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Significant Progress in Bringing Plan Reviews Up to Date

The Department of Development Services is excited to report that we have nearly caught up the Building Plan Review backlog. As of Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2012, only 17 plans out of 311 Building Plans were late and pending review. This is a dramatic improvement from the 346 late plans we had on April 4, 2012.

Peak Plan Review Backlog (531 plans pending review)

- April 4, 2012
 - * 214 Architectural plans late for review
 - * 86 Electrical plans late for review
 - * 46 Structural plans late for review

Current Plan Review Backlog (311 plans pending review)

- Sept. 5, 2012
 - * 13 Architectural plans late for review
 - * 4 Electrical plans late for review

The Building Plan review workload continues to remain strong as depicted in the table below:

Month	Number of Building Plan Submissions
January	384
February	613
March	1,049
April	801
May	877
June	1,008
July	988
August	986

We will continue to work diligently to get the plan review backlog under control, and to continue to provide excellent service to our customers.

Community Development Program Created to Identify Opportunities

Earlier this year, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors authorized the creation of a Community Development program to actively promote revitalization and redevelopment throughout the County. The primary goals of this initiative, which will be housed in the Planning Office, are to link the County's land use planning and economic development functions and to identify and promote redevelopment opportunities.

The Community Development program will focus on projects that will enhance opportunities for capital investment and job creation. The program manager will work with property owners, businesses, neighborhood groups, and government agencies to identify needs and resources, to identify and address barriers to redevelopment, and to promote capital investment in the development and/or reuse of vacant or underutilized buildings and properties.

The Planning Office is developing the initial scope of work for the program, and expects to fill the Community Development program manager position this fall. For more information, please contact Chris Price at 703-792-6830.

GIS Announces Release of 2012 Tax Map Book on CD



It's back! PWC GIS is pleased to announce that the Tax Map Book on CD product has returned! This new and improved product is more streamlined, user-friendly and interactive. Customer benefits include:

- **Cost Efficient and Convenient** – The new version is close to a 200% cost savings from purchasing a full set of the alternative GPIN-Centered Maps.
- **Accessible Anywhere** – Use on ANY computer! No internet connection required.
- **Interactive, User-friendly Interface** – there are now multiple ways to find the map you need. A 'clickable' County map quickly gets you the tile you wish to see, or you can use the new 'search' feature if you know the tile number. Still available is the traditional folder containing all the maps.
- **Produced on Demand with the Most Up-to-date GIS Data** – Previous versions were produced on a semi-annual basis. The new product can be generated with a one day turnaround time!!
- **Price Reduction** – Previous cost was up to \$150. The new Silver version (base/parcel/subdivision) is only \$50, the Gold version (base layers plus zoning, contours, RPA, and more) is now \$100.

The new TaxMap book on CD is available now at the GIS Customer Service Counter. For more information call 703-792-6840 or visit our Web page at www.pwcgov.org/gis.

Holiday Closings for 2012

All County offices will be closed
Monday, Oct. 8
in observance of **Columbus Day**.

All County offices will be closed
Monday, Nov. 12
in observance of **Veterans Day**.

All County offices will be closed
Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23
in observance of **Thanksgiving**

Delayed Opening on Second Wednesdays to Allow a Coordinated Cross Agency Staff Meeting

Beginning Wednesday, Sept.12, and on the second Wednesday of each month thereafter, (Oct. 10, Nov. 14 & Dec. 12, etc) the Zoning Counter, Building Plan Intake Counter and the Building Permit Counter will open at 9 a.m. All the other public counters in the Development Services Building will be open at their normal times.

Special Mid-Day Closing for Planning Department on Friday, Sept. 28

The Planning Office (Suite 210), the Zoning Counters, and the Records Center (Suite 20) will all be closed on Friday, Sept. 28, 2012 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. All offices will re-open promptly at 1:30 p.m.

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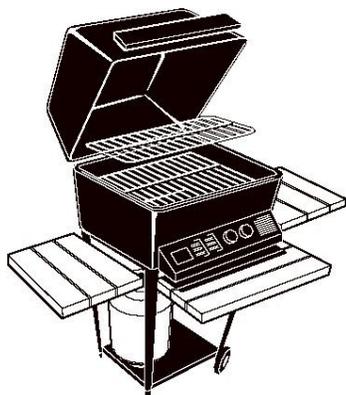
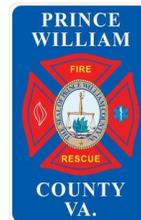
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Seasonal Safety Advisory

from the
**Prince William County
Department of Fire & Rescue**



Did you know that according to the National Fire Protection Association, gas-fueled and charcoal grills cause an average of 900 home structure fires and 3,500 home outdoor fires? Gas grills have a higher risk than charcoal grills. Half of all gas grill and charcoal grill home structure fires begin on an exterior balcony or open porch.

The Prince William County Fire Prevention Code Section 9.1-45, Ordinance 12-09 specifies that “No charcoal cooker, smoker, grill, brazier, hibachi or any flammable liquid or liquefied petroleum gas-fired stove or similar device shall be ignited or used on the balconies or spaces under balconies of any structure or within 15 feet of any apartment building or other structure with similar occupancy”.

There are many precautions you can take to prevent this from happening. For additional information, call 703-792-6360 or visit our website at <http://www.pwcgov.org/fire> , or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PWCDFR.

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New Development Management System Reaches Important Milestone

Prince William County's Development Management System (DMS) project team has been working on a technology improvement program project to replace the Tidemark system used by development services agencies and code enforcement with the EnerGov Enterprise system.

EnerGov technologies will streamline the County's development review and regulatory land management processes. EnerGov's software will facilitate collaboration among agencies and customers, and accelerate the review process. Once completely implemented, the new system will offer more transparency and allow for the County to expand its ability to provide leading edge technology such as electronic plan submittal and review.

The DMS team has accomplished a tremendous amount of work on this project since the contract was signed in October 2011 and has reached some important milestones. The planning and initiation phase, completed in March 2012, included tasks such as demonstrations for development staff and managers, creation of the project plan, and identifying current hardware needs.

As the project transitioned into the next phase, Assess and Define, core implementation team members received training in systems administration and participated in sessions that provided detailed analysis of the County's GIS system. The training sessions helped to provide an in-depth and behind-the-scenes understanding of the EnerGov product and how it will work with Prince William County business processes and data.

In August 2012, the project team signed off on the Assess and Define phase of the project, reaching a major milestone. This phase included a massive effort by the project team and approximately 60 subject matter experts (SMEs) from all of the development services agencies to map out flowcharts of all of their business processes and then input those into an EnerGov system workflow.

The project team, with the help of the SMEs, also completed a thorough analysis of EnerGov system capabilities and created specifications for 40 different custom enhancements, including online customer access features, interfaces with existing enterprise systems, and a new EnerGov module to manage the County's proffer processes.

The project team and the SMEs are very excited to be entering the Configuration and Review phase. The focus for the team will now turn to preparations for data conversion, hardware installation and configuration, as well as testing.

It is anticipated that the launch date will be late summer, or early fall of 2013. To learn more about the capabilities that the EnerGov project may offer, visit www.energov.com.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2012 Development Services Customer Special Advisory

The 2012 Presidential Election will occur on Tuesday, Nov. 6. The Development Services Building will be a polling place for citizens residing in the Stadium District.

Development Services customers are advised to expect heavy voter turnout and high volume of traffic in and around the Development Services Building all day on that date.

Please plan your visits accordingly.

Upcoming Events

Planning Commission McCoart Administration Building Public Hearings (Board Chambers)

Sept. 19, 2012 at 7 p.m.

*Work Session: Freedom of Information Act, 6-7 pm.
Potomac Conference Room*

Oct. 3, 2012 at 7 p.m.

Agenda available on September 26

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Commercial Development Committee Quarterly Meeting Development Services Building Conference Room 202 A&B

Oct. 10, 2012 at 2 p.m.

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DSCM- Zoning Ordinance Advisory Committee Development Services Building Conference Room 107 A&B

Sept. 28, 2012 at 2 p.m.

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Builder Developer Advisory Group McCoart Administration Building (Board Chambers)

Dec. 12, 2012 at 2 p.m.

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