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Greetings!

Welcome to the inaugural issue of Community Developments!

Community Developments is a monthly e-newsletter developed by the Roanoke County Department of Community Development.



Community Planning Update

Vinton Area Corridors Plan

Over the past several months, staff from the County of Roanoke and the Town of Vinton have been working jointly to create a future development plan for six of the major corridors in the Vinton Area. This collaborative plan aims to create a strategy for improving the aesthetics and safety along the study corridors.

The second of two community meetings for the Vinton Plan was held on June 18, 2009 at the Vinton War Memorial. At this meeting, staff presented three future land use scenarios and a set of draft goals based on community input gathered through a survey, stakeholder interviews and the first community meeting held on January 29, 2009. The citizen input gained from the second community was taken to the Roanoke County Planning Commission for a Work Session in the end of July. The final draft Vinton Area Corridors Plan will be taken to the Planning Commission in September 2009.

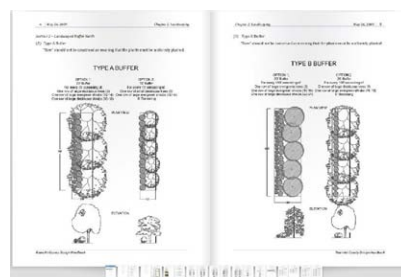


For more information and to stay updated on the status of the Vinton Area Corridors Plan, please [click here](#).

Design Handbook

The [Roanoke County Design Handbook](#) was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on May 26, 2009. This innovative publication was created by Community Development staff to serve as a visual companion to the [zoning ordinance](#). The current version of the Handbook includes graphics on landscaping requirements like buffer yards and screening materials as well as a list of recommended native or naturalized plants and highly invasive species.

The Roanoke County Design Handbook also serves as a guide for understanding and implementing the newly amended [parking ordinance](#). For example, the Transportation Section includes information on [green](#) features like permeable pavement and bicycle parking.



Planning Commission Update

The Planning Commission's July 7th Work Session and Public Hearing were canceled in lieu of a Joint Meeting between the Roanoke City and Roanoke County Planning Commissions. The joint meeting was held on July 10, 2009 in the Roanoke City Municipal Building. Some topics discussed included the County's Peters Creek Community Plan that is slated to begin at the end of the summer and small wind ordinances for both the City and the County. For a complete agenda, [please click here](#).

The Planning Commission's July 21st Work Session was held on the fourth floor of the Roanoke County Administration Center. Some of the topics discussed were the Vinton Area Corridors Plan and the department's use of [Web 2.0 for community outreach](#). Web 2.0 is characterized by facilitating communication, information sharing and collaboration on the World Wide Web. Some popular Web 2.0 applications include Facebook, Twitter, Flickr, YouTube and Second Life. [Click here for the Planning Services Facebook Page](#).

Sincerely,



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Greetings!

It's been a busy summer in the Department of Community Development! County staff have traded their sunscreen and flip-flops for hardhats and maps.

This e-newsletter will give a brief update on the projects going on in the department. To stay informed between newsletters, please visit our [website](#) or [facebook](#) page.



Community Planning Update

Glenvar Community Plan

County staff are in the initial planning phases of the Glenvar Community Plan. The Glenvar Planning Area stretches west to east from the Montgomery County border to the City of Salem and north to south from Fort Lewis Mountain to Poor Mountain.

During the August 18 Planning Commission Work Session, County planning staff presented to the Commission an analysis of existing land use in Glenvar, a draft document layout and an overview of the planned community involvement process. The first community meeting for the Glenvar Community plan is tentatively slated for October 2009. Stay updated on the status of the plan by visiting the [plan's website](#) or following the department on facebook.

GlenvarStadium



County staff are out in Glenvar doing field work - if you see one of us, please stop and let us know your thoughts!

Statistical Abstract



Over the past ten months, Community Development Staff have been working on a Statistical Abstract for Roanoke County. The Statistical Abstract provides public officials, local citizens and others interested in the County with basic information and important facts about past trends as well as current conditions.

The Statistical Abstract, part of the County's Comprehensive Plan, will help inform discussions of current policy issues and trends in Roanoke County in addition to providing guidance in community planning efforts.

The Statistical Abstract's four chapters profile Land Use and Housing,

Population and Other Demographic Information, Community Facilities and Resource Preservation. The first two chapters have been completed on a County-wide basis and the information is available [online](#).

Planning Commission Update

The Planning Commission's August 4, 2009 Work Session and Public Hearing were canceled.

The Planning Commission reconvened on August 18, 2009 for a Work Session at 6:00PM in the Roanoke County Administration Center. Topics discussed at the meeting included the [Statistical Abstract](#), the [Glenvar Community Plan](#) and a brief update on the [Vinton Areas Corridor Plan](#). Additionally, the Commission was given a brief overview of the Private Stable Application that will go to Public Hearing in September. To view agenda with attachments, please [click here](#).

The Planning Commission's October 6, 2009 Public Hearing has three items on the [agenda](#):

- a petition to rezone approximately 12.5 acres from C-2, General Commercial District, to R-3, Medium Density Multi-Family Residential District for the purpose of constructing multi-family and townhouse residential units at 6044 Peters Creek Road;
- a petition to rezone 4.64 acres from R-1, Low Density Residential District and R-1S, Low Density Residential District with a special use permit, to C-1, Office District for the purpose of constructing a bank with a drive-thru at 4903 and 5007 Cloverdale Road;
- a petition to amend the Planned Residential Development Master Plan related to at-grade golf cart crossing on Pitzer Road for Fountain Head Golf Resort which measures approximately 375 acres.

The More You Know... About Zoning

Did you know that any plant, grass or other vegetation covering a substantial portion of a parcel in Roanoke County must be kept shorter than 12 inches tall?



That's right - if the growth of grass and weeds exceeds 12 inches, you may receive a notice from the County Code Enforcement Officers requesting you to cut the grass on your property!

Virginia Cycling and Pedestrian Awareness Week

The first Virginia Cycling and Pedestrian Awareness Week will occur on September 13-20. This event is a joint effort of DRIVE SMART Virginia and BikeWalk Virginia, with funding from the Department of Motor Vehicles. With more and more cyclists and pedestrians on the roadways, it is important to raise awareness about sharing the roadway. We all know that car crashes are becoming an increasing cost in the workplace. Educating employees on how to share the road with cyclists and pedestrians helps make roadways safer for all of us. For more information, please view the DRIVE SMART [website](#).



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Amanda Micklow'.

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Updates from the Roanoke County Department of Community Development

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Greetings!

Autumnal greetings from the Roanoke County Department of Community Development!

October is National Community Planning Month and this newsletter will highlight some of the ongoing projects within the planning division as well as provide updates from other divisions within the department. Thank you for reading this month's issue of Community Developments.

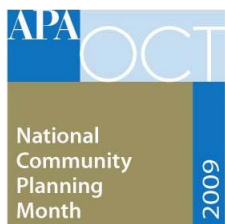


October is National Community Planning Month

What is Planning?

[Planning](#) is a dynamic profession that works to improve the welfare of people and their communities by creating more convenient, equitable, healthful, efficient, and attractive places for present and future generations.

[Planning](#) enables civic leaders, businesses, and citizens to play a meaningful role in creating communities that enrich people's lives.



Good planning helps create communities that offer better choices for where and how people live. Planning helps communities to envision their future. It helps them to find the right balance of new development and essential services, environmental protection, and innovative change.

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are to:

Planning in your Community
Planning is one division within a larger [Community Development Department](#). The major functions of the [County's Planning Division](#)

- Prepare short and long range planning studies for neighborhoods, [community planning areas](#), transportation corridors or other special study areas;
- Advise the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission, support the Board of Zoning Appeals;
- Provide general information to citizens and administration regarding planning, zoning and subdivision procedures and other legislative requirements.

Community Planning Update

Vinton Area Corridors Plan

County staff are still working jointly with the [Town of Vinton](#) to create a future development

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plan for the major corridors throughout the Vinton area. Over the past ten months, staff has gathered stakeholder input via a community survey and face-to-face interviews, held two community meetings and have presented several future land use scenarios. Planning Commissioners from both localities have also held two work sessions as well as a tour of the corridors as part of the planning process. No public hearings have been scheduled at this time, however, please check back on the [plan's website](#) for more information.

Glenvar Community Plan

County planning and GIS staff have been working on the initial phases of the Glenvar Community Plan. Several maps have been posted to the [website](#) including existing land use, cultural resources and subdivisions; a community survey will be posted soon. Stay updated on the status of the plan by visiting the Glenvar Community Plan website or by visiting the department on [facebook](#).



Planning Commission Update

The Roanoke County Planning Commission held a work session and public hearing on [September 1, 2009](#). At the work session, staff provided the commissioners with a brief update of the Vinton Area Corridors Plan. During the public hearing, the planning commission heard a petition for a special use permit for a private stable in the Catawba magisterial district. The petition was forwarded to the Board of Supervisors with a favorable recommendation and on [September 22, 2009](#) the Board granted the special use permit.



The Planning Commission began its [September 15, 2009](#) work session with a tour of the new Green Ridge Recreation Center, which is still under construction. Following the tour of the recreation center, commissioners also toured the [Glenvar Area](#) including the proposed asphalt plant site. Commissioners took notice of existing conditions, land use and community facilities/services as well as potential [re]development opportunities.

The next Planning Commission work session and public hearing are schedule for October 6, 2009 at 4:00PM and 7:00PM, respectively.

What is a Temporary Sign?

A temporary sign is defined as, "any sign, other than a portable sign, which is temporarily affixed to the ground, a building or other structure, including, but not limited to banners and flags, and/or an on-premise sign applying to a seasonal or brief activity such as, but not limited to, summer camps, horse shows, yard sales, Christmas tree sales, business promotions, auctions and carnivals. For the purpose of these regulations, on-premises real estate signs and signs displayed on active construction projects shall be considered temporary when displayed in accordance with Section 30-93-8."



Any temporary signs placed within the public right of way are subject to removal.

Bicycle User Survey

The Roanoke Valley Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is conducting an online [Bicycle User Survey](#) to assist in updating the [2005 Bikeway Plan](#) and provide general information on bicycle use, perceptions, and preference in the region.



The Bikeway Plan covers the cities of Roanoke and Salem, the Town of Vinton, and the

urbanized portions of Botetourt and Roanoke counties. Also visit the [Regional Commission's bicycle planning page](#) for complete access to all bicycle and pedestrian related planning materials.

Until next month,



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTS

Greetings!

The Roanoke County Department of Community Development is hitting the road this November with a special issue dedicated to transportation.

Thanksgiving Day is the [most heavily traveled day](#) of the year with the number of long distance trips increasing by 54 percent when compared to the rest of the year. While most media attention is focused on crowded airports, only 5 to 6 percent of holiday trips are by air. Most travel - 91 percent - is done by personal vehicle.



Merriman Roundabout

The County of Roanoke is planning to construct a [roundabout](#) at the intersection of Merriman Road (Route 613) and Meadowlark Road. The proposed project involves the construction of a roundabout, the realignment of Merriman Road, and connections to Meadowlark Road, the new South County Library entrance, and Penn Forest Elementary School/Darrell Shell Park.

The Merriman Road roundabout project is funded through the Virginia Department of Transportation's [Revenue Sharing Program](#) and County contributions. Construction of the project will be administered by Roanoke County.



Roanoke County will hold a public hearing to discuss the proposed improvements on Monday, November 9, 2009, in the [Penn Forest Elementary School Cafeteria](#). The hearing will begin at 7:00PM with a presentation reviewing the proposed improvements, estimated construction schedule and the temporary road closure. Detailed drawings will be on display and Roanoke County and VDOT staff will be available to answer questions during the public hearing.

Revenue Sharing Program

The [Virginia Department of Transportation](#)'s [Revenue Sharing Program](#) provides additional funding for a locality to construct, reconstruct or improve primary and secondary roads



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in the State's highway system. With this program, locality funds are matched by state funds with limits on the amount of state funds authorized per locality.

Applications for Revenue Sharing funds must be made by resolution of the governing body of the locality requesting the funds; in the case of Roanoke County, the Board of Supervisors must request funding. Project funding is allocated by resolution of the [Commonwealth Transportation Board](#) and construction may be accomplished by VDOT or by the locality under an agreement with VDOT.

In Fiscal Year 2010, VDOT's Revenue Sharing Program will provide \$39.5 million in matching funds for [122 projects statewide](#). Roanoke County requested and received \$500,000 in state match funding for 5 Revenue Sharing projects in FY2010. The projects include the Merriman Roundabout (mentioned above), Washington Avenue, Farmington Drive, Halevan Road and Forester Road. County monetary contributions will total \$500,500.

Park and Ride

Beginning on Monday, November 2, 2009, VDOT will improve the unpaved portion of the [Park and Ride lot](#) at Interstate 81's exit 140 (Salem). The 13,000 square foot expansion will convert the grassy area on the northern end of the commuter lot into a hard-surface parking area, creating approximately 30 new parking spaces.

Improvements will also be made to the unpaved portion of the commuter lot including grading, stabilizing the soil, updating the drainage ditches, placing stone, applying surface treatment and painting lines.



During construction, 7 of the 59 existing parking spaces in the paved portion of the lot will be *unavailable* for several days between Monday, November 2 and Friday, November 6, so that the work can be performed. In addition, drivers will be unable to park on the grassy area while it is being upgraded. VDOT plans to complete the improvements by November 6; however, weather may require adjustments to the work schedule.

Additionally, increased enforcement of no parking areas at the facility will begin November 1, 2009. It is important that commuters do not park in the designated no parking areas as the longer [Smart Way buses](#) may have difficulty turning the corners in the parking lot.

Plantation Road Improvement Project

Community development staff have been working on plans to improve Plantation Road from Interstate 81 to Williamson Road, a distance of nine-tenths of one mile.

Proposed streetscape and multimodal improvements include

sidewalks, striped bicycle lanes and two shared use trails extending along Walrond and Enon Drives to Walrond Park and along Friendship Lane to the proposed Hollins University segment of the Tinker Creek Greenway. Additional improvements include pedestrian refuge islands with crosswalks, pedestrian signals at the existing Gander Way/Friendship Lane and Williamson Road signalized intersections, street trees, pedestrian-scaled lighting, a Hollins community identification sign, improved landscaping at Interstate 81 and at Williamson Road, landscaped medians, drainage improvements, retaining walls where needed and possible right-of-way acquisition.



Staff will take the proposed project to the Roanoke County [Board of Supervisors](#) for approval and support at the November 17, 2009 Public Hearing before applying for funding through the [Federal Transportation Enhancement Program](#). This program provides funding for improvements to non-motorized transportation that enhance the public's traveling experience, revitalize communities and improve quality of life.

Route 11/460 Widening

The Virginia Department of Transportation is in the beginning stages of widening a 2.1-mile section of Route 11/460 in Roanoke County. The [improvements](#) start just west of City of Salem line and extend to Route 830 (Technology Drive).

Currently, crews are in the process of relocating utilities along the 2.1 mile stretch.

When [completed](#), the road will be widened from three lanes to four lanes with a raised median. Widening this stretch of 11/460 should eliminate a bottleneck created by the road narrowing between four lane sections.



I-81 Corridor Coalition Conference

On October 12 and 13, 2009, Roanoke County co-hosted the I-81 Corridor Coalition [Annual Conference](#) and Meeting at Hotel Roanoke.

Comprised of federal, state and local government officials and private sector partners, the [Coalition's](#) mission centers on freight and passenger movement being safe, efficient, environmentally sensitive, seamless and intermodal.



The first day of the [conference](#) featured a highway panel that discussed transportation effects on air quality in the [Northern Shenandoah Valley](#) of Virginia, incident management along the [I-95 Corridor](#) and [freight movement patterns](#) across the United States and the impact on the I-81 Corridor. The day also included a presentation on the new prominence of Interstate 81 as well as rail panel that discussed [intermodal](#) freight movement along the corridor. The day concluded with an evening reception at the [O. Winston Link Museum](#) in downtown Roanoke.

The second day of the conference began with a welcome from Roanoke City Mayor Bowers followed by reports from the Coalition's [three standing committees](#) - environmental, local governance and freight movement and infrastructure. The conference ended on a high note with an update on Interstate 81 by [Virginia Secretary of Transportation](#) Pierce Homer.

Planning Commission Update

The Planning Commission held a [work session and public hearing](#) on October 6, 2009, in the Roanoke County Administration Center. The afternoon work session included presentations by staff on recent conferences they attended on the [Upper Roanoke River Watershed](#) and [Green Infrastructure](#) and a brief discussion by the Commissioners on [LEED](#) incentives. During the Public Hearing, Commissioners reviewed [3 land use cases](#) including:

- A petition of Fralin SP, LLC to rezone 12.6 acres from C-2, General Commercial and R-3, Medium Density Multi-family Residential to R-4C, High Density Multi-family Residential located near the intersection of Peters Creek Road and Airport Road. The Commissioners recommended approval with conditions.
- A petition of StellarOne Bank to rezone 4.6 acres from R-1, Low Density Residential and R-1S to C-1C, Office, for the purpose of constructing a bank with a drive-thru near the intersection of Cloverdale Road and Crumpacker Drive. The Commissioners recommended approval with conditions.
- A petition of Fountain Head Land Company, LLC to amend the Planned Residential Master Plan related to an at-grade golf cart crossing of Pitzer Road at Ballyhack Golf Course. The Commissioners recommended approval with conditions.

The Planning Commission's [October 20, 2009, work session](#) was held on the fourth floor of the Roanoke County Administration Center. The work session included a presentation on proposed pedestrian

improvements to Plantation Road and staff updates on some of the proposed zoning ordinance amendments including [wind and renewable energy](#), parking structures and [dam break inundation zones](#).

The Planning Commission will hold their next work session and public hearing on Monday, November 2, 2009, at the Roanoke County Administration Center. The public hearing has one item on the agenda:

- A [petition](#) by Foxhall Properties, LLC for a special use permit to construct and operate an asphalt plant on Peaceful Drive.

Sincerely,



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Season's Greetings



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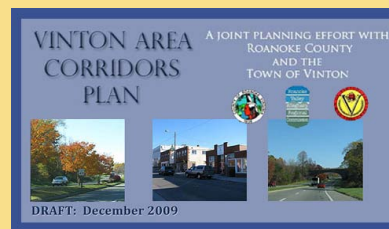
Greetings!

As this year comes to an end, the Department of Community Development is bustling with activity. Staff have gone over the river and through the woods working on community plans, building permits and inspections as they go! Stay updated on their efforts with this month's issue of Community Developments!

VINTON AREA CORRIDORS PLAN

On **December 7, 2009**, the Roanoke County Planning Commission and the Town of Vinton Planning Commission will hold a **joint public hearing** to receive comments on the draft Vinton Area Corridors Plan. The [Vinton Area Corridors Plan](#) is a long-range plan intended to enhance aesthetics, improve

safety and guide future development and redevelopment along the Bypass Road, Hardy Road, South Pollard Street, Virginia Avenue, Walnut Avenue and Washington Avenue corridors.



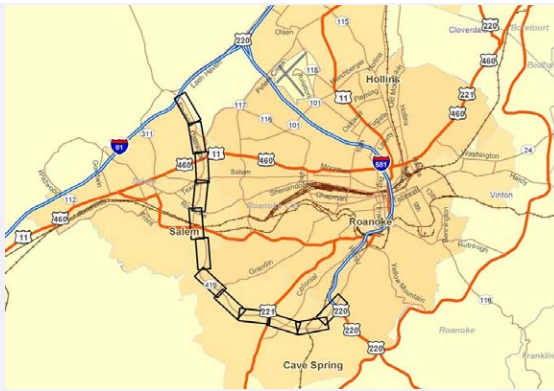
Since the last [community meeting](#) in June, County and Town staff have worked with the Roanoke County Planning Commission and the Town of Vinton Planning Commission to update the goals and recommendations, refine the future land use amendments and develop the [draft Vinton Area Corridors Plan](#). A draft of the Vinton Area Corridors Plan has been prepared for consideration by the Planning Commissions and is available at the Roanoke County Department of Community Development, the Vinton Planning and Zoning Department and [online](#).

Following review by the Planning Commissions, the Vinton Area Corridors Plan will be forwarded to the [Roanoke County Board of Supervisors](#) and the [Vinton Town Council](#) for their consideration. Ultimately, this plan will be adopted into the [Roanoke County Comprehensive Plan](#) and the [Town of Vinton Comprehensive Plan](#).

For more information regarding this notice, please contact [Lindsay Blankenship](#), Roanoke County Department of Community Development at (540) 772-2068 extension 283 or [Anita McMillan](#), Vinton Planning Department at (540) 983-0601.

ROUTE 419 CORRIDOR PLAN

The Roanoke Valley Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is partnering with the Virginia Department of



Transportation (VDOT) to complete a [multimodal transportation plan of Route 419](#). Route 419 is a 9.5-mile, state highway that extends from the US 220 Expressway in southern Roanoke County, along the limits of the City of Roanoke, then northwest through the City of Salem and terminates just north of I-81. The Corridor Plan will evaluate various aspect of the corridor over a 25 year planning horizon, including: traffic capacity, bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, transit service, freight, and park-n-ride lots. The planning effort is jointly funded by the Roanoke Area

MPO, VDOT-Salem District and a grant from the Virginia Intermodal Planning Office.

Last April, a citizens' workshop was held to receive input and comments on background work performed on the project at that point in time. On [December 3, 2009](#) from 6:00-8:00PM in the [Brambleton Center Community Room](#), a second and more comprehensive [meeting](#) will be held to present future corridor alternatives leading to the development of the draft multimodal transportation plan.

Representatives from the MPO, VDOT and the study team will be available to answer questions and receive comments regarding this study to determine how to make travel along the Route 419 corridor safer and more efficient.

GLENVAR COMMUNITY PLAN SURVEY

The Glenvar Community Plan Survey is now available [online!](#)

The [Glenvar Community Plan](#) was initiated to study development and redevelopment issues along West Main Street in anticipation of the widening of West Main Street and the proposed intermodal facility in Montgomery County. The Glenvar Community Plan will also study community facility needs, environmental resources/constraints, as well as outdoor recreation resources with adoption anticipated in 2010.

The Glenvar Community Plan will be using an [online survey](#) as one method of gathering citizen input. Please pass this information on to friends, family or co-workers. Limited paper copies are available in the [Glenvar Library](#) and the [County Administration Center](#) located on Bernard Drive.

Please complete the survey and let us know your thoughts!

County staff will be compiling the results of this survey for incorporation into the Glenvar Community Plan. The results will be made available on the Glenvar Community Plan website.

If you have any questions, please contact the Roanoke County Department of Community Development by phone (540)772-2068 or by [email](#).



PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE

The Planning Commission held a work session and public hearing on [November 2, 2009](#) in the Roanoke County Administration Center. The afternoon work session included the consent agenda for the December 1, 2009 Public Hearing and a staff-led discussion on the County's current sign regulations. During the Public Hearing, Commissioners reviewed 1 land use case:

- A petition by Foxhall Properties, LLC, to obtain a Special Use Permit in an I-2, High Intensity Industrial District for the purpose of operating an asphalt plant on 16.7 acres located on Peaceful Drive. The Commission recommended approval with eleven conditions.

The Planning Commission's [November 16, 2009](#) work session was held on the fourth floor of the Roanoke County Administration Center. The work session included an overview and approval of the Planning Commission Bylaw amendments and staff updates on several of the proposed zoning ordinance amendments including private stables, multiple dog permits, home occupations, exterior lighting and entrance corridor overlay districts.

The Planning Commission will hold their next work session and public hearing on Tuesday, [December 1, 2009](#), at the Roanoke County Administration Center. The public hearing has one item on the agenda:

- A [petition](#) by Clifton Ronk to rezone approximately 0.349 acre from R-1, Low Density Residential to I-1C, Low Intensity Industrial with conditions for the purpose of expanding an existing cabinet shop on Wood Haven Road.

The petition of Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust to obtain a Special Use Permit to amend conditions regarding exterior building colors and sign panel colors and to increase the maximum size of a monument sign with a Special Use Permit on approximately 41 acres located in the 5200 block of Franklin Road has been continued to December 14, 2009.

On December 7, 2009, the Roanoke County Planning Commission and the Town of Vinton Planning Commission will hold a [joint public hearing](#) to receive comments on the draft Vinton Area Corridors Plan.

Best wishes for happy holidays and a joyous New Year!



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