

January 2017



Hello!

Hooray for 2016! It was a busy year for Roanoke County and Community Development, with some of our biggest projects launching as others wrapped up.

- The first-ever [Community Strategic Plan](#) defined a vision for the County's future,
- The [Route 419 Widening, Safety and Multimodal Improvements project](#) plans to tackle the worst congestion in the County,
- The [Explore Park Adventure Plan](#) promotes a new gateway to the outdoors,
- The [Reimagine 419](#) study continues to show the important relationship between economic development and planning,
- And the [Wood Haven Road project](#) is proving the benefits of regional collaboration.

As we enter 2017, **we wish to thank all of the participants who have been and remain engaged in these projects.** We will continue to reach out for your help in the coming year and we look forward to many new and exciting projects on the horizon!

Dec 5th

The Planning Commission recommended that the Board of Supervisors deny a [petition](#) by **TAS Design, Inc.** to rezone approximately 1.49 acres to remove/amend a proffered condition on property zoned C-1C, Low Intensity Commercial, District with conditions and to obtain a special use permit to allow a multi-family residential use greater than 50% of the gross floor area on site, located at 2602 Washington Avenue, Vinton Magisterial District. The applicants have indefinitely [postponed](#) their petition.

Dec 12th

A [community meeting](#) was held regarding the [petition](#) of **Henry L. Bennett IV** to rezone 0.67 acres from AR, Agricultural Residential to AV, Agricultural Village for the purpose of opening a hair salon on property located at 10102 Bent Mountain Road, Windsor Hills Magisterial District.

Jan 3rd

The Planning Commission will hear four petitions:

- The [petition](#) of **Triple J. Farm Events** to obtain a special use permit for the purpose of running a special events facility on 14.954 acres of property zoned AG-1 and AG-3 located at 5198 Blacksburg Road, Catawba Magisterial District
- The [petition](#) of **Henry L. Bennett IV** to rezone 0.67 acres from AR, Agricultural Residential to AV, Agricultural Village for the purpose of opening a hair salon on property located at 10102 Bent Mountain Road, Windsor Hills Magisterial District.
- The [petition](#) of **Property Catalyst Group** for a special use permit for a mini warehouse on 3.97 acres, I-1, Light Industrial District at 0 Plantation Road, tax map number 027.10-09-06.00-0000, Hollins Magisterial District.
- The continued hearing of a [petition](#) by **Valley Management Co., Inc. and Friendship Health and Rehab Center South, Inc.** to rezone properties located at or near 5647, 5665, and 5669 Starkey Road, Cave Spring Magisterial District.

News



Jan 4: Reimagine 419 Transportation Scenarios Community Meeting

Learn and share ideas about how to create an environment where cars, pedestrians, bicyclists and buses can safely coexist on Electric Road.

[Read More](#)

Regional Writers Sought for "Writer by Bus" Public Art Project

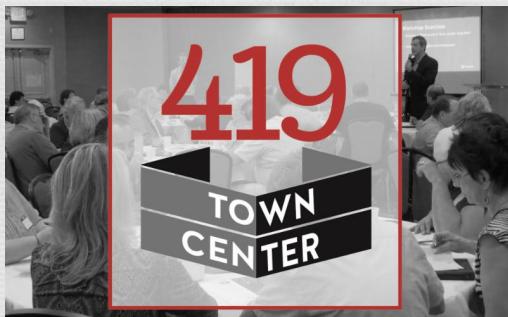
The winner(s) will be issued a one month bus pass and cash prize to create a unique work of literature while riding different Valley Metro, Star Line Trolley, and Smart Way bus routes.

[Learn More](#)

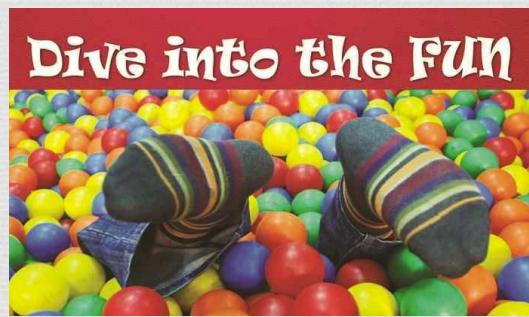


Upcoming Events

Click the photos for more information



January 4: Reimagine 419 Transportation Scenarios
Hilton Garden Inn - 6:30-8:30 p.m.



February 4: Tons of Fun
Tanglewood Mall - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Quick Tip!



Trash is defined as “abandoned personal property, garbage, refuse, rubbish, litter or debris.”

Concerned about junk or debris on private property in your community?

Under Roanoke County Code, [Section 13-154](#), 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.

Use the link below to report a violation.

[Report a Concern](#)

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Bailey DuBois
Planner II

County of Roanoke, Virginia | 5204 Bernard Drive, Roanoke, VA 24018

[Unsubscribe](#)

[Update Profile](#) | [About our service provider](#)

Sent by bdubois@roanokecountyva.gov in collaboration with



Try it free today

February 2017

Special Transportation Edition

Transportation Projects

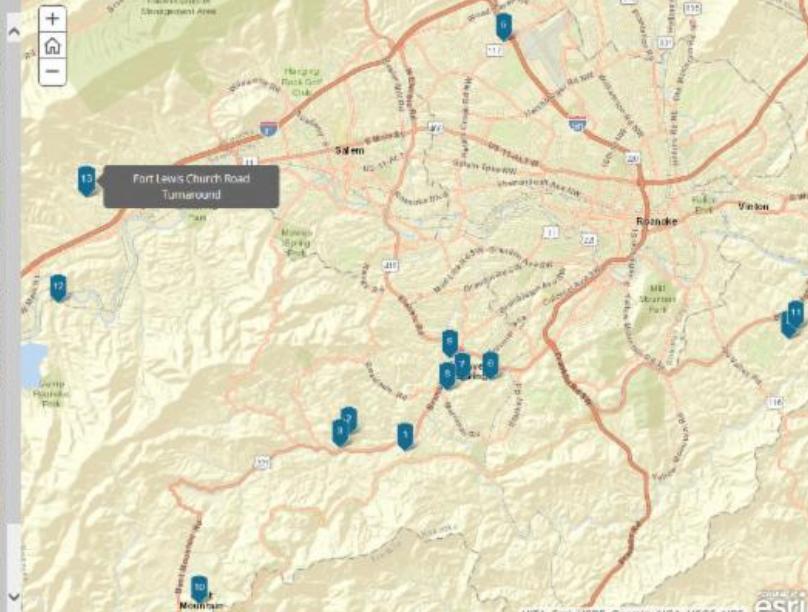
View active projects in and around Roanoke County. To zoom: scroll in and out with your mouse or use the + and - buttons. To move: click and drag the map. To return to the overview: press the Home button.



Transportation Projects [View All](#) [Print](#) [Email](#)

Interstates Primary Highways Secondary Roads Bicycle, Pedestrians & Greenways Transit





VITA, Esri, HERE, Garmin, NGA, USGS, NPS

Hello!

This month, there is big news as the [Plantation Road Bicycle, Pedestrian and Streetscape Improvement Project](#) is close to starting construction on Phase I this spring. This exciting news comes on the heels of other funding successes for transportation projects around the county, and we want you to know about all of it!

In this issue, we share those details in an [update](#) about our main transportation projects. We also reveal a [NEW interactive online map](#) that organizes transportation projects in the County by type, and includes photos, descriptions and links to VDOT project pages. We hope you will use the map to stay up-to-date on our progress improving your streets, sidewalks and greenways.

Explore the
Transportation
Projects Story
Map

Read the
Update

Planning & Zoning Update

Jan 3rd

The Planning Commission held public hearings and recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve four petitions:

- The [petition](#) of **Triple J. Farm Events** to obtain a special use

permit for the purpose of running a special events facility on 14.954 acres of property zoned AG-1 and AG-3 located at 5198 Blacksburg Road, Catawba Magisterial District.

- The [petition](#) of **Henry L. Bennett IV** to rezone 0.67 acres from AR, Agricultural Residential to AV, Agricultural Village for the purpose of opening a hair salon on property located at 10102 Bent Mountain Road, Windsor Hills Magisterial District.
- The [petition](#) of **Property Catalyst Group** for a special use permit for a mini warehouse on 3.97 acres, I-1, Light Industrial District at 0 Plantation Road, tax map number 027.10-09-06.00-0000, Hollins Magisterial District.
- The [petition](#) by **Valley Management Co., Inc.** and **Friendship Health and Rehab Center South, Inc.** to rezone properties located at or near 5647, 5665, and 5669 Starkey Road, Cave Spring Magisterial District.

Jan 4th

A [community meeting](#) was held on Reimagine 419 Transportation Scenarios, examining improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists in the study area, as well as a potential new design for the Route 419/220 interchange.

Jan 24th

The Board of Supervisors held public hearings and approved the four petitions recommended for approval by the Planning Commission on January 3.

Jan 31st

A [community meeting](#) was held by the **Western Virginia Regional Industrial Facility Authority (WVRIFA)** on the planning and development of 106 acres along Wood Haven Road.

Feb 27th

A community meeting will be held regarding the [petition](#) of **North Point Apts, LLC and North Point Apts II, LLC** to rezone approximately 6.656 acres to amend proffered conditions to increase the maximum number of residential units from 115 to 126 to allow the construction of an additional apartment building on property zoned R-4C, High Density Multi-Family Residential, District with conditions, located at 6430 and 6451 Archcrest Drive, Hollins Magisterial District. **The meeting will be held at the Hollins Library, 6624 Peters Creek Road from 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Mar 7th

The Planning Commission will hear the [petition](#) of **North Point Apts, LLC and North Point Apts II, LLC** to rezone approximately 6.656 acres to amend proffered conditions to increase the maximum number of residential units from 115 to 126 to allow the construction of an additional apartment building on property zoned R-4C, High Density Multi-Family Residential, District with conditions, located at 6430 and 6451 Archcrest Drive, Hollins Magisterial District.

News

County Transportation Projects Update

With more than 40 transportation projects in various stages, we have a lot of progress to report! Here's an update on the biggest projects and our recent funding awards:



Read More



Reimagine 419 maps new corridor in latest transportation meeting

Nearly 60 participants commented on travel improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists in the study area, as well as a potential new design for the Route 419/220 interchange.

Read More



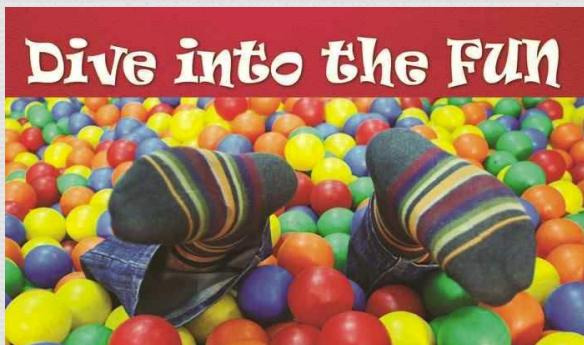
Bringing Bikeshare to the Roanoke Valley

RIDE Solutions, the region's commuter options program, is working to bring bikesharing to the Roanoke Valley this spring.

Learn More

Upcoming Events

Click the photos for more information



February 4: Tons of Fun

Tanglewood Mall - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



February 7: Business Showcase

Salem Civic Center - 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Restaurant Week



March 6-12: WRABA Restaurant Week

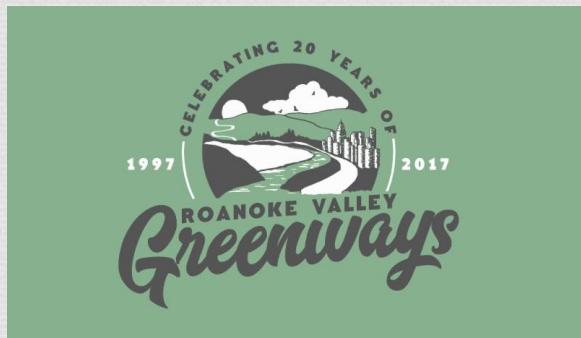
Participating Williamson Road restaurants

Reimagine 419 Plan Reveal & Community Meeting



March 9: Reimagine 419 Plan Reveal

Holiday Inn Tanglewood - 6:30 p.m.



March 21 & 30: Greenway Plan Update

Roanoke & Daleville - 6:30 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE



May 13: Gallop for the Greenways, Triathlon, Kid's Run & After Party

River's Edge Sports Complex - 3:00 p.m.

Quick Tip!



Where can I keep an inoperative vehicle?

Roanoke County defines inoperative motor vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers as "any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer which is not in operating condition, or which for a period of sixty (60) days or longer has been partially or totally disassembled by the removal of tires and wheels, the engine or other essential parts required for operation of the vehicle or on which there are displayed **neither valid license plates nor a valid inspection decal**.

"It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to keep on any property any inoperative motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, unless such vehicle is completely screened or shielded from public view or fully enclosed within a building or structure." [Sec. 12-123](#)

Use the [Neighborhood Concerns](#) form to report a violation.

Stay warm out there!

Sincerely,
Bailey DuBois
Planner II

County of Roanoke, Virginia | 5204 Bernard Drive, Roanoke, VA 24018

[Unsubscribe](#)

[Update Profile](#) | [About our service provider](#)

Sent by bdubois@roanokecountyva.gov in collaboration with



Try it free today

March 2017

Reimagine 419



DRAFT PLAN REVEAL

COMMUNITY
MEETING

Hello!

This month we approach the end of the [Reimagine 419 study](#) with a community meeting to reveal the draft Plan! This presentation will outline the implementation steps that are necessary to develop the Route 419 Town Center over the next 20 years, as well as the Plan's key design components.

Following the meeting, the draft Plan will be available for public comment online and in hardcopy at County libraries.

[Get the Details](#)



**Draft Plan Reveal
Community Meeting**
Thursday, March 23
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
[South County Library](#)

Planning & Zoning Update

Feb 21st

In a work session, the Planning Commission discussed:

- The [Roanoke Valley Conceptual Greenway Plan Update](#)

- The Tinker Creek Greenway Master Plan
- The NEW [Transportation Projects Story Map](#)

Mar 7th

The Planning Commission will hear the [petition](#) of **North Point Apts, LLC and North Point Apts II, LLC** to rezone approximately 6.656 acres to amend proffered conditions to increase the maximum number of residential units from 115 to 126 to allow the construction of an additional apartment building on property zoned R-4C, High Density Multi-Family Residential, District with conditions, located at 6430 and 6451 Archcrest Drive, Hollins Magisterial District. The Board of Supervisors will hear the petition on March 28.

Mar 16th

A community meeting will be held on the [petition](#) of **Richard Rife, Rife + Wood Architects** to rezone approximately 0.369 acres from R-1, Low Density Residential district to C-1, Low Intensity Commercial district, located at 3722 Colonial Avenue, Cave Spring Magisterial District for the purpose of a beauty salon. The meeting will be held at the [Roanoke County Administration Center](#), 5204 Bernard Drive, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Mar 23rd

The [Reimagine 419](#) draft Plan Unveiling community meeting at the [South County Library](#) from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Mar 27th

[Roanoke Valley Greenway Plan Update](#), Public Input Meeting in the **Hollins Area** at 6:30 p.m., [Mountain View Elementary School](#), 5901 Plantation Cir, Roanoke, VA 24019.

Apr 3rd

[Roanoke Valley Greenway Plan Update](#), Public Input Meeting in the **Cave Spring Area** at 6:30 p.m., [South County Library](#), 6303 Merriman Rd, Roanoke, VA 24018.

Apr 4th

The Planning Commission will hear the [petition](#) of **Richard Rife, Rife + Wood Architects** to rezone approximately 0.369 acres from R-1, Low Density Residential district to C-1, Low Intensity Commercial district, located at 3722 Colonial Avenue, Cave Spring Magisterial District for the purpose of a beauty salon.

Apr 6th

[Roanoke Valley Greenway Plan Update](#), Public Input Meeting in the **Glenvar Area** at 6:30 p.m., [Glenvar Middle School](#), 4555 Malus Dr, Salem, VA 24153.

Apr 10th

[Roanoke Valley Greenway Plan Update](#), Public Input Meeting in the **Vinton Area** at 6:30 p.m., [Vinton War Memorial](#), 814 E Washington Ave, Vinton, VA 24179.

News

Celebrating 20 years of Greenways with the NEW Adventure Triathlon and a four-mile race!

The annual Gallop for the Greenways fundraising race is even bigger this year:

[Read More](#)



Last Chance to Submit to the Bike Shorts Film Festival

The rules of the festival are simple: Submit a short film (10 minutes or fewer, recommended) that has something to do with bicycles!

[Learn More](#)

Upcoming Events

Click the photos for more information



March 6-12: WRABA Restaurant Week
Participating Williamson Road restaurants



March 8: Canopy Counts Workshop
Virginia Western C.C. - 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Multiple Dates: Greenway Plan Update
Multiple Locations - 6:30 p.m.



March 23: Reimagine 419 Plan Reveal
Holiday Inn Tanglewood - 6:30 p.m.

Spring Cleaning Options

Think twice before taking all your "trash" to the curb; there may be a better way:

Recycle it: Roanoke County currently offers several [recycling drop off locations](#) in addition to the Tinker Creek TransferStation. Different locations accept different materials, so it's important to learn what your location will accept.

Sell it or Donate it: Consider a garage sale or consignment shop! Roanoke County allows garage or yard sales provided that such sales occur no more than two days in a two month period.

Dispose of it: If you do choose to throw out materials or household items, please refer to [General Services Bulk and Brush Collection](#) guidelines.

You may also call [General Services](#) at 540-387-6225 for further information.



What materials are accepted at the recycling drop off locations?

All of the trailers take the following materials: mixed paper, plastic #1 - #7, and aluminum, steel cans, and tin cans. Mixed paper includes newsprint, office paper, magazines, and cardboard.

Have a wonderful month!

Sincerely,
Bailey DuBois
Planner II

County of Roanoke, Virginia | 5204 Bernard Drive, Roanoke, VA 24018

[Unsubscribe](#)

[Update Profile](#) | [About our service provider](#)

Sent by bdubois@roanokecountyva.gov in collaboration with

Constant Contact 

Try it free today

April 2017

Breaking Ground on the Plantation Road Project



Hello!

We are thrilled to share that Roanoke County broke ground on the first phase of the Plantation Road Bicycle, Pedestrian and Streetscape Improvement project on a bright and sunny morning on March 8!

Phase I will improve the west side of Plantation Road. It includes: a 10-foot-wide shared-use path from Williamson Road to Walrond Drive; street trees; curb and gutter; and a "Welcome to Hollins" sign. The anticipated completion date is June 2018.

[Read More](#)

Planning & Zoning Update

Mar 7th

The Planning Commission recommended for approval the [petition](#) of **North Point Apts, LLC** and **North Point Apts II, LLC** to rezone approximately 6.656 acres to amend proffered conditions to increase the maximum number of residential units from 115 to 126 to allow the construction of an additional apartment building on property zoned R-4C, High Density Multi-Family Residential, District with conditions, located at 6430 and 6451 Archcrest Drive, Hollins Magisterial District.

Mar 23rd

The [Reimagine 419](#) draft Plan was unveiled at a community meeting at the [South County Library](#).

The Board of Supervisors approved the [petition](#) of **North Point**

Mar 27th

Apts, LLC and North Point Apts II, LLC.

Apr 3rd

[Roanoke Valley Greenway Plan Update](#) Public Input Meeting in the **Cave Spring Area** at 6:30 p.m., [South County Library](#), 6303 Merriman Rd, Roanoke, VA 24018.

April 4th

The Planning Commission will hear the [petition](#) of **Richard Rife, Rife + Wood Architects** to rezone approximately 0.369 acres from R-1, Low Density Residential district to C-1, Low Intensity Commercial district, located at 3722 Colonial Avenue, Cave Spring Magisterial District for the purpose of a beauty salon. The meeting will be held at the [Roanoke County Administration Center](#), 5204 Bernard Drive, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The Board of Supervisors will hear the petition on April 25.

Apr 6th

[Roanoke Valley Greenway Plan Update](#) Public Input Meeting in the **Glenvar Area** at 6:30 p.m., [Glenvar Middle School](#), 4555 Malus Dr, Salem, VA 24153.

Apr 10th

[Roanoke Valley Greenway Plan Update](#) Public Input Meeting in the **Vinton Area** at 6:30 p.m., [Vinton War Memorial](#), 814 E Washington Ave, Vinton, VA 24179.

Apr 26th

The [Western Virginia Regional Industrial Facility Authority](#) will hold a second community meeting on the Wood Haven Road Property at the [Sheraton Roanoke](#), 2801 Hershberger Rd NW, Roanoke, VA 24017 from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

May 2nd

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on:

- A proposed amendment to incorporate the 419 Town Center Plan into the Roanoke County Comprehensive Plan. The draft [419 Town Center Plan](#) provides redevelopment and transportation recommendations for the Route 419 area near Tanglewood.
- Proposed amendments to the Roanoke County Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendments would make the following changes to Article III (District Regulations): delete sections 30-47-7(D), 30-47-8(A), 30-57-8(D), 30-57-9(A), 30-63-8(D), and 30-63-9(A) dealing with the approval of preliminary and final site development plans and the failure to begin development within PRD (Planned Residential Development), PCD (Planned Commercial Development), and PTD (Planned Technology Development) Districts; and to allow guidance services as a by-right use in the I-1, Low Intensity Industrial, District, and I-2, High Intensity Industrial, District.
- The [petition](#) of **Lexington Falls, LLC** to rezone approximately 1.67 acres to amend a proffered condition on property zoned C-2CS, High Intensity Commercial, District with conditions and special use permit and to rezone 0.68 acre from C-1, Low Intensity Commercial, District to C-2, High Intensity Commercial, District. The amended proffer references general conformance to a revised concept plan showing additional parking and a new access drive on Burlington Drive for an existing Bojangles restaurant. The property is located at 6065 Peters Creek Road and in the 6100 block of Burlington Drive, Hollins Magisterial District.

News



Record attendance at 419 Town Center draft Plan Reveal Community Meeting

The draft Plan, presentation, survey and implementation exercise are available online for public review and comment until April 21.

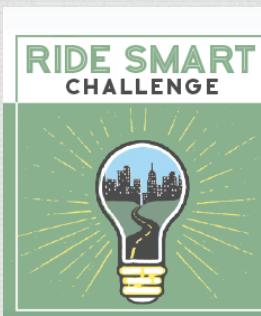
[Read More](#)



Vinton approved for new William Byrd High School Historic District

The Virginia Department of Historic Resources placed the former William Byrd High School on the Virginia Landmarks Register on March 16.

[Read More](#)



Every mile counts!
Commuting.
Shopping.
Dining.

Take the Ride Smart Challenge!

Accept the challenge to walk, bike, carpool, telecommute or take public transportation this May. Log rides to win great weekly prizes!

[Learn More](#)



Before you blow, you should know... A guide for leaf blowing & lawn care

We often do not realize that our landscaping activities can be detrimental to the very environment that we are trying to beautify.

[Read More](#)

Upcoming Events

Click the photos for more information



April 3, 6, 10: Greenway Plan Update Meetings Multiple Locations - 6:30 p.m.

April 15: Blue Ridge Kite Festival
Green Hill Park - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



April 26-30: Vinton Dogwood Festival
Downtown Vinton - Events all day



May 13: Gallop for the Greenways and Adventure Triathlon
River's Edge Sports Complex - 3-9 p.m.

Have your say about the greenways!

Please attend one of the remaining Greenway Plan Update community input meetings on April 3, 6 or 10.

You might not get a chance to shape the future of the Roanoke Valley Greenways for another 10 years!

While you're thinking about it, [take the survey](#)! Please tell us how you use the greenway network and what you think needs more work.



Please don't forget to complete the Reimagine 419 [exercise](#) and [survey](#)!

Sincerely,
Bailey DuBois
Planner II

May 2017



Hello!

Did you know that last year Roanoke County restored 3,000 linear feet of stream along Glade Creek in [Vinyard Park](#) (one of the most heavily eroded streams in the County)? This year Phase II is underway to restore an additional 2,500 feet.

An important function of the Community Development Department is to care for our rivers and streams. Not only do we plan new ways for our citizens to enjoy these natural amenities, but we also monitor bank erosion and sedimentation in the stream bed, and restore streams back to a more natural condition to protect fish habitat and reduce flooding. These projects make community spaces like Vinyard Park safer and more beautiful, all while improving the health of our waters.

[Read More about the Project](#)

Planning & Zoning Update

April 4th

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the [petition](#) of **Richard Rife, Rife + Wood Architects** to rezone approximately 0.369 acres from R-1, Low Density Residential district to C-1, Low Intensity Commercial district, located at 3722 Colonial Avenue, Cave Spring Magisterial District for the purpose of a beauty salon. The petitioner requested to continue the Board of Supervisors Public Hearing until May 23.

Apr 26th

The [Western Virginia Regional Industrial Facility Authority](#) held a second [community meeting](#) on the Wood Haven Road Property at the [Sheraton Roanoke](#).

May 2nd

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on:

- The [petition](#) of **Lexington Falls, LLC** to rezone approximately 1.67 acres to amend a proffered condition on property zoned C-2CS, High Intensity Commercial, District with conditions and special use permit and to rezone 0.68 acre from C-1, Low Intensity Commercial, District to C-2, High Intensity Commercial, District. The amended proffer references general conformance to a revised concept plan showing additional parking and a new access drive on Burlington Drive for an existing Bojangles restaurant. The property is located at 6065 Peters Creek Road and in the 6100 block of Burlington Drive, Hollins Magisterial District.
- [Proposed amendments](#) to the Roanoke County Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendments would make the following changes to Article III (District Regulations): delete sections 30-47-7(D), 30-47-8(A), 30-57-8(D), 30-57-9(A), 30-63-8(D), and 30-63-9(A) dealing with the approval of preliminary and final site development plans and the failure to begin development within PRD (Planned Residential Development), PCD (Planned Commercial Development), and PTD (Planned Technology Development) Districts; and to allow guidance services as a by-right use in the I-1, Low Intensity Industrial, District, and I-2, High Intensity Industrial, District.
- A proposed amendment to incorporate the 419 Town Center Plan into the Roanoke County Comprehensive Plan. The draft [419 Town Center Plan](#) provides redevelopment and transportation recommendations for the Route 419 area near Tanglewood.

May 16th

The Planning Commission will conduct a work session on:

- The [Roanoke Valley Greenways](#) 2017 Master Plan Update.
- Proposed amendments to the Roanoke County Zoning Ordinance.

May 23rd

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on:

- The [petition](#) of **Lexington Falls, LLC** to rezone approximately 1.67 acres to amend a proffered condition on property zoned C-2CS, High Intensity Commercial, District with conditions and special use permit and to rezone 0.68 acre from C-1, Low Intensity Commercial, District to C-2, High Intensity Commercial, District.

- Zoning Ordinance Amendments (first reading).

May 25th

The [Western Virginia Regional Industrial Facility Authority](#) will hold a third community meeting on the Wood Haven Road Property at the [Holiday Inn Roanoke Airport](#) at 6:30 p.m.

News



Second Informational Session on Wood Haven Road Project

The Western Virginia Regional Industrial Facility Authority presented conceptual building and buffer designs for public input at a community meeting on the Wood Haven Road Project.

[Read More](#)


Interstate 81 Exit 140 Park and Ride Facility Expansion

Construction has finally begun! This 0.66 acre expansion will include new spaces and critical amenities for all users.

[Read More](#)


Log your trips during the Ride Smart Challenge

The challenge begins this month! Log every trip you take using alternative transportation to be entered into the weekly contest!

[Read More](#)

Upcoming Events

Click the photos for more information



May 2: Planning Commission Public Hearing: Draft 419 Town Center Plan
Roanoke County Admin. Center - 7 p.m.



May 13: Gallop for the Greenways and Adventure Triathlon
River's Edge Sports Complex - 3-9 p.m.



May 20: Vinton Wine & Food Festival
Explore Park - 1-6 p.m.



June 24: Star City Sock Hop
Preston Park tennis courts - 6:30-9 p.m.

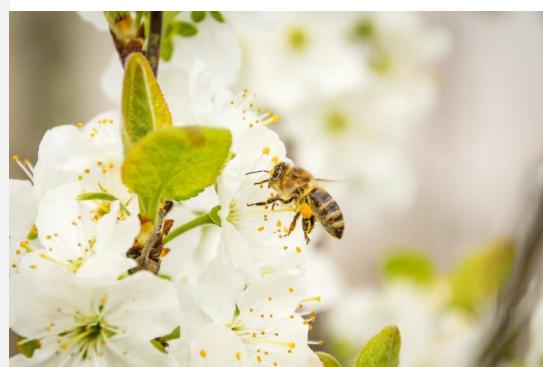
Residential Chickens and Bees

Backyard chicken and bee keeping is becoming popular with urban and suburban residents. Roanoke County allows both, but you must know the rules about location, number and type of chickens before you get started:



Hens

Roanoke County requires [a permit for residential chicken keeping](#) if you live in single-family dwelling in a non-agricultural area. You must make sure your chicken coop meets the size per chicken requirement and that it is located far enough away from other residences. The size of your lot determines how many



Honeybees

Beekeeping is allowed without a permit but requires that your hives are located far enough away from property lines and residences. You may need to erect a flight path barrier, and the size of your lot determines how many hives you may keep.

chickens you may keep at one time.
Roosters are not permitted.

[Read the full requirements](#)

*We strongly recommend that you
first speak with your neighbors
about your plans to start an apiary.*

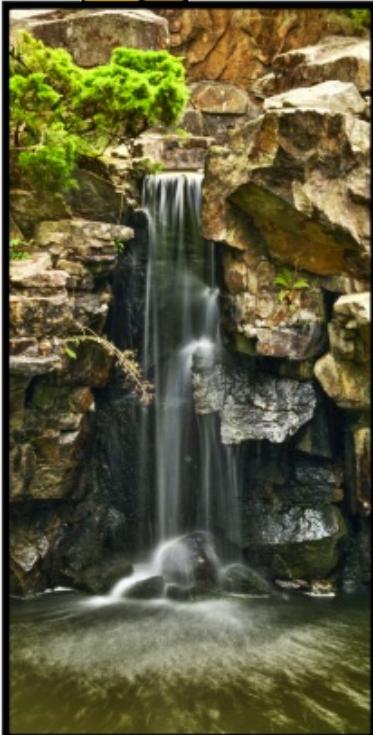
[Read the full requirements](#)

Enjoy the sunny weather!

Sincerely,
Bailey DuBois
Planner II



June 2017



STORMWATER CLEAN AWARD

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY
ROANOKE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



- Proper on-site soil containment
- Proper use of erosion & sediment controls
- Maintenance of erosion & sediment controls
- Employing early soil stabilization
- Keepin' dirt off the streets & out of the creeks
- Makin' the fish happy

~ *DOING RIGHT for the Roanoke RIVER* ~



Hello!

Did you know that the rate of erosion on most construction sites is 500 times greater than that which would occur naturally on a site that is undisturbed and vegetated? By volume, sediment is currently the greatest pollutant of Virginia's rivers and streams, and land-disturbing construction activity has the highest erosion rate. Roanoke County recently revealed a new Contractor Appreciation Program that will, in part, present a *Stormwater Clean Award* for excellence in stormwater management and erosion and sediment control. The award recognizes land-disturbing contractors who conduct exemplary work relative to the protection of natural water resources.

We all benefit from "keepin' dirt off the streets and out of the creeks." This new program will help the County show its appreciation for outstanding efforts to prevent stormwater pollution.

[Read More](#)

Planning & Zoning Update

May 2nd

The Planning Commission recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

- Approve the [petition](#) of **Lexington Falls, LLC** to rezone approximately 1.67 acres to amend a proffered condition on property zoned C-2CS, High Intensity Commercial, District with conditions and special use permit and to rezone 0.68 acre from C-1, Low Intensity Commercial, District to C-2, High Intensity Commercial, District. The amended proffer references general conformance to a revised concept plan showing additional parking and a new access drive on Burlington Drive for an existing Bojangles restaurant. The property is located at 6065 Peters Creek Road and in the 6100 block of Burlington Drive, Hollins Magisterial District.
- Approve [proposed amendments](#) to the Roanoke County Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendments would make the following changes to Article III (District Regulations): delete sections 30-47-7(D), 30-47-8(A), 30-57-8(D), 30-57-9(A), 30-63-8(D), and 30-63-9(A) dealing with the approval of preliminary and final site development plans and the failure to begin development within PRD (Planned Residential Development), PCD (Planned Commercial Development), and PTD (Planned Technology Development) Districts; and to allow guidance services as a by-right use in the I-1, Low Intensity Industrial, District, and I-2, High Intensity Industrial, District.

The Planning Commission did not take any action on the proposed amendment to incorporate the 419 Town Center Plan into the Roanoke County Comprehensive Plan. The draft [419 Town Center Plan](#) provides redevelopment and transportation recommendations for the Route 419 area near Tanglewood.

May 16th

The Planning Commission work session was cancelled.

May 23rd

The Board of Supervisors:

- Approved the first reading of [proposed amendments](#) to Article III (District Provisions) of the Zoning Ordinance. The second reading and public hearing will be held on June 27.
- Approved the [petition](#) of **Lexington Falls, LLC** to rezone approximately 1.67 acres to amend a proffered condition on property zoned C-2CS, High Intensity Commercial, District with conditions and special use permit and to rezone 0.68 acre from C-1, Low Intensity Commercial, District to C-2, High Intensity Commercial, District.
- Approved the [petition](#) of **Richard Rife, Rife + Wood Architects** to rezone approximately 0.369 acres from R-1, Low Density Residential district to C-1, Low Intensity Commercial district, located at 3722 Colonial Avenue, Cave Spring Magisterial District for the purpose of a beauty salon.

The [Western Virginia Regional Industrial Facility Authority](#) held its

May 25th

[final neighborhood workshop](#) on the Wood Haven project at the [Holiday Inn Roanoke Airport](#). The event was another chance for neighbors to provide input on concepts for the approximately 100 acres along Wood Haven Road near the intersection with I-581 which has been acquired by the WVRIFA. Approximately 50 people attended and went through a series of stations that addressed proposals for current and future land use, storm water, transportation, site development, and the planning and development process. Each station allowed for dialog and questions with staff members from Roanoke County, the City of Roanoke, and the WVRIFA as well as consultants on land use, engineering, and transportation. The property is jointly owned by Roanoke, Roanoke County, and Salem.

June 6th

The Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission will hold a joint work session on a proposed amendment to incorporate the 419 Town Center Plan into the Roanoke County Comprehensive Plan. The draft [419 Town Center Plan](#) provides redevelopment and transportation recommendations for the Route 419 area near Tanglewood.

June 20th

The Planning Commission will hold a work session to continue discussion of 419 Town Center Plan implementation.

June 27th

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on [proposed amendments](#) to Article III (District Provisions) of the Zoning Ordinance.

News



BIKEShare Opens in Roanoke

With 50 bikes at 10 stations in phase one, the new system will provide transportation and recreation options to help connect valley residents. Learn about rates and membership options:

[Read More](#)

Roanoke County Brand Update



The new Roanoke County Brand Mark reinforces state tourism efforts to promote the Roanoke Valley as an outdoor destination!

[Read More](#)

Top 10 Ways to Reduce Stormwater Pollution at Home



There are many easy ways for residents to help keep pollutants out of our rivers and streams:

[Read More](#)

Welcome New Employees!



Shane Forry

Construction Inspector

"I've been in the housing industry most of my life, in one way or another. I started out working for several companies as an architectural draftsman, then moved to the field of inspections with the County of Franklin, VA and the City of Poquoson in Virginia Beach. I live in Rocky Mount with my son Chase who is 19 years old. I look forward to working with the County of Roanoke Inspections department and their team."

Dorothy Baker

Planning Intern

"I am currently a graduate student at the University of Virginia studying Urban and Environmental Planning. In 2015 I graduated from Virginia Tech with a dual degree in Agricultural Science and Environmental Policy and Planning. This summer, I am interning with Roanoke County in the Community Development Department. I am excited to work in the Valley and look forward to gaining hands-on experience in planning."

Upcoming Events

[Click the photos for more information](#)



June 6: Joint Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission Work Session: Draft 419 Town Center Plan
Roanoke County Admin. Center - 5 p.m.

June 10: Artisan Saturdays
Explore Park - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.



June 24: Star City Sock Hop
Preston Park tennis courts - 6:30-9 p.m.



June 27-29: Agroforestry Conference
Virginia Tech - All day

Zoning Tip: It's Weed Season!



We're hearing a lot about grass.

In Roanoke County, any plant, grass or other vegetation covering a substantial portion of a parcel zoned for residential, business, commercial or industrial use may not be any taller than 12 inches. See a violation in your neighborhood?

[Please submit a Neighborhood Concerns complaint online.](#)

Looking forward to a beautiful month!

Sincerely,
Bailey DuBois
Planner II



July 2017



Hello!

Last month we received great news about several funding awards for major transportation projects. On June 21, the [Commonwealth Transportation Board](#) approved the Six Year Improvement Program to fund vital road improvements including traffic signal coordination, pedestrian accommodations and an Interstate 81 auxiliary lane addition in Roanoke County.

Read the [blog](#) for more details on the scope and location of these funded projects, or view the interactive [transportation project map](#) on our website for an up-to-date listing of all current transportation projects in Roanoke County.

[Read More](#)

Planning & Zoning Update

June 6th

The Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission held a [joint work session](#) on a proposed amendment to incorporate the

[419 Town Center Plan](#) into the Roanoke County Comprehensive Plan. The draft Plan provides [redevelopment and transportation recommendations](#) for the Route 419 area near Tanglewood.

June 9th

The [petition](#) by **TAS Design, Inc.** was withdrawn. The petition was to rezone to amend a proffered condition and obtain a Special Use Permit for Multifamily Use over 50% on 1.49 acres in a C-1, Low Intensity Commercial District at 2602 Washington Avenue, Vinton Magisterial District. A community meeting was held on November 10, 2016.

June 20th

The Planning Commission held a work session to continue discussion of proposed [419 Town Center Plan](#).

June 27th

The Board of Supervisors approved the [proposed amendments](#) to Article III (District Regulations) of the Zoning Ordinance.

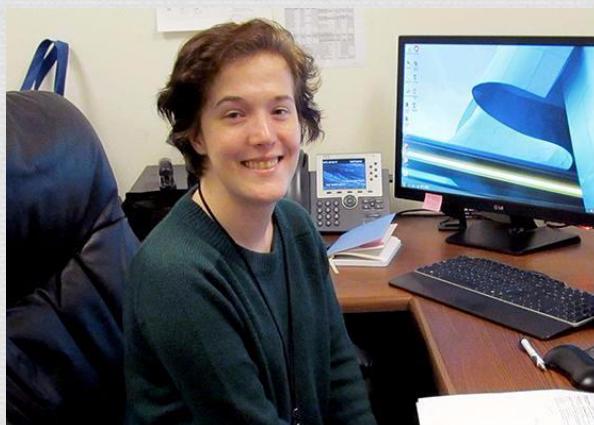
July 5th

The Planning Commission work session was cancelled.

July 18th

The Planning Commission will hold a work session to continue discussion of proposed [419 Town Center Plan](#).

News



Welcome Abby Craig! Stormwater Education Intern

"I am a rising sophomore currently studying Environmental Studies at Hollins University. I've lived in the Roanoke Valley all my life, and am excited to work in the Community Development Department. I will be assisting in community and educational outreach this summer."

Worry-free Carpooling with this Commuting "Insurance Policy"

RIDE Solutions' Guaranteed Ride Home Program provides any registered member a free ride home in the event of an emergency. Find a carpool match today!

[Learn More](#)

Upcoming Events

Click the photos for more information



July 29: Touch-a-Truck

Green Hill Park - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.



August 12: Artisan Saturdays

Explore Park - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Zoning Tip: Patio vs. Deck / Porch vs. Stoop



The difference matters! If your home is close to a property line, you may only be permitted to build one or the other.

Patios and **Stoops** are allowed within setback areas.

Decks and **Porches** are not allowed within setback areas. However, the *roof* of a porch may encroach by 2 feet and the *stoop* may also encroach on the setback.

A **DECK** is a structure without a roof directly adjacent to a principal building, with an average elevation of 30 in. or greater from finished grade.

A **PATIO** is a level surfaced area without walls or a roof directly adjacent to a principal building, with an average elevation of not more than 30 in. from finished grade.

A **PORCH** is a roofed open area which may be screened, usually attached to or part of a building, with direct entrance and exit to and from the building.

A **STOOP** is a platform without a roof located at the entrance of a building, large enough for occupants to enter and exit the building.

Have a wonderful month!

Sincerely,
Bailey DuBois
Planner II



August 2017



Hello!

Exciting news from our neighbors in Vinton! Did you hear about the opening of the Glade Creek Greenway? We hope you'll go out there and enjoy it before the secret gets out! The greenway is an "ADA-accessible bicycle/pedestrian trail/greenway, 10-feet wide and paved for almost 2,000 feet stretching from Virginia/Dale Avenue to Walnut Avenue. Phase 1 will be followed by Phase 2, which will connect Walnut Avenue to Gus Nicks Boulevard extending about 3,060 feet." [Read more coverage by The Vinton Messenger...](#)

Watch RVT's Coverage of the Ribbon Cutting

Planning & Zoning Update

July 18th

The Planning Commission held a work session to continue discussion of the proposed [419 Town Center Plan](#).

July 25th

The Board of Supervisors held a work session to continue discussion of the proposed [419 Town Center Plan](#).

Aug 10th

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will hold two informal meetings on the department's draft conditions for water quality certification sought by the Mountain Valley Pipeline. The meeting in Roanoke County will be held from **5 p.m. - 7 p.m. at Cave Spring High School, 3712 Chaparral Dr., 24018**. An earlier meeting in Giles County will be held from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. at the Newport Community Center, 434 Blue Grass Trail, 24128.

Virginia DEQ Director David Paylor will be on hand to offer remarks, answer questions and accept written comments. Residents can [sign up to speak](#) before the meeting. [Read DEQ's Draft Conditions Report](#) online.

Aug 15th

The Planning Commission will hold a work session to:

- Continue discussion of the proposed [419 Town Center Plan](#).
- Hear a presentation from our Planning Intern, Dorothy Baker, with a review of her internship.

Recognition and Awards



Roanoke County received the **Virginian Award for Implementation and Accountability** from the Virginia Chapter of the American Planning Association for the 2016 [Community Strategic Plan](#).

Photo credit: Mary Zirkle

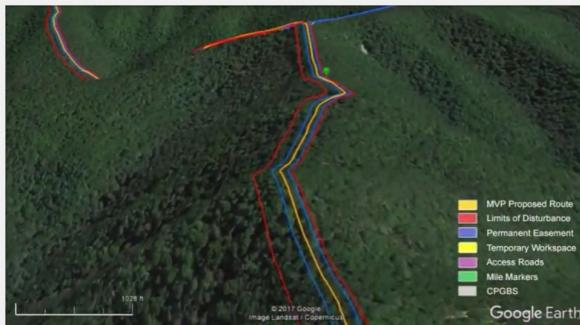


Roanoke County received a **2017 Achievement Award** from the The National Association of Counties (NACo) for the [Neighborhood Concerns](#) Zoning Code Enforcement Application. The project was selected as one of [100 Brilliant Ideas at Work](#), showcasing innovation in county government.

News

New Google Earth flyover video shows MVP proposed route

A short video shows the steep topography of the ridgetops that the Mountain Valley Pipeline would cross.



Virginia Outdoors Survey

2017 Virginia Outdoors Survey open to public for the first time

The survey assesses the popularity and needs for outdoor recreation facilities across the commonwealth.

[Take the Survey](#)

Upcoming Events

Click the photos for more information



August 5: Kegs & Barrels Festival
Green Hill Park - 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.



August 12: Artisan Saturdays
Explore Park - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.



August 19: CreekFest 2017
Vinton Farmers' Market - 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.



August 26: Highland Games
Green Hill Park - 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.



Sept 15-17: Greek Fest
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church



Sept 16: Marine Corps MudRun
Green Hill Park - Various times

Zoning Tip: Fencing Standards



Are you interested in adding a fence to your property?

Please be aware of the following: except in locations that obstruct sight triangles, fences may be constructed in any location, on any lot. On any lot occupied by a residential use type (home), fences located in front of the building line shall not exceed four feet in height. Additional regulations for corner lots apply.

See Roanoke County Code [section 30-100-9](#) for more information. Remember to call Miss Utility before digging at 1-800-552-7001.

Don't forget to "like" [Roanoke County Planning Services](#) on Facebook for more!

Sincerely,
Bailey DuBois
Planner II



September 2017



Hello!

This month's big news is the improvement of Ivyland Road! This is a rural addition project to extend Ivyland 0.206 miles from the end of state maintenance to a new cul-de-sac turnaround for service or emergency vehicles. The project completes a long standing effort to improve Ivyland; a project was created to extend and repave the existing state road in 2007, but right of way acquisition was unsuccessful, and the existing state route was paved with project funds.



In the summer of 2016, renewed neighborhood interest in the project led to successful right of way acquisition with the help of neighborhood leaders. Finally, Virginia Department of Transportation staff assisted in moving the project forward to construction in the summer of 2017. Thanks to all involved for making this a reality!

Planning & Zoning Update

Aug 15th

The Planning Commission held a work session to:

- Continue discussion of the proposed [419 Town Center Plan](#).
- Hear a presentation from Planning Intern Dorothy Baker about her internship.

Sept 12

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to consider a [through truck restriction](#) on Newport Road. The hearing is at 3 p.m. at the Roanoke County Administration Center, 5204 Bernard Drive.

Following the public hearing, the Board of Supervisors will hold a work session to discuss 2017-2018 transportation funding requests.

Sept 19

The Planning Commission will hold a work session to:

- Continue discussion of the proposed [419 Town Center Plan](#).
- Hear a presentation about the Commercial Matching Grant Program process and its recent applicant.

Oct 3

The Planning Commission will hold a work session to discuss changes to the Floodplain Ordinance.

Oct 17

The Planning Commission will hold a work session to discuss changes to the Sign Ordinance.

Help Protect Our Waters!

Clean Stormwater

Makes for Happy Kids

So... be "Stormwater Smart"

- Throw trash in a trash can
- Pick up after your pet
- Bag or compost leaves & grass clippings
- Limit lawn fertilizers
- Throw **NOTHING** in a storm drain, ditch, or drainage swale



For more information, contact:
COUNTY OF ROANOKE
Community Development - Stormwater Management
5204 Bernard Drive, SW, 2nd Floor
Roanoke, VA 24018
Phone: 540-772-2080

Say Hello to Our New Employee!

Judy Henecy Permit Technician I

I have been with Roanoke County since August of 2014 when I started out with the ABD eligibility ongoing team at Social Services. I stepped into the Administration Department in October of 2014.

I am a mother of 3. My daughter Karen is of prior military service with the US Army as a reservist IT Tech. My son Patrick is a

Captain in the US Army; he and his family, wife Aleasha and sons Troy and Tryston, are currently in S Korea for the next 2 years. My youngest son Steven is currently a Staff Sergeant in the US Army but is transitioning out of active service to be a single parent to my granddaughter Mayci. He also has a son Caden who lives with his mom in Clarksville, TN. I appreciate and cherish any time I am able to spend with them whether over the internet or in person. I am an avid hiker so living here in the middle of the Blue Ridge Mountains is exactly where I need to be. I am excited to embrace my new role as Permit Technician here at Community Development.



News



Bikeshare Off to a Strong Start

Since its spring launch, 50 bikes in the system have been used 2,972 times by 1,174 members! Two new phases will expand the system in a few months:

[Read More](#)

Contractor Appreciation Program Recognizes Second Project

The Christ the King Presbyterian Church project demonstrates exemplary work to protect the County's natural environment—especially its water resources!

[Read More](#)

NATIONAL BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COUNTS

GREAT
VOLUNTEERING
OPPORTUNITY!

PICK EITHER
DAY, OR BOTH.

WHEN
Wed, Sept. 13th
5pm - 7pm
Sat, Sept. 16th
Noon-2pm

Volunteers needed for Bike/Ped Counts in Roanoke Area

This annual survey helps planners
throughout the region determine needs for
bike and pedestrian facilities.

[Learn More](#)



Apply Now for 2017 Brambleton Ave Christmas Parade

Brambleton Area Business Association is
now accepting applications for sponsors
and participants. *Photo: Frances Rogers*

[Learn More](#)

Upcoming Events

Click the photos for more information



Sept 15-17: Greek Fest
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church



Sept 16: Marine Corps MudRun
Green Hill Park - Various times



**September 26: Banff Mountain Film
Festival & Get Outside Expo**
Jefferson Center - 5 p.m.



September 29: Food Truck Fest
Vinton Farmers' Market - 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Zoning Tip: Accessory Apartments

Need a little breathing room for

relatives moving in?



Accessory apartments, commonly referred to as "in-law suites," are popular home additions that can accommodate family members living at home who need their own space. One accessory apartment, attached or detached, is permitted on single-family home properties that meet zoning requirements.

However, the apartment must meet setbacks, building/lot coverage and minimum/maximum size requirements in addition to other standards. Please call us first to discuss your ideas and options.

To learn more about the requirements, see Roanoke County Code [section 30-82-1](#) or call us at (540) 772-8352.

Enjoy these last few summer days!

Sincerely,
Bailey DuBois
Planner II

October 2017

Creative Therapy Care: Before & After



Hello!

If you've driven down Williamson Road recently, you've probably noticed a big change. This summer, Creative Therapy Care (CTC) received funds through the County's Commercial Corridor Matching Grant Program to remodel their facade and turn a three-building eyesore into an attractive new home for a special business. CTC supports children and adults with special needs through the use of occupational, speech, music, creative expression and carpentry therapies, incorporating animals. They also provide education for the public regarding the therapeutic benefits and advantages of working with animals, as well as raise funds to provide these therapies to individuals with special needs, regardless of their ability to pay.

The goal of the grant program is to encourage site improvements above and beyond the current zoning requirements. Currently, the program is offered in Roanoke County along [Williamson Road and Plantation Road in the Hollins area](#) and along [West Main Street in Glenvar](#).

[Learn more](#)

Planning & Zoning Update

Sept 12th

The Board of Supervisors:

- Held a public hearing and approved a [through truck restriction](#) on Newport Road.
- Following the public hearing, the Board of Supervisors held a work session to discuss [2017-2018 transportation funding requests](#).

Sept 19th

The Planning Commission held a work session to:

- Continue discussion of the proposed [419 Town Center Plan](#) and recommended approval of the document incorporating staff changes to the Board of Supervisors.
- Hear a presentation about the [Commercial Matching Grant Program process and its recent applicant](#).

Sept 26th

The Board of Supervisors approved a resolution supporting Regional Surface Transportation Program applications for:

- Route 419/U.S. 220 Diverging Diamond Interchange Preliminary Engineering;
- Roanoke River Greenway from Explore Park to Rutrough Road; and
- Starkey Road/Buck Mountain Road Intersection Improvements.

Oct 3rd

The Planning Commission held a work session to:

- Discuss Zoning Ordinance amendments to the [floodplain overlay](#).
- Discuss [2017-2018 transportation funding requests](#).

Oct 17th

The Planning Commission will hold a work session to discuss Zoning Ordinance amendments to sign regulations.

Oct 24th

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing and will consider a resolution for a Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside application for the Roanoke River Greenway Extension along Highland Road and the Blue Ridge Parkway. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a resolution supporting Revenue Sharing applications for:

- Starkey Road/Buck Mountain Road Intersection Improvements; and
- Fallowater Lane Extension.

Nov 6th

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to discuss Zoning Ordinance amendments to the [floodplain overlay](#).

Say Hello to Our New Employees!



Alex Chaney
Civil Engineer I

I started in September as an engineer in Community Development. I graduated from Virginia Tech in 2011 in civil engineering.

In my spare time I enjoy outdoor activities as well as playing board and card games. I currently live in Blacksburg with my husband and dog.

Alex Jones

Planner II

I recently received my undergraduate degree in Landscape Architecture from Virginia Tech (Spring 2017) with minors in both Public & Urban Affairs and Leadership & Social Change. After graduating I worked at Virginia Tech's Community Design Assistance Center as a landscape architecture project designer. Originally born and raised in Roanoke County, I interned with the City of Roanoke's Planning, Building, & Development Department.



I worked with other departments at Virginia Tech using my landscape and graphic design skill set including the Alumni Association, Department of Athletics, and the Office of University Planning. I served within advocacy groups for Virginia Tech and landscape architecture/planning meeting with officials in Richmond and Washington, D.C. along with attending several landscape architecture/planning conferences throughout the country. I am excited to begin a variety of projects as a Planner II.

News



Plantation Road Project Update

Construction is well underway! Upcoming activities include retaining wall work, grading for additional curb and gutter and the shared use path.

[Read More](#)



Helping prevent death and injury to bicyclists and pedestrians

Did you know you can report unsafe encounters with drivers or cyclists online to help planners improve road safety?

[Learn More](#)



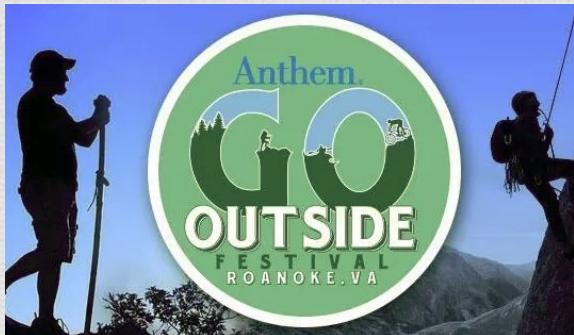
Work beginning on Route 220 bridge replacement

During construction (through 2020), two narrowed traffic lanes are expected to remain open in each direction.

[Learn More](#)

Upcoming Events

Click the photos for more information



October 13-15: GO Outside Festival
River's Edge Sports Complex - all day



October 14: Vinton Fall Festival
Downtown Vinton - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



October 31: Demo Day & Outdoor Jamboree at Explore Park
Explore Park - 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.



October 14-15: Plein Air Art Show
South Peak - 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Stormwater Tip: Fall Foliage

Fall is a beautiful time of year in the Roanoke Valley! But every year, improper leaf disposal results in clogged drainage structures and ways as well as increased street flooding.

To help prevent this situation, Roanoke County offers bagged leaf collection during your regularly scheduled bulk/brush collection day. Remember:

- Bags must be to the curb by 7:00 a.m. on the bulk/brush collection day.
- Leaves MUST be contained in either tied bags or sealed boxes.
- Bags cannot weigh more than 30 pounds, as bags that are too heavy tend to rip during collection.
- Do not wrap loose leaves in tarps or plastic sheeting.
- Roanoke County does not provide vacuum services for loose leaves. Please do not leave loose leaves at the curb or in the drainage ditches. Flooding and drainage issues occur when leaves are blocking the drainage ditches.



Happy Halloween!

Sincerely,
Bailey DuBois
Planner II

November 2017



Hello!

This fall we've made a greater push to be involved in our schools and engaged with our youth. We spoke with dozens of middle and high schoolers at the second Cave Spring Career Expo in September, and are preparing for Glenvar High School's first Career Expo at the end of this month. It's always a challenge to get youth involved in planning, but asking for their perspective today could affect whether they choose to stay in our communities as adults.

That's why we teamed up with Roanoke County Schools this month on an in-depth and hands-on planning exercise for 26 student leaders on the Student Advisory Council—a group that represents all our middle and high schools. With their support, we'll be continuing to explore and expand this relationship with County youth. Their insights regarding future community design and enthusiasm for planning will help shape community engagement efforts for our next community plans.

[Read about the Experience](#)

Planning & Zoning Update

Oct 3rd

The Planning Commission held a work session to:

- Discuss Zoning Ordinance amendments to the [floodplain overlay](#).
- Discuss [2017-2018 transportation funding requests](#).

Oct 17th

The Planning Commission held a work session to discuss Zoning Ordinance amendments to sign regulations.

Oct 24th

The Board of Supervisors held a public hearing to consider a resolution for a Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside application for the Roanoke River Greenway Extension along Highland Road and the Blue Ridge Parkway. The Board of Supervisors also considered a resolution supporting Revenue Sharing applications for:

- Starkey Road/Buck Mountain Road Intersection Improvements; and
- Fallowater Lane Extension.

Nov 6th

The Planning Commission held a public hearing to discuss Zoning Ordinance amendments to the [floodplain overlay](#). The hearing was continued to December 4.

Nov 14th

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will hold a [Design Public Hearing](#) on a project under development to construct an additional lane along Northbound and Southbound Interstate 81 between Exit 141 (Route 419) and Exit 143 (I-581) in Roanoke County. As part of the project, sound walls will be considered along Northbound I-81. The public hearing will be held at Northside High School, 6758 Northside High School Road, Roanoke, 24019 between 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Dec 4th

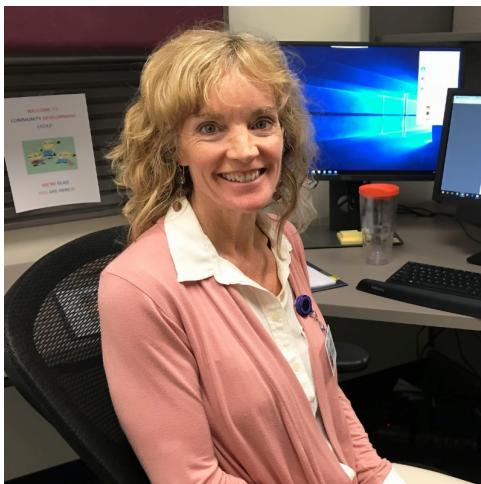
The Planning Commission will continue a public hearing to discuss Zoning Ordinance amendments to the [floodplain overlay](#). The hearing was continued from November 6.

Say Hello to Our New Employees!

Miles Cutchin
Construction Inspector

I'm a recent graduate of Hampden-Sydney College with a BA in Government and a minor in Environmental Studies. I'm originally from Cape Hatteras, North Carolina but I have also lived in Oregon, California and most recently Houston, Texas. I love outdoors adventures, but my biggest hobbies are playing Rugby and fishing of any kind. I'm looking forward to seeing what the Roanoke waterways have to offer. I'm very excited to be joining Roanoke County and taking on the role of one of the new E&S inspectors.





Cecile Newcomb

Planner II

After working in local government in Blacksburg, VA in volunteer and elected capacities, I decided to make a career of planning. I finished a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning and a Certificate in Local Government Management from Virginia Tech in May, 2017. I am excited to be embarking on my new career in planning here at Roanoke County! The opportunity to explore, discover and embrace a new community while simultaneously living in the Appalachian and Blue Ridge Mountains is the perfect solution to meet both my career and personal goals.

Patricia Hale Construction Inspector

I have spent a majority of my life in the Blue Ridge Region growing up in Bedford County. After earning a BS degree in Environmental Science and Outdoor Education at Longwood University I chose to move to the Roanoke Valley to pursue my passion in a career focused towards environmental sustainability. Having a strong connection to the outdoors I enjoy spending my free-time either mountain biking or hiking along the local trails. I am excited to embrace my role as a Combination Inspector here in Community Development.



News



Cave Spring Students Weigh in on Art and Design Ideas

While learning about the planning process, students got a chance to share their preferences for art and architecture.

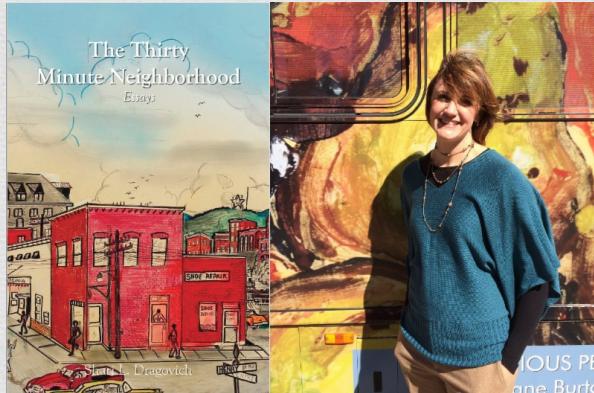
[Read More](#)



Keep Virginia's Roads) Beautiful!

Calling all community groups! A new partnership aims to increase the number of cleanups and miles of adopted roadways in Virginia.

[Read More](#)



Writer by Bus Program Continues to 2018

Each year, [RIDE Solutions](#) tells the story of public transportation's ability to connect people through its Writer by Bus program.

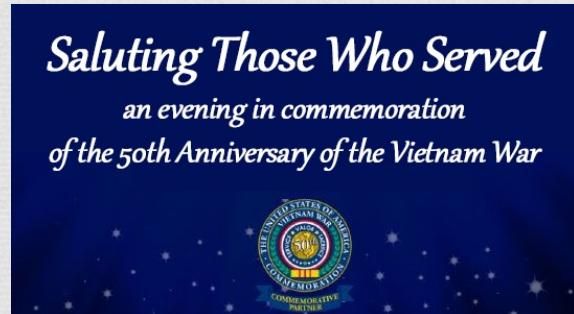
[Learn More](#)

Upcoming Events

Click the photos for more information



November 11: Green Ridge Sale
G.R. Recreation Center - 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.



November 17: Vinton Fall Festival
Vinton War Memorial - 7 - 10 p.m.



December 2: BABA Christmas Parade
Knights of Columbus - 10 a.m.



December 4: Christmas Tree Lighting
South County Library - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Zoning Tip: Storing RVs, Boats and Trailers

We get a lot of questions about legal and illegal parking for recreational vehicles and utility trailers.

If you keep one of these at your home in an AR, R-1, R-2, R-3 or R-4 zoning district (multi-family developments excluded), you must keep the vehicle behind the front building line (to the side or rear) of your home, unless space is provided in a completely enclosed garage or other building.



If your home is on a corner lot that fronts on two streets, the Zoning Administrator will determine your front building line (for this purpose only). Call Planning and Zoning at (540) 772-8352 for more information.

Note: Recreational vehicles shall not be used for living or business purposes and shall not be connected to utility services except for maintenance purposes.

Sincerely,
Bailey DuBois
Planner II



December 2017



Hello!

Roanoke County announced a new brand back in May, and this week three gateway signs were installed at entrances around the county. The new brand is bright and energetic, and the change signifies how Roanoke County is looking toward a "vibrant, innovative, and scenic community" as defined in the 2016 [Community Strategic Plan](#) (did you know the first [annual report](#) is out? See how it's going!).

We're looking ahead too, with more planning studies due to start at the beginning of the New Year!

[Learn About the New Brand](#)

Planning & Zoning Update

Nov 6th

The Planning Commission held a public hearing to discuss Zoning Ordinance amendments to the [floodplain overlay](#). The hearing was continued to December 4.

Nov 14th

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) held a [Design Public Hearing](#) on a project under development to construct an [additional lane along Northbound and Southbound Interstate 81](#) between Exit 141 (Route 419) and Exit 143 (I-581) in Roanoke County. As part of the project, sound walls will be considered along Northbound I-81.

Nov 20th

The Planning Commission work session was canceled.

Dec 4th

The Planning Commission held a work session to:

- Discuss a [meeting between Planning staff](#) and Roanoke County Schools' Student Advisory Council.
- Discuss the [2018 Planning Commission Meeting Schedule](#).

The Planning Commission also continued a public hearing to discuss Zoning Ordinance amendments to the [floodplain overlay](#). The Planning Commission directed staff to continue collaborating with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) on proposed changes.

Dec 18th

The Planning Commission work session was cancelled.

Jan 2nd

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the [petition of Kimberly J. Bolden, Charlotte W. Johnston, and Triple J Farm Events, LLC](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in a AG-1, Agricultural/Rural Low Density, District and AG-3, Agricultural/Rural Preserve, District for the operation of a special events facility on approximately 14.954 acres, located at 5198 Blacksburg Road, Catawba Magisterial District.

This request is for a wedding event space in and adjacent to an existing barn structure on the property. The property is currently subject to an existing special use permit that is proposed to be removed. The existing permit allows 21 events per year, all between April 1 and October 31, with not more than 150 persons at any single event. There are also conditions limiting noise generation, lighting, signage, and parking as well as the screening of portable sanitation services.

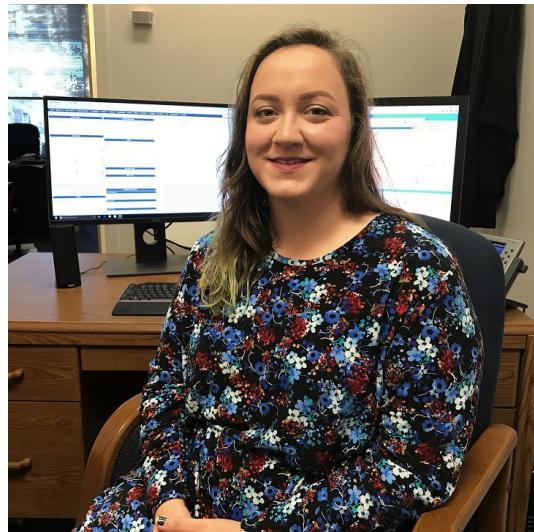
Jan 23rd

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the [petition of Kimberly J. Bolden, Charlotte W. Johnston, and Triple J Farm Events, LLC](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in a AG-1, Agricultural/Rural Low Density, District and AG-3, Agricultural/Rural Preserve, District for the operation of a special events facility on approximately 14.954 acres, located at 5198 Blacksburg Road, Catawba Magisterial District.

Say Hello to Our New Intern!

Emma Nixon

I was born and raised right here in the beautiful Roanoke Valley. After graduating from Hollins University last year with a BS degree in Environmental Science I took my passion for growing plants from a community garden scale to a 15 acre vegetable farm in Floyd, Va, Riverstone Organic Farm, where I worked for the entire growing season. Dedication to environmental health has always been at the forefront of my goals. In my free time I enjoy hiking, kayaking, camping, cooking, and baking. I am thrilled to be learning here at Roanoke County Community Development as a GIS intern.



News

Shop Small Drive Small

90% of what you spend on a gallon of gas leaves the local economy.

Drive Small for the Holidays

The impact of driving small isn't just about saving money – it's keeping money here in the Roanoke Valley. Here's how you can do it this season:

[Learn More](#)



Glenvar High School Career Expo

Planning staff got a chance to speak with Glenvar High School students at their first ever Career Expo! We shared exciting new trends in transportation, housing, architecture and environmental planning and asked students to think about how they could improve their community for the citizens of tomorrow.

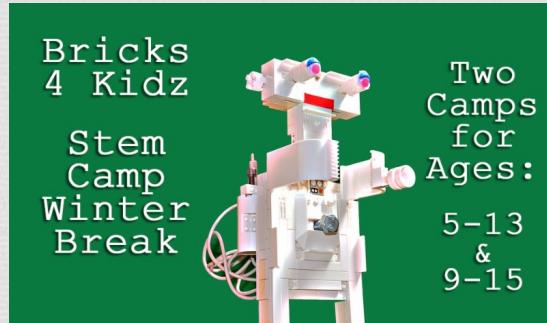
Upcoming Events

Click the photos for more information



December 14: Holiday Open House

Craig Center - 6 - 8 p.m.



December 26-28: Bricks for Kidz

Green Ridge Rec Center - 1 - 4 p.m.

1. [Register for Camp for Ages 5-13](#)
2. [Register Camp for Ages 9-15](#)

Zoning Tip: Reporting Debris and Junk

Are you concerned about junk or debris on private property in your community?

Per [Section 13-154 of the Code of the County of Roanoke](#), it shall be unlawful for the owner of any property to allow the accumulation of trash on any parcel.

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 [Neighborhood Concerns App](#).

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,
Bailey DuBois
Planner II