



# HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Hi Alex,

Our Roanoke County Planning team wishes health and happiness to you and yours in the new year ahead! We look forward to many exciting projects in 2025, including finalizing our Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, which is available for review and comment on our [SS4A Project Webpage](#). More information about this Plan can be found in the 'News and Updates' section below.

If you'd like to stay informed throughout 2025 on the latest projects, public engagement opportunities, and other planning department activities, make sure to follow us on [our Facebook page](#) or bookmark [our webpage](#).

Public Meetings



## January 7th, 2025 - Planning Commission

Due to having no land use applications, there will be no public hearings in January. Instead, the Planning Commission will hold a work session at 6:00 p.m. at which they will elect officers for 2025.

## January 21st, 2025 - Planning Commission

The Planning Commission will hold a work session at 6:00 p.m. to review submitted public comments on the draft Safe Streets and Roads for All Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

*See more information in the 'News and Updates' section below*

## News & Updates

### Remembering Brian Epperley



Brian Epperley, Transportation Engineer in the Planning Department, passed away unexpectedly on December 2, 2024. Brian was 56 years old and had just marked 25 years of service with Roanoke County at the time of his passing. He had previously worked for the City of Roanoke, for SFCS and for Mattern & Craig.

Brian could design just about anything in AutoCAD and, as a result, his initials are on hundreds of County concept plans, construction plans and exhibits. Brian designed a wide variety of projects including canoe launches, trailhead parking lots, sidewalks, shared use paths, McAfee Knob Trailhead Shuttle pull-offs, drainage projects, utility projects, roadway improvements and exhibits for easements and land donations. His concept plans were the foundation for many successful grant applications, including a segment of the Glade Creek Greenway through Vinyard Park



West. Brian collaborated on the conceptual design and construction plans for the greenway that will be complete in Summer 2025.

His attention to detail and outstanding research skills were well-regarded by not only County employees, but also by VDOT staff and Civil Engineering firms throughout the Roanoke Valley.



Outside of work, Brian most enjoyed weekly fishing trips to Smith Mountain Lake, watching football and attending live music events. Born and raised in the Garden City/Mount Pleasant area and a graduate of Patrick Henry High School, Brian ran into friends wherever he went. We dearly miss our friend and colleague.

## Roanoke County Safe Streets and Roads For All Draft Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Released for Public Review and Comment



Roanoke County, Botetourt County and the Town of Vinton are collaborating on a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan through the Federal Highway Administration's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program with the goal of preventing deaths and serious injuries for all roadway users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, commercial vehicle operators, transit riders and micromobility users.

After two rounds of community meetings and surveys in Spring and Summer 2024, Roanoke County wants your feedback on the draft Comprehensive Safety Action Plan that includes proposed solutions for high crash intersections and corridors in Roanoke County. Is a road you travel every day on the list of high crash locations for severe injuries and fatalities?



Read and comment on the draft Plan [online here](#) until January 16, 2025.

Next steps include:

- **January 21, 2025**, at 6:00 p.m.: Roanoke County Planning Commission Work Session on comments received;
- **February 4, 2025**, at 7:00 p.m.: Roanoke County Planning

Commission Public Hearing on the draft Plan; and

- **February 25, 2025:** Roanoke County Board of Supervisors Public Hearing on the draft Plan and consideration of its adoption as part of the Roanoke County 200 Plan.

Additional information is available on each jurisdiction's Safe Streets and Roads for All webpage:

[Roanoke County Project Webpage](#)

[Town of Vinton Project Webpage](#)

[Botetourt County Project Webpage](#)



## Vinton 2050 Comprehensive Plan and Visual Preference Survey

As part of their Vinton 2050 Comprehensive Plan update, the Town of Vinton is looking for guidance on where and how Vinton might develop in the future. A survey is currently open looking for input on the desired look and feel of different parts of the Town through providing a set of hypothetical images showing how new development could look. Please take a moment to complete the survey before it closes on January 10th!

[\*\*Take the Survey!\*\*](#)

Since May of 2024, Vinton Town Administration and Planning Staff have been working with their consultant, 3TP Ventures, on the Vinton 2050 Comprehensive Plan update. To view current project drafts and learn more about the update, please visit the Town's [Vinton 2050 Comprehensive Plan Update webpage](#).

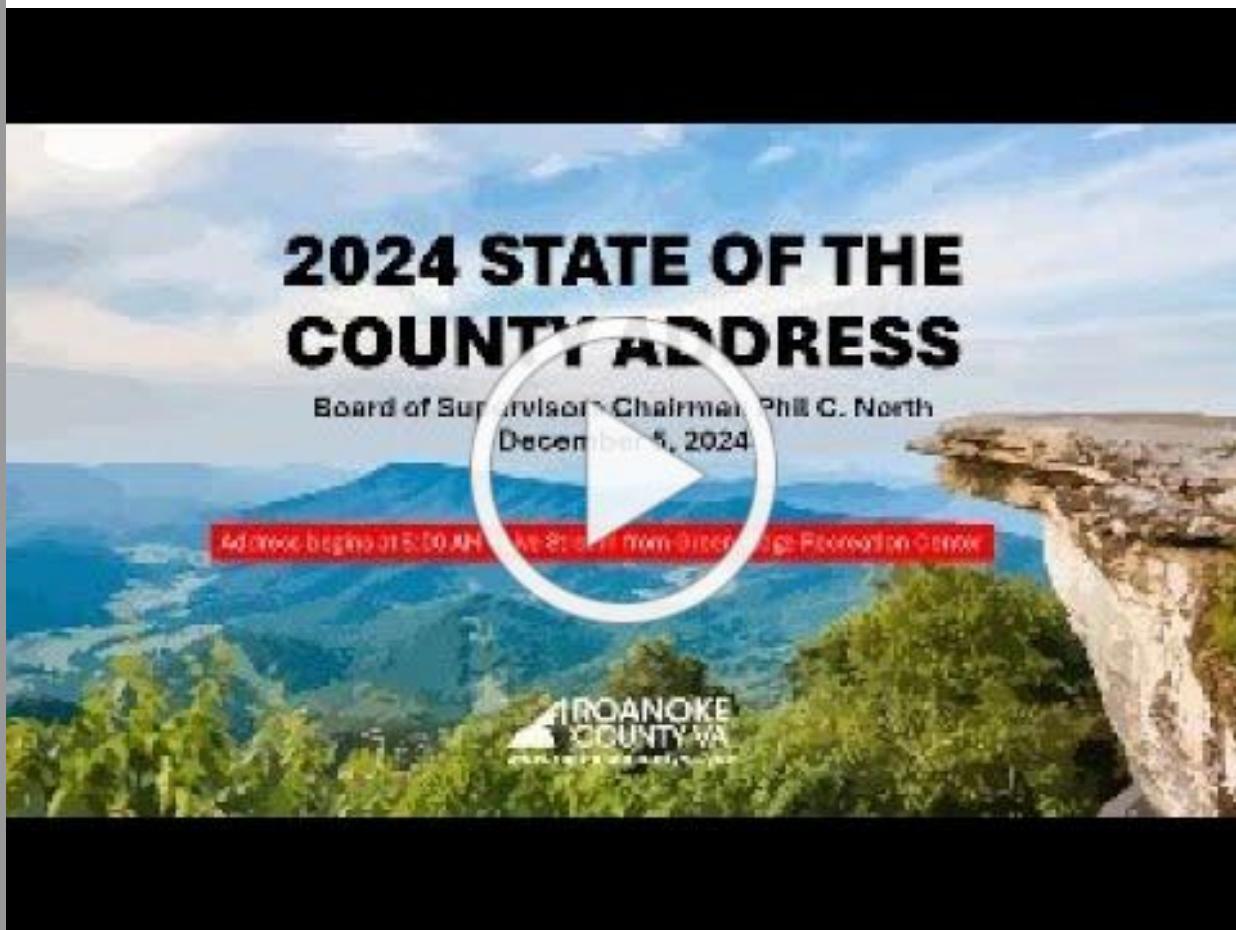


**VINTON 2050**

## 2024 State of the County Address

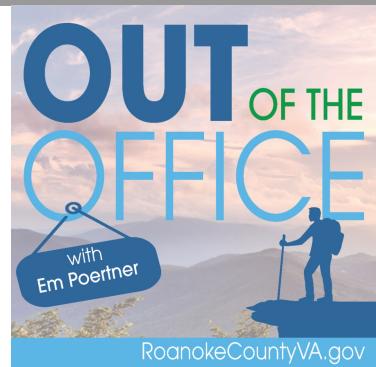
On December 5, 2024, Roanoke County Board of Supervisors Chair Phil C. North delivered the 2024 State of the County Address. This year's event was presented by Appalachian Power and hosted at the Green Ridge Recreation Center, with opening remarks by the Roanoke

Regional Chamber. Watch the 2024 State of the County Address in the video below.



## Out of the Office Podcast

On the latest episode of the Out of the Office podcast, Anna Jones and Alex North with Parks, Recreation and Tourism join Em Poertner to discuss classes and events happening this winter. Listen to the podcast on [Spotify](#) or watch it on [YouTube!](#)



## Accumulation of Trash and Debris

Are you concerned about junk or debris on private property in your community? Is it considered trash under Roanoke County Code?



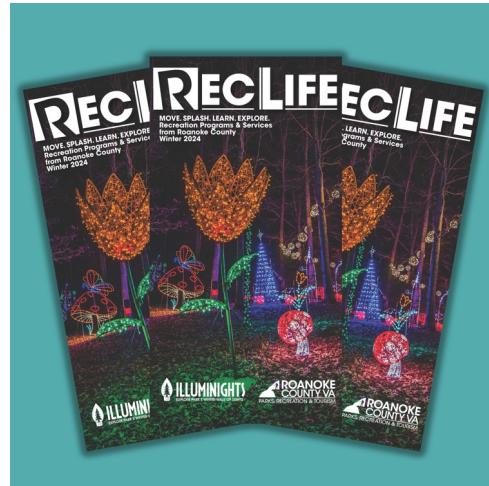
Per [Section 13-154 of the Code of the County of Roanoke](#), it shall be unlawful for the owner of any parcel to allow the accumulation of trash on any parcel or property. The owner of any parcel or property shall maintain all exterior property areas in a clean, safe condition free from the accumulation 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.

## Events & Activities

### Winter Parks, Recreation & Tourism Programming

Roanoke County Parks, Recreation & Tourism's lineup of Winter Recreation Programs is now available! Pick up a copy of the Winter RecLife Brochure at Green Ridge Recreation Center, Brambleton Recreation Center and Explore Park.



### Family Movie Matinee

Bring the whole family out to watch Happy Feet (PG), a heartwarming film about a penguin who gains confidence through their love of tap-dancing. Grab a snack and a coloring sheet and enjoy the show!

Saturday, January 4th  
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
South County Library



### Fire Building & S'mores

Learn about different ways to build, maintain and be safe around a fire. After making a controlled campfire with one of our instructors, enjoy a s'more to celebrate your newfound skills! [\\$12 to participate.](#)

Wednesday, January 25th  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Explore Park



## Soup for Seniors

Thousands of seniors in our community live at or below the poverty line. From **January 29th - February 5th**, donations will be accepted for distribution to our seniors in need to help provide a hot meal on a cold day. [Click here](#) to see what items are most in need. Food items are accepted at the following libraries: Bent Mountain, Glenvar, South County & Vinton Library.

## SOUP FOR SENIORS



## Development News

### Welcome to our New Employees!



Tyler Teer, Civil Engineer II

Tyler joins Roanoke County as a Civil Engineer II (Transportation). Tyler comes to us with extensive transportation engineering career experience working in the VDOT Salem District Office and resides locally in Salem with his wife. Tyler enjoys many hobbies including mountain biking, flying planes, doing track days and autocross, building mountain biking trails, fishing, and golf. We are excited to bring Tyler on board to work on various projects including transportation, stormwater drainage, and greenway projects!

Tracy Lancaster, Permit Technician I

Tracy joins Roanoke County as a Permit Technician I after previously working part-time for Parks & Rec at the Brambleton Center for 3 years. In her free time, Tracy enjoys many hobbies including cooking, crochet, reading, hiking, concerts with friends, and spending time with family. She has a huge heart for animals and animal rescue. She enjoys many adventures with the best companion, her 20-month-old fur-baby rescue named Lexi. She is also looking forward to her role as Nana to her new granddaughter Nina. Tracy is looking forward to all there is to learn in Building Safety and where this career will take her, and we are excited to welcome her!



## Bagged Leaf Collection

The County's [Department of Development Services](#) continues to receive citizen complaints about neighbors who rake or blow their leaves into the street, drainage swales, drainage ditches, curb and gutter systems, or nearby creeks. THE RESULT: clogged drainage structures and drainage-ways, and increased street flooding. To learn how to properly manage YOUR leaves, check out our [Fall Foliage Fact Sheet](#).

## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS Storm Drain Stenciling Program

Stenciling storm drain inlets is an easy way to provide a visual reminder that stormwater goes, untreated, to nearby waterways. And, it is a direct and cost-effective project to remind people not to dump ANYTHING into the drainage system.

Volunteer storm drain stenciling projects offer an educational pollution prevention activity with a lasting effect. Storm drain stenciling is a practical, positive, easy first step toward public education, involvement, and support. Stenciled storm drains will raise citizen awareness and educate the public about stormwater runoff and nonpoint source pollution. Please volunteer today by filling out this [volunteer form](#).



# Free Septic System Pump-Outs

## See if you qualify!

Roanoke County and the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission (RVARC) have partnered using grant funds from the Virginia Environmental Endowment to provide a no-cost septic tank pump-out program for qualified Roanoke County residents.

**WHO IS QUALIFIED TO APPLY?** Households with an annual income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Line are eligible to apply for this program.

**HOW TO APPLY FOR A FREE PUMP-OUT?** View the video on the following [website](#) and fill out the online application.

**STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?** Call Roanoke County 540-772-2036 or RVARC 540-343-4417 (x308).

Sincerely,  
Sarah Gilmore  
Planner II

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## New Businesses Open in County Activity Centers











Hi Alex,

The beginning of 2025 has been off to a great start for growth in our Activity Centers! In the Madison Square shopping center at 4096 Electric Road, Running Latte has opened which serves coffee products to both drive-through and walk-up customers. Stop by for an espresso, batch brew, or one of their signature lattes! This new coffee kiosk further implements the 419 Town Center Plan, which calls for redefining this retail destination as a more vibrant, walkable community.



In the Oak Grove Plaza, Ivybrook Academy has opened at 1919 Electric Road. The half-day preschool's Reggio Emilia + Montessori inspired distinctive curriculum is designed to prepare children for a competitive academic future through engaging and hands-on learning. The academy offers pre-school programs during both the school year and the summer season. This new project further implements the Oak Grove Center Plan which calls for redevelopment and more thriving business in this corridor.



## Public Meetings



### February 3rd, 2025 - Pardon Our Dust Public Information Meeting for the Route 220 and Route 419 Intersection Improvements

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., with presentations at 5:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.

Location: South County Library Auditorium

*See more information in the 'News and Updates' section below*

### February 4th, 2025 - Planning Commission

The Planning Commission will hold public hearings at 7:00 p.m. on the following:

1. The petition of April Joyce Hernandez Lemus to rezone approximately 12.61 acres from R-1, Low Density Residential District, to AR, Agricultural/Residential District, located at 1807 Mayfield

Drive, Vinton Magisterial District.

2. The petition of B2X Online, Inc., to obtain a special use permit to construct a broadcasting tower approximately 80 feet tall on approximately 6.972 acres of land zoned AR, Agricultural/Rural District, located at 9731 Tinsley Lane, Windsor Hills Magisterial District.
3. Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment. The proposed amendment would incorporate the Roanoke County Safe Streets and Roads for All Comprehensive Safety Action Plan as a component of the Roanoke County 200 Plan. The Comprehensive Safety Action Plan outlines targeted strategies to improve road safety, reduce crashes, and promote a culture of responsible driving.

## February 5th, 2025 - East Roanoke River Greenway Gap Feasibility Study Community Meeting

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Charles R. Hill Community Center

*See more information in the 'News and Updates' section below*

## February 10th, 2025 - East Roanoke River Greenway Gap Feasibility Study Community Meeting

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Mount Pleasant Elementary School

*See more information in the 'News and Updates' section below*

## February 25th, 2025 - Board of Supervisors

The Board of Supervisors will hold public hearings on the following items:

1. The petition of April Joyce Hernandez Lemus.
2. The petition of B2X Online, Inc..
3. Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

## News & Updates

# East Roanoke River Greenway Gap Feasibility Study



Drone Imagery  
Courtesy of RVTVA  


## Community Meeting

to review, discuss and comment on potential conceptual greenway routes to connect existing segments of the Roanoke River Greenway.

*Both meetings are identical so please attend the meeting that is most convenient for you. These are open house-style community meetings where attendees can come and go as they please.*

**February 5, 2025 | 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

Charles R. Hill Community Center  
820 Washington Avenue, Vinton, VA 24179

**February 10, 2025 | 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

Mount Pleasant Elementary School  
3126 Mount Pleasant Boulevard, Roanoke, VA 24014

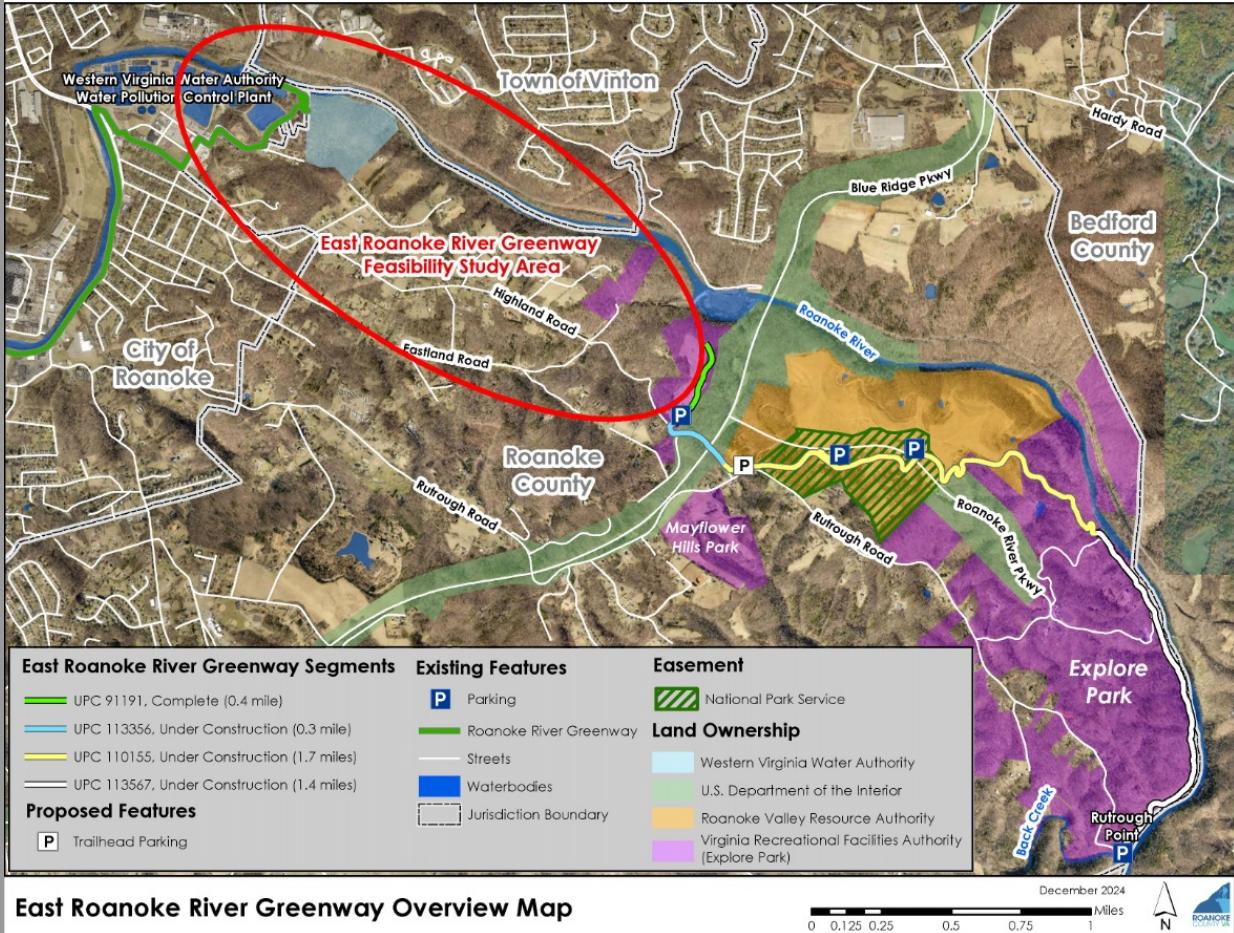
**Inclement Weather Date:** February 19, 2025  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Charles R. Hill Community Center

Provide your feedback by completing a survey by **February 28, 2025**,  
available at [www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/ERRGGap](http://www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/ERRGGap)

[Take the  
Survey](#)

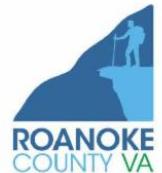
[Project Webpage](#)

Contact **Megan Cronise**, Assistant Director of Planning, with questions at  
(540) 772-2106 or [MCronise@RoanokeCountyVA.gov](mailto:MCronise@RoanokeCountyVA.gov).



East Roanoke River Greenway Overview Map

## Pardon Our Dust Public Information Meeting for the Route 220 and Route 419 Intersection Improvements



Monday, February 3, 2025 | 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

*Brief presentation at 5:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.*

South County Library Auditorium | 6303 Merriman Road, Roanoke VA  
24018  
Inclement Weather Date: February 12, 2025 at the same time and location

Find out about construction projects awarded to Branch Civil Inc. and anticipated impacts to the traveling public starting in early 2025:

- Replacing the existing interchange at Route 419 and Route 220 in the City of Roanoke and in Roanoke County with a diverging diamond interchange

(DDI). A DDI is an innovative interchange with traffic temporarily crossing traffic to the left side of the road. Constructing a DDI will address current and future congestion and provide enhanced safety.

- Modifying three signalized intersections on Route 419 and Ogden Road, Elm View Road, and South Peak Boulevard to reduce congestion by providing added green time for the movements with the highest demand. The side-street traffic, which is the lowest volume, that currently proceeds straight across Route 419 will be redirected to turn left or right at the signal and to turn directly into businesses or use a nearby turn lane to make a U-turn.
- Modifying four signalized intersections on Route 220 at Valley Avenue/Southern Hills Drive, Crossbow Circle/Pheasant Ridge Road, Buck Mountain/Stable Road and Indian Grave/Clearbrook Village Lane to reduce congestion by providing added green time for the higher demand movements by redirecting the low-volume side street through traffic.

[www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/419DDI](http://www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/419DDI)

**VDOT Staff Contact:**

Chad Corns  
Construction Manager  
[Chad.Corns@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:Chad.Corns@VDOT.Virginia.gov)  
(276) 692-8652

**Roanoke County Staff Contact:**

Megan Cronise  
Assistant Director of Planning  
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The Draft Comprehensive Safety Action Plan was released for public comment between January 2nd and January 16th, 2025, and staff reviewed the 16 public comments received with the Planning Commission at its work session on January 21st.

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The public hearings will be held at the Roanoke County Administration Center, 5204 Bernard Drive, Roanoke, VA 24018, in the First Floor Board Meeting Room.

Additional information is available on each jurisdiction's Safe Streets and

[Roanoke County Project Webpage](#)

[Town of Vinton Project Webpage](#)

[Botetourt County Project Webpage](#)



## Welcome to our New Planning Department Employee!



Summer Bork, Transportation Planner

Summer joins Roanoke County in the Planning Department as a Transportation Planner after previously working for the Town of Pulaski as Town Planner/Zoning Administrator. Prior to the Town of Pulaski, Summer worked for the New River Valley Regional Commission as an Economic Recovery Planner. Summer has a bachelor's degree in History from James Madison University and a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Virginia Tech. Summer is a certified planner through the American Institute of Certified Planners and a certified zoning administrator through the Virginia Association of Zoning Officials.

## Events & Activities

### Valentine's Dance

The 39th Annual Valentine's Dinner Dance will start off with a 3-course dinner and will be followed with a crowning of the King and Queen of Hearts and a night filled with dancing!  
Registration is now open.

Monday, February 10th  
5:30 PM - 9:30 PM  
Hotel Roanoke



## Drawing Animals

Learn to sketch, shade, and blend to draw all kinds of animals. Render feathers, fur, scales, and more! Instruction and materials provided. Special guests will be accompanied by RCACP volunteers!

Wednesday, February 12th  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Brambleton Recreation Center

## Drawing Animals



## Great Movie Romances Trivia

Come celebrate Valentine's Day at the library and see how well you know your love stories with trivia about some of the most iconic matches from the big screen!

Friday, February 14th  
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
Glenvar Library



## Daddy Daughter Winter Ball

Dress up in your finest attire for an enchanted evening full of tiaras, light snacks, a craft and dancing! A photo booth will be available to make it a night to remember! [Register here.](#)

Saturday, February 22nd  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Brambleton Recreation Center



## Development News

Welcome to New Department of  
Development Services Employees!

Rachel Lockwood,

## Development GIS Specialist



Rachel joins Roanoke County in the Department Development Services as a GIS Specialist after previously serving as a GIS Intern in the IT Department. Though originally from Roanoke, Rachel grew up in upstate New York and attended college in Buffalo, earning a degree in Environmental Geosciences. She now owns and is renovating a house in Vinton along with two of her siblings. Rachel is excited to grow her GIS skillset by working with the county's stormwater data.

### **Josh Willett, Permit Technician I**

Josh joins Roanoke in the Department of Development Services as a Permit Technician I after previously working with Acomplis Technology, Botetourt County, and the City of Pinellas Park, FL. Josh enjoys lifting weights, playing tennis, and reading science fiction, but now has two beautiful children and spends more of his time building pillow forts, picking out pretty dresses, and the occasional foam sword fight. Josh shares his two children, Eliana and Jonas, with his beautiful wife Jessica and their dog and 2 cats. Josh and family are originally from the Clearwater area of Florida and have lived in Roanoke for 6 years, enjoying 3 out of the 4 seasons.



The HEART of Roanoke County is. . .

The "RIVAH"



**Keep it  
CLEAN**

- Limit lawn fertilizers.
- Contain trash and litter.
- Throw **NOTHING** in a storm drain.
- Bag pet waste, then put it in a trash can.
- Cover bare dirt with mulch, or seed/straw.
- Bag or compost leaves and grass clippings.
- Apply absorbent materials to oil leaks or spills.
- Remove leaves from roadside gutters and swales.

**The  
Roanoke River**

*Keeping the Roanoke River pollution-free is vital to the well-being of the localities through which it travels, especially Roanoke County. WHY? A healthy river helps maintain the quality of life that residents have come to expect; provides safe water-related recreational opportunities; attracts nature-loving tourists; keeps wildlife healthy; and supports the vital local industries that depend on it.*

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### NEWS FLASH!

Roanoke County's Department of Development Services will soon offer several workshops across the County at which residents may sign up for their free septic tank pump-out.

Check the County's [website](#) and social media to learn when and where these workshops will be held.



Sincerely,  
Sarah Gilmore  
Planner II

Visit our Website



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# McAfee Knob Trailhead Shuttle is Returning!



Hi Alex,

## Happy March!

Get ready to hit the trails again! Hiking season is BACK! □ The McAfee Knob Trailhead shuttle is resuming service on **March 7th** for the 2025 season! Starting at 7:00 AM until 6:30 PM, Friday through Sunday, you can easily access this iconic hike by hopping on the shuttle for a quick ride up Route 311.

The VDOT project to carry the Appalachian Trail over Route 311 with a pedestrian bridge is still underway, with an expected opening date in Winter 2025. Due to the project still being underway, the parking lot at McAfee Knob Trailhead remains closed □. You can park at designated spots on Old Catawba Road or the Catawba Greenway or simply hop on the shuttle! □

□ Want to plan your adventure? Book your shuttle ride and check out all the shuttle stops at [www.McAfeeKnobShuttle.com](http://www.McAfeeKnobShuttle.com).

Time to lace up those boots and get hiking! Let the adventure begin!

□ Daniel Feivor

Public Meetings



## **March 4th, 2025 - Planning Commission**

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on the following:

1. The petition of LovABLE Services, Inc. to obtain a special use permit to operate a drive-in or fast food restaurant on approximately 0.7 acre zoned C-1, Low Intensity Commercial District, located at 6426 Merriman Road, Cave Spring Magisterial District.

## **March 13th, 2025 - Route 419 Safety and Pedestrian Improvements (Brambleton Ave. to Grandin Road Ext.) Community Meeting**

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Oak Grove Elementary School

*See more information in the 'News and Updates' section below*

## **March 20th - Roanoke Valley Holdings, LLC Community Meeting**

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Mountain View Elementary School

A community meeting (open house) will be held on the petition of Roanoke Valley Holdings, LLC to rezone approximately 11.688 acres from C-2S, High Intensity Commercial District with special use permit, to R-3, Medium Density Multi-Family Residential District, located at 5627 and 5633 Williamson Road and along the 5300 and 5400 block of Florist Road, Hollins Magisterial District.

## **March 25th, 2025 - Board of Supervisors**

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on the following:

1. The petition of LovABLE Services, Inc.

**News & Updates**

# Community Meeting for Route 419 Safety and Pedestrian Improvements

Between Brambleton Avenue and Grandin Road Extension



**March 13, 2025 | 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Oak Grove Elementary School Cafeteria**  
**5005 Grandin Road Extension, Roanoke, VA 24018**

*This is an open house-style community meeting where attendees can come and go as they please. There will be no presentation.*

*Inclement Weather Date: March 20, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Oak Grove Elementary School Cafeteria*

**Review funded improvements which include:**

- Sidewalks between Grandin Road Extension and Glen Heather Drive
- Restricted Crossing U-Turns at Glen Heather Drive and at Stoneybrook Drive
- Pedestrian signals with crosswalks at Route 419/Postal Drive and at Route 419/Brambleton Avenue

*Roanoke County and VDOT representatives will be available to answer questions.*

**Provide comments by March 28, 2025, by:**

1. Reviewing the improvements and entering your comments online at [www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/OakGroveSafety](http://www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/OakGroveSafety)
2. Contacting Megan Cronise, Assistant Director of Planning, by phone at (540) 772-2106, by email at [MCronise@RoanokeCountyVA.gov](mailto:MCronise@RoanokeCountyVA.gov) or by mail at 5204 Bernard Drive, P.O. Box 29800, Roanoke, VA 24018.

**Visit the Project  
Webpage**

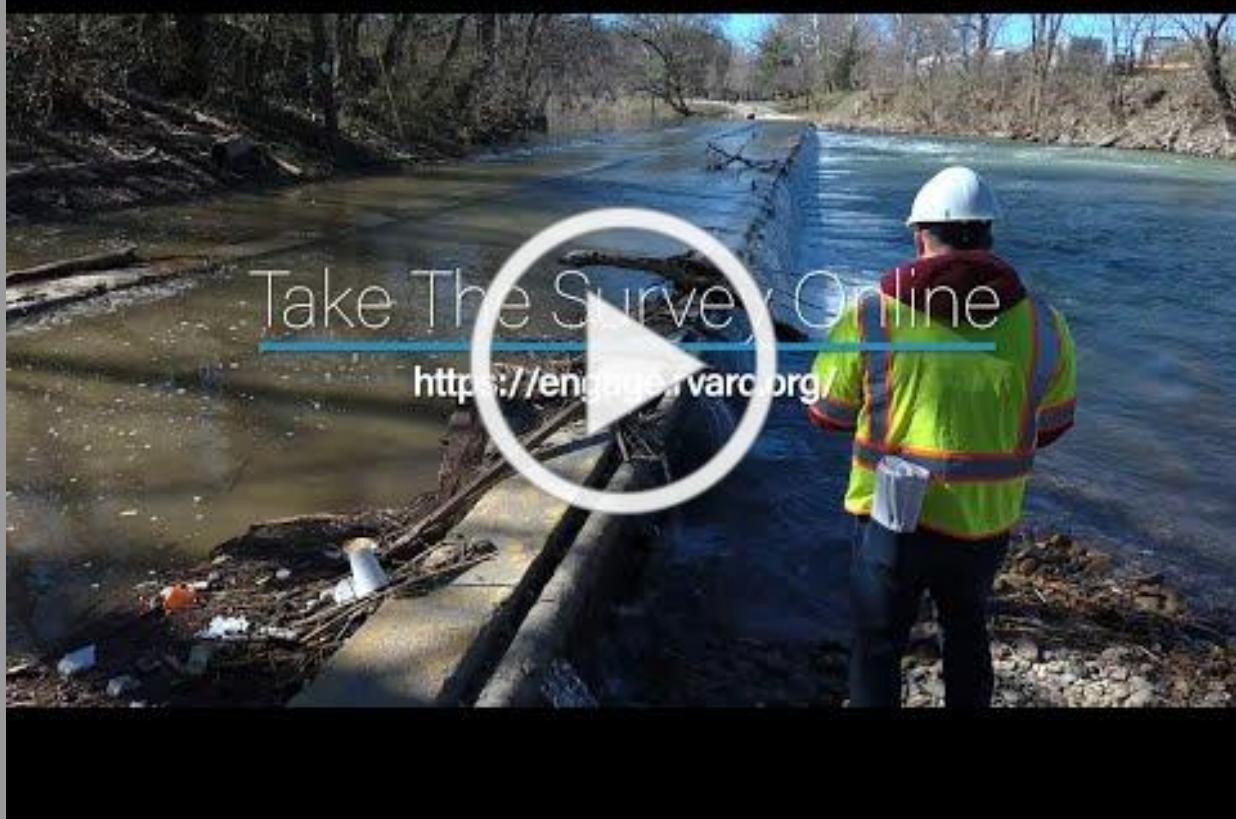
# Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission Hazard Mitigation Plan Survey

The Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission is updating their regional Hazard Mitigation Plan! The Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies and evaluates regional hazard events or natural disasters in order to create strategies to prepare for those disasters. A public survey is open now until **March 21st**. Please visit their [website](#) for more information.

[Take the Survey](#)



The graphic features the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission logo with a blue and green mountain icon and the text "Roanoke Valley-Alleghany REGIONAL commission". Below the logo, the words "HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN" are displayed in large, bold, blue letters, with "2025 UPDATE" in smaller, grey letters to the right. A yellow arrow at the bottom left points right with the text "TAKE OUR SURVEY". At the bottom, the website URL "http://engage.rvarc.org/hazard-mitigation-plan" is shown. To the right, a photograph of a flooded street with a yellow "AREA CLOSED DUE TO FLOODING" sign is visible.



## Spring-Cleaning Tips

It's that time of year again, the weather is warming up, and it's time to start your spring-cleaning routines. If you are getting rid of things that are needlessly filling up your home, there are many options available to property owners:

**Recycle it:** Roanoke County currently offers several recycling drop off locations in addition to the Tinker Creek Transfer Stations. Please see the following Roanoke County [link](#) for more information regarding locations and materials that are accepted.



**Sell it and Donate it:** Garage sales or consignment shops are an option. Roanoke County allows garage or yard sales provided that such sales occur no more than two days in a two month period. Please call Roanoke County Planning at 540-772-2086 for more information.



**Dispose of it:** If you choose to dispose of materials or household items, please refer to Roanoke County General Services Bulk and Brush

# COMMUNITY MEETING RECAP

## East Roanoke River Greenway Gap Feasibility Study



Drone Imagery  
Courtesy of RVTVA  


Roanoke County hosted two meetings for the community to review, discuss and comment on potential greenway routes to connect existing segments of the Roanoke River Greenway between the City of Roanoke and new greenway constructed near the Blue Ridge Parkway.

A total of 71 people attended the February 5th meeting at the Charles R. Hill Community Center in the Town of Vinton and 67 people attended the February 10th meeting at Mount Pleasant Elementary School.

Please visit the [project webpage](#) to view the map and find additional information. Another round of community meetings will take place this summer.

[Project Webpage](#)



Mount Pleasant Elementary School Meeting



Charles R. Hill Community Center Meeting

# Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

## Adopted February 25th

On February 25th, the Board of Supervisors held a public hearing and adopted the Safe Streets and Roads for All Comprehensive Safety Action Plan as part of the Roanoke County 200 Plan. This plan is the result of collaboration between Roanoke County, Botetourt County and the Town of Vinton and has been developed through the Federal Highway Administration's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program with the goal of preventing deaths and serious injuries for all roadway users.



County staff will now focus on implementing the recommendations included in the plan for high crash corridors and intersections. To read the adopted plan and find more information, visit the [project website](#).



### New Bus Shelter installed in front of Copper Croft Apartments



A new Tanglewood-branded bus shelter has been installed in front of Copper Croft Apartments on Route 419! The installation of this shelter was made possible through grant funding Roanoke County received from the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) and implements the adopted 419 Town Center Plan's (2019) recommendations of expanding transit options and streetscape amenities. The new bus shelter would not have been possible without close coordination between Roanoke County, Virginia Department of Transportation, and Valley Metro.

### Roanoke Valley Television Awarded Two Summit Awards from PRSA Blue Ridge

Roanoke Valley Television (RVT) brought home two awards from the Blue Ridge Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America at their Summit Awards

event February 27th for their **Shuttle Hustle** video! The awards event recognizes the best public relations campaigns and tactics in the region, and RVTV earned both a Gold Summit Award (Video Under 2 Min) and Best in Show (Tactics). Congratulations RVTV!



## Events & Activities

### Spring RecLife Brochure Now Available

Roanoke County Parks, Recreation & Tourism's lineup of Spring Recreation Programs is now available! Pick up a copy of the Spring RecLife Brochure at Green Ridge Recreation Center, Brambleton Recreation Center, Explore Park or [view it online here](#).



[ExploreRecreation.com](#)

### "The Wild Robot"

Come watch "The Wild Robot", an Academy Award nominated animated film about a robot named Roz who must learn to adapt to its new surroundings after being shipwrecked on a deserted island.

Tuesday, March 18th  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
South County Library Auditorium



### Walking at Green Hill Park

Join Brambleton Center staff and Therapeutic Recreation Services of the

Roanoke Valley for a unique, collaborative stroll on trails at Green Hill Park. Get your steps in while building community connections! [Register today.](#)

Monday, March 24th 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Meet at the Brambleton Center



## Mason's Cove Potluck Luncheon

Join Parks, Recreation and Tourism staff at the Mason's Cove Civic League to learn more about programs in your community and opportunities for team-building, environmental education and outdoor adventure. [Register here.](#)

Friday, March 28th  
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
Mason's Cove Civic League



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	WORKSHOP #1	WORKSHOP #2	WORKSHOP #3
WHEN:	Thursday March 13, 2025	Tuesday March 18, 2025	Friday April 4, 2025
WHERE:	Bent Mountain Center (GYM)	Hollins Library (Meeting Room)	Brambleton Center (Room 2F)
TIME:	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	4:30 PM - 6:30 PM	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?** Call Roanoke County 540-772-2036 or RVARC 540-343-4417 (x308).

## Annual Publication of the Stormwater Guide for Homeowners

Development Services is pleased to announce its annual publication of the **Stormwater Guide for Homeowners**, which may be accessed [here](#).

The newsletter offers educational information about stormwater runoff and provides easy ways for homeowners to help reduce stormwater pollution around their homes. Articles include:

- What is Stormwater, and Where Does It Go?
- FREE Septic Pump-out Program
- Fouling Waterways: Not All Animal Waste is Created Equal
- Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination (IDDE) Program
- Surface Water: The "Common Enemy"
- FAQs About Stormwater-related Issues



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## Glenvar Center Plan



Hi Alex,

### Introducing the Glenvar Center Plan!

One of the recommendations of the [Roanoke County 200 Plan](#) is to develop plans for Activity Centers that have been identified throughout Roanoke County. Activity Centers are densely populated areas along major transportation corridors that have existing public and institutional uses, contain employment and housing opportunities, and have the potential for high-density mixed-use walkable development.

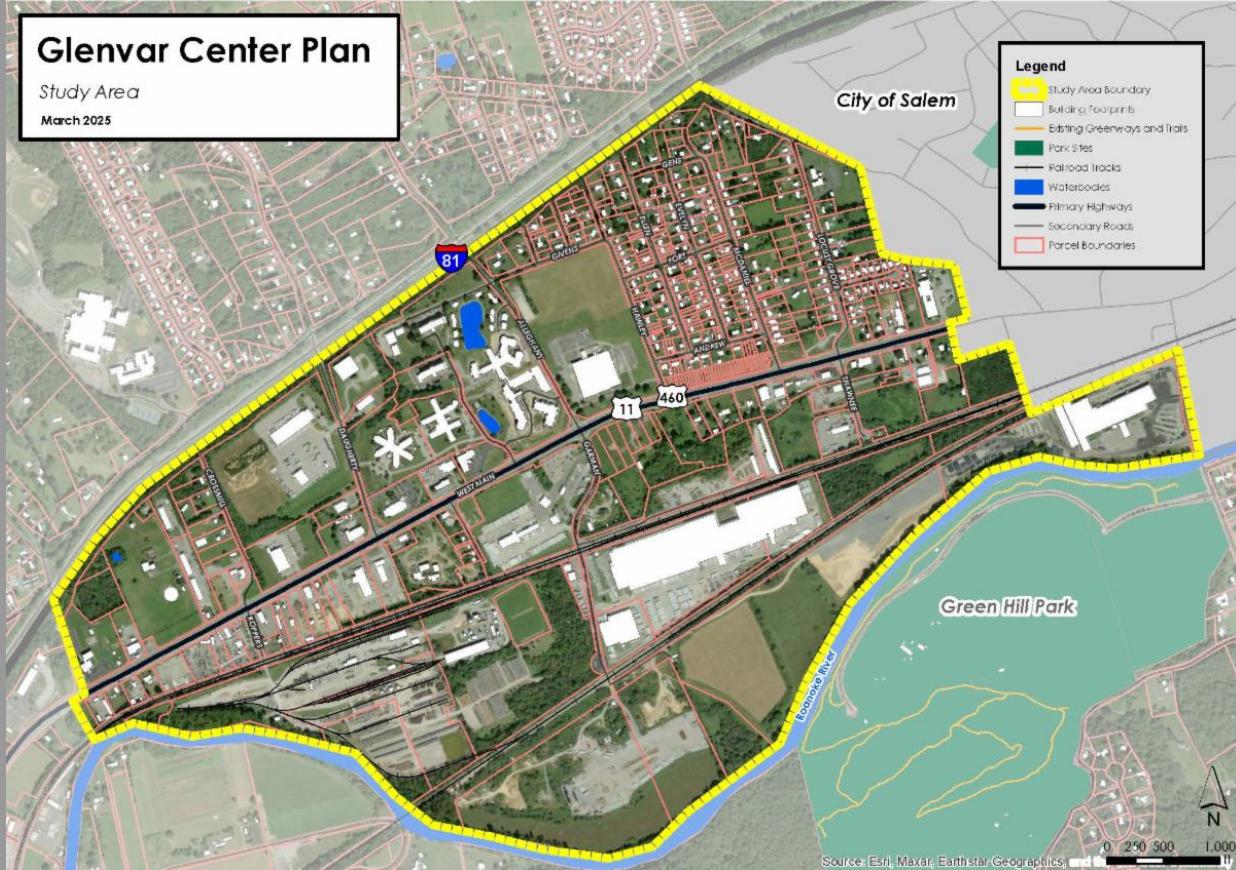
The 200 Plan listed the Glenvar area in the top tier of recommended Activity Centers and a planning study is now underway for a [Glenvar Center Plan](#). The first round of open house-style community meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, April 30th and Wednesday, May 7th. Both meetings will be held from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Fort Lewis Elementary School Gymnasium, 3115 West Main Street, Salem, VA 24153.

Whether you live, work, visit, or travel through the Glenvar Center area, we'd love to hear from you!

Click Here to Sign Up for  
Updates

## Glenvar Center Plan

Study Area  
March 2025



## Public Meetings



### April 1st, 2025 - Planning Commission

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on the following:

1. The petition of Payal Shah to obtain a special use permit to operate a short-term rental on approximately 0.54 acre of land zoned R-1, Low Density Residential District, located at 5855 Winnbrook Drive, Windsor Hills Magisterial District. **(POSTPONED BY APPLICANT)**
2. The petition of Cavern, LLC to rezone approximately 1.286 acres from R-1, Low Density Residential District, to C-2 High Intensity Commercial District, to construct a hotel located at 5709, 5755, and 5761 Fallbrooke Drive, Catawba Magisterial District.
3. The petition of Sergei Larin to rezone approximately 0.7155 acre of land from AR, Agricultural/Residential District, to AV, Agricultural/Village Center District, and to obtain a special use

permit to operate retail sales located in the 3600 block on Bradshaw Road, Catawba Magisterial District.

4. The petition of Roanoke Valley Holdings, LLC to rezone approximately 11.688 acres from C-2S, High Intensity Commercial District with special use permit, to R-3, Medium Density Multi-Family Residential District, located at 5627 and 5633 Williamson Road and along the 5300 and 5400 block of Florist Road, Hollins Magisterial District.

## April 2nd, 2025 - West Roanoke River Greenway Phase 2 Community Meeting

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Fort Lewis Elementary School

*See more information in the 'News and Updates' section below*

## April 22nd, 2025 - Board of Supervisors

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on the following:

1. The petition of Cavern, LLC.
2. The petition of Sergei Larin.
3. The petition of Roanoke Valley Holdings, LLC.

## April 30th, 2025 - Glenvar Center Plan Community Meeting

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Fort Lewis Elementary School

*See more information in the 'News and Updates' section below*

## News & Updates

### West Roanoke River Greenway Phase 2 Community Meeting



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Fort Lewis Elementary School Gymnasium  
3115 West Main Street, Salem, VA 24153

Open house-style meeting where attendees may come and go as they please.  
*Inclement weather date is April 7, 2025, at the same time and location.*



The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Review feedback from the April 2024 community meeting
- Consider and provide comments on potential Phase 2 greenway alignments
- Learn about the status of Phase 1 of the project currently under construction

A survey will be available from April 2, 2025, through April 25, 2025, at  
[www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/WRRGPhase2](http://www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/WRRGPhase2)

## Glenvar Center Plan Community Meetings



**Wednesday, April 30, 2025 | 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**  
Fort Lewis Elementary School Gymnasium  
3115 West Main Street, Salem, VA 24153

**Wednesday, May 7, 2025 | 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**  
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- Residential, commercial, and industrial development or redevelopment opportunities;
- Public facilities (schools, libraries, etc.); and
- Natural and cultural resources.

Visit the [project webpage](#) for more information or [click here](#) to sign up for updates.

Questions? Contact Isaac Henry, Principal Planner at (540) 772-2140 or [ihenry@roanokecountyva.gov](mailto:ihenry@roanokecountyva.gov)

## Route 419 Pedestrian and Safety Improvements (Grandin Road Extension to Brambleton Avenue)

A community meeting was held on March 13th at Oak Grove Elementary School for the Route 419 Safety and Pedestrian Improvements between Grandin Road Extension and Brambleton Avenue. A total of 63 people attended to review and comment on funded improvements along the corridor which include:

- Sidewalk along Route 419 from Grandin Road Extension to Glen Heather Drive;
- Restricted Crossing U-Turns at Route 419/Glen Heather Drive and at Route 419/Stoneybrook Drive; and
- Pedestrian signals with crosswalks at Route 419/Postal Drive and at Route 419/Brambleton Avenue.

Construction is anticipated in 2027. Visit the [project webpage](#) for additional information.



## Residential Chicken Keeping

Residents in non-agricultural areas may keep chickens (not roosters) as an accessory use to a single-family dwelling on their property. The maximum number of chickens allowed is dependent on the lot size:

Lot Size	Maximum Number of Female
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	Chickens (Hens)
20,000 square feet or less	6
20,001 square feet to 1.0 acre	9
Greater than 1.0 acre	12

If you are interested in keeping chickens, please read [Section 5-38](#) of Roanoke County Code and apply for a free Zoning Permit on the Second Floor of the Roanoke County Administration Center at 5204 Bernard Drive. You can also email the [application](#) to [Planning@RoanokeCountyVA.gov](mailto:Planning@RoanokeCountyVA.gov).



## VDOT Seeks Input on Interstate 81 2025 Corridor Improvement Plan

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has launched a new study to further improve the Interstate 81 corridor. The I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan (CIP) will analyze the interstate's entire 325 miles in Virginia. The first phase of the study focuses on identifying safety and congestion issues along the corridor.

As part of this first phase, VDOT is seeking feedback from the public to determine whether recent traffic-data aligns with what drivers experience while traveling along the corridor. This public engagement period, which is open until April 15, includes a survey with an interactive map that allows the public to pinpoint locations where they experience issues on the corridor.

[Take the Survey](#)

[Project Webpage](#)

Comments can also be sent to [va81corridorplan@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:va81corridorplan@vdot.virginia.gov) or by postal mail to Robert J. Williams, Virginia Department of Transportation, 1401 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219.



[Events & Activities](#)

## Blue Ridge Kite Festival

Join Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism for the 24th Annual Blue Ridge Kite Festival at Green Hill Park. We will fill the sky with thousands of colorful kites, and a fantastic family atmosphere.

Saturday, April 19th  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Green Hill Park



APRIL 19, 2025

## Food Truck Thursdays

Join us this spring as we transform various parks into a foodie haven, showcasing a diverse lineup of food trucks. This is the perfect way to explore new parks and enjoy the great outdoors on your lunch break!

Thursday, April 24th  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Green Hill Park



## Vinton Dogwood Festival

Come enjoy a weekend of family entertainment while promoting the Town of Vinton and businesses around Virginia's Blue Ridge! Activities will include a parade, vendors, activities, food, and fun for all ages!

Friday, April 25th & Saturday April 26th  
Downtown Vinton, VA



## Paint and Pour

Unleash your creativity while enjoying the perfect pint at our Paint & Pour night! Whether you're a seasoned artist or a first-time painter, our talented instructor will guide you step by step as

you create your own masterpiece.  
Registration is \$30.

Saturday, April 26, 2025  
4:00 - 6:00 PM  
Twin Creeks Brewpub at Explore Park



## Development News

### SEEKING PUBLIC COMMENT

In accordance with the Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit requirements, Roanoke County updated its Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Action Plans for three pollutants of concern: Bacteria (E. coli), Sediment, and Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs).

Pursuant to the permit, the County is offering the public an opportunity to comment on these Action Plans from April 1 - April 15, 2025.

To view the plans, please click on the following links:

- [Bacteria TMDL Action Plan](#)
- [Sediment TMDL Action Plan](#)
- [PCBs TMDL Action Plan](#)

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WORKSHOP #3	
WHEN:	Friday, April 4, 2025
WHERE:	Brambleton Center (Room 2F)
TIME:	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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# ROANOKE COUNTY ARBOR DAY 2025



Hi Alex,

## Arbor Day Celebration

On Friday, April 25th, Roanoke County held its annual Arbor Day Celebration at Glenvar Elementary School where ten new shade trees were planted on the school's property at the corner of Tobey Road and Malus Drive. Glenvar Elementary School fourth graders helped to commemorate Arbor Day by reading poems they wrote about trees and presenting their original tree-themed artwork. Guests at the event included our Virginia Department of Forestry area foresters and Smokey Bear.

This year marks the 27th year that Roanoke County has been designated as a Tree City USA. The trees planted at Glenvar Elementary School were funded by the Arbor Day Foundation regional grant submitted by Roanoke County through the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission.

In addition to the many benefits that trees provide our community, these new trees help to enhance the beauty of the Glenvar area, which is the location of the new [Glenvar Center Plan](#) study. The second kick-off meeting for this planning study will be held this Wednesday, May 7th, and we look forward to hearing more input from area residents, businesses, and visitors about what needs may exist and what changes can be made over the next 10-15 years to help promote economic development and improve the quality of life for the Glenvar area.



## May 7th, 2025 - Glenvar Center Plan Community Meeting

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Fort Lewis Elementary School

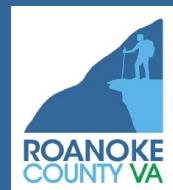
*See more information in the 'News and Updates' section below*

## May 20th, 2025 - Planning Commission

The Planning Commission will hold a work session at 6:00 PM to discuss possible amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

## News & Updates

### COMMUNITY MEETING RECAP West Roanoke River Greenway Phase 2



Roanoke County hosted an open house-style community meeting for the West Roanoke River Greenway Phase 2 between the new trailhead parking lot under construction and Green Hill Park on April 2, 2025, at Fort Lewis Elementary School.

A total of 71 people attended to review community feedback from the April 2024 community meeting, to review and comment on potential greenway routes and to receive an update on Phase 1 construction.

The meeting information is posted on the [project webpage](#).



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### Cutting of Grass and Weeds Required

**DID YOU KNOW?** Residential and commercial property owners in Roanoke County are required to ensure that grass and/or weeds do not exceed twelve (12) inches in height. Any concerns regarding high grass and/or weeds can be reported online using the [Submit Neighborhood](#)

Concerns application or by calling 540-772-2068.



## Take the Shuttle to Dragon's Tooth Trailhead!

It's official - the McAfee Knob Trailhead Shuttle operates a shuttle stop at the Dragon's Tooth trailhead! If you're looking for a weekend adventure, take the Shuttle from any of its [pick up locations](#) and enjoy the scenic views as you're transported over the mountain while avoiding the hassle of parking. The Shuttle drops off and picks up hikers every 20 minutes past the hour so planning your next trip is easy! [Book online today.](#)





## DRPT Seeks Community Input for the Coordinated Human Services Mobility Plan Survey

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) invites Virginians to share their input in a survey through May 4 to help improve transportation access for individuals with disabilities, seniors, veterans, and people with low incomes.

This survey is part of DRPT's update to the Coordinated Human Services Mobility Plan (CHSM). The CHSM Plan helps identify transportation challenges and develop solutions that promote mobility, remove barriers, and reduce service gaps across Virginia. Community feedback is essential in shaping policies that enhance accessibility and efficiency.

Your voice matters. [Click here to take the survey](#) by May 4 and help make transportation more accessible for everyone in the Commonwealth. To learn more about the initiative, visit the [DRPT CHSM Plan webpage](#).



### Events & Activities

#### Parkside Picks

Looking for a fun-filled day of treasure hunting and community camaraderie

in a flea market setting? Look no further! Join us for the 2nd annual Parkside Picks in beautiful Green Hill Park.

Saturday, May 3rd  
8 AM - 1 PM  
Green Hill Park



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Roanoke County Admin Building

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Green Hill Park



## Tavern Stage

Get ready for a summer full of music, relaxation, and good vibes at the Twin Creek's Explore Park location! Grab your lawn chair, gather your friends and family, and join us in kicking off the Summer Music Series with GAK!

Friday, May 9th, 6 PM - 8:30 PM  
Lawn opens at 5:30 PM  
Twin Creeks at Explore Park



## Splash Valley Opening Weekend

Splash Valley Water Park's opening weekend is coming up! Celebrate Memorial Day weekend at the region's

top family-friendly water park which offers a fun-filled, refreshing experience for visitors of all ages.

Saturday May 24th through  
Monday May 26th  
7415 Wood Haven Road



**Splash Valley 2025 Season**  
[SplashValleyWaterPark.com](http://SplashValleyWaterPark.com)

## Development News

### Development Services Promoted Stormwater Management at the Blue Ridge Kite Festival

Development Services partnered with Parks, Recreation, and Tourism at the recent Blue Ridge Kite Festival, held at Green Hill Park in Salem, VA on April 19, 2025.

Stormwater inspectors Michelle Donohoe, Seth Carswell, and Taylor Adkins staffed a stormwater education booth that was a big hit. Michelle prepared many different materials and activities in advance, all designed to involve the kids and parents, including temporary tattoos, handouts, and an interactive Stream Table! Kids eagerly donned the macroinvertebrate tattoos and got their hands wet in the interactive (Michelle-made) Stream Table!



There was a constant crowd of people at the table, with many parents expressing how well the activities engaged their children. A big thank you to Michelle, Seth, and Taylor for getting the crowd excited about and engaged in stormwater and the environment. This was a resounding success!



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Hi Alex,

## Happy June!

As the days continue to get longer and the weather is warming up, we're looking forward to all that summer has to offer! Among many things, we're excited to continue development of the [Glenvar Center Plan](#), finalize the [West Roanoke River Greenway Feasibility Study](#), and complete the [survey](#) for the [Route 419 Safety Improvements Phase 3!](#)

We're also looking forward to many exciting out-of-the-office events and activities, including [Virginia's Blue Ridge Restaurant Week](#), the [Hello Summer Festival](#), and the [Color our World Summer Reading Program!](#)

To stay up to date on all the exciting things happening this summer, be sure to follow us on [Instagram!](#)

## Public Meetings



## June 3rd, 2025 - Planning Commission

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on the following:

1. Proposed amendments to the Roanoke County Zoning Ordinance.  
The proposed amendments would amend Sec. 30-90 (Site Development Plans) in Article V (Development Standards) regarding the information required on site plans (Sec. 30-90-1), the format of plans (Sec. 30-90-2), and the minimum standards and improvements required (Sec. 30-90-4) addressing individual lot drainage, stormwater management, and erosion and sediment control. The proposed amendments would also amend Sec. 30-100-1 (Plot Plans) in Article V (Development Standards) addressing individual lot drainage, stormwater management, and erosion and sediment control.

## June 18th, 2025 - Board of Zoning Appeals

The Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on the following:

1. The petition for a variance requested by Hughes & Associates of Section 30-41-3(B)3 of the Roanoke County Zoning Ordinance to reduce the rear yard setback from 25 feet to 10 feet. The property is located at 5179 Lakeland Drive, Tax map #: 076.20-07-08.0000 Roanoke, VA 24018. The property is zoned R-1, Low Intensity Residential District, and is located in the Windsor Hills Magisterial District

## June 24th, 2025 - Board of Supervisors

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on the following:

1. Possible amendments to the Roanoke County Zoning Ordinance.

## News & Updates



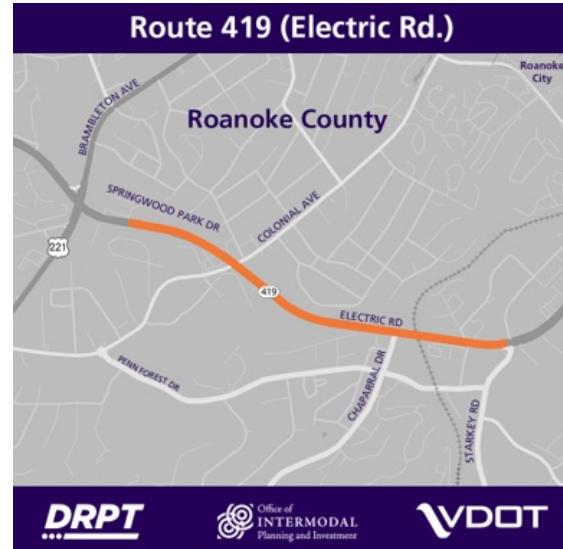
Survey Open Until June 16th  
for Route 419 Safety Improvements  
Phase 3 Study



and a recommendation was included in the [Roanoke County 200 Plan](#) to continue to study and improve the roadway for all users. Improvements have been made and are currently underway between [Route 220 and Ogden Road](#). In 2027, construction is anticipated to extend those improvements along [Route 419 between Ogden Road and Starkey Road](#). The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is now studying [Route 419 between Starkey Road and Springwood Park Drive](#) which handles 28,000 vehicle trips per day and ranks as the fifth busiest non-interstate roadway segment in Roanoke County.

The study will evaluate traffic operations and safety conditions for all users. Please complete an [online survey](#) by June 16, 2025, to identify existing problems along the study corridor. Please contact [Megan Cronise](#), Roanoke County Assistant Director of Planning, by phone at (540)-772-2106 for a paper survey.

Next steps include a community meeting and another survey later this year to review and comment on potential recommendations for improvements.



*(Click to Enlarge)*

View the [VDOT Project Webpage](#) or the [Roanoke County Project Webpage](#) for more information.



Glenvar Center Plan  
Community Meetings



Introductory meetings to the Glenvar Center Plan were held on April 30 and May 7 at Fort Lewis Elementary School. Over 100 people attended the open house-style meeting to review displays of existing conditions in the study area and provide feedback on what they would, and would not, like to see in the study area over the next 10-15 years.

For more information on the planning study or to review the information and meeting exhibits that were presented at the community meetings, please visit the Glenvar Center Plan [webpage](#).

## Sign Up for Plan Updates



## Swimming Pool Regulations

Are you considering installing a pool for the warm summer months ahead? Please be aware that any pool that is deeper than 24", has a surface area greater than 150 square feet, or holds more than 5,000 gallons will require a building permit. All pools that incorporate lighting, circulation equipment, or receptacle outlets will also require an electrical permit. [Pool permits](#) should be obtained through the [Office of Building Safety](#). If you have permitting questions, please call 540-772-2065, ext. 1.

**Please note:** all pools must comply with accessory structure standards for the zoning district in which they are located, including setback requirements. If you have questions about these zoning requirements, please call 540-772-2068.



# Welcome to our New Intern!



## William King, Summer Intern

William joins us as our department's summer intern! William is a Roanoke native and rising senior at James Madison University (Go Dukes!) where he is pursuing a degree in Accounting. After graduation, he plans to earn a graduate degree and CPA license to enter public accounting. William is a returning intern for the County, having worked with Roanoke County Parks, Recreation & Tourism last summer. William is eager to learn, adapt, and contribute to our team, and we're excited to have him with us this summer!

## Events & Activities

### Virginia's Blue Ridge Restaurant Week

It's time for a culinary metro mountain adventure in the Roanoke Region! The VBR Restaurant Week will feature exciting menus and specials from participating restaurants throughout Virginia's Blue Ridge.

Now through Sunday, June 8th



### Summer Reading Kick Off Party

It's time to celebrate the beginning of the Summer Reading Program! Come learn about our program where you can earn prizes, get your badges, and enjoy a fun day at the library!

Saturday, June 7th  
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
South County Library



## Tavern Stage

Join us for an evening full of music, relaxation, and good vibes at the Twin Creek's Explore Park location! Grab your lawn chair, gather your friends and family, and come enjoy an evening of psychedelic reggae with Father Sun!

Friday, June 13th , 6 PM - 8:30 PM  
Lawn opens at 5:30 PM  
Twin Creeks at Explore Park



## Hello Summer Festival

We're thrilled to celebrate the start of summer with the Hello Summer Festival! Kick off your weekend and the sunniest season of all with music, food and beverages, and family-friendly activities. Join us at 9:30 for the first Airloom Drone Show in our region!

Friday, June 20th  
6 PM - 10 PM  
Green Hill Park



## Development News

### Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Region Septic Pump-Out Program

Roanoke County is pleased to announce that it will once again partner with the [Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission](#) (RVARC) in a second round of grant funding through the [Virginia Environmental Endowment's Community Conservation Program](#) (CPP). The "Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Region Septic Pump-Out Program" will build on existing work by RVARC to bring septic pump-outs to low-income residents of the region. The awarded funds will be used to continue the existing program in Roanoke County for another three years. These funds will also expand RVARC's multi-county pump-out program to include Craig County, another jurisdiction within the CCP area. With the implementation of 145 cost-free pump-outs and both in-person and virtual education options for residents, the pump-out program will achieve CCP's goals of water quality improvement and education.

Large portions of Roanoke County and Craig County are rural and lack

access to public sewer infrastructure. Proper maintenance of septic systems helps protect local water quality; however, income and education may be a barrier to maintenance. With minimal existing opportunities for septic system education, this program will be vital for educating residents about their septic system and increasing the number of pump-outs completed in the region.

Roanoke County households with an annual income at or below 80% of the Area Median Income are eligible to apply for this program. To learn more about septic system maintenance and to submit an application, [click here](#).



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Hi Alex,

## Roanoke County Earns National Achievement Award for Roanoke County 200 Plan!

The *Roanoke County 200 Plan* has been recognized with an Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties (NACo). The awards honor innovative, effective county government programs that deliver measurable benefits to communities.

The *Roanoke County 200 Plan* was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in September 2024, after a four-year planning process that included three rounds of public outreach, with a total of 25 community meetings, 717 survey responses, and collaboration with 26 different stakeholder groups. The *200 Plan* was completed entirely in-house by Roanoke County Planning staff, without the use of consultants or subcontractors at any point in the process. The *200 Plan* consists of a countywide document as well as separate, fully developed documents for each of the County's 11 Community Planning Areas (CPAs).

"The Achievement Awards shine a spotlight on the hard work and innovation happening in county governments across the nation," said NACo President James Gore. "This year's winners highlight the dedication and creativity of county leaders and our teams to building thriving communities and providing the best possible services to our residents."

To read the adopted *Roanoke County 200 Plan*, click [here](#). More information about NACo's Achievement Awards can be found at: [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org)

# Public Meetings



## July 1st, 2025 - Planning Commission

The Planning Commission will hold public hearings at 7:00 p.m. on the following:

1. The petition of Shelley Friend to rezone approximately 4.51 acres from R-2, Medium Density Residential District, to AR, Agricultural/Residential District, to allow for a private stable located at 1709 Mayfield Drive, Vinton Magisterial District.
2. The petition of Craighead & Associates to obtain a special use permit to operate a car wash on approximately 0.71 acre on land zoned C-2, High Intensity Commercial District, located at 3664 Colonial Avenue, Cave Spring Magisterial District.
3. The petition of Challenge, LLC to obtain a special use permit to construct 28 townhouses on approximately 3.0 acres of land zoned R-2, Medium Density Residential District, located at 5811 Cove Road, Catawba Magisterial District.
4. Proposed amendments to the Roanoke County Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendments would: amend Sec. 30-1 (Authority and Citation) in Article I (General Provisions); add or amend definitions dealing with broadcast tower, wireless communication facility, and temporary portable storage containers in Sec. 30-28 (Definitions) and Sec. 30-29 (Use Types; Generally) in Article II (Definitions and Use Types); amend Article III (District Regulations) by adding wireless communication facility, Class 1, Class 2, and/or Class 3 as a permitted use and/or as a special use in agricultural zoning districts (AG-3, AG-1, AR, AV), residential zoning districts (R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4), commercial zoning districts (C-1, C-2), industrial zoning districts (I-1, I-2), and the EP (Explore Park) zoning district, and amend the site development regulations of the EP zoning district; amend and/or add use and design standards for accessory apartments, mini-warehouse, broadcasting tower, wireless communication facility, class 1, class 2, and class 3, and temporary portable storage containers as a residential accessory use in Article IV (Use and Design Standards); and amend the development standards for ground-mounted and pole-mounted solar energy systems in Sec. 30-100-13 (Solar energy systems) in Article V (Development Standards).

July 9th, 2025 - East Roanoke River Greenway Gap

## Feasibility Study Community Meeting

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Charles R. Hill Community Center

*See more information in the 'News and Updates' section below.*

## July 10th, 2025 - East Roanoke River Greenway Gap Feasibility Study Community Meeting

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Explore Park Visitor Center

*See more information in the 'News and Updates' section below.*

## July 14th, 2025 - Housing Market Analysis Study

### Kickoff Webinar

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual

*See more information in the 'News and Updates' section below.*

## July 17th, 2025 - Interstate 81 Corridor Improvement Plan Public Meeting

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Salem Civic Center

*See more information in the 'News and Updates' section below.*

## July 22nd, 2025 - Board of Supervisors

The Board of Supervisors will hold public hearings at 6:00 p.m. on the following:

1. The petition of Shelley Friend.
2. The petition of Craighead & Associates.
3. The petition of Challenge, LLC.
4. Proposed amendments to the Roanoke County Zoning Ordinance.

## News & Updates

### East Roanoke River Greenway Gap Feasibility Study



Drone Imagery  
Courtesy of RVT



# Community Meeting #2

to review, discuss and comment on preferred potential greenway routes to connect existing segments of the Roanoke River Greenway.

*Both meetings are identical so please attend the meeting that is most convenient for you. These are open house-style community meetings where attendees can come and go as they please.*

**July 9, 2025 | 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

Charles R. Hill Community Center  
820 Washington Avenue, Vinton, VA 24179

**July 10, 2025 | 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

Explore Park Visitor Center  
56 Roanoke River Parkway Road, Roanoke, VA 24014

Visit the project webpage at [www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/ERRGGap](http://www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/ERRGGap) to learn more and to take a survey by August 1, 2025.

## Housing Market Analysis Study Kickoff Webinar



Roanoke County has initiated a Housing Market Analysis Study to identify housing needs in the County and inform program, policy, and development recommendations for meeting those needs. The objectives of the Study are to:

- Identify housing (gaps (types, rates) and housing needs through a data-driven analysis of economic, demographic, commuter, residential and service factors for the region and individual localities.
- Engage a diverse coalition of planning, business, economic development, finance, development, service, and housing stakeholders in the data collection, review and identification of housing needs and opportunities.
- Provide necessary data with which to develop recommendations on future housing development(s) to meet the identified current and forecasted housing needs.
- Review the existing housing program structure and coalitions to identify opportunities to improve efficiencies and coordination.
- Provide regional and locality-specific housing program recommendations to support increasing affordable and workforce housing in the region.

A kickoff webinar will be held virtually on **July 14, 2025** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Information on joining the webinar virtually will be published on the [Housing Market Analysis Study webpage](#) prior to the meeting.



## CORTAN Service Update: New Provider, Same Great Service!

We're excited to share an important update with our CORTAN riders.

Beginning on **Monday, August 4, 2025**, Virginia Regional Transit (VRT) will become our new partner, providing transportation services for the CORTAN program. VRT has over 35 years of experience in transit operations across Virginia, and we look forward to the continued high-quality service our riders expect.

### What's Staying the Same?

- Your current CORTAN ID number
- Fare and eligibility requirements
- Services days and hours

Our goal during this transition is for it to be seamless for riders, and there is **no action required for existing CORTAN riders at this time**. We are committed to ensuring a smooth transition and appreciate your continued support of the CORTAN program.

Be on the lookout for additional information to be mailed to existing CORTAN riders in the coming weeks.

Should you have any questions, you may contact staff at (540) 776-7271 or by email at [CORTAN@RoanokeCountyVA.gov](mailto:CORTAN@RoanokeCountyVA.gov).

Learn more about CORTAN online [here](#).

Thank you for riding with CORTAN!



## Planning Staff Graduate from Leadership Roanoke Valley



Congratulations to our dedicated staff members, Paula Benke and Isaac Henry, on completing this year's [Leadership Roanoke Valley](#) (LRV) program presented by the [Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce](#)!

Founded in 1983 by the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce, LRV recruits and inspires diverse emerging leaders from across the Roanoke Valley. Each August, participants from various sectors begin a 10-month program to explore leadership, expand community awareness, and enhance their regional impact.

Participants graduate from the program with a greater understanding of the Roanoke region and the issues of the region's communities; increased awareness of different communication styles, teamwork and collaboration; and knowledge and access to resources needed to create change through community involvement.

We commend Paula and Isaac's time and effort in accomplishing this achievement and look forward to the valuable leadership they will continue to bring our community!



# Interstate 81 Corridor Improvements Plan Public Meetings



The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), in partnership with the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI) and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), has initiated a study to develop a Corridor Improvement Plan (CIP) for the entire length of the Interstate 81 corridor in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The study team appreciates the public feedback received in Round 1 (Issue Identification) and is now requesting additional feedback in Round 2 (Potential Solutions) to identify potential improvements along I-81, focusing on segments that have the highest rate and severity of crashes, or the most significant traffic delays. This study excludes portions of the interstate where widening or truck-climbing lanes were recently completed or are under development.

Round 2 will consist of four public meetings throughout the corridor in July 2025 with a meeting in Salem on **Thursday, July 17, 2025, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** at the Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, Salem, VA 24153.

An online survey will be available soon. Learn more on the [Interstate 81 2025 Corridor Improvement Plan webpage](#).

## Events & Activities

### 4th of July Celebration at Vinton War Memorial

Join the Town of Vinton for this free event with food trucks, festivities, and family fun - don't forget a chair or blanket for the fireworks show!

Friday, June 4th  
6:00 PM - festivities  
9:30 PM - fireworks show  
Vinton War Memorial



### Catawba Farmers Market

Grab your market bag and check out what seasonal produce is available from local farms in the Catawba Valley. The market is open each Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. until the second week of October, rain

or shine!

Each Thursday until October 9th  
3:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
4965 Catawba Creek Road, Catawba



### Tavern Stage

Join us for an evening full of music, relaxation, and good vibes at the Twin Creek's Explore Park location! Grab your lawn chair, gather your friends and family, and come enjoy an evening of yacht rock with Empty Bottles!

Friday, July 18th , 7:15 PM - 8:30 PM  
Lawn opens at 5:30 PM  
Twin Creeks at Explore Park



### Beat the Heat Summer Movie - Luca (PG!)

Enjoy the cool temperatures in the heat of the day at the Glenvar Library and watch Luca - a coming-of-age story about a young sea monster who explores life on land with his friend while hiding his true identity.

Wednesday, July 23rd  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Glenvar Library



### Development News

Development Services wins  
National Achievement Award for  
Citizen Connect Permits Web Application



The Citizen Connect Permit Status Application designed by Development Services has been recognized with an Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties (NACo) in the category of Community and Economic Development. This award category goes to programs that foster and create conditions to support community and economic development, including enhancing processes and partnerships that strengthen communities.

The Citizen Connect Permit Status Application is a valuable tool for residents and businesses alike. By providing easy access to permit status information, it enhances transparency and streamlines communication between citizens and the Development Services department. Users can conveniently check the status of their applications by searching through various criteria, which can significantly reduce the volume of inquiries made via phone or email. The integration of technologies like Esri's ArcGIS Experience Builder and Cityworks API showcases a modern approach to managing public services, making the development process more efficient. This initiative not only benefits users by providing timely information but also helps the County manage resources more effectively.

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## CALLING ALL CREATORS!

To kickoff the start of August, Planning staff is teaming up with Roanoke County Public Library and other County staff for a one-of-a-kind community-wide art competition, and we want **YOUR** creative ideas! From **August 4th through August 30th**, artists of all ages and skill levels are invited to submit original artwork using entry forms [available online](#) and at all Roanoke County Library branches for the chance to inspire real murals at three library locations.

For more information, check out the 'News and Updates' section below.

## Public Meetings



## August 5th, 2025 - Planning Commission

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on the following:

1. The petition of Hamlar Properties, LLC, to rezone approximately 3.8 acres from AR, Agricultural/Residential District, to R-3, Medium Density Multi-Family Residential District, to construct a multi-family development located at 3037 and 3133 Rutrough Road, Vinton Magisterial District.

## August 19th, 2025 - Board of Supervisors

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing at 2:00 p.m. on the following:

1. The petition of Hamlar Properties, LLC.

## News & Updates

### Mural Concept Contest



Roanoke County Public Library and County staff are teaming up for a one-of-a-kind community-wide art competition, and we want YOUR creative ideas! From **August 4th through August 30th**, artists of all ages and skill levels are invited to submit original artwork using forms [available online](#) and at all Roanoke County Library branches for the chance to inspire real murals at three library locations. It's your chance to be part of something bold, colorful, and community-powered!

- **KIDS (12 & Under):** Your design could be the inspiration for a painted storm drain mural at the Vinton Library - painted by a local professional muralist! Entries should focus on nature, animals, or protecting our waterways from stormwater pollution - turning a storm drain into a powerful reminder of how we all play a part in keeping our environment safe and clean.



- **TEENS (13 - 17):** The winning teen artwork will inspire another storm drain mural at South County Library, also painted by a local muralist. Think rain, rivers, fish, forests - whatever inspires you to celebrate the natural world and protect our waterways.
- **ADULTS (18+):** The winning adult design will be used in collaboration with local muralist Jon Murrill in designing a vibrant exterior wall mural at the Bent Mountain Library. There's room for creative freedom here, but bonus points for designs that highlight the scenic beauty of the Bent Mountain community, the magic of books, and the vital role libraries and education play in our lives.



All Roanoke County residents within the listed age groups are welcome to enter! Whether you're a crayon-wielding kid, a sketchpad-carrying teen, or an adult with a love for color and community, this is your moment to shine. Submit your masterpiece to any Roanoke County Public Library location, or by visiting [rocolibrary.org](http://rocolibrary.org) by **August 30th!**

For updates, follow the project on social media: [@rocopublib](https://www.instagram.com/rocopublib)





The survey for Roanoke County's Housing Market Analysis Study remains open through **August 15th**. Responses to this survey will help Roanoke County and its consultant, **RKG Associates**, better understand the current state of housing in the County and formulate draft policy recommendations to address gaps in the local housing market.

A recording of the kickoff webinar for the Housing Market Analysis Study, held July 14th, is available on the study webpage. For more information on the study, and to watch the kickoff webinar recording and take the survey, please visit [www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/HousingStudy](http://www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/HousingStudy).

Take the Survey  
Before August 15

Watch the Kickoff  
Webinar

Please contact Isaac Henry, Principal Planner, with any questions at (540) 772-2140 or [ihenry@roanokecountyva.gov](mailto:ihenry@roanokecountyva.gov).

## New CORTAN Provider: Virginia Regional Transit



We're excited to welcome **Virginia Regional Transit** (VRT) as the new service provider for the CORTAN program! Riders will enjoy the same great service, with a new partner dedicated to getting Roanoke County residents aged 65 or better and/or individuals with a disability where they need to be.



Reminder: You'll still use the same number, (540) 776-7271, to be connected to VRT to schedule and

[CORTAN Website](#)

pay for your trips.

## Utility Trailer and RV Parking

If you keep a utility trailer or recreational vehicle (RV), including a boat, at your home in a residential or AR zoning district (multi-family developments excluded), you must park the vehicle behind the front building line of your home (next to or beside your home) or within an enclosed garage. Call the Planning office at 540-772-2068 if you live on a corner lot and are unsure of where you can legally park an RV or trailer.



Please note that RVs shall not be used for living or business purposes and shall not be connected to utility services except for maintenance purposes. For further information see [Zoning Ordinance Section 30-91-2.2](#) or call the Planning office at (540) 772-2068.

## 2025 BEAP Grant Opportunity - Business Equipment Acquisition Program

The Roanoke County Economic Development Authority is now accepting applications for the 2025 [Business Equipment Acquisition Program](#) (BEAP) Grant. Eligible for-profit businesses located in Roanoke County or the Town of Vinton may receive reimbursement funding for up to 50% of capital equipment purchases, capped at \$20,000.

To qualify, businesses must have at least two full-time employees, a current business license, and be in good standing with local requirements. Equipment must be purchased after grant approval and within six months of the award date.

Applications are due by September 5, 2025.

[Learn more and apply here!](#)

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BUSINESS EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION PROGRAM

# BEAP

ROANOKE COUNTY VA GRANT 2025



Up to \$20,000 in reimbursement funding to help your business grow!

## Events & Activities

### 2nd Annual Car & Motorcycle Show

Spend a Saturday up on the mountain and enjoy a variety of classic cars, music and food! Have a car or motorcycle you'd like to show? Register it online [here](#)!

Saturday, August 9th  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Bent Mountain Center

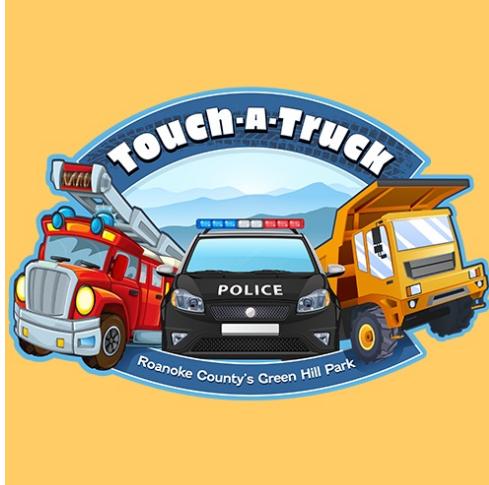
### 2nd Annual Car & Motorcycle Show



### Touch-A-Truck

Touch-A-Truck is revving up again at Green Hill Park! Explore, interact, and learn about dozens of fascinating vehicles with the chance to step inside, climb aboard, and engage with the operators! Arrive early at 9:00 AM for a sensory-friendly hour.

Saturday, August 9th  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Green Hill Park



### Tavern Stage

Join us for an evening full of music, relaxation, and good vibes at the Twin Creek's Explore Park location! Grab your lawn chair, gather your friends and family, and come enjoy an evening with tribute band Creedence Clearwater Recital!

Friday, August 15th, 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM  
Lawn opens at 5:30 PM  
Twin Creeks at Explore Park



## Parrotheads on the Parkway

Escape to an island state of mind at Parrotheads on the Parkway, a brand-new Jimmy Buffett-themed celebration on the lawn outside Twin Creeks Brewpub at Explore Park!

Saturday, August 30th  
4:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Lawn opens at 3:30 PM  
Explore Park



## Development News

### Annual "It's Just Dirt" Newsletter

Development Services recently published its annual "It's Just Dirt" newsletter. The newsletter was mailed to all land-disturbing contractors, land developers, and consulting firms in the region, including the Roanoke Regional Home Builders Association. This informative newsletter covers the following topics:

- Protecting Waterways: A guide to turbidity and dewatering (requirements from the [Virginia 2024 Construction General Permit](#))
- Minimum standards for erosion and sediment control (from Virginia's Erosion and Stormwater Management regulation [9VAC23-875](#)) - all 19 of them, word for word, with some helpful tips
- The power of native plants for stormwater management
- Stormwater Clean Award - first time winners ([ABoone Real Estate, Inc.](#) and [Roanoke County Public Schools](#))
- Making wise choices for water and wildlife
- Erosion and Sediment Control Program - agricultural exemption facts
- Fouling waterways - not all concrete is the same

## Free Septic Pump-Out Program Last Spots of the Season!

Roanoke County and the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission (RVARC) have partnered using grant funds from the Virginia Environmental Endowment to provide a no-cost septic tank pump-out program to qualified Roanoke County residents. This program aims to reduce the environmental impacts and property damage caused by failed septic systems. There are only a few available spots left for the season, so hurry and apply now!

**WHO IS QUALIFIED?** Households with an annual income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Line are eligible to apply for this program.

**HOW TO APPLY?** Watch an informational [video](#) to learn more and fill out the [online application](#).

For any questions, please contact Terra Famuliner with RVARC at [tfamuliner@rvarc.org](mailto:tfamuliner@rvarc.org) or (540) 343-4417.



# FREE SEPTIC PUMP-OUT PROGRAM

Hurry - only a few more spots left for the season!



[rvarc.org/septic](http://rvarc.org/septic)



Virginia  
Environmental  
Endowment

Households with an annual household income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Line are eligible to apply.

## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS Storm Drain Stenciling Program

Stenciling storm drain inlets is an easy way to provide a visual reminder that stormwater goes, untreated, to nearby waterways. And, it is a

direct and cost-effective project to remind people not to dump ANYTHING into the drainage system.

Volunteer storm drain stenciling projects offer an educational pollution prevention activity with a lasting effect. Storm drain stenciling is a practical, positive, easy first step toward public education, investment, and support. Stenciled storm drains will raise citizen awareness and educate the public about stormwater runoff and nonpoint source pollution. Please volunteer today by filling out this [volunteer form](#).



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## Happy September!

This cooler weather has us looking forward to all that September has to offer! Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism is ramping up their events this fall with the final installment of the [Tavern Stage Summer Music Series](#), the [Bent Mountain Fall Festival](#), and a new event - the [Explore & Pour Artisan Market & Wine Festival](#). If you're looking for a chance to explore outdoors this month, don't forget the [McAfee Knob Trailhead Shuttle](#) is still running through November, which is the perfect way to get up the mountain and experience McAfee Knob or Dragon's Tooth without the hassle of finding a spot at the trailhead!

To stay up-to-date with us throughout the month, make sure to follow us on [Facebook](#).

## Public Meetings



## September 2, 2025 - Planning Commission

The Planning Commission will hold a work session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the West Roanoke River Greenway Feasibility Study and the Glenvar Center Plan.

## September 25, 2025 - Windsor Hills Magisterial District Community Meeting

Time: Presentation to begin at 6:00 PM

Location: South County Library, 6303 Merriman Road, Roanoke, VA 24018

*More information in the 'News and Updates' section below*

## News & Updates



### Windsor Hills District Community Meeting

Hosted by Board of Supervisors  
Chairman David Radford

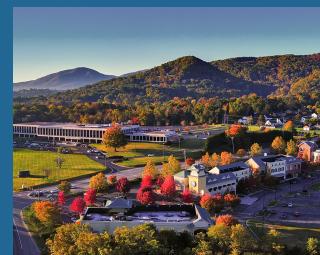


Thursday, September 25 | Presentation to begin at 6:00 p.m.

South County Library | 6303 Merriman Road, Roanoke, VA 24018

Presentation topics to include:

- Economic Development Projects
- Planning, Transportation & Capital Projects
- General County Budget Information
- Questions, Concerns & Comments



[www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov](http://www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov)

## Call for Artists! Paint Murals on Storm Drains

To help bring the chosen concepts resulting from the Mural Concept

Contest, we're looking for artists to paint murals on two storm drains in Roanoke County: one at the South County Library and one at the Vinton Library! Artists will receive \$500 per storm drain mural and their materials paid for, and will serve on a judge panel for the Mural Concept Contest to help select the winning design that will be painted. **The deadline to apply is Friday, September 5, 2025.**



To apply, please email the following to [sgilmore@roanokecountyva.gov](mailto:sgilmore@roanokecountyva.gov):

- Description of interest and experience painting storm drains or similar surfaces;
- A current resume with contact information and webpage, if applicable;
- At least three (3) examples of previous artwork/murals; and
- Availability to perform work between the months of September '25 through November '25.

Questions? Contact us at (540) 772-2160



## □ Catch the Colors, Skip the Parking! □

□ Fall is right around the corner, which means one thing - leaf season is almost here! □ McAfee Knob is one of the most photographed spots on the Appalachian Trail, and there's no better time to visit than September, when the mountains transform into a canvas of gold, red, and orange.

To make your trip easier, the McAfee Knob Trailhead Shuttle is running and

ready to take you straight to the trailhead. Avoid the parking hassle, sit back, and enjoy the ride while saving yourself the stress of finding a spot during peak hiking season.



Whether you're planning a sunrise hike, a weekend adventure with friends, or your first-ever trip to McAfee Knob or Dragon's Tooth, the shuttle is the best way to experience two of Virginia's most breathtaking hikes this fall.

- Don't miss the chance to hike among the vibrant fall colors - hop on the shuttle and make your adventure even more memorable! Catch your ride at: [www.McAfeeShuttle.com](http://www.McAfeeShuttle.com)

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### Food Truck Thursday

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11:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Thursday September 4th, Walrond Park  
Thursday September 18th  
Roanoke County Admin Building  
5204 Bernard Drive



### Tavern Stage Summer Music Series

Join us for an evening full of music and relaxation at the Twin Creek's Explore Park location! Grab your lawn chair and enjoy an evening with Jordan Harman and the Humble Brags!

Friday, September 12th  
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM  
Lawn opens at 5:30 PM  
Twin Creeks at Explore Park

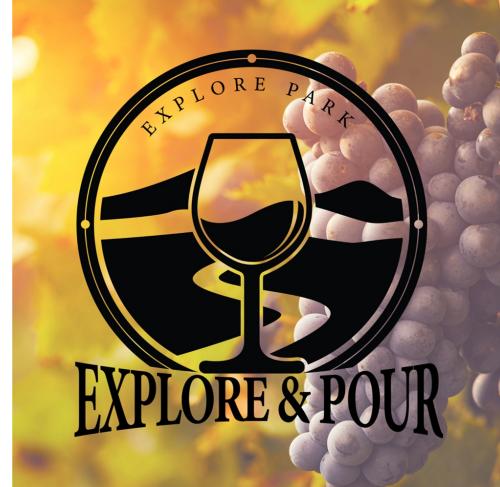


### Explore & Pour Artisan

## Market & Wine Festival

Spend the day at Explore Park enjoying wine tasting from a variety of labels while browsing goods from local artisan vendors and unwinding with live music in a scenic outdoor setting.

Saturday, September 13th  
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Explore Park



## Bent Mountain Fall Festival

Join us for the Bent Mountain Fall Festival, a day filled with fun, food, and festivities for all ages! You won't want to miss the unveiling of the winning Mural Concept Contest design!

Saturday, September 27th  
11:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Bent Mountain Center



## Development News

### Pool Maintenance Tips

**DID YOU KNOW?** Discharging pool chemicals to the storm drainage system is **ILLEGAL**, as such chemicals are toxic to the environment, wildlife, and fish. See the tips below to ensure your pool discharge is safe.

#### Pool Maintenance Tips:

- Let pool water sit for several days without treating it to allow chemicals to dissipate. Once the chemicals have dissipated, it is allowable to discharge to the storm drainage system.
  - Add sodium thiosulphate, a salt that breaks down chlorine, to the water for faster results (levels should be below 0.1 milligrams per liter of chlorine or bromine.)
  - The pH of the water should be between 6.5 and 9.5 before it is drained.
  - Avoid the use of algaecides, such as copper and silver, by proper maintenance of your pool's chemicals.
- Drain pool water that still contains chemicals to grassy areas, where it will soak into the ground rather than flow to nearby storm drains

(the lawn and soil will serve as natural filters). NOTE: Discharging saltwater into yards may cause some browning.

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more!



**Apply Now**



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Sincerely,  
Sarah Gilmore  
Planner II

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Hello!

## Happy National Community Planning Month!

This October, we're joining in the celebration of National Community Planning Month, and are recognizing the impact that planning has on improving Roanoke County in the present and in years to come. Our Department continuously works to improve the services, infrastructure, and development of the County, while ensuring that the natural and cultural resources that citizens value remain intact.

October has many community meetings scheduled that will focus on important planning topics. The second [Housing Market Analysis Study webinar](#) will discuss demographic and housing market data for the County on October 1st, and on October 6th, Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman Phil North will host a [Hollins District Community Meeting](#) to discuss topics related to economic development, transportation and the County budget. Later in the month on October 29th, we'll be hosting a second [Glenvar Center Plan community meeting](#) to review draft recommendations for the study area to be implemented over the next 15-20 years.

Find more information about these meetings and other events in the 'News and Updates' section below!

## Public Meetings



## October 1, 2025 - Housing Market Analysis Study Existing Conditions Webinar

Time: 6:00 - 7:30

Location: Virtual Webinar on Zoom

*See more information in the 'News and Updates' section below.*

## October 6, 2025 - Hollins District Community Meeting

Time: Presentation to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Green Ridge Recreation Center, 7415 Wood Haven Road, Roanoke, VA 24019

## October 7, 2025 - Planning Commission

The Planning Commission will hold public hearings at 7:00 p.m. on the following:

1. The petition of Hamlar Properties, LLC, to rezone approximately 3.8 acres from AR, Agricultural/Residential District, to AV, Agricultural/Village Center District, and obtain a special use permit to construct a multi-family development located at 3037 and 3133 Rutrough Road, Vinton Magisterial District.
2. The petition of Aila Boyd to obtain a special use permit to operate a short-term rental on approximately 0.5 acre of land zoned R-1, Low Density Residential District, located at 3352 Colonial Avenue, Cave Spring Magisterial District.
3. The petition of Hotel Shift Capital, LLC, to obtain a special use permit to construct 100+ multi-family dwelling units on approximately 3.35 acres of land zoned C-2, High Intensity Commercial District, located 6510 and 6520 Thirlane Road, Catawba Magisterial District.
4. The petition of WRV Properties, LLC, to rezone approximately 25.3 acres from ARS, Agricultural/Residential District, to I-1, Low Intensity Industrial District, and to obtain a special use permit to operate a construction yard located at 3233 Catawba Valley Drive, Catawba Magisterial District.

## October 28, 2025 - Board of Supervisors

The Board of Supervisors will hold public hearings at 6:00 p.m. on the following:

1. The petition of Hamlar Properties, LLC.
2. The petition of Aila Boyd.
3. The petition of Hotel Shift Capital, LLC.
4. The petition of WRV Properties, LLC.

# October 29, 2025 - Glenvar Center Plan Fall Community Meeting

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Fort Lewis Elementary School Gymnasium, 3115 West Main Street, Salem, VA 24153

*See more information in the 'News and Updates' section below.*

## News & Updates

### Housing Market Analysis Study Existing Conditions Webinar



**Wednesday, October 1, 2025 | 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

*This webinar will be held virtually on Zoom*

The second public webinar for the Roanoke County Housing Market Analysis Study will be held Wednesday, October 1st. In the webinar,

Roanoke County's consultant, [RKG Associates](#), will present existing demographic and market data for the County. To join the webinar, click the button below or visit the [study webpage](#). No pre-registration is needed.

**Join Webinar on October 1st**

To learn more about the study and view a recording of the kickoff webinar held on July 14th, please visit the study webpage by clicking the button below.

**Study Webpage**

Contact Isaac Henry, Principal Planner, with questions at (540) 772-2140  
or [IHenry@RoanokeCountyVA.gov](mailto:IHenry@RoanokeCountyVA.gov)



Hollins District  
Community Meeting  
Hosted by Board of Supervisors  
Vice Chairman Phil North



Monday, October 6  
Presentation to begin at 6:00 p.m.  
Green Ridge Recreation Center  
7415 Wood Haven Road, Roanoke, VA 24019

Please join us for a Hollins District Community Meeting  
hosted by Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman Phil North,  
with a presentation to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Presentation topics to include:

- Economic Development Projects
- Planning, Transportation & Capital Projects
- General County Budget Information
- Questions, Concerns & Comments

Learn More about the Hollins Center Plan

Glenvar Center Plan  
Community Meeting





**Wednesday, October 29th | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Fort Lewis Elementary School Gymnasium  
3115 West Main Street, Salem, VA 24153**

Roanoke County is hosting a community meeting to gather feedback on draft goals, objectives, and recommendations that have been developed for the Glenvar Center Plan study area based on input received from stakeholders and community members during the April and May 2025 community meetings. Draft recommendations will be presented related to Land Use and Housing, Transportation, Community Facilities, and Natural and Cultural Resources amenities in the study area. The community will have the opportunity to provide feedback in person at the meeting and through a survey that will be open into the month of November.

**Visit the Project  
Webpage**

For more information, visit [www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/Glenvar](http://www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/Glenvar) or contact Isaac Henry, Principal Planner, at (540) 772-2140 or [IHenry@RoanokeCountyVA.gov](mailto:IHenry@RoanokeCountyVA.gov).

**Draft West Roanoke River Greenway  
Feasibility Study Available Online**

The draft West Roanoke River Greenway Feasibility Study is now available online for public review and comment. Begun in Summer 2022, the West Roanoke River Greenway Feasibility Study is an effort to determine potentially viable routes for the Roanoke River Greenway between Green Hill Park and Montgomery County. Community Meetings, public surveys, and stakeholder outreach were conducted in Fall 2022 and Summer 2023, and draft study recommendations were guided by feedback received from citizens and stakeholders who participated.

The West Roanoke River Greenway Feasibility Study seeks to build upon the preliminary analysis conducted by VDOT in the 2024 Valley to Valley Trail Study, and sets the stage for the recently launched New River Valley Regional Commission Valley to Valley Trail Study (see below). The Planning Department anticipates that the draft West Roanoke River Greenway Feasibility Study will be brought before the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors for public hearings in November. To read the draft study, visit the [project webpage](#) and please send any comments to Isaac Henry, Principal Planner, at [IHenry@RoanokeCountyVA.gov](mailto:IHenry@RoanokeCountyVA.gov).



## Valley to Valley Corridor Study Seeking Input

The New River Valley Regional Commission is seeking your help to solicit input on the Valley to Valley Corridor Study. This project aims to complete the scope of work from the 2019 Valley to Valley Trail Study, which was finalized by VDOT in 2024.

The Valley to Valley Corridor Study will allow project partners to preserve rights-of-way for a future multijurisdictional bicycle and pedestrian trail connecting the New River Trail State Park to the Roanoke River Greenway.

A [community engagement survey](#) lets users select their preferred routes from the three highest-ranked alignments of each section (Pulaski to Radford, Radford to Blacksburg/Christiansburg, and Blacksburg/Christiansburg to Roanoke County), as identified in the 2024 study. The survey also includes an option to "build your own route" using previously identified trail segments from the 2024 study.

[Take the Survey](#)

**VALLEY TO VALLEY**  
Corridor Study

Catch the Colors with the  
McAfee Knob Trailhead Shuttle

Peak leaf season is almost here, and the McAfee Knob Trailhead Shuttle is here to

help you make the most of the fall magic! Starting in October, the shuttle will operate from 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and transport hikers to two of the area's iconic hikes - McAfee Knob and Dragon's Tooth! The shuttle operates Friday through Sunday during peak leaf season - getting you to the trailhead stress-free so you can focus on the views.

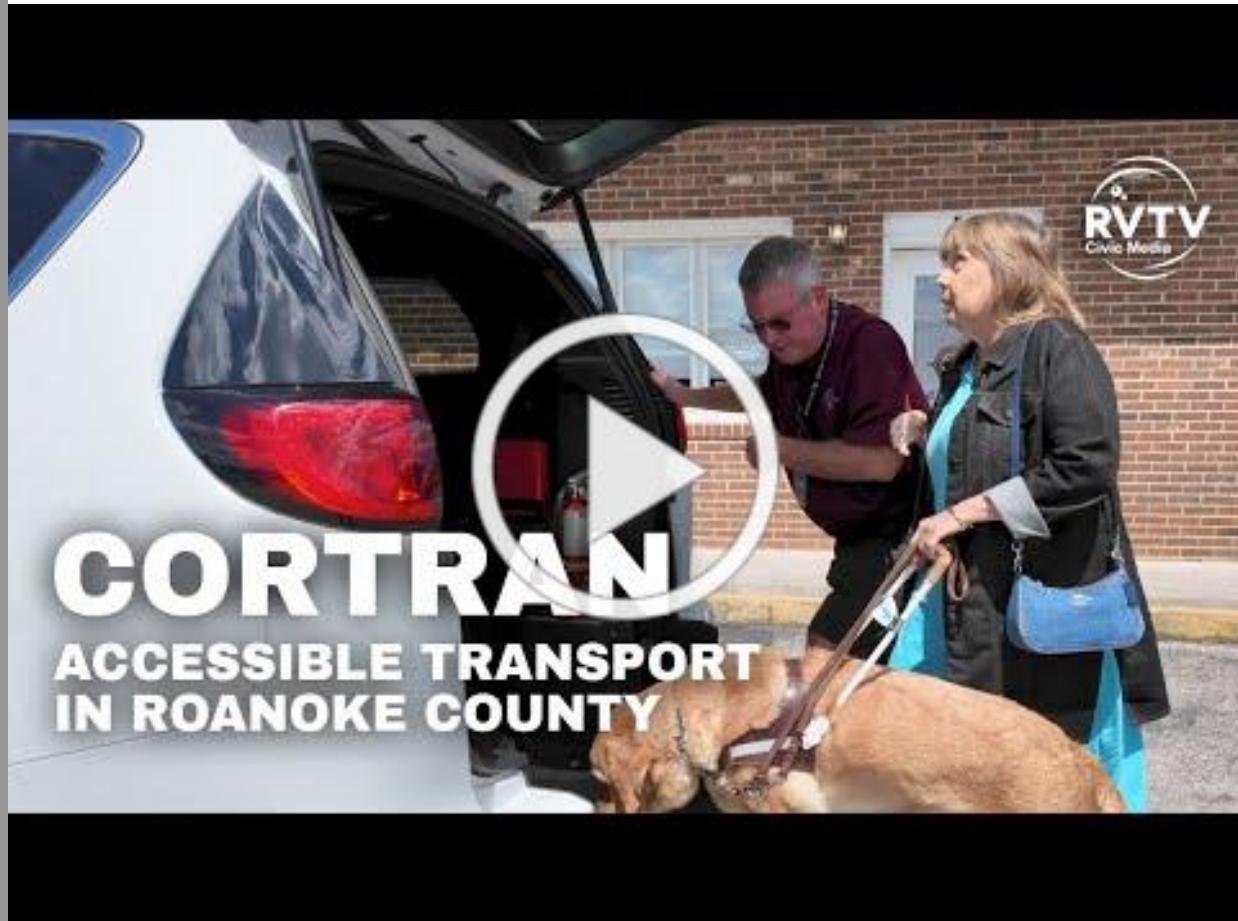


Seats fill up quickly this time of year, so don't miss out! Secure your spot today at [www.McAfeeKnobShuttle.com](http://www.McAfeeKnobShuttle.com) and experience two of Virginia's most iconic hikes at their most colorful.

## Get Around with CORTAN!

Staying active and connected in Roanoke County is easier than ever with CORTAN. CORTAN provides safe, reliable transportation for Roanoke County residents age 65 or better, or anyone with a qualifying disability, helping you get to appointments, run errands, or enjoy the community with ease.

Get on board and get to your destination effortlessly, all vehicles are wheelchair accessible. Watch the brief video below to find out more information about the CORTAN service, or visit our [webpage](#).



### Food Truck Thursday

If you haven't already, this is your final chance of the season to experience Food Truck Thursday! Join us in Green Hill Park and indulge your taste buds with the following food trucks: Empanada Nirvana, Hangcry, and Countryman Jamaican Grill.

Thursday, October 2nd  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Green Hill Park



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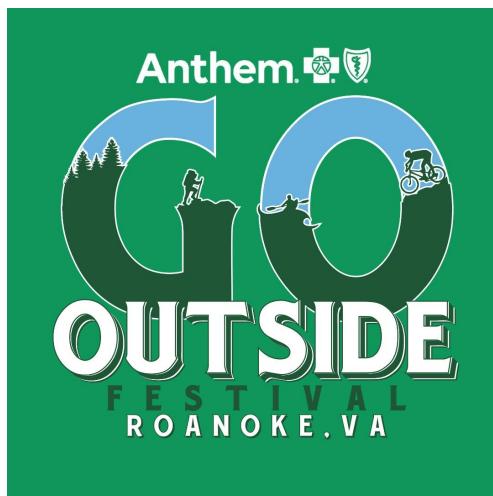
Saturday, October 11th  
11:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Bent Mountain Center



### Roanoke GO Outside Festival

Check out the schedule of events for the annual GO Outside Festival, which includes an ultimate air dog show at Explore Park, extreme sports events, live music, and other festivities!

Fri, October 17th - Sun October 19th  
Adventure Outpost: Explore Park  
Festival Basecamp: Elmwood Park



### Trick or Treat in Downtown Vinton

The Town of Vinton invites children to join the excitement of the annual Downtown Trick or Treat event. The festive occasion is perfect for children up to 12 years of age.

Tuesday, October 28th  
3:00 - 6:00 PM  
Downton Vinton

**Trick or Treat**  
**In Downtown Vinton**

**Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> - 3:00 - 6:00 P.M.**



## Development News

### Welcome to our New Employee!



**Beks Newlon, Permit Technician I**

Beks joins us after 6 years of service at The Home Depot. She moved to Roanoke 6 years ago from West Virginia and shares a home with an adorably dramatic 2.5-year-old Golden Retriever named Mazi, who calls all the shots (so she thinks). Beks refurbished a 1972 Shasta camper and enjoys taking it to campsites (sleeping on the ground is for the squirrels!). She also enjoys reading, hiking, and being outdoors. She is all about that Jeep life and drives one of her own, loves dogs, and is an avid dad joke teller. Please join us in welcoming Beks to Development Services!

### Roam RoCo - Spray Painting Storm Drains

Only rain should go down storm drains! On a new episode of Roam RoCo, we're spray painting storm drains to remind people about the importance of protecting our waterways. Last year over 100 storm drains were painted through a volunteer effort that you can participate in! Learn more in the video below!



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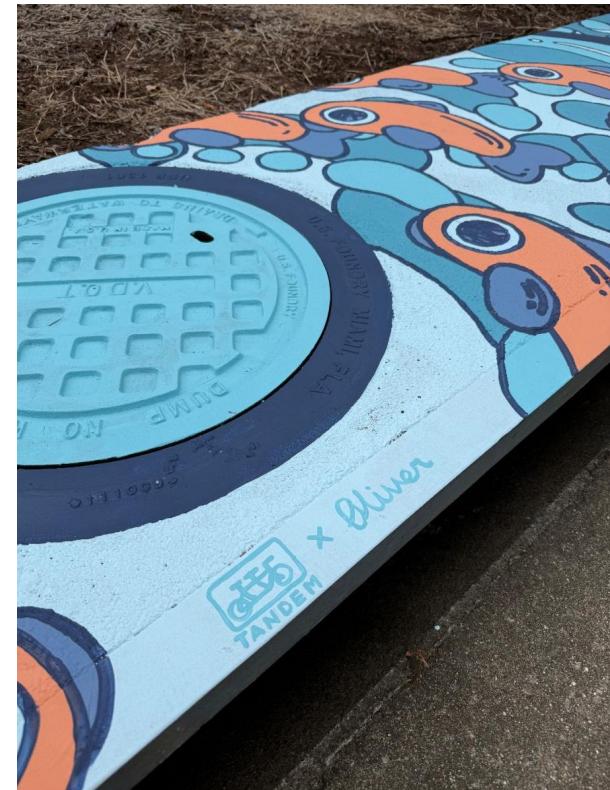
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November 2025



Greetings!

Happy November!



The outcome of the summer Mural Concept Contest is beginning to bring new color to Roanoke County! A new mural with an educational message to ensure 'Only Rain' enters the drain has been completed at South County Library by Tandem Arts Collective.

This new mural is the first of three that will be painted as part of our ongoing placemaking efforts that celebrate the beauty of Roanoke County and the valuable natural resources that we all enjoy. Keep a look out during the month of November for two additional murals coming soon to the Vinton Library and the Bent Mountain Library!

Public Meetings



## November 3, 2025 - Planning Commission

The Planning Commission will hold public hearings at 7:00 p.m. on the following:

1. The petition of T.P.B. Enterprises, LLC to rezone approximately 9.355 acres of land zoned C-2CS, High Intensity Commercial District with conditions and special use permit, to R-4C, High Density Multi-Family Residential District with conditions, to construct multi-family dwelling units, located at 5050 Keagy Road, Windsor Hills Magisterial District.
2. Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment to incorporate the West Roanoke River Greenway Feasibility Study as a component of the Roanoke County 200 Plan. The purpose of the West Roanoke River Greenway Feasibility Study is to identify multiple realistic alignments for the Roanoke River Greenway between Green Hill Park and Montgomery County.

## November 6, 2025 - West Roanoke River Greenway Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Trailhead Parking Lot, 2244 West Riverside Drive, Salem, VA 24153

*More information in the 'News and Updates' section below.*

## November 6, 2025 - Design Public Hearing - Interstate 81 Widening Exit 128 to Exit 137

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Glenvar Elementary School, 4507 Malus Drive, Salem, VA 24153

*More information in the 'News and Updates' section below.*

## November 10, 2025 - Community Meeting and Survey - Route 419/Electric Road from Starkey Road to Springwood Park Drive

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Roanoke County Administration Center, Third Floor Training Room, 5204 Bernard Drive, Roanoke, VA 24018

*More information in the 'News and Updates' section below.*

## November 12, 2025 - Economic Development Authority of Roanoke County and Cardinal IG Company Community Meeting

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Charles R. Hill Community Center, 820 Washington Avenue, Vinton, VA 24179

An open house-style community meeting will be held for two land use applications that will go before the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors for public hearings in December 2025:

- The petition of the Economic Development Authority of Roanoke County to rezone approximately 36.501 acres from PTD, Planned Technology Development District, to R-3, Medium Density Multi-Family Residential District, to construct townhouses located at 2111, 2112, 2121 and 2351 Cardinal Park Drive, Vinton Magisterial District; and
- The petition of the Economic Development Authority of Roanoke County and Cardinal IG Company to rezone approximately 60.704 acres of land zoned PTD, Planned Technology Development District, to amend the master plan for the Vinton Business Center located at 2131 and 2132 Cardinal Park Drive and 2411 Hardy Road, Vinton Magisterial District.

## November 18, 2025 - Board of Supervisors

The Board of Supervisors will hold public hearings at 6:00 p.m. on the following:

1. The petition of T.P.B. Enterprises, LLC.
2. The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment to incorporate the West Roanoke River Greenway Feasibility Study as a component of the Roanoke County 200 Plan.

## News & Updates

### Glenvar Center Plan Survey Open Until December 1



On Wednesday, October 29, a community meeting was held at Fort Lewis Elementary School to review draft recommendations for the Glenvar Center Plan. These draft recommendations were developed based on input received from stakeholders and community members during meetings in Spring 2025, and relate to Land Use and Housing, Transportation, Community Facilities, and Natural and Cultural Resources.

30 people attended the community meeting to review and provide feedback on the draft recommendations through a survey that is open now until December 1. To review the meeting exhibits and draft recommendations that were presented and to take the survey, visit the project webpage.

[Take the Survey](#)

[Visit the Project  
Webpage](#)



## West Roanoke River Greenway Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 2:00 PM

Trailhead Parking Lot

2244 West Riverside Drive, Salem, VA 24153



### EVENT PARKING AND SHUTTLE:

If traveling by car, please park at Green Hill Park Rd., to ride the shuttle from the trailhead.



Interstate 81 Widening  
Exit 128 to Exit 137





# Design Public Hearing

Find out about a project to provide additional capacity and improve safety by widening nine miles of Interstate 81 from two lanes to three lanes in both directions between Exit 128 and Exit 137 in Roanoke County and in Montgomery County.

**Thursday, November 6, 2025 | 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**  
Glenvar Elementary School  
4507 Malus Drive  
Salem, VA 24153

*In case of inclement weather or other issues,  
the hearing will be held on November 13, 2025, at the same time and location.*

Provide comments by November 16, 2025 to:

Craig Moore, Project Manager  
731 Harrison Avenue, Salem, VA 24153  
[I81IrontoSalem@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:I81IrontoSalem@vdot.virginia.gov)

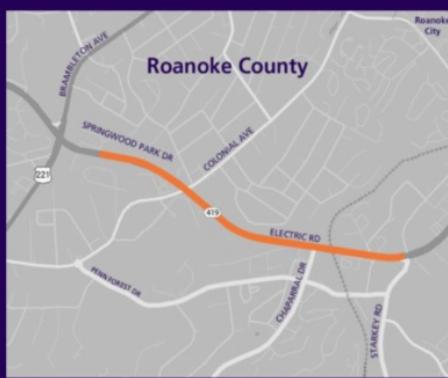
*Please reference "I-81 Exits 128 to 137 Widening Public Comments" in subject heading.*

[View the VDOT News Release for Additional Information](#)

Route 419/Electric Road from  
Starkey Road to Springwood Park Drive



Route 419 westbound approaching Chaparral Drive



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Route 419 westbound approaching Colonial Avenue

## Community Meeting and Survey

Monday, November 10, 2025 | 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Roanoke County Administration Center

Third Floor Training Room

5204 Bernard Drive, Roanoke, VA 24018

*This is an open house-style community meeting  
where attendees can come and go as they please.*

*Inclement weather date: November 12, 2025, at the same time and location.*

A survey will be open to review and comment on possible corridor and intersection improvements between November 5 and November 24, 2025 at  
<https://vaprojectpipeline.virginia.gov/studies/salem/sa-25-06/>

Visit [www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/419Phase3](http://www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/419Phase3) for more information.

For a paper survey, call Megan Cronise at (540) 772-2160

### Roanoke County Staff Participates in the Virginia Walkability Action Institute

From January through September of 2025, Roanoke County along with staff from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission (RVARC), and ValleyMetro participated in the 2025 cohort of the Virginia Walkability Action Institute (VWAI). The VWAI is an annual program where teams from around the state work with a faculty of professionals to create an action plan to increase access to physical activity, with a focus on walking and walkability. Nathan Grim, Roanoke County Transportation Planner, applied and was accepted into the program.

The Roanoke County team's action plan focused on walkability on the Plantation Road, Hershberger Road, and Hollins Road area near the Walmart Neighborhood Market and Food Lion. This led to the County participating in a Road Safety Assessment (RSA), which produced a report that gave detailed background on the safety area, assessment findings, and a wide array of recommendations for the corridor. Some recommendations from the report are already being implemented, such as solar powered lights to be installed at the transit stops in the corridor.

Roanoke Valley Television also produced a [video featuring the RSA](#). More information on the VWAI and RSA can be found at the [project webpage](#).



## Get Around with CORTRAN!

On a mission for accessible transportation in Roanoke County? [CORTRAN](#) offers services for residents age 65 and older or with a disability, operated by [Virginia Regional Transit](#). In this informative music video, the Soul Brothers use the CORTRAN service to get to their performance on time!



# RIDING CORTAN WITH THE SOUL BROTHERS

Welcome to the Region,  
Virginia Regional Transit!



The Roanoke Regional Chamber hosted a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on October 30, 2025, celebrating the arrival of Virginia Regional Transit (VRT) to the Roanoke Valley.

Roanoke County Board of Supervisor Vice Chairman, Phil North, and Roanoke City Mayor, Job Cobb, offered remarks during the ceremony, along with VRT President and CEO Bruce Simms, who expressed his excitement about expanding VRT's services to the Roanoke area and the growing partnership with Roanoke County.

VRT officially became Roanoke County's partner in August to operate the CORTAN service, which provides essential transportation for County residents age 65 and older and individuals with disabilities. Since the transition, CORTAN has already experienced an increase in ridership and positive feedback from the community.

Learn more about CORTAN and how to apply [here](#).

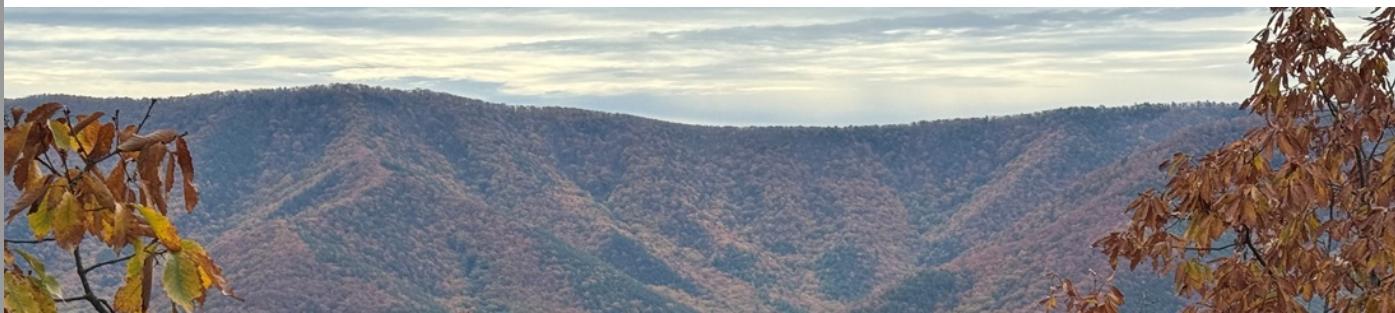


## Adventure Awaits: Catch the McAfee Knob Shuttle Before the Season Ends!

The clock is ticking on your chance to experience one of Virginia's most unforgettable hikes with the [McAfee Knob Trailhead Shuttle](#)! Operating through November 30 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the shuttle offers an easy, convenient ride to one of the most photographed spots on the Appalachian Trail!

□ The air is crisp, the views are breathtaking, and the mountains are calling - don't miss your opportunity this season to take in the sweeping panoramas from the McAfee Knob. Gather your friends, pack your gear, and make one more memory before the shuttle season wraps up!

Plans your trip today at [www.McAfeeShuttle.com](http://www.McAfeeShuttle.com).



## Events & Activities

### Therapeutic Recreation Services Art Show

Join Therapeutic Recreation Services for the 2025 TRS Art Show! Attendees will be able to view

artwork from TRS participants, vote for their favorites and enjoy light refreshments. Voting will occur from November 15 - 23, with artwork on display until December 13. Call (540) 772-7529 ext. 2 to Register or learn more!

Saturday, November 15  
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Brambleton Recreation Center



## Puzzle Race

Do you love jigsaw puzzles? Do you think you can solve a puzzle faster than anyone else? Come alone or bring friends and family to compete! Limit four to a team. Register your team now!

Saturday, November 15  
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Flex Space, VN, Vinton Library



## Illuminights at Explore Park

Light up your night at Illuminights! Wander a wooded trail filled with over 650,000 dazzling lights, new themes, and festive fun for the whole family, including an artisan market and marshmallow roasting!

November 22nd  
November 28th - 30th  
[View Entire Schedule](#)  
[Reserve Your Tickets Today!](#)



## Events & Activities

Welcome to our New Employees!

**Cecelia Thomas**  
*Development Review Coordinator*

Cecelia joins Development Services as the new Development Review Coordinator after previously working with the Planning Department over the last four years. During her time with Planning, she obtained the Certified Zoning Administrator (CZA) certification from the Virginia Association of Zoning Officials (VAZO) and assisted with Residential Plan Reviews. She is excited to transition into her new role and continue to learn more about development in Roanoke County.



**Matthew Hall**  
*Combination Code Compliance Inspector*

Matthew brings a unique and valuable background to the team. A self-taught former handyman and business owner, he discovered his passion for code compliance after observing inspections - realizing it's not just about enforcement, but about guiding people safely to the finish line of their projects. He offers 15 years of law enforcement experience, 3.5 years as an inspector in Botetourt County, and a lifelong commitment to public safety. Outside of work, Matthew enjoys time with his family, catching live local music, exploring the greenway, and tackling home renovation projects.



## MS4 Annual Report Submitted to DEQ

The County's Department of Development Services completed and submitted the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) [Annual Report](#) to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on October 1, 2025.

This voluminous report covers the 2nd year of the permit term (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025) and summarizes the various activities Roanoke County conducted across various departments throughout the year to meet the requirements of DEQ's MS4 Permit VAR040022.

The report is on the County's [Stormwater MS4 Permit webpage](#) and may be

accessed here:

## 2024 - 2025 (Year 2) MS4 Annual Report

- Supporting Documents

## Flood Protection Newsletter (October 2025)

Roanoke County's Department of Development Services published its latest issue of the **Flood Protection Newsletter**, designed to assist landowners whose property is in the floodplain. The newsletter is full of helpful information, with articles covering the following topics:

- How to Determine if Your Property is in or near a Floodplain or Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)
- Protecting Yourself from Flood Hazards
- Know Your Flood Hazard
- Turn Around, Don't Drown
- Flood Insurance & the Community Rating System
- FEMA's Risk Rating 2.0
- Preparing Children for Emergencies
- Know Your Risk
- Preparing for a Flood
- Flood Safety
- Floodplains and Flooding
- What Should You Do to Protect Your Property in the Floodplain?
- What Does the County Do to Protect Properties in the Floodplain?
- Quick Tips for Flood Preparedness

## Virginia Department of Forestry Offers Free Riparian Forest Buffer Installations



The Virginia Department of Forestry (DOF) is offering Virginia landowners free riparian forest buffer installations and year of maintenance through a new program. Riparian forest buffers are specialized plantings that help protect water sources from harmful runoff by capturing sediment and pollutants in the soil. The installations also support cleaner air, reduce erosion, and prevent flooding.

Nearly 200 acres of buffers were installed in the first year of the Riparian Forests for Landowners program and more than \$1.15 million in funding is now available for the 2025-2027 contract year. The Riparian Forests for Landowners (RFFL) Program is open to all landowners, homeowners' associations, or civic leagues and eligible projects are funded on a first come, first served basis with planned buffer establishment in Fall 2025 - Spring 2026 and follow up maintenance through 2027.

For more information, contact the DOF:  
(434) 220-9024  
[watershed@DOF.virginia.gov](mailto:watershed@DOF.virginia.gov)

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# DECEMBER



Greetings!

Happy December!

With cooler weather and longer nights ahead, the Roanoke County Planning Department would like to wish you a warm and bright Holiday season! There's no better way to celebrate the season than by experiencing the [Illuminights Winter Walk of Lights at Explore Park](#)! Filled with over 650,000 lights along a half-mile wooded trail, Illuminights is sure to provide festive fun for the whole family. Check out the [full schedule here](#) to see what nights Illuminights is operating during the month of December, and which nights will include a visit from Santa on-site!

## Public Meetings



## December 2, 2025 - Planning Commission

The Planning Commission will hold public hearings at 7:00 p.m. on the following:

1. The petition of the Economic Development Authority of Roanoke County to rezone approximately 36.501 acres from PTD, Planned Technology Development District, to R-3, Medium Density Multi-Family Residential District, to construct townhouses located at 2111, 2112, 2121 and 2351 Cardinal Park Drive, Vinton Magisterial District.
2. The petition of the Economic Development Authority of Roanoke County and Cardinal IG Company to rezone approximately 60.704 acres of land zoned PTD, Planned Technology Development District, to amend the master plan for the Vinton Business Center located at 2131 and 2132 Cardinal Park Drive and 2411 Hardy Road, Vinton Magisterial District.

## December 11, 2025 - Huntridge Road Traffic Calming Community Meeting

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Location: Bonsack Elementary School Cafeteria

*More information in the 'News and Updates' section below.*

## December 15, 2025 - Planning Commission

The Planning Commission will hold a work session at 6:00 p.m. to review proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

## December 16, 2025 - Board of Supervisors

The Board of Supervisors will hold public hearings at 6:00 p.m. on the following:

1. The petition of the Economic Development Authority of Roanoke County.
2. The petition of the Economic Development Authority of Roanoke County and Cardinal IG Company.

## News & Updates

### Glenvar Center Plan Survey Open Until December 12



The Fall 2025 Glenvar Center Plan survey closing date has been extended to Friday, December 12th. The Fall 2025 Glenvar Center Plan survey seeks

respondents' feedback on draft recommendations for the Glenvar Center Plan and is available online [here](#).

Paper copies of the survey are available at the Glenvar Library (3917 Daugherty Road) and in the Planning Department on the second floor of the Roanoke County Administration Center (5204 Bernard Drive). Completed surveys can be turned in at either of those locations or mailed to:

Roanoke County Planning Department  
Attn: Isaac Henry  
P.O. Box 29800  
Roanoke, VA 24018

[Take the Fall 2025 Survey](#)

[Visit the Project  
Webpage](#)



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**Thursday, December 11, 2025  
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

*Open house-style meeting where attendees can come and go as they please.*

**Bonsack Elementary School Cafeteria  
5437 Crumpacker Drive, Roanoke, VA 24019**

Roanoke County is hosting a community meeting to:

1. Share results of an October survey about potential traffic calming measures; and
2. Discuss next steps for implementation.

Please see the project webpage for additional information:

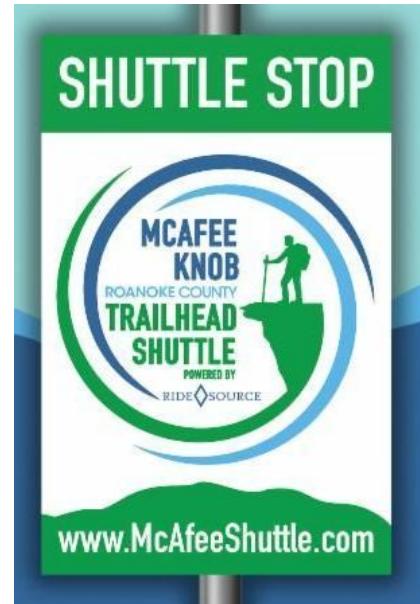
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Please contact Megan Cronise, Roanoke County Assistant Director of Planning, for more information at [MCronise@RoanokeCountyVA.gov](mailto:MCronise@RoanokeCountyVA.gov) or (540) 772-2106

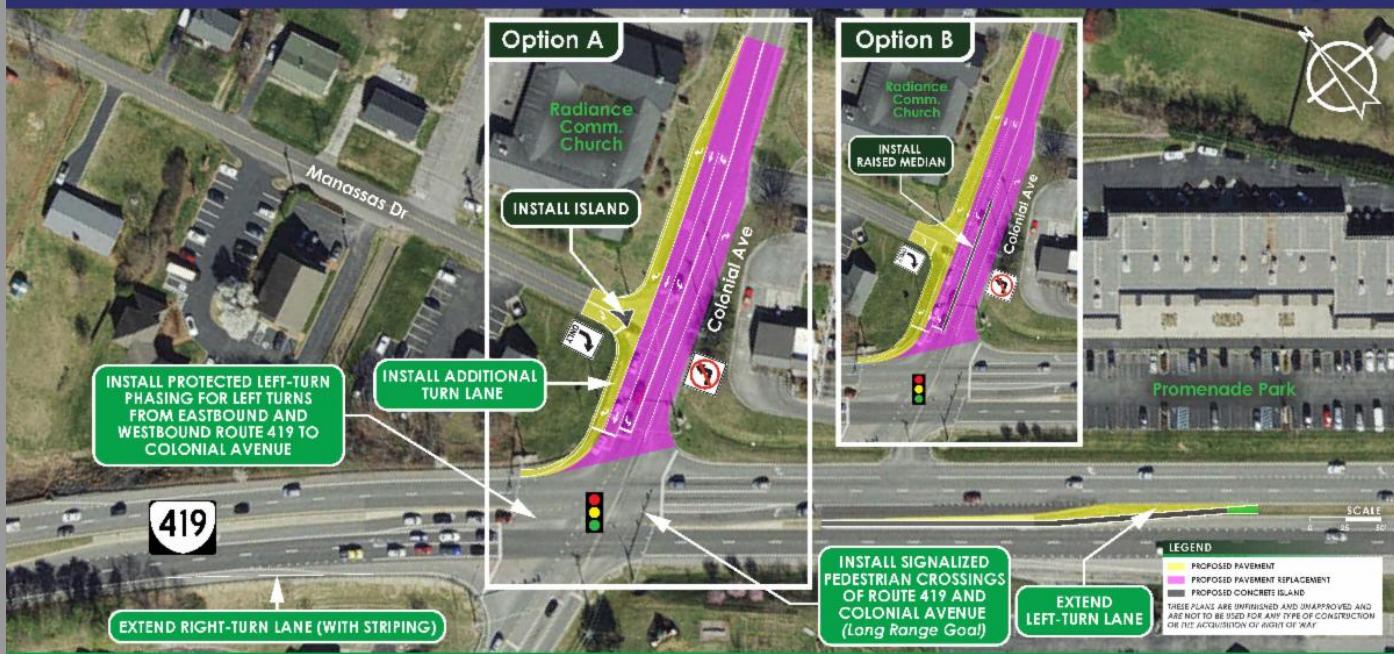
## McAfee Knob Trailhead Shuttle Wraps Up A Strong Season

The McAfee Knob Trailhead Shuttle wrapped up its 2025 season on November 30 after a fantastic year of ridership. More than 1,958 trips carried hikers - both locals and visitors - to two of the region's most iconic overlooks. The service helped reduce congestion at the trailhead, improved safety, and made access easier for those eager to experience the famous Dragon's Tooth and McAfee Knob views.

Thank you to everyone who rode the shuttle and helped make this season a success. We look forward to welcoming hikers back when the shuttle returns next year!



## Route 419/Electric Road Safety Improvements



Roanoke County hosted a community meeting with 19 attendees on November 10th. Exhibits were available to review and discuss potential safety improvements for all users along Route 419 from Starkey Road to Springwood Park Drive. The Colonial Avenue and Chaparral Drive intersections are a focus of the study due to high crash rates.

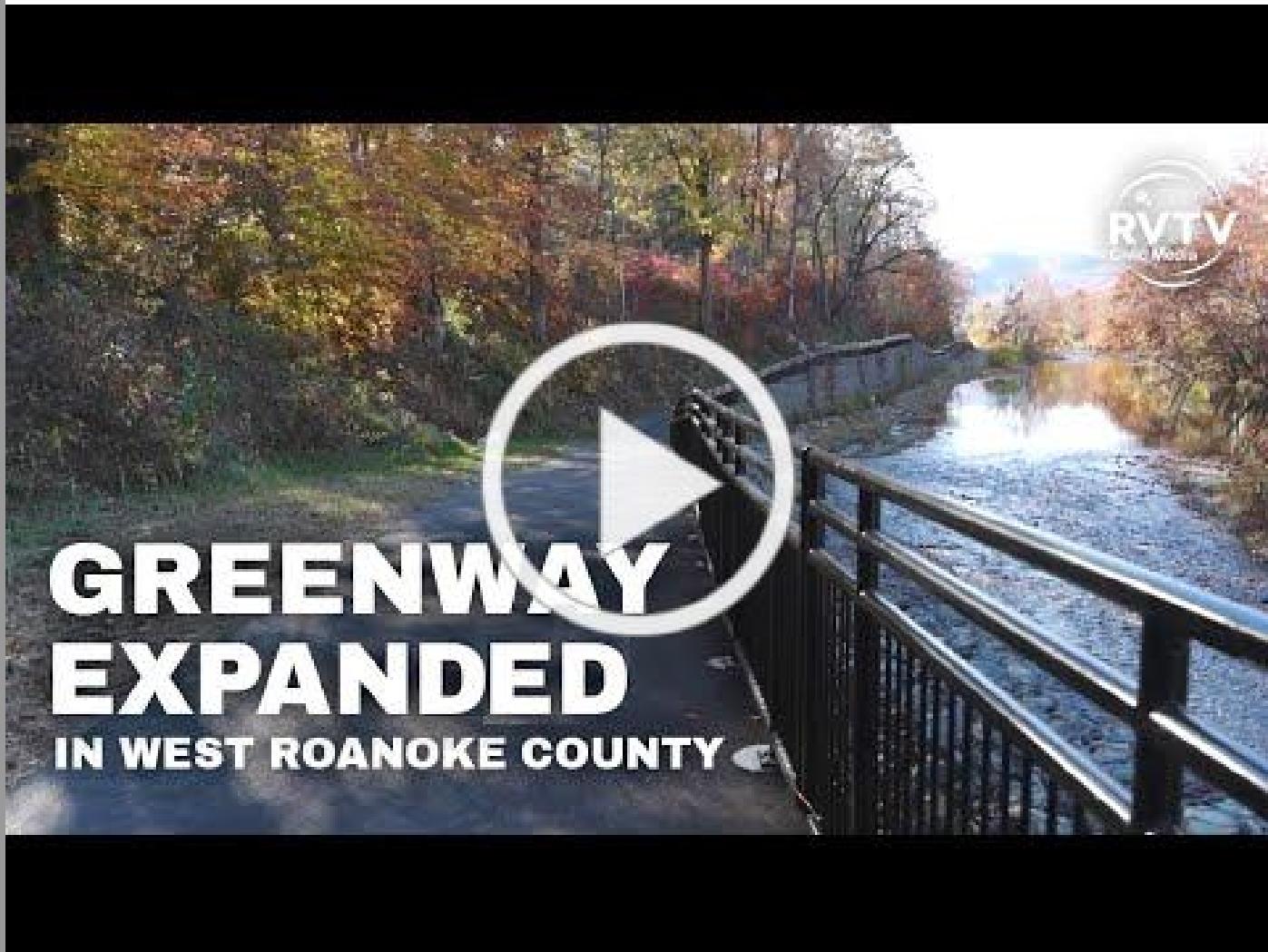
For more information, visit:  
[Roanoke County Project Webpage](#)  
[VDOT project Webpage](#)

## West Roanoke River Greenway Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Planning staff joined Roanoke County Board Members, Administration, and other regional leaders at the ribbon cutting for the completion of Phase 1 of the West Roanoke River Greenway from Kingsmill Drive to a new trailhead parking lot located at 2244 West Riverside Drive. Thank you to the many County staff members that contributed to planning this wonderful event, and

to [Roanoke County Television](#) who captured the event and put together the great video below. □



## Storm Drain Painting a Success at Two Library Locations

November wrapped up the painting of storm drains at two library locations in Roanoke County. Local artist duo [Tandem Arts Collective](#) brought new life to a storm drain at South County Library, while local art teacher Rayne MacPhee brightened a storm drain at the Vinton Library.

These projects are the result of collaborative efforts between the Planning Department and other departments, including the [Roanoke County Public Library](#) and the Department of Development Services' [Division of Stormwater Management](#), to continue beautifying our public spaces, inspire creativity and imagination, and bring attention to the importance of pollution prevention. Thank you to all the individuals that made submissions to our Mural Concept Contest to help inspire the final designs of these storm drains, and to [Roanoke Valley Television](#) for capturing the projects in their video below!



## STORM DRAIN ART AT COUNTY LIBRARIES

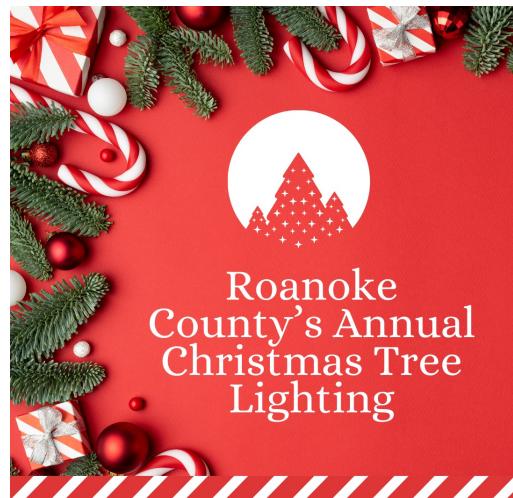


### Events & Activities

#### Roanoke County's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Kick off the Holiday season at the Roanoke County Annual Christmas Tree Lighting! Family friendly activities will include activities for children, a magician, teen fun, refreshments, and of course a visit from Santa!

Monday, December 1st  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
South County Library



#### Annual Vinton Christmas Parade

Experience the festive spirit with illuminated floats, marching bands, and a special

appearance by Santa Claus! The parade will be followed by entertainment, refreshments, and photos with Santa.

Thursday, December 4th  
Tree Lighting - 6:00 PM  
Christmas Parade - 7:00 PM  
Downtown Vinton



## Illuminights at Explore Park

Light up your night at Illuminights! Wander a half-mile wooded trail filled with over 650,000 dazzling lights, new themes, and fun for the whole family! While you're here, shop for presents in our artisan market, roast marshmallows around the campfire, and enjoy a visit from Santa on select nights.

December 5th through 28th

[View Entire Schedule](#)



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### Stream Monitoring Event at Green Hill Park

The Department of Development Services' Division of Stormwater Management conducted a stream monitoring event for department staff on Friday, November 7, 2025, at Green Hill Park.

The goal was to assess the stream's condition by analyzing benthic macroinvertebrates - small creatures like insect larvae that live in the water. These creatures are sensitive to water quality changes, so by identifying which species are present, staff can calculate a "stream health score," providing an overall picture of the stream's condition.

Going forward, the Department will expand the stream monitoring events to include employees from other departments and Roanoke County citizens. The goal is to raise public awareness about stream conditions, the sources of water pollution, and the impact of pollution on local water quality, while providing opportunities for community members to actively participate through volunteering in data collection and stream monitoring efforts. If you'd like to get involved as a Stream Monitoring Volunteer, [click here](#) to learn more!

Staff will share the collected data with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to help fill in data gaps where current stream monitoring efforts have not yet been initiated.



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