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## Greetings!

**Happy New Year from the Roanoke County Department of Community Development!**

We look forward to continuing to work with you in the new year. Stay updated on meetings and projects in the Department of Community Development using our [webpage](#), [e.newsletter](#) or follow us on [facebook](#)!

## South County Library Opening



*South County Library at Dusk*

The new South County Library opened to the public on January 3, 2012. Three times the size of the old 419 Library, South County features a drive-through pick up window, after hours book lockers, expanded children's and teen areas and numerous public computers and printers. Included in "The Commons" area are two spacious meeting rooms, a 200-seat auditorium and a coffee shop operated by Mill Mountain Coffee and Tea. Stop by and check out the newest building in Roanoke County!

For additional information on the new South County Library,

please view the ["Transitioning to the New Library" brochure.](#)

## Planning Commission Update

The Planning Commission held both a work session and public hearing on [December 5, 2011.](#)

At the afternoon work session, the Commission discussed zoning ordinance amendments dealing with the County's Emergency Communications Overlay (ECO) district and residential poultry. The ECO district amendments are tentatively scheduled for public hearing before the Planning Commission in February 2012. The Planning Commission also discussed future land use amendments as part of the Peters Creek/Hollins Community Plan.

The Planning Commission also held one public hearing on [December 5, 2011:](#)

- The petition of Glenn L. Reed, to rezone 13.7 acres from AR, Agricultural/Residential, District to AV, Agricultural/Village Center, District for private/secondary educational facilities and general office use and to obtain a special use permit in order to operate a convenience store, located in the 9600 block of Bent Mountain Road, Windsor Hills Magisterial District. *The Planning Commission approved the request (5-0) with a proffered condition. Five citizens spoke regarding the petition, two in favor and three in opposition. The Board of Supervisors approved the request (5-0) at its December 13, 2011 meeting.*

The Planning Commission's December 19, 2011 and January 3, 2012 meetings were canceled.

The Planning Commission's next meeting is January 17, 2012. A discussion of the Peters Creek/Hollins Community Plan is scheduled.

There are two public hearings scheduled for the Commission's February 7, 2012 meeting:

- The petition of Robert W. Blank and Anna R. Ferro to rezone approximately 12.723 acres from R-1, Low Density Residential, District to AR, Agricultural/Residential, District, located near the 7500 Block of Mount Chestnut Road, Windsor Hills Magisterial District.
- A proposed amendment to the Roanoke County Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendment would update the Emergency Communications Overlay (ECO) district regulations.

## Getting to Know Your Community

*Throughout the year we will feature a brief history or interesting information about a community in Roanoke County. In accordance with the opening of the South County*

*Library, this month we will feature the Village of Starkey.*

### **The Village of Starkey**

The Village of Starkey in southwestern Roanoke County was named for Tazewell Merriman Starkey, a prominent land owner in the second half of the nineteenth century. It is located on the lands originally granted to Robert Harvey between 1749 and 1792.

Robert Harvey, Sr.'s great-granddaughter, Henrietta, married Tazewell Merriman Starkey in May 1865. Local history notes that T.M Starkey was wounded in the Seven Days' Fight near Richmond and had three horses shot from under him; seven other bullets pierced his jacket, but otherwise left him



unharmed. Following the Civil War, Tazewell Merriman Starkey became a large land owner in Roanoke County, was one of the first directors of the First National Bank and served for 28 years as the Cave Spring member of the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors. Starkey and Merriman Road, as well as the village and train station, were named for this prominent land owner.

The Starkey area had no official name until the Starkey Combination Station was established ca. 1891 when the Roanoke and Southern Railroad connected with the Norfolk and Western. Starkey Station was an important transportation center for both people and freight.



*Starkey Station ca. 1910*

The area continued to grow through the turn of the century and in 1908, the Shenandoah Packing Company was established at Starkey Station by the Good brothers. Until its demise in 1928, Shenandoah Packing Company put out about 11,000 cases of canned goods annually.

The Village of Starkey enjoyed a degree of prosperity in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, but with the popularization of the automobile the area has become primarily residential. However, the new South County Library should function as a community focal point, just as the Village of Starkey did for over a hundred years.

[Additional information on the Village of Starkey.](#)

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**Sincerely,**

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## Greetings!

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## Street Light Applications

Roanoke County's Board of Supervisors is setting aside additional funds for its street light program. Last month, the Board lifted the freeze on new applications that had been in place for about two years due to a lack of funding. New applications will be accepted until April 27, 2012.

Citizens interested in having a light installed must submit an application to Roanoke County's Community Development Department. The application will be evaluated by staff to see if it meets the County's guidelines for installation.

Visit the [Street Light Program webpage](#) or more information or to download an application.

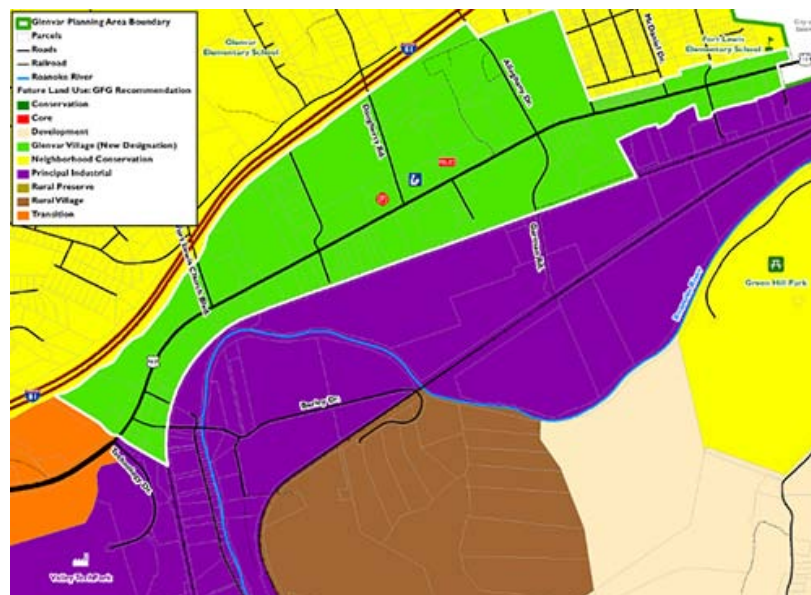
## Glenvar Community Plan Adopted

The [Glenvar Community Plan](#) was adopted into the County's Comprehensive Plan by the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors at its January 24, 2012 meeting.

The [Glenvar Community Plan](#) was initiated in 2009 to study development and redevelopment issues along the West Main Street corridor and in the Dixie Caverns area, in anticipation of the widening of West Main Street and the proposed intermodal facility in Montgomery County. Over a period of two years, citizens were engaged through several mediums, including community meetings, surveys, stakeholder interviews, interest group and focus group meetings and through traditional and social media outlets.

The focal point of the [Glenvar Community Plan](#) is the creation of the Glenvar Village Future Land Use district (indicated by bright green on the map below). The Glenvar Village area, home to community identifiers such as the new Glenvar Library, Richfield Retirement Community, Fort Lewis Elementary and the entrance to the Glenvar Schools

Complex, is intended to serve as focal point for the community. As such, a high degree of architectural and creative site design is encouraged to enhance the rural and historic character of the area as well as pedestrian and vehicular connectivity between properties.



West Main Street Corridor Future Land Use Map

## Plantation Road Landscaping Project



Williamson/Plantation Proposed Landscaping, Northeast Side

Friendship Retirement Community has pledged to install and maintain new landscaping in the existing beds at the Plantation Road and Williamson Road intersection. The Williamson Road Area Business Association (WRABA) will be assisting by contracting out the work to be done.

A Board of Supervisors work session is scheduled for February 14th with a tentative public hearing date of February 28th. Interested parties are welcome to speak at the public hearing about the project. VDOT will also have to approve the project proposal before planting can begin. Look for new "Landscaping Provided By" signs and plants this Spring!

Please contact [Megan Cronise](#), Principal Planner, if your business is interested in completing and maintaining a similar project by [email](#) or phone at (540) 772-2068 ext. 282.

### Glade Creek Water Quality Improvement Project at Vinyard Park

The Roanoke County Department of Community Development and the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism have partnered with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to develop a plan to restore and enhance Glade Creek through Vinyard Park.

Phase I of the project was paid for in part by a DCR Water Quality Impact Fund (WQIF) Grant awarded to Roanoke County to improve water quality in the Glade Creek watershed. Goals of this phase include baseline water quality data collection, identifying restoration and conservation constraints, contacting stakeholders for input, developing strategies and alternatives for water quality improvement, and choosing a conceptual design that best achieved the restoration goals.



Stakeholder Meeting at Vinyard Park

The proposed conceptual design includes: enhanced riparian buffers, a limited mow buffer, stabilizing failing stream banks, reconnecting a portion of the floodplain in the park, and the installation of in-stream structures to protect banks and create habitat for fish and invertebrates. The County is currently exploring opportunities for future grant funding to implement these practices to improve water quality in the Glade Creek Watershed.

For more information or for periodic updates regarding the Glade Creek in Vinyard Park Water Quality Improvement Project, please view the [project website](#).

### A New Voice for the Building Department

Roanoke County recently purchased Tele-Works' Voice-over-IP Interactive Voice Response (IVR) platform, building inspection IVR, and Tele-Works' outbound notification system alertworks™.

Building inspectors and citizens will have 24/7 self-service access to schedule, reschedule and cancel inspections; post and hear inspection results; look up permit information; and pay permit and inspection fees by phone. Inspection results can be posted from any location, and with alertworks™ contractors or homeowners can receive automated notices regarding inspection results to



avoid delays.

"We are very excited about the opportunity to serve Roanoke County. The County understands the importance of automation and IVR technology, and we're happy to provide both citizens and crews with the convenience of self-service. These technologies make the inspection process faster and more efficient," said Erik Amelink, VP Business Development, Tele-Works.

Look for the system to be up and running in the next few months.

## Planning Commission Update

The Planning Commission's January 3, 2012 meeting was canceled.

At it's [January 17, 2012](#) meeting, the Planning Commission discussed the Peters Creek/Hollins Community Plan.

There are two public hearings scheduled for the Commission's [February 7, 2012](#) meeting:

- The petition of Robert W. Blank and Anna R. Ferro to rezone approximately 12.723 acres from R-1, Low Density Residential, District to AR, Agricultural/Residential, District, located near the 7500 Block of Mount Chestnut Road, Windsor Hills Magisterial District.
- A proposed amendment to the Roanoke County Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendment would update the Emergency Communications Overlay (ECO) district regulations.

The Planning Commission also has two public hearings scheduled for its March 3, 2012 meeting:

- The petition of the Western Virginia Water Authority to obtain a Special Use Permit for a broadcasting tower approximately 120 feet in height in an AG-3, Agricultural/Rural Preserve, District on 0.121 acre, located at 2857 Summit Ridge Road, Hollins Magisterial District.
- The petition of the Western Virginia Water Authority to obtain a Special Use Permit for a major utility service in an R-1, Low Density Residential, District. The major utility service involves the construction of a standpipe water tank approximately 102 feet in height with a 10-foot antenna on 0.51 acre, located at 4968 Northridge Lane, Catawba Magisterial District.

## Community Meetings

**Wednesday, February 15, 2012**

- A Special Use Permit application has been filed with the Roanoke County Department of Community

Development by the Western Virginia Water Authority. The request is for a Special Use Permit for a Broadcast Tower on a 0.121 acre parcel located at 2857 Summit Ridge Road, Hollins Magisterial District. A community meeting regarding this request will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at Bonsack Elementary School Cafeteria to discuss the project. View the community meeting notice [online](#).

**Thursday, February 23, 2012**

- A Special Use Permit application has been filed with the Roanoke County Department of Community Development by the Western Virginia Water Authority. The request is to obtain a Special Use Permit for a major utility service in an R-1, Low Density Residential, District. The major utility service involves the construction of a standpipe water tank approximately 102 feet in height with a 10-foot antenna on 0.51 acre, located at 4968 Northridge Lane, Catawba Magisterial District. A community meeting will be held Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 6:30 PM in the Northside Middle School Auditorium (6810 Northside High School Road) to discuss the project. View the community meeting notice [online](#).

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## Cotton Hill Road Design Public Hearing

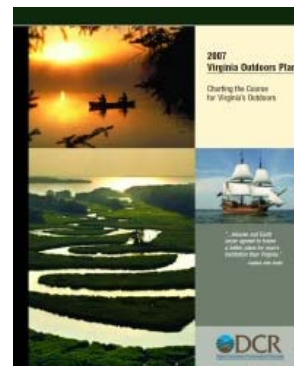
The Virginia Department of Transportation will be holding a public hearing for the proposed improvements to Cotton Hill Road (Route 668) on **Thursday, March 15, 2012** from **4 - 6pm** at the **South County Library**. [Proposed plans](#) for the 0.64-mile section of the road include safety improvements and bicycle accommodations on part of the project. [View the notice online](#) for more information on the public hearing.



## Virginia Outdoors Plan Public Meeting

Planners with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation will hold two public meetings **March 8, 2012** in Roanoke to gather regional input for the *2013 Virginia Outdoors Plan*. Meetings will be at 3 and 7pm, at the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, 313 Luck Avenue SW, Roanoke, VA24016. Residents are invited to share their ideas for outdoor recreation and land conservation needs. [Click here](#) for more information regarding the public meetings.

The *Virginia Outdoors Plan* serves as the guide for increasing and enhancing outdoor recreation opportunities for all Virginians, as well as our many visitors and tourists. The *2007 Plan* is available [online](#).



*2007 Outdoors Plan*

## Planning Commission Update

Two public hearings were held at the Planning Commission's [February 7, 2012](#) meeting:

The petition of Robert W. Blank and Anna R. Ferro to rezone approximately 12.723 acres from R-1, Low Density Residential, District to AR, Agricultural/Residential, District, located near the 7500 Block of Mount Chestnut Road, Windsor Hills Magisterial District. *The Planning Commission voted (5-0) to recommend approval of the rezoning request. There were no citizens to speak on this request. At its February 28, 2012 meeting, the Board of Supervisors delayed action due to a request from Mr. Elswick.*

- A proposed amendment to the Roanoke County Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendment would update the Emergency Communications Overlay (ECO) district regulations. *The Planning Commission voted (5-0) to recommend approval of the amendments. No citizens spoke on the proposed amendments. The Board of Supervisors approved the ordinance amendment at its February 28, 2012 meeting.*

At its [February 21, 2012](#) work session, the Planning Commission discussed three potential zoning ordinance amendments: electronic signage, residential poultry and the gateway corridor overlay district.

The Planning Commission has two public hearings scheduled for its [March 6, 2012](#) meeting:

- The petition of the Western Virginia Water Authority to obtain a Special Use Permit for a broadcasting tower approximately 120 feet in height in an AG-3, Agricultural/Rural Preserve, District on 0.121 acre, located at 2857 Summit Ridge Road, Hollins Magisterial District.
- The petition of the Western Virginia Water Authority to obtain a Special Use Permit for a major utility service in an R-1, Low Density Residential, District. The major utility service involves the construction of a standpipe water tank approximately 102 feet in height with a 10-foot antenna on 0.51 acre, located at 4968 Northridge Lane, Catawba Magisterial District.

The Planning Commission has one public hearing scheduled for its April 3, 2012 meeting:

- The petition of Old Heritage Corporation to rezone approximately 1.880 acres from R-1, Low Density Residential, District to C-2C, General Commercial, District with proffered conditions, located near the intersection of Crossbow Circle and Franklin Road (Route 220 South) and 5259 Crossbow Circle, Cave Spring Magisterial District.

## Community Meeting

**Thursday, March 8, 2012 @ 6:30pm**

- A land use application has been filed with the Roanoke County Department of Community Development

by Old Heritage Corporation. The request is to rezone approximately 1.880 acres from R-1, Low Density Residential, District to C-2C, General Commercial, District with proffered conditions, located near the intersection of Crossbow Circle and Franklin Road (Route 220 South) and 5259 Crossbow Circle, Cave Spring Magisterial District. The proposed uses are retail or office space with a drive-thru. View the [community meeting notice](#) and [application](#) online. Please contact [Megan Cronise](#) with any questions regarding the application.

### Getting to Know Your Community: Glenvar

The "Glenvar" name originated in 1891 from the middle name of Mary Glenvar Harmon, the daughter of a prominent land owner in the area. Prior to the late 19th century, the entire area west of Salem was known as Fort Lewis.

Prior to the first white settlers arriving in the Fort Lewis community, the area was part of a larger, common hunting ground for several American Indian tribes. Presently referred to as the "Debatable Land," the area was "so fair and valuable that the Indians were continually fighting among themselves for its possession." The majority of these tribes belonged to the Siouan linguistic stock such as the Tutelo, Saponi, Nahyssan and Monacan. Other major tribes that may have hunted in the area include the Cherokee, Shawnee and those that lived on the shores of the Great Lakes. The earliest acquisition of land in the Glenvar Community was that of James Campbell in 1742. On the land of James Campbell, Fort Lewis was constructed in 1755 as a part of a chain of 14 frontier forts extending from Winchester, Virginia to the Tennessee River. During the French and Indian War, Fort Lewis served as a "place of rendezvous" for Colonel William Byrd's Cherokee Expedition.

From that time until the "Boom Days" in the 1890s, there were three large farms in the community; the Joseph Deyerle farm (Pleasant Grove), the White farm (Fort Lewis residence) and the Zirkle farm. The chief crops produced were tobacco, corn, wheat and hay.

Around the mid-nineteenth century, the Fort Lewis community began to change and expand as a result of the construction of the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad through Roanoke County. When the Norfolk and Western railroad station was established on present day Elmwood Lane, the Harmons opened a store and cannery near the site in 1892.

The store later became Red Barn Antiques and is now home to Agape Performing Arts Studio. The Glenvar Cannery located on the property now owned by Valley Distributing.



Goodwin's General Store (ca. 1920)

In the spring of 1890, the Glenvar Community's first industry, Pierpont Brick Works, was established by George R. Pierpont. Now known as Old Virginia Brick, the Pierpont Yard and Plant was located on a 74-acre tract of land between the Norfolk and Western and the Virginian Railways. It was said that the output of the plant was so well known for high quality bricks among architects and contractors, that many of them specified the use of "Pierpont" bricks in their construction plans. Pierpont bricks were used to construct the Roanoke County jail, Jefferson Apartments and buildings at Roanoke College, Hollins [College] University.



Pierpont Brick Work

During the first half of the twentieth century, the Glenvar Community became known for outdoor recreation. In 1923, Dixie Caverns was opened to the public and Camp Lucius Johnson, now Camp Roanoke, was opened by the YMCA in 1925. In 1930, the initial 6,000 acres of Havens Wildlife Management Area was purchased. At the same time, numerous recreational cabins were also built in Glenvar Community, especially near the Roanoke River on Getty Lane, River Bend Lane and Poor Mountain Road.

The Glenvar Community's history for the second half of the

twentieth century was characterized by industrial and residential development. Koppers Roanoke Plant was built in 1955 to replace the Norfolk and Western treating plant in Radford, Virginia. Located on a former tomato and strawberry farm, the plant now supplies one million railroad ties to Norfolk Southern and other customers. In 1964, Interstate 81 was opened through the Glenvar Community, running parallel to Route 11/460. One of the top eight truck routes in the United States, I-81 carries tourists, travelers, commuters and more than a third of all college students in the state.

The full history of the Glenvar Community is available in [Chapter 2 of the Glenvar Community Plan](#).

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#### Greetings!

Spring is a busy time in the Department of Community Development. Make sure you stay updated by reading *Community Developments* and checking our [webpage](#) for updates!



### Celebrate Arbor Day in Your Community!

Roanoke County encourages residents, businesses and organizations to promote healthier communities by planting a tree in honor of National Arbor Day! View the [Arbor Day Foundation](#) webpage for more information on this national event.



### Roanoke Valley Area Metropolitan Planning Organization News

The U.S. Census Bureau recently announced that the population of the [Roanoke Valley urbanized area](#) is now 210,111, and includes part of eastern Montgomery County. The Roanoke Valley urbanized area grew by about 11% in land area and the population grew by 6.4% from 2000 to 2010.

A Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) with an urbanized area boundary population of 200,000 and above is designated as a [Transportation Management Area](#) (TMA) by the Secretary of Transportation. Unless Federal regulations change, the Roanoke Area MPO will likely be designated as a TMA in the next few

months with specific impacts for long range transportation planning in the Valley.

Additionally, because a small portion of Montgomery County is now considered part of the Roanoke Valley urbanized area, Montgomery County will likely be represented as part of the Roanoke Valley Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in the future after the boundary is adjusted. Additional information is available on the [Regional Commission's website](#).



## Planning Commission Update

The Planning Commission held two public hearings at its [March 6, 2012](#) meeting:

- The petition of the Western Virginia Water Authority to obtain a Special Use Permit for a broadcasting tower approximately 120 feet in height in an AG-3, Agricultural/Rural Preserve, District on 0.121 acre, located at 2857 Summit Ridge Road, Hollins Magisterial District. *The Planning Commission voted 4-1 to recommend approval with 4 conditions. Four citizens spoke in opposition to the request. The Board of Supervisors denied the application in a 2-2 vote, with Mr. Altizer abstaining, at its March 27, 2012 meeting.*
- The petition of the Western Virginia Water Authority to obtain a Special Use Permit for a major utility service in an R-1, Low Density Residential, District. The major utility service involves the construction of a standpipe water tank approximately 102 feet in height with a 10 - foot antenna on 0.51 acre, located at 4968 Northridge Lane, Catawba Magisterial District. *The Planning Commission voted 5-0 to recommend approval with 4 conditions. Six citizens spoke in opposition to the request. The Board of Supervisors postponed action on the application until its second meeting in order for the Water Authority to explore all alternatives (4-0).*

At its [March 20, 2012](#) work session, the Planning Commission toured highway corridors with electronic signage as part of this year's zoning ordinance amendments.

The Planning Commission's [April 3, 2012](#) work session and public hearing was canceled.



## Getting to Know Your Community: Vinton

Vinton's history began long before the Town was chartered in 1884. Before being settled in the mid-1700s, the area was part of an American Indian trail which led to the Carolinas. Some of the original settlers to the Vinton area were Jacob Vinyard, John

McAdoo, Christian Gish and his brother, David Gish. The Gish brothers established a grist mill on Glade Creek in 1797, leading to the first unofficial name for the area- Gish's Mill.

As the railroad expanded into the Roanoke Valley, Gish's Mill became a flag stop for the Atlantic, Mississippi, & Ohio Railroad with a new station (depot) constructed after the Civil War. During this time period, the Vinyard family owned much of the land located within the current boundaries of the Town of Vinton. Over the years, other families settled around Gish's Mill including the Joneses, Funks, Pollards, Pedigos, Walkers, McLeans and Basses.



Vinton Station (1917)

In 1838, Roanoke County was formed with Gish's Mill as a part. In the late 1870's and early 1880's, however, the Gish family led a movement to establish a town at the depot site. During this process, the boundaries for the town were delineated, individual building lots were platted and sold and a school house was constructed.

Facing development pressure from the newly formed City of Roanoke, the Town of Vinton was incorporated in 1884 with a population of 584 people and a land area of 1.5 square miles. There are two possible explanations for the origin of the Town's name; the first being that Vinton is a combination of the names of two prominent families in the area, the Vinyards and the Prestons. The second explanation indicates that Vinton was an old Indian name that was suggested by B.A. Jones, one of the community leaders at the time.

As the population expanded in the last part of the nineteenth century, demand for new services increased. The first weekly newspaper, the *Vinton Dispatch*, was established in 1889. Religious denominations grew as the population increased. Initially, the Methodists were the only denomination having a place of worship; however, over the years Lutherans, Baptists, Presbyterians, and other denominations also constructed churches.

Vinton's business and industrial character has changed slowly since the turn of the century. For the most part, Vinton residents have relied heavily on the availability of employment

in Roanoke; however, several large businesses have been established in and near the Town. In 1917, the American Viscose Plant opened near Vinton, providing many job opportunities for residents until the plant's closure in the 1950s. Burlington Mills, now known as Precision Fabrics Group Inc., was established in the Town in 1937. Gish's Mill, the "original" industry in Vinton, was refurbished many times over the years and in 1946 changed its name to Vinton Milling Company. The Vinton Fuel Company was another early industry in Vinton. Southern States Cooperative established their Mill in Vinton in 1935.

Several new commercial enterprises have located in Vinton within the last few decades. Much of this new commercial growth has been centered along Hardy Road. In 1985, Town officials used state, local, and private funds to establish the 30-acre Vinton Industrial Park in south Vinton, which has further expanded the economic tax base.

A [more detailed history](#) of the Town of Vinton is available in Chapter 5 of the [Vinton Areas Corridor Plan](#).

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Until next month,



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Planner II





Greetings!

With spring in full swing, make sure to stay updated on what's happening in your community by reading *Community Developments* and checking [our webpage](#) for news.

## Tall Grass in Your Neighborhood?

Just How Tall is Tall?

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



Code Enforcement Officer Rebecca Mahoney Inspects a Tall Grass Complaint

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## Planning Commission Update

The Roanoke County Planning Commission held a work session on [April 17, 2012](#) at the Roanoke County Administration Center. At this meeting, the Planning Commission received an update on the implementation of the [Hollins Area Plan](#) which includes construction of the greenway at Hollins University near Tinker Creek, landscaping and streetscape improvements and the Plantation Road Corridor Study. The Planning Commission was also updated on the status of transportation improvement projects in Roanoke County.

The Planning Commission also held a work session on [May 1, 2012](#) during which it approved the consent agenda for June 5 and made a site visit to a small wind energy system on Wade Road.

For its May 15, 2012 meeting, the Commissioners are scheduled to visit three residential properties with backyard chickens as part of the development of a potential county code amendment.

The Planning Commission has one public hearing scheduled for its June 5, 2012 meeting.

- The petition of Blue Ridge Bread, Inc. (Panera) to obtain a Special Use Permit in a C-2, General Commercial, District for the operation of a drive-in and fast food restaurant on 1.02 acres, located at 4202 Electric Road, Cave Spring Magisterial District.

## **Getting to Know Your Community: First Military Organization**

From "History of Roanoke County" by George S. Jack (1912)

We find the military spirit pervading the people of Roanoke soon after the organization of the county. McCauley in his history says, "In the early '[18]forties' Abraham Hupp, who had recently entered on his useful and honorable career in Salem as an intelligent mechanic and public spirited citizen, organized a military company, of which he became the captain."

The company was denominated the "Yellow Jackets," the name indicating the color of the uniform worn as well as the belligerent propensities of the organization. A few years later the company disbanded, but was soon reorganized under the name of the "Salem Light Infantry Grays," with Captain Hupp as commander. After some years of service in drilling, going on dress parade and taking active part in Fourth of July celebrations, and forming an interesting adjunct to the annual display of militiamen from every section of the county, the Salem Light Infantry Grays disbanded.

A little more than two decades after the formation of Roanoke County, the country was startled by the John Brown Raid, which occurred in 1859. This was but the beginning of the storm which was to break in a few months and was destined to shake the land from its center to its circumference.

Captain Hupp, thoroughly imbued with the military spirit, for the third time formed a company, and on January 30th 1860, he organized the "Salem Flying Artillery Company." They organized for action, and the company was destined to act its part in a more thrilling arena than that of the parade ground or of the annual Fourth of July celebration or militia muster. The boys who answered the call of country were destined to experience the grim realities of bloody war.

Scarcely twelve months rolled around before the quiet streets of Salem wore an ominous aspect, and the long expected sound of the call to battle was heard. The first dread alarm of the Civil War between the states had been sent out. The Salem Flying Artillery answered at once and only a few days elapsed before the brave Roanokers marched to the front there to do and die in the cause of their State and the South. The company continued in service until the wasted legions of General Lee laid down their arms at Appomattox four years later.

Captain Hupp was disabled by disease after nearly two years of arduous service and was succeeded in command by Captain Charles B. Griffin, of Salem, who served until the close of the war. The Salem Flying Artillery claimed the honor of having fired the last shot in the battle that ended the fearful struggle which had cost so much, and sacrificed so many lives.



Historical Marker at East Hill Cemetery in Salem

When the call to arms was heard, other volunteer companies were formed in Roanoke County in rapid succession. The "Roanoke Grays," an infantry company commanded by Captain Madison P. Deyerle, was organized in March, 1861, and entered the Confederate service in April, 1861.

The "Dixie Grays," infantry, was organized the following June, and was mustered into service on July 1st, 1861, and during the same month another infantry company, the "Roanoke Guards," was organized and entered the Confederate service shortly afterwards.

McCauley, in his "History of Roanoke County," says: "The soldiers composing these several companies were the flower of the young men of the county, among the best and bravest of the land."

## Catawba Farmers' Market Begins May 17

The [Catawba Valley Farmers' Market](#) began in 2010 as part of the Virginia Tech EarthWorks program. Held weekly during the growing season, the market has been a welcome addition to the community, providing space for growers and artists to sell their wares, and for neighbors to catch up.

This year, the market will be held at the Catawba Community Center on Catawba Creek Road on Thursdays from 3:30-7:00PM.



Sincerely,



Amanda Micklow, AICP  
Planner II





## Community Developments

Greetings!

School is almost out and summer will be here before we know it! Keep up with news and events in our community by reading *Community Developments* and checking out [our webpage](#) for news.

### Planning Commission Update

The Planning Commission held a work session on May 1, 2012, during which it approved the consent agenda for June 5 and made a site visit to a small wind energy system on Wade Road.

For its May 15, 2012, meeting, the Commissioners visited three residential properties with chickens as part of the development of a potential county code amendment.

The Planning Commission has one public hearing scheduled for its June 5, 2012, meeting:

- The petition of [Blue Ridge Bread, Inc. \(Panera\)](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in a C-2, General Commercial, District for the operation of a drive-in and fast food restaurant on 1.02 acres, located at 4202 Electric Road, Cave Spring Magisterial District.



McCallum Wind Turbine

The June 19, 2012, work session will include presentations on a potential county code amendment for chickens, electronic signs and a possible Gateway Corridor Overlay District on Plantation Road.

One public hearing is scheduled for the July 3, 2012, meeting:

- The petition of [South Peak Residences LLC](#), et al to rezone 11.411 acres from R-3, Medium Density Multi-Family Residential District, and C-2C, General Commercial District, with conditions, to R-4C, High Density Multi-Family Residential District, with conditions, identified as

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Area "A" on the Concept Development Plan for 176 multi-family residential units; and to rezone 11.940 acres from R-3, Medium Density Multi-Family Residential District, to R-3C, Medium Density Multi-Family Residential District, with conditions, identified as Area "B" on the Concept Development Plan with a proffered density limit of 23 single family residential units, Cave Spring Magisterial District.

## South Peak Community Meeting

June 4, 2012

A community meeting will be held on Monday, June 4, 2012, at 6:30pm, in the Board Meeting Room located at 5204 Bernard Drive to discuss the South Peak rezoning application. For additional information view the [community meeting notice](#).

## Hollins Landscaping Project

### Williamson Road and Plantation Road Intersection

May 10, 2012, was an important day as the first on-the-ground improvement called for in the [Hollins Area Plan](#) and the [Plantation Road Streetscape Improvement Project](#) was installed.

Friendship Retirement Community funded and the Williamson Road Area Business Association (WRABA) facilitated additional landscaping at the intersection of Williamson Road and Plantation Road. "Landscaping By" signs will be installed shortly recognizing

Friendship's substantial financial investment to plant and maintain these areas for five years, per the Virginia Department of Transportation's Comprehensive Roadside Management Program.

If your business would like to adopt medians or landscaping in VDOT's right-of-way, please contact Megan Cronise by [email](#) or by phone at (540) 772-2068 extension 282.



*New landscaping next to Monroe Muffler*



*Proposed recognition sign*

## Vinton Business Center Landscaping Project



*New landscaping around the Vinton Business Center sign*

The Roanoke County Department of Economic Development recently began a landscaping project at the entrance to the Vinton Business Center. This location was designated for streetscape improvements in the [Vinton Area Corridors Plan](#) implementation strategies.

This project includes street trees along the main drive, new landscaping around the entrance sign, and new plantings for the median. The project has just been completed in the last week.



*New street trees and landscaping at the entrance*

## Transportation Updates

Check out the Road Notices on the [Transportation](#) web page for weekly updates on upcoming road maintenance projects.



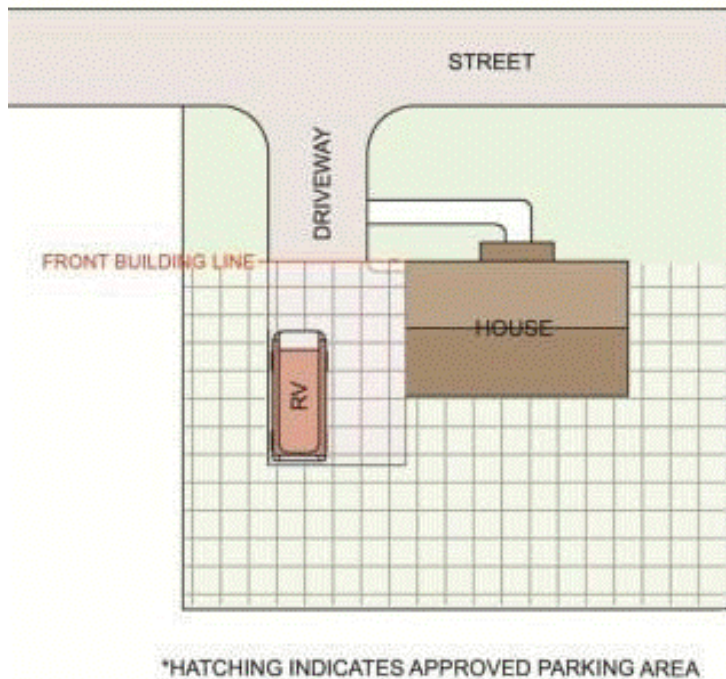
## Utility Trailer and Recreational Vehicle Parking

If you keep a utility trailer or recreational vehicle, which includes boats, 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, in an enclosed garage or other building. If your house is situated on a corner lot that fronts on two streets, you have only one front building line. Call a Code Enforcement Officer at (540) 772-2068 extension 233 or 222 for corner lot questions.

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

For further information see [Zoning Ordinance](#) Sections 30-91, 30-100-7 and 30-

100-8 or call a Code Enforcement Officer at (540) 772-2068 extension 233 or 222.



*Recreational Vehicle Parking Graphic*

## Best of Luck to Amanda Micklow

Amanda Micklow will be leaving Roanoke County in July to pursue her PhD in City and Regional Planning at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. During her four years with the County, Amanda most notably served as the project manager for the [Glenvar Community Plan](#) and webmaster for the Department of Community Development. The author of *Community Developments* since its e-newsletter inception and our Social Media expert, she was also responsible for updating the Off Street Parking section of the Zoning Ordinance with environmentally-friendly maximum parking requirements, provisions for shared parking and permeable pavement standards.



Prior to her tenure with Roanoke County, Amanda graduated from Virginia Tech with a Master of Urban and Regional Planning and was awarded the 2007-2008 Marsha Ritzdorf Book Award for Best Graduate Student Paper.

While she will be greatly missed, the Department of Community Development wishes Amanda the best in all of her future endeavors.

Sincerely,

*Megan Cronise*, AICP  
Principal Planner

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# Community Developments



Greetings!

After an eventful first week of July, we are back home in the Roanoke County Administration Center and ready to update you on recent happenings with this month's issue of *Community Developments*.

## Planning Commission Update

### June 5th Meeting

The Planning Commission approved the consent agenda for July 3rd and approved the Special Use Permit petition of Blue Ridge Bread, Inc. (Panera) to add a drive-thru aisle to the existing store at the corner of Electric Road and Ogden Road. *The Board of Supervisors voted to approve this request at their June 26th meeting.*

### June 19th Meeting

Several topics were discussed at the Planning Commission Work Session to include Residential Chickens, Electronic Signage and a possible Gateway Corridor Overlay District for Plantation Road.

### July 3rd Meeting

A public hearing was held on the South Peak Residences rezoning and the Planning Commission voted 5-0 to forward the application to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation of approval.

### July 17th Meeting (canceled)

### August 7th Meeting

Three public hearings are scheduled:

1. The petition of A. B. Hammond to rezone approximately 47.7 acres from EP, Explore Park, District to AG-3, Agricultural/Rural Preserve, District, located off Hammond Drive, Vinton Magisterial District.
2. The petition of Christ the King Presbyterian Church to amend the proffered conditions on approximately 4.70 acres zoned C-1C, Commercial, District with conditions, and to obtain a special use permit for religious assembly, located in the 2400 block of Electric Road (Route 419) and near the intersection of Stoneybrook Drive and Bridle Lane, Windsor Hills Magisterial District.
3. An ordinance amending Chapter 5 "Animals and Fowl"

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July 24 @ 3:00 PM\*  
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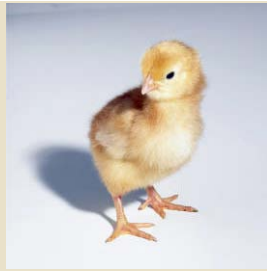
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and Sections 30-29 and 30-88-2 of the Roanoke County Code to provide for definitions and to establish standards for Residential Chicken Keeping.



## Plantation Road Project Funding

The Commonwealth Transportation Board allocated \$341,000 dollars to the Plantation Road Pedestrian, Bicycle and Streetscape Improvement Project from the VDOT Transportation Enhancement Program last month. Read more about the Plantation Road Project [here](#).

## Transportation Updates

Check out the Road Notices on the [Transportation](#) web page for weekly updates on upcoming road maintenance projects.

Sincerely,  
*Megan Cronise*, AICP  
Principal Planner



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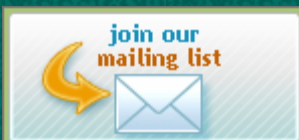
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## Greetings!

We have had a busy summer so far and it's hard to believe the first day of school is rapidly approaching! Please enjoy this month's news in our *Community Developments* e-newsletter.

## Planning Commission Update

### July 3rd Meeting

The Planning Commission held its meeting at the South County Library due to a power outage at the Roanoke County Administration Center. The Commission approved the consent agenda for August 7th and forwarded the rezoning petition of [South Peak Residences](#) to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation of approval. *The Board of Supervisors approved the rezoning request at its July 24th meeting.*



*South Peak Building Rendering*

### July 17th Meeting (Canceled)

### August 7th Meeting

Three public hearings are scheduled:

1. The petition of [A. B. Hammond](#) to rezone approximately 47.7 acres from EP, Explore Park, District to AG-3, Agricultural/Rural Preserve, District, located off Hammond Drive, Vinton Magisterial District.
2. The petition of [Christ the King Presbyterian Church](#) to amend the proffered conditions on approximately 4.70 acres zoned C-1C, Office, District with conditions, and to obtain a special use permit for religious assembly, located in the 2400 block of Electric Road (Route 419) and near the intersection of Stoneybrook Drive and Bridle Lane, Windsor Hills Magisterial District.
3. An ordinance amending Chapter 5 "Animals and Fowl" and Sections 30-29 and 30-88-2 of the Roanoke County Code to provide for definitions and to establish standards for Residential Chicken Keeping.

### August 21st Meeting

The Planning Commission will continue to discuss the draft Plantation Road Gateway Corridor Overlay District, the Code Enforcement process and a landscaping project proposed for the intersection of Williamson Road and Peters Creek Road.

### September 4th

No land use applications have been submitted for this public

hearing date.



## Mountain View Neighborhood Build Day

The [Roanoke Regional Housing Network](#) and its partners are sponsoring a Mountain View Neighborhood Build Day on Saturday, July 28, 2012.

They'll be doing clean-up, general fix-up, and yard work at a home located at 1609 Chapman Ave., SW.



*Mountain View Neighborhood Build Day House*

The property has been donated to Rebuilding Together - Roanoke by Wells Fargo Bank. It will be rehabilitated by Rebuilding Together - Roanoke using volunteer groups and contractors. The property will eventually be used to provide permanent supportive housing to clients from social service agencies in the Roanoke area. [Read more...](#)



## New Historic Resources Webpage

Are you curious about the history of an old structure in your neighborhood? Would you like to know more about that little cemetery down the street?

Check out our new [Historic Resources webpage](#) for Roanoke County architectural surveys, a County cemetery survey and links to other historic resources and websites.

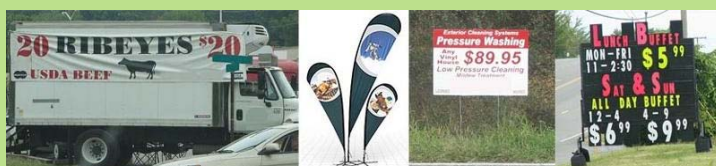


*Pleasant Grove on West Main Street in Salem*



## Prohibited Signs Reminder

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



- Vehicle Sign parked adjacent to a public road
- Sail Sign

- Stick-in-Ground or Step Stake Sign in public right-of-way
- Portable Sign

Refer to Roanoke County [Zoning Ordinance](#) Section 30-39-4 for further details and contact [Bill Richardson](#) at (540) 772-2068 x222 or [Becky Mahoney](#) (540) 772-2068 x233 with any questions.



## VDOT Road Notices

ROUTE 624 ROAD CLOSURE - A section of Route 624 (Newport Road) is closed to through traffic to replace a pipe in the branch of McAfee Run under Route 624. The location of this work is south of Route 624's intersection with Route 311 in the Catawba area. Detour signs are posted advising traffic of alternate routes. Weather permitting, the road is estimated to reopen in mid-August 2012.



*Newport Road Culvert Replacement*

Road construction crews are busy! Check out the [Transportation](#) webpage for weekly road construction updates.



## Eight Out of 10 Americans Support Community Planning

The [American Planning Association](#) (APA) conducted a National Poll entitled "[Planning in America: Perceptions and Priorities](#)" to gauge Americans' support of community planning.



*Glenvar Community Meeting*

(From the [APA website](#))  
 "With the U.S. economy struggling, Americans believe community planners should play a major role in helping the nation get back on its feet, according to a national poll released by APA on June 14, 2012. Two-thirds of Americans believe their community needs more planning to promote economic recovery. The poll found that Americans want planners to focus most on creating jobs - followed by safety, schools, protecting neighborhoods, and water quality.

"Not only do Americans strongly believe community planning is critical to jump starting our nation's economy," said APA Chief Executive Officer Paul Farmer, FAICP, "but a majority want to be personally involved with community planning efforts, whether they live in a city, a suburb, a small town, or rural America."

The key findings and link to the full report can be accessed [here](#).

Have a great month!

Sincerely,

*Megan Cronise*, AICP  
Principal Planner



# Community Developments



Greetings!

Vacations are over, school is back in session and we have prepared another edition of *Community Developments* to keep you up-to-date on current events.

## *Planning Commission Update*

August 7th Meeting

The Planning Commission forwarded the rezoning petition of [A. B. Hammond](#), the proffer amendment and special use permit of [Christ the King Presbyterian Church](#) and an amendment to the Roanoke County Code for [Residential Chicken Keeping](#) to the Board of Supervisors with recommendations of approval.

*The Board of Supervisors approved all three requests at its August 28th meeting.*

August 21st Meeting

The Planning Commission reviewed the Zoning and Code Enforcement process and were updated on a landscaping project proposed for the intersection of Williamson Road and Peters Creek Road. View the [agenda packet](#) with presentations.

September 4th Meeting - Canceled

September 18th Meeting

A tentative topic for the work session is the proposed Plantation Road Gateway Corridor Overlay District.

October 2nd Meeting

One public hearing is scheduled on the petition of [Arlene Coletrane-Simmons](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in an R-1, Low Density Residential, District for the operation of a family day care home on approximately 0.32 acre, located at 1926 Governor Drive in the Montclair Estates Subdivision, Catawba Magisterial District.

## *Adopted Residential Chicken Keeping Ordinance*

Residents in non-agricultural areas may now keep up to six chickens (no roosters) as an accessory use

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to a single-family dwelling on their property.

If you are interested in keeping chickens:

1. Comply with the new [County Code](#) regulations; and
2. Apply for a Zoning Permit on the Second Floor of the Roanoke County Administration Center at 5204 Bernard Drive.



## *Old Heritage Corp. Rezoning Update*



Old Heritage Corp. Concept Plan

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has concurred with the [amended Traffic Impact Analysis \(TIA\)](#) for the [Old Heritage Corporation](#)

[rezoning petition](#). After comments on the Concept Plan are addressed, a second community meeting will be scheduled. Public hearings with the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors will follow the community meeting. All materials related to this application are available on the [Planning Commission](#) webpage. Contact [Megan Cronise](#) with any questions.

## *Williamson Road/Peters Creek Road Landscaping Project*



Proposed Landscaping at the intersection of Williamson Road and Peters Creek Road

Friendship Retirement Community and the Williamson Road Area Business Association are sponsoring a landscaping project with recognition signs at the intersection of Williamson Road and Peters Creek Road under VDOT's Comprehensive Roadside Management Program. After a public hearing on August 28th, the Board of Supervisors voted to endorse the project which is anticipated to be planted this fall.

If you or your business are interested in sponsoring a

landscaping project at an intersection or median,  
contact [Megan Cronise](#) for more details.

## *VDOT Road Updates*

### Cotton Hill Road

The Board of Supervisors held a public hearing for and approved a resolution supporting proposed improvements to Cotton Hill Road at its August 28th meeting.

### Interstate 81 Widening Study

A contractor for VDOT is studying the possibility of widening Interstate 81 between Roanoke and Christiansburg to eight lanes. Read The Roanoke Times article about the potential widening [here](#).



### Road Notices

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

Have a great month!

Sincerely,

*Megan Cronise*, AICP  
Principal Planner



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# Community Developments

## Greetings!

Happy Fall! Enjoy the changing of the leaves, the cooling of the weather, all things pumpkin and this month's *Community Developments*!

## Planning Commission Update

*There were no public hearings in September.*

### October 2nd Meeting

One public hearing is scheduled on the petition of [Arlene Coletrane-Simmons](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in an R-1, Low Density Residential, District for the operation of a family day care home on approximately 0.32 acre, located at 1926 Governor Drive in the Montclair Estates Subdivision, Catawba Magisterial District. *The Planning Commission recommended approval of this application. The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the application on October 23rd.*

### October 16th Meeting

The Planning Commission will be briefed on [Partnership for a Livable Roanoke Valley](#) activities and progress to date.

### November 5th Meeting

A public hearing will be held on the petition of [Jesus the Redeemer Church](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in an R-1, Low Density Residential District for the operation of a religious assembly on approximately 5.671 acres, located near the 6900 block of Wood Haven Road, Catawba Magisterial District.

## Community Meeting for Jesus the Redeemer Church

A community meeting will be held **Monday, October 22, 2012, at 6:30pm** at the Cornerstone Church, 6930 Wood Haven Road, to discuss the request for a Special Use Permit for the operation of a religious assembly on a 5.671 acre portion of the property located at 6930 Wood Haven Road near The Woodlands and Linnmead subdivisions in the Catawba Magisterial District. View the [Community Meeting Notification Letter](#) and [Special Use Permit Application](#).

## Partnership for a Livable Roanoke Valley Public Workshops

As part of the regional [Partnership for a Livable](#)



[Roanoke Valley](#) effort to promote economic opportunity and quality of life in the Roanoke Valley, interactive workshops will be held in mid-October to gather input from citizens about what they value in their community and what priorities they believe our region should have for the future. Several workshops are planned around the valley so please choose whichever time and location works best for you.



### ***Tuesday, October 16th***

9am to 10:30am - [Salem City Council](#) Chambers (114 North Broad Street, Salem)

10am to 5pm - [Virginia Museum of Transportation](#) (303 Norfolk Avenue, SW, Roanoke)

3:30pm to 5pm - [Fincastle Library](#) Meeting Room (11 Academy Street, Fincastle)

7pm to 8:30pm - New Castle Commons Community Room (301 Salem Avenue, New Castle)

### ***Wednesday, October 17th***

11am to 12:30pm - [Vinton War Memorial](#) (814 Washington Avenue, Vinton)

12pm to 8pm - [Virginia Museum of Transportation](#) (303 Norfolk Avenue, SW, Roanoke)

5pm to 6:30pm - [Franklin County Government Center](#) Board of Supervisors Meeting Room (1255 Franklin Street, Rocky Mount)

6:30pm to 8:00pm - [South County Library](#) Auditorium (6303 Merriman Road, Roanoke)

## **Fall Waterways Cleanup and Celebration**

### ***Saturday, October 6, 2012***

Cleanup: 8:30am to 11:30am  
Celebration at Wasena Park: 11:30am to 1:30pm



Clean your favorite spot along a stream, tributary or river (or get to know a new one).

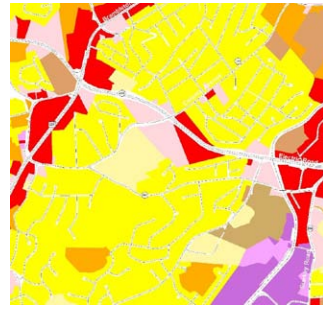
Supplies are provided. Then join your fellow volunteers at Wasena Park for lunch, music and free samples. Live music from Watershed Conspiracy! See the [Fall Waterways Cleanup Flyer](#) for additional information.

Fall Waterways  
Cleanup Flyer

**Don't Forget About Zoning!**

Zoning plays an integral part in the system of administering business licenses, site plan reviews, numerous checklists and various other development processes in the County.

Please call the Planning and Zoning office *prior to* any development to talk with staff to ensure that the project you have envisioned is feasible and can be completed on your site. Contact the Planning and Zoning department at 540-772-2068. We look forward to hearing from you soon.



## VDOT Road Updates

### Construction Underway On Alcoa Road

Construction is underway to improve Alcoa Road, in the Vinton Magisterial District. The project is being constructed through the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Rural Addition Program.



Alcoa Road Construction

Alcoa Road was a small, private road that, until now, has been maintained by property owners along the road. Through the Rural Addition program, the property owners petitioned Roanoke County and VDOT to accept the road into the state secondary system, and construct the road to meet current state standards. Property owners donated sufficient right of way to VDOT, and County staff designed the new road and coordinated relocation of overhead utilities. Funds from the VDOT Secondary Six-Year Plan pay for the construction.

Local governments in Virginia are allowed to expend up to 5% of their allocation of construction funds for Rural Addition projects. However, Roanoke County has not added funds to the Rural Addition program in recent years, due to reduced VDOT allocations for secondary road construction. For more information about the Rural Addition program, please contact Brian Epperley, Traffic Engineer, at 540-772-2068 x279, or [bepperley@roanokecountyva.gov](mailto:bepperley@roanokecountyva.gov)

### Road Notices

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Have a great month!

**Sincerely,**  
*Megan Cronise*, AICP  
Principal Planner



# Community Developments

*Dear (Contact First Name),*

Now that Sandy has knocked all of the leaves from your trees, check out this month's *Community Developments* for information about leaf collection, a new greenway segment, a progress update for the Partnership for a Livable Roanoke Valley and other upcoming projects.

## Planning Commission Update

### October 2nd Meeting

A public hearing was held on the petition of [Arlene Coletrane-Simmons](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in an R-1, Low Density Residential, District for the operation of a family day care home at 1926 Governor Drive. *The Planning Commission recommended approval of this application and the Board of Supervisors approved the request at its October 23rd meeting.*

### October 16th Meeting

The Planning Commission was briefed on [Partnership for a Livable Roanoke Valley](#) activities and completed a visioning exercise as part of the October public workshops held.

### November 5th Meeting

A public hearing will be held on the petition of [Jesus the Redeemer Church](#) to obtain a Special Use Permit in an R-1, Low Density Residential, District for the operation of a religious assembly near the 6900 block of Wood Haven Road in the Catawba Magisterial District.

**November 19th Meeting** - *No topics have been set for this meeting yet.*

**December 3rd Meeting** - *No topics have been set for this meeting yet.*

## Hollins Greenway Ribbon Cutting

On October 6, 2012, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held by [Roanoke County](#), [Hollins University](#), and [Roanoke Valley Greenways](#) to celebrate the opening of the Tinker Creek Greenway Hollins



### Upcoming Meetings

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Trailhead connector to Carvins Cove Nature Reserve, the second

### *Tinker Creek Greenway Hollins Trailhead Ribbon Cutting Ceremony*

largest municipal park in the nation. The trailhead provides the first direct linkage from the regional greenway network to Carvins Cove. The 2.5 mile, natural surface trail stretches from Plantation Road north of I-81 to Carvins Cove's Fisherman's Trail. It connects recreational enthusiasts to more than 40 miles of trail in an 800-acre reservoir open to biking, horseback riding, fishing, and boating.

The Tinker Creek Greenway is included in the [2007 Roanoke Valley Conceptual Greenway Plan](#), the [Hollins Area Plan](#), and the Carvins Cove Trail Management Plan. Hollins University and Roanoke County entered a Public Access Trail Agreement in October, 2011 to build a parking lot and trail on Hollins property. In coordination with the Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission and Roanoke County, trail construction commenced in April, 2012 with Hollins sponsoring a student and faculty workday led by the [Pathfinders](#)



*Map of the New Tinker Creek Greenway (click for PDF)*

[for Greenways](#), a volunteer, non-profit organization of trail builders. The parking lot was built by the [Roanoke County Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism](#) with the support of inmates at the Western Virginia Regional Jail. Other partners on this project are the [City of Roanoke](#), the [Western Virginia Water Authority](#), and [Botetourt County](#).

For a map, directions or additional information, please visit the [Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism website](#).

## Partnership for a Livable Roanoke Valley Update

### Workshops Summary

A total of eight Framework for the Future Workshops were held in October over two days with over 100 participants in attendance. The interactive workshops reviewed the project's progress to date, reviewed vision statements from participating jurisdictions and participants identified components that resonated with them. View the complete [workshop results](#).

*If you missed the workshops and would like to participate, go to [Ideas.Livableroanoke.org](http://Ideas.Livableroanoke.org) to contribute your ideas.*

### Telephone Survey Summary

A telephone survey was conducted by the Virginia Tech

Center for Survey Research in August and September including over 1,000 respondents from all Livable Roanoke Valley localities (Cities of Roanoke and Salem, Counties of Botetourt, Craig, Franklin and Roanoke.) The priorities of *economic development, job creation and keeping jobs in the area* ranked first in all localities. See what priorities were most important to your locality by viewing the [summary presentation](#).

## Colonial/Penn Forest Roundabout Landscaping Project

T.J.S Enterprises, Inc, a Roanoke County landscaping business, has requested to take over the landscaping and maintenance of the Colonial Avenue/Penn Forest Roundabout. All steps in the VDOT Comprehensive Roadside Management Program have been completed with only the issuance of the VDOT Land Use Permit remaining. As part of the program, T.J.S Enterprises will be permitted to install a "Landscaping By" sign.

If your business is interested in sponsoring a landscaped area located in VDOT right-of-way, contact [Megan Cronise](#) at (540) 772-2068 ext. 282 for more information.



*Proposed Colonial Avenue/Penn Forest Boulevard Roundabout Landscaping*

## VDOT News

### Six Year Improvement Plan Meetings

The Commonwealth Transportation Board is holding several meetings around the state for the public to discuss projects and programs in the current Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) and to receive comments for the future SYIP which will include multimodal initiatives for highways, rail and transit. The closest meeting to Roanoke will be held in Christiansburg on Wednesday, November 7th, at the Montgomery County Government Center. An open house session begins at 6pm. View more information about the [meetings](#).



### Road Notices

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

## Leaf Collection Reminder

**Roanoke County does not**

**provide vacuum collection  
for loose leaves.**

Roanoke County will provide collection of bagged leaves during your normal, every other week bulk collection. Please place the bags to the curb on your normal collection day. For more information or to check the schedule, call Roanoke County Solid Waste at (540)387-6225 or go to [www.roanokecountyva.gov](http://www.roanokecountyva.gov).



Have a great month!

Sincerely,

*Megan Cronise*, AICP

Principal Planner



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# Community Developments

## Greetings!

It's hard to believe 2012 is nearing an end! We are gearing up for what looks like a busy 2013 so please enjoy our updates in December's *Community Developments*.

## Planning Commission Update

### November 5th Meeting

The Planning Commission recommended approval of a special use permit petition by [Jesus the Redeemer Church](#) to operate a religious assembly in the 6900 block of Wood Haven Road. *The Board of Supervisors approved the petition at its November 13th meeting.*

### November 19th Meeting

*Canceled*

### December 3rd Meeting

The Planning Commission considered two applications as part of the Consent Agenda for the January 7th meeting:

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

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## Upcoming Meetings

### [Planning Commission](#)

December 17 *canceled*

January 7 @ 4:00 PM\*

January 15 @ 6:00 PM

### [Board of Supervisors](#)

December 11 @ 3:00 PM\*

January 8 @ 3:00 PM

January 22 @ 3:00 PM\*

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

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*Friendship Concept Plan* (click for larger PDF)

### **December 17th Meeting**

*Canceled*

### **January 7th Meeting**

Two public hearings are scheduled (see December 3rd meeting for additional information):

- [Philip M. Argabright](#) rezoning from R-1, Low Density Residential, District to AG-3, Agricultural/Rural Preserve, District; and
- [Friendship Health and Rehab Center South, Inc. and Friendship Health and Rehab Center, Inc.](#) from R-1, Low Density Residential, District to C-2, General Commercial, District with a special use permit for a nursing home and life care facility.

## **Friendship Community Meeting**

A Community Meeting for the [Friendship Health and Rehab Center](#) this **Thursday, December 6th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room** at the Roanoke County Administration Center (5204 Bernard Drive.) View the [Community Meeting Notice](#). Contact Tara Pattisall with any questions by email at [tpattisall@roanokecountyva.gov](mailto:tpattisall@roanokecountyva.gov) or by phone at (540) 772-2068 ext. 250.

## **2013 Growers Academy at the Virginia Tech Catawba Sustainability Center**

The [Virginia Tech Catawba Sustainability Center](#) is offering the fourth annual [Growers Academy](#), a series of courses specifically designed to help new and transitioning agricultural businesses succeed. An eight week learning series focused on low input, small scale production and starting your own agribusiness. Instructors include resource professionals and farm business owners.

## Topics include

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



*2013 Growers Academy Flyer*  
(click for larger PDF)

## Dates and Location

January 22 - March 12 \*

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

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

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# Temporary Sign Renewals

Does your business have a temporary sign? Remember that temporary sign permits must be renewed at the beginning of every year. The cost is \$25 dollars and the [Sign Permit](#) application can be found on the [Planning and Zoning](#) webpage.



*Temporary Sign*

The completed Sign Permit may be emailed, mailed, faxed, or brought in to our office on the second floor of the [Roanoke County Administration Center](#) located at 5204 Bernard Drive. You can pay by cash, check or credit card. Call (540) 772-2068 and press 2 to ask questions of our Planning Staff.

# Construction Complete on Alcoa Road

Construction has been completed on Alcoa Road, off Mayfield Road, in the Vinton Magisterial District. The project took about 6 weeks to construct. The new road is approximately 1,600

feet long and terminates in a new cul-de-sac. Pavement is 18 feet wide, and the new public right of way includes ditches and associated drainage structures to convey storm water.



*Alcoa Road Before*

The project was constructed through the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Rural Addition Program. Through this program, property owners on private roads may petition Roanoke County and VDOT to accept the road into the state secondary system. Property owners donated sufficient right of way to VDOT, and County staff designed the new road and coordinated relocation of overhead utilities. VDOT staff supervised and inspected the construction.



*Alcoa Road After*

Funds from the VDOT Secondary Six-Year Plan paid for the construction. Local governments in Virginia are allowed to expend up to 5% of their annual allocation of construction funds for Rural Addition projects. However, Roanoke County has not added funds to the Rural Addition program in recent years, due to reduced VDOT allocations for secondary road construction. For more information about the Rural Addition program, please contact Brian Epperley, Traffic Engineer, at 540-772-2068 x279, or [bepperley@roanokecountyva.gov](mailto:bepperley@roanokecountyva.gov).

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Have a great end-of-the year!

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