) to tell them what you would do to improve congestion in these areas.

Learn more about the Congestion Management Process and other requirements that Roanoke Valley Area Metropolitan Planning Organization must complete as a [Transportation Management Area](#).

Reminder about Commercial Vehicles



Parking a commercial vehicle in a residential zoning district (R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-4) is prohibited. Such a vehicle is a truck or commercial vehicle with, or designed to have, more than two (2) rear wheels, except for pickup body type trucks or vehicles essential for an agricultural use associated with the premises. Commercial vehicles are prohibited from parking in residential districts, and must be parked/stored elsewhere.

Refer to Roanoke County [Zoning Ordinance](#) Article V, Section 30-91-2.2 for further details and contact [Bill Richardson](#) at (540) 772-2068 x222 or [Becky Mahoney](#) at (540) 772-2068 x233 with any questions.

Have a great month!

Megan Cronise, AICP
Principal Planner

Copyright © 20XX. All Rights Reserved.





Community Developments

Greetings!

School is back in session, the temperatures are dropping and the year will be over before we know it! Catch up with our news and events in this month's *Community Developments*!

Planning Commission Update

August 6th

Two public hearings were held:

1. The petition of [Blue Ridge Autism and Achievement Center](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in a R-1, Low Density Residential, District for operation of an educational facility, primary/secondary on approximately 2.967 acres, located at 8132 Olsen Road, Hollins Magisterial District. *The Board of Supervisors approved this request at its August 27th meeting.*

2. [Proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments](#) relating primarily to permitted uses. *The Board of Supervisors held a work session on the amendments on August 27th and will hold another work session on September 10th. A Board of Supervisors public hearing date has not been set.*

August 20th

The Planning Commission discussed a possible water line extension along Bent Mountain Road (Route 221) to serve the failing water system at Carriage Hills and Forest Edge. A Comprehensive Plan amendment will be needed in order for this extension to be permitted.

The Commission also reviewed recent transportation project approvals.

September 3rd

Two applications were scheduled for public hearings:

1. The petition of [Brambleton Baptist Church Church](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in a C-1, Office, District for the operation of a

Quick Links

[Planning Commission](#)

September 17 @ 6:00 p.m.
October 1 @ 4:00 p.m.*
October 15 @ 6:00 p.m.

[Board of Supervisors](#)

September 10 @ 3:00 p.m.
September 24 @ 3:00 p.m.*
October 8 @ 3:00 p.m.
October 22 @ 3:00 p.m.*

*Work Session Time, Public Hearing Begins at 7:00 p.m.

[Like us on Facebook](#) 

Like *Roanoke County Planning Services* on Facebook for current updates on community meetings, development projects, traffic notices and more!

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

religious assembly on approximately 0.58 acre, located at 4313 Old Cave Spring Road, Windsor Hills Magisterial District. *The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors.*

2. The petition of [3B Properties LLC](#) to amend the proffered conditions on property approximately 0.343 acre in size and zoned C-2C, General Commercial, District with conditions, located at 4345 Brambleton Avenue, Windsor Hills District. *The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors.*

September 17th

The Planning Commission will review a presentation on Richfield Retirement Community's planned entrance road improvements and will discuss potential planning projects.

October 1st

A public hearing will be held on one application:

1. The petition of [Richard L. Atkinson and Kay S. Atkinson](#) to rezone approximately 4.068 acres from R-1, Low Density Residential, District to AR, Agricultural/Residential, District, located at 4835 Poor Mountain Road, Catawba Magisterial District.

September 15 - Last day for Roanoke Valley Greenways Photo Contest

[Roanoke Valley Greenways](#) is looking for images captured along greenway corridors and trails comprising the Roanoke Valley Greenway network within the cities of Roanoke and Salem, Roanoke County, and the Town of Vinton. Images may include greenway users and activities, wildlife, plant life, natural landscapes, cultural landscapes, weather, architecture/structures, etc. Prizes will be awarded for each category and a selection of winning photos will appear on the Roanoke Valley Greenways and sponsor websites and promotional materials. View the [Greenways Photo Contest webpage](#) for more details.



September 20th - 22nd - Roanoke Greek Festival

Don't forget to visit the [Roanoke Greek Festival](#), Friday, September 20th through Sunday, the 22nd! Dine-in and Drive-thru options are available for your favorite Greek specialties! The [Williamson Road Area Business Association \(WRABA\)](#) is one of the Greek Festival's sponsors. WRABA represents businesses in both Roanoke City and Roanoke County.

What Is Junk and Debris?



Are you concerned about junk or debris on private property in your community? Is it considered trash under Roanoke County Code? Per Section 13-154 of the [Code of the County of Roanoke](#), it shall be unlawful for the owner of any parcel to allow the accumulation of trash on any parcel or property. The owner of any parcel or property shall maintain all exterior property areas in a clean, safe condition free from the accumulation of trash. Any owner who violates this provision shall be subject to a civil penalty, which may be increased for subsequent violations within a twelve (12) month period. Trash is defined as "abandoned personal property, garbage, refuse, rubbish, litter or debris."

Please report your concern through our [Code Compliance Complaint Form](#) accessed from the [Roanoke County Planning and Zoning webpage](#). Be sure to include the specific location of the alleged violation, a detailed description of your complaint and your contact information. A Code Enforcement Officer may need to contact you for additional information.

Contact [Bill Richardson](#) at (540) 772-2068 x222 or [Becky Mahoney](#) at (540) 772-2068 x233 with any questions.

Have a great month!

Megan Cronise, AICP
Principal Planner

Copyright © 20XX. All Rights Reserved.





Community Developments

Greetings!

While it doesn't quite feel like fall yet, the pumpkins are out! Enjoy this beautiful time of year and catch up with our latest news and updates in this month's *Community Developments*.

Planning Commission Update

September 3rd

A public hearing was held on two applications:

1. The petition of [Brambleton Baptist Church Church](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in a C-1, Office, District for the operation of a religious assembly on approximately 0.58 acre, located at 4313 Old Cave Spring Road, Windsor Hills Magisterial District. *The Board of Supervisors approved this request at its September 24th meeting.*

2. The petition of [3B Properties LLC](#) to amend the proffered conditions on property approximately 0.343 acre in size and zoned C-2C, General Commercial, District with conditions, located at 4345 Brambleton Avenue, Windsor Hills District. *The Board of Supervisors approved this request at its September 24th meeting.*

September 17th

The Planning Commission reviewed a presentation on Data Driven Policing, Richfield Retirement Community's planned entrance road improvements and discussed potential planning projects.

October 1st

A public hearing was held on one application:

1. The petition of [Richard L. Atkinson and Kay S. Atkinson](#) to rezone approximately 4.068 acres from R-1, Low Density Residential, District to AR, Agricultural/Residential, District, located at 4835 Poor Mountain Road, Catawba Magisterial District. *The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors.*

October 15th

Quick Links

[Planning Commission](#)

October 15 @ 6:00 p.m. Canceled
November 4 @ 4:00 p.m.*
November 18 @ 6 p.m.

[Board of Supervisors](#)

October 8 @ 3:00 p.m.
October 22 @ 3:00 p.m.*
November 12 @ 3:00 p.m.*

*Work Session Time, Public Hearing Begins at 7:00 p.m.

[Like us on Facebook](#)

Like Roanoke County Planning Services on Facebook for current updates on community meetings, development projects, traffic notices and more!

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

This meeting has been canceled.

November 4th

Three public hearings are scheduled for this meeting:

1. The petition of [Frank R. Radford and Mary E. Radford](#) to amend the proffered conditions on property approximately 0.06764 acre in size and zoned C-2C, General Commercial, District with conditions, located at 2210 Electric Road, Windsor Hills Magisterial District. The amended proffers would remove the proffered condition limiting signage on the property.

2. The petition of [State Central Bank](#) to amend the proffered conditions and [Planning and Design documents for Loblolly Mill](#) by removing the sections dealing with trails and lighting. The Loblolly Mill Planned Residential Development is located on Sterling Road which measures approximately 104.4 acres, Vinton Magisterial District.

3. The petition of [Barry and Donna Tucker](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in a R-1, Low Density Residential, District for the operation of a bed and breakfast on approximately 1.054 acres, located at 6716 Timberline Circle in the Falcon Ridge Estates Subdivision, Windsor Hills Magisterial District.

October 7th through 13th - Williamson Road Restaurant Week

October 7th through 13th, 2013, brings a new celebration to Williamson Road; Restaurant Week! We invite you to join the [Williamson Road Area Business Association](#) in celebrating the restaurant sector of our population and the many cuisines and flavors it brings. Williamson Road has so many great eating establishments with wide diversity that we would like to shine a spotlight to show the wonders available. While here check out the other types of businesses on Williamson Road that provide products and services you use and need.



Participation in Williamson Road Restaurant Week is easy and fun. Simply go to our [Restaurant Week webpage](#) and review the participating restaurants, their menus and lunch and dinner specials. Choose the restaurant you wish to visit today, make reservations and go! Maps, driving directions and a picture of the restaurant are on the site for your convenience

Let's celebrate the wonderful dining that is a part of what makes Williamson Road great!

October 29 - Partnership for a Livable Roanoke Valley Strategy Workshop

Partnership for a LIVABLE ROANOKE VALLEY

A PROGRAM OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSION



The Partnership for a Livable Roanoke Valley is hosting a Strategy Workshop on Tuesday, October 29th, at 6 p.m. at the Roanoke Civic Center Exhibition Hall. Come out and have your voice heard regarding the future of our community! View more details on the [project's webpage](#) or on the Workshop's [Facebook Event](#) page.

Regional Commuter Program Helps Employees, Employers

Since it launched its Workplace partnership program in 2007, the regional commuter services program [RIDE Solutions](#) has seen the number of employers seeking to help their employees connect to transportation alternatives continue to grow. Through such partnerships, employers work with RIDE Solutions to promote carpooling, bicycle commuting, transit, and telework, all at no cost to the employer or employee. Recently, RIDE Solutions has added a number of the region's most respected employers to its roster of partners, including Norfolk and Southern, Carilion Clinic, and General Electric. Currently, RIDE Solutions works with 42 employers representing nearly 44,000 employees in central and southwest Virginia.

Implementing a commuter services program brings multiple benefits to an employer. Employees get the advantage of a free benefit that can save them money on their commute at no cost to the employer. Meanwhile, businesses reap long-term benefits such as increased employee retention, a reduction in absenteeism, improved parking management, and even awards and recognition that can give them a competitive advantage. Carilion Clinic's 2011 recognition as a Bicycle Friendly Business by the [League of American Cyclists](#), and Virginia Tech's 2011 Best Workplaces for Commuters Race for Excellence awards are examples of designations that can bolster a business's reputation. RIDE Solutions had worked closely with both Carilion and Virginia Tech on their commuter programs. In addition, RIDE Solutions has initiated projects that support parking management efforts, provide reliable transportation options to get employees to work, and assist with businesses trying to reduce their environmental impact by reducing the number of vehicle trips generated by their worksites. RIDE Solutions works with businesses to develop a program that makes sense for them, based on their goals and resources.

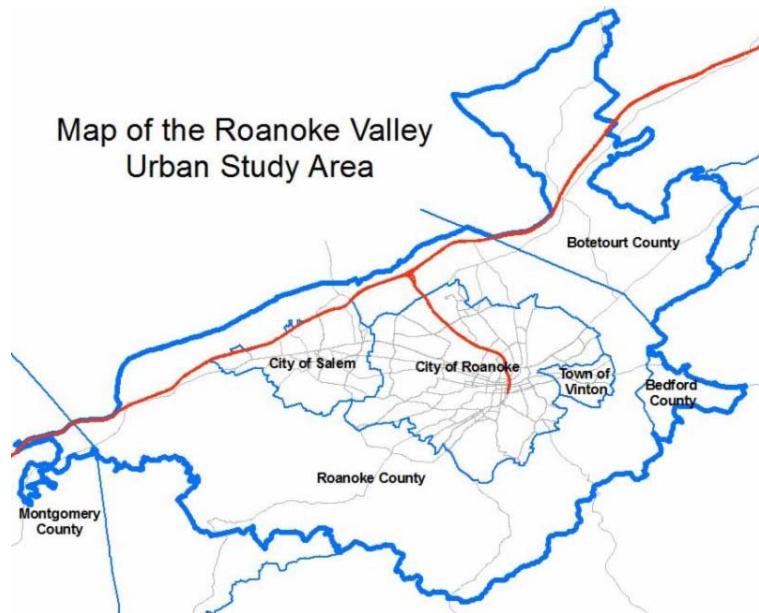
Employers who offer a commuter services program can also feel

good that they are supporting the community at large. Fewer drivers on the road during peak commute times means less traffic congestion along key Roanoke County corridors like 419 and 221, which speeds up commutes for carpoolers and non-carpoolers alike.

Employers can learn more about implementing a commuter services program at www.ridesolutions.org/employers and by calling toll-free, 1-866-424-3334.

Regional Pedestrian and Transit Vision Plans

The [Roanoke Valley Area Metropolitan Planning Organization](#) is developing Regional Pedestrian and Transit Vision Plans for the Roanoke Valley. The study area includes the urbanized portions of Bedford, Botetourt, Montgomery, and Roanoke Counties, the Cities of Roanoke and Salem, and the Town of Vinton.



The Regional Pedestrian Plan will address walking, as the most basic form of transportation, and walkability, how friendly an area is to walking. The Regional Transit Plan will address public transit desires in the Roanoke Valley and indicate recommendations for improving the regional transit system.

Citizens can provide valuable input to the process by completing a [survey](#). If you need additional accommodations in order to complete the survey, please contact [Cristina Finch](#) at (540) 343-4417.

Do You Have Leaves?

It's that time of year again!
Please see the flyer at right
concerning Roanoke
County's bagged leaf
collection policy.

For more information,



Roanoke County

does not provide vacuum
collection for loose leaves.

**Roanoke County will provide collection of
bagged leaves during your normal every
other week bulk collection. Please place
the bags to the curb on your normal
collection day.**

**For more information or to check the
schedule: Call Roanoke County Solid Waste
at 387-6225 or go to
www.roanokecountyva.gov**

please call Roanoke County
Solid Waste at (540) 387-
6225.

Have a great month!

Megan Cronise, AICP

Principal Planner

Copyright © 20XX. All Rights Reserved.



Try it **FREE** today.



Community Developments

In This Issue

[Planning Commission Update](#)

[November 19th Community Meeting for Westmoreland Drive Rezoning Application](#)

[November 23rd 2013 Catawba Valley Holiday Market](#)

[VDOT Six-Year Plan Information](#)

[Energy Conservation Tips from Save-a-Ton](#)

[Accessory Structures](#)

Quick Links

[Planning Commission](#)

November 18 @ 6:00 p.m.
December 2 @ 4:00 p.m.*
December 16 @ 6:00 p.m.

*Work Session Time, Public Hearing Begins at 7:00 p.m.

[Board of Supervisors](#)

November 12 @ 3:00 p.m.*
December 10 @ 3:00 p.m.*

*Work Session Time, Public Hearing Begins at 7:00 p.m.

[Like us on Facebook](#) 

Like Roanoke County Planning Services on

The year is starting to wrap up but we are staying very busy and have several updates for you this month!

Planning Commission Update

October 1st

A public hearing was held on one application:

1. The petition of [Richard L. Atkinson and Kay S. Atkinson](#) to rezone approximately 4.068 acres from R-1, Low Density Residential, District to AR, Agricultural/Residential, District, located at 4835 Poor Mountain Road, Catawba Magisterial District.

The Board of Supervisors approved this application at its October 22nd meeting.

October 15th

This meeting was canceled.

November 4th

Three public hearings were held at this meeting:

1. The petition of [Frank R. Radford and Mary E. Radford](#) to amend the proffered conditions on property approximately 0.06764 acre in size and zoned C-2C, General Commercial, District with conditions, located at 2210 Electric Road, Windsor Hills Magisterial District. The amended proffers would remove the proffered condition limiting signage on the property. *The Planning Commission recommended approval of this application at its November 4th meeting.*

2. The petition of [State Central Bank](#) to amend the proffered conditions and Planning and Design documents for Loblolly Mill by removing the sections dealing with trails and lighting. The Loblolly Mill

Facebook for current updates on community meetings, development projects, traffic notices and more!

Planned Residential Development is located on Sterling Road which measures approximately 104.4 acres, Vinton Magisterial District. *This application has been postponed at the request of the petitioner.*

3. The petition of [Barry and Donna Tucker](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in a R-1, Low Density Residential, District for the operation of a bed and breakfast on approximately 1.054 acres, located at 6716 Timberline Circle in the Falcon Ridge Estates Subdivision, Windsor Hills Magisterial District. *The Planning Commission voted to postpone action on this application until its December 2nd meeting and the petitioner withdrew the application after the public hearing.*

November 18th

The Planning Commission will hear presentations on updates to the [Partnership for a Livable Roanoke Valley](#) planning effort and the [Plantation Road Bicycle, Pedestrian and Streetscape Improvement Project](#).

December 2nd

Two applications are scheduled for this meeting:

1. The petition of the [Roanoke County Board of Supervisors](#) to rezone approximately 0.51 acre from R-1, Low Density Residential, District to C-2, High Intensity Commercial, District, located at 3319 and 3323 Westmoreland Drive, Cave Spring Magisterial District.

2. The petition of [Gary and Tamera Tickle](#) to rezone approximately 0.93 acre from C-1, Low Intensity Commercial, District to C-2, High Intensity Commercial, District and to obtain a Special Use Permit for the operation of a car wash, located at 1905 Electric Road, Windsor Hills Magisterial District.

December 16th

The agenda for this meeting has not been set.

November 19th - Community Meeting for Westmoreland Drive Rezoning Application

A community meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19th, at 7 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, 5204 Bernard Drive, on the [Board of Supervisors application](#) to rezone 3319 and 3323 Westmoreland Drive from R-1, Low Density Residential District, to C-2,

November 1, 2013

Dear Property Owner

A land use application has been filed with the Roanoke County Department of Community Development by the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors. The applicant is requesting a variance opportunity to 8.5 acres from 10.0 acres for the purpose of allowing the use of the land for the construction of a high intensity commercial services and activities on Broadwater Avenue, located at 3210 and 3220 Broadwater Drive, City of Roanoke, Virginia. The application is for the construction of a high intensity commercial services and activities on the land.

DATE: Tuesday, November 19, 2013

PLACE: Roanoke County Board of Supervisors Meeting Room
2000 Broad Street

TIME: 7:00 pm

The community meeting is necessary by the applicant for the consideration of his application. The mailing of this notice and the community meeting does not signify support, endorsement of, or Judge the merit of the application by the Board of Supervisors.

Please note that in addition to the community meeting, this petition is scheduled as a public hearing before the Planning Commission on Monday, December 2, 2013 at 7:00 pm, in the Board Meeting Room, 2000 Broad Street, Roanoke, Virginia. The public hearing is also scheduled as a public hearing before the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 7:00 pm. In the event of a tie vote by the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission will break the tie.

The application is available for public review in the Department of Community Development. If you have any questions please call David Hartley at (540) 772-2068, extension 227.

High Intensity Commercial District. Click on the flyer at right for additional information.

November 23rd - 2013 Catawba Valley Holiday Market

Visit the 2013 Catawba Valley Holiday Market at the [Cawaba Community Center](#) (4965 Catawba Creek Road) on November 23rd from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to shop for seasonal produce and other foods, holiday gifts and much more! Free hot chocolate and coffee will be available. Click on the flyer at right for additional information.

2013 Catawba Valley Holiday Market November 23, 9am-4pm

Located at the Cawaba Community Center
4965 Catawba Creek Rd, Catawba, VA 24070

COMING TO MARKET
Seasonal Produce
Grass-fed Beef, Local & Free-Range Pork & Rabbit
Homemade Baked Goods & Breads, Jams & Pickles
Holiday Ornaments, Wreaths, Notecards & Candles
Jewelry, Hats & Clothing
Woodcrafts, Baskets & Pottery
Framed Photography
Local Cookbooks & Music

Food for purchase made locally by the Catawba Sustainability Center
FREE HOT Chocolate and Coffee!

VDOT Six-Year Plan Information

On Wednesday, October 30th, VDOT held a public meeting for the Salem District to solicit input and comments on the current and future Six-Year Improvement Programs. As part of these fall meetings, VDOT has also created a "Virtual Meeting" with material available on the web, and the opportunity to provide comments via a web-based portal or via email. See the [Six-Year Plan webpage](#) for additional information.



Energy Conservation Tips from Save-a-Ton



Get ready for winter with these energy conservation

tips from Save-a-Ton:

- Have you checked your filters? Make sure your furnace or heat pump filters are clean before entering the winter heating season. A service contract with a local heating and air company can make sure your equipment is working at its best before the major heating and cooling seasons start.
- Winters can get cold in Roanoke. Set your furnace thermostat at 68 degrees or lower during the fall and winter, and use a programmable thermostat to reduce your heat use during the day when you're not at home. Each degree you cut your thermostat back can reduce your energy consumption by up to 20%.
- Check doors and windows for leaks. Weatherstripping is a cheap and easy way to keep warm air in and cold air out, and a roll of weatherstripping tape will cost less than \$20.
- Don't forget the light switches and plugs. Warm air can escape into your walls through switch plates and plugs. These thick foam gaskets will cost about \$2 each but will help you save money all year round.

Want to take the next step? Have a professional audit done, or get service from a local weatherproofing professional. Visit saveaton.org for a list of partners who can help you button up your house for winter, as well as a ton of energy savings tips to help you save money on lighting, vampire loads, water, and more. Save a ton of energy, save a ton of money, at saveaton.org.

Accessory Structures

Do you need more storage space or are you an athlete who wants to play and practice at home? There are many accessory uses, activities and structures that are allowed on the same site or lot as a residential use. Some examples are private garages, recreational activities, gazebos and swimming pools. See the [Accessory Uses allowed for Residential Use Types](#) for additional information. Please be aware a zoning permit may be required for some structures. Call (540) 772-2065 for additional information.



Enjoy the holiday season and have a great November!

Sincerely,

Megan Cronise, AICP
Principal Planner





Season's Greetings

Community Developments

In This Issue

[Planning Commission Update](#)

[December 3rd - Informational Meeting for Green Ridge Recreation Center Water Tank](#)

[December 10th - VDOT Citizen Information Meeting for Interstate 581 Valley View Interchange Project](#)

[2014 Growers' Academy](#)

[Do you Ride at Night?](#)

Quick Links

[Planning Commission](#)

December 2 @ 4:00 p.m.*

December 16 @ 6:00 p.m.

January 7 @ 4:00 p.m.*

January 21 @ 6:00 p.m.

*Work Session Time, Public Hearing Begins at 7:00 p.m.

[Board of Supervisors](#)

December 10 @ 3:00 p.m.*

January 14 @ 3:00 p.m.

January 28 @ 3:00 p.m.*

*Work Session Time, Public Hearing Begins at 7:00 p.m.

[Like us on Facebook](#) 

Like Roanoke County Planning Services on Facebook for current updates on community

It's hard to believe December is here already! We are preparing for 2014 and have several items to share with you this month.

Planning Commission Update

November 4th

Three public hearings were held at this meeting:

1. The petition of [Frank R. Radford and Mary E. Radford](#) to amend the proffered conditions on property approximately 0.6764 acre in size and zoned C-2C, General Commercial, District with conditions, located at 2210 Electric Road, Windsor Hills Magisterial District. The amended proffers would remove the proffered condition limiting signage on the property. *The Planning Commission recommended approval of this application at its November 4th meeting and the Board of Supervisors approved this application at its November 12th meeting.*

2. The petition of [State Central Bank](#) to amend the proffered conditions and Planning and Design documents for Loblolly Mill by removing the sections dealing with trails and lighting. The Loblolly Mill Planned Residential Development is located on Sterling Road which measures approximately 104.4 acres, Vinton Magisterial District. *This application has been postponed at the request of the petitioner.*

3. The petition of [Barry and Donna Tucker](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in a R-1, Low Density Residential, District for the operation of a bed and breakfast on approximately 1.054 acres, located at 6716 Timberline Circle in the Falcon Ridge Estates Subdivision, Windsor Hills Magisterial District. *The Planning Commission voted to postpone action on this application until its December 2nd meeting and the petitioner withdrew the application after the public hearing.*

meetings, development projects, traffic notices and more!

November 18th

The Planning Commission heard presentations on updates to the [Partnership for a Livable Roanoke Valley](#) planning effort and the [Plantation Road Bicycle, Pedestrian and Streetscape Improvement Project](#).

December 2nd

Two applications are scheduled for this meeting:

1. The petition of the [Roanoke County Board of Supervisors](#) to rezone approximately 0.51 acre from R-1, Low Density Residential, District to C-2, High Intensity Commercial, District, located at 3319 and 3323 Westmoreland Drive, Cave Spring Magisterial District.

2. The petition of [Gary and Tamera Tickle](#) to rezone approximately 0.93 acre from C-1, Low Intensity Commercial, District to C-2, High Intensity Commercial, District and to obtain a Special Use Permit for the operation of a car wash, located at 1905 Electric Road, Windsor Hills Magisterial District.

December 16th

The Planning Commission will review the proposed Work Plan for 2014.

January 7th

No new applications have been submitted for this date.

December 3rd - Informational Meeting for Green Ridge Recreation Center Water Tank

An informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 3rd, at 7 p.m. at the [Green Ridge Recreation Center](#), Room A, at 7415

Wood Haven Road, regarding a proposed water tower on the Green Ridge Recreation Center property.

Representatives from Roanoke County and the Western Virginia Water Authority will be on hand to present information and answer questions about the proposed water tower. Click on the letter at right for additional information.



INFORMATIONAL MEETING NOTICE

November 19, 2013

Dear Property Owner and Resident:

For many years a significant portion of North County has experienced chronic water pressure that has negatively impacted the quality of life for many residents. To alleviate this concern, an application was submitted to the North County area to record a 1.5 acre tract for a water tank.

The water tower would stand on high ground and would be located on approximately 120 feet of land.

Many sites were evaluated and one site was chosen as the preferred alternative based on current zoning, water main accessibility, elevation, land availability, and potential impact to individual residential areas.

The site is located on 7415 Wood Haven Road, Roanoke, Virginia 24018, Green Ridge Recreation Center property.

An informational meeting regarding this proposed tower will be held as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, December 3, 2013

PLACE: Green Ridge Recreation Center - Room A

7415 Wood Haven Road

TIME: 7:00 pm

Representatives from Roanoke County and the Western Virginia Water Authority will be on hand to present information and answer questions regarding the proposed water tower. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Roanoke County Planning Commission by phone at (540) 772-2015, or by email at planningcommission@roanokecountyva.gov.

FBI: BCC:2008 - ROANOKE, VIRGINIA 24018 - PHONE (540) 772-2015 - FAX (540) 778-7175



[Click for Larger Image](#)



[Click for Larger Image](#)

December 10th - VDOT Citizen Information Meeting for Interstate 581 Valley View Interchange Project

The Virginia Department of Transportation will hold a citizen information meeting on a project to complete the partial interchange on Interstate 581's exit 3C (Valley View Boulevard) in Roanoke. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. at William Fleming High School located at 3649 Ferncliff Avenue, NW, in Roanoke.



The project includes completing the partial interchange at I-581 and Valley View Boulevard by building an off-ramp from southbound I-581 onto Valley View Boulevard and an on-ramp from Valley View Boulevard onto northbound I-581. In addition, the bridge over I-581 will be widened to four lanes with turn lanes onto the I-581 ramps, a new pedestrian bridge for the Lick

Run Greenway over I-581 will be built and sound walls will be installed along portions of I-581. The project also includes constructing diverging diamond interchange which will require improvements to the existing off and on ramps.

The citizen information meeting is being held to provide an opportunity for citizens or organizations to give VDOT input on the proposed project. The meeting will be held in an open-house format with no formal presentation given. VDOT representatives will be present to discuss the proposed project and to answer questions.

Additional information on this project is available on the [VDOT webpage](#).

2014 Growers' Academy

The Virginia Tech Catawba Sustainability Center is offering the fifth annual Growers' Academy, a series of courses specifically designed to help new and transitioning agricultural businesses succeed. The course presents low-input crop production techniques and resources for launching your own agribusiness. Instructors

include resource professionals and farm business owners. Click on the flyer for additional information.



Topics include:

- * Planning for Success: What it takes to start a farm business
- * Healthy, Living Soils
- * Organic Management of Pests and Diseases
- * Business Plans, Startup, and Implementation
- * Good Agricultural Practices (GAP)
- * Marketing Strategies for Your Business
- * Crops and Crop Planning
- * Farm Tours

This 8-session course* is \$225. Limited scholarships are available, please inquire.

For more information and online registration, visit: www.cpe.vt.edu/grac/

Do you Ride at Night?

As daylight savings time comes to an end, Southwest

Virginia's growing bicycle commuter population should pay special attention to important safety precautions for riding at night. With days shortening and darkness overtaking the evening commute, [RIDE Solutions](#) recommends a few easy safety tips for cyclists to remain visible and be safe while sharing the road:

- See and be seen. Bicycles should be equipped with rear and front reflectors as well as a front headlight. Not only is this important for visibility, it is required by Virginia law.
- Dress for success. Cyclists should wear light-colored or reflective coats, or wear a reflective safety vest over their winter wear. Cyclists want to make sure drivers can see them from as far away as possible - even a conscientious driver may have trouble maneuvering around a cyclist if they don't see them until the last minute.
- Stick to a well-lit route. Cyclists may consider modifying their route to main streets with better lighting. Cyclists who use greenways and off-road trails for all or part of their commutes should note that many greenways are not lit.
- Be a safe driver. When driving on streets with bike lanes or other accommodations, or on roads commonly used by cyclists for recreation or transportation, drivers should make a special effort to be aware of their presence after dark. Keep in mind that a cyclist may have trouble identifying the size of your vehicle in the glare of your headlights, so leave plenty of room when you pass them - at least three feet is safest.

This year, there are more cyclists on the road than ever before. The League of American Cyclists reports a 10% increase in bicycle commuters nationwide, and the Roanoke MSA has seen an increase of over 150% according to the 2010 census. With the expansion of the greenways and the winding miles of rural roads and beautiful scenery in Roanoke County, there are more reasons than ever before to get out and ride, even in the chilly winter months.

For more information on bicycle transportation and other commuter options in the region, visit www.ridesolutions.org.

Have a wonderful new year!

Sincerely,
Megan Cronise, AICP
Principal Planner

