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PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS.....

Mobile Data Computers

After more than two years of phone calls, e-mails and negotiations between the Town and Prince William County, the Haymarket Police Department will finally have their Mobile Data Computers (MDCs) installed and activated. The MDCs were procured to afford a greater level of interoperability and communication between the Haymarket Officers, Prince William Police and the Police Department dispatchers, and facilitate faster response times, more efficient operations and enhanced officer safety. The Town Council would like to express their appreciation to Supervisor Stirrup for expediting a resolution to the outstanding issues between the Town and the County.



Under the agreement negotiated with Supervisor Stirrup, the County will assume start-up and installation costs while the first year's maintenance and airtime costs will be borne from funds transferred from the Gainesville Supervisor's discretionary funds. The increased efficiency afforded by the MDCs will provide a greater level of public safety and will benefit county residents both within and without the Town limits. Similarly, once initialized, the MDCs will decrease the department's reliance on radio dispatchers thus providing for more cost effective and efficient operations of both the Haymarket and Prince William County Police Departments, truly a win-win situation for both the Town and the County.

Supervisor Stirrup notified the Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) of his intent to fund the program at the February 6, 2007 meeting of the BOCS, a proposal that was approved unanimously at the February 13, 2007 meeting.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT SUPERVISOR.....



Dear Friends,

I want to bring to your attention updated information regarding Federal and State legislation concerning transmission lines and information received from Dominion Power.

Congressman Frank Wolf and Congressman Tom Davis announced several steps they are taking to address transmission lines. Please refer to the links below to read their announcements:

<http://www.house.gov/wolf/news/2007/02-05POWERLINES.html>
<http://tomdavis.house.gov/cgi-data/news/files/302.shtml>

On Friday, February 2, 2007, I was scheduled to testify before the Counties, Cities and Towns Subcommittee which was to hear Delegate Bob Marshall's House Bill 3031. Unfortunately, Delegate Marshall's bill was tabled and I was unable to testify. Delegate Marshall, however, was able to have his bill reconsidered and on February 6th the bill passed the House of Delegates 99 to 0. This bill has moved forward and is now assigned to the Senate Committee on Local Government.

I was able to testify before the Senate Commerce and Labor Subcommittee regarding the transmission lines. As a result of my testimony and my letter to Dominion Power's CEO, (full text below) Dominion agreed to answer the questions I submitted on December 12, 2006. My office received the answers in writing from Dominion Power on Monday, February 5th. To view Dominion's written response, please see the link to my website: www.Gainesvillesupervisor.com

Four of the bills my office has been tracking concerning transmission lines in the Virginia General Assembly have moved forward. I would like to thank all the elected officials and the community for their hard work and diligence in following this issue.

Thank you

John T. Stirrup

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Clerk's Corner

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(703) 753-2800 - Fax
Gene Swearingen, Town Mgr
Jennifer Preli, Clerk
Sherrie Wilson, Deputy Clerk
Office Hours
8:00 am—4:30 pm

The Town Council voted on Monday, December 18, 2006 to eliminate the metal town tags for vehicles. By a unanimous vote, the Town will now issue permanent decals for vehicles. The cost of the decal will be \$15 for all vehicles. Residents over the age of 65; military personnel; police, fire, or rescue personnel, will still receive decals at no charge, if the vehicle is registered to that person's name. The decals must be on all vehicles that are housed in the Town, by April 15, 2007.

Also, just a reminder that Real Estate taxes are due to the Town Treasurer by March 1, 2007. Please feel free to call Town Hall @ 703-753-2600, should you have any questions.

~Jennifer Preli, JPreli@townofhaymarket.org

Haymarket Police Dept
703-753-2700



Battlefield High School

Prince William Police Dept
703-792-6500

The students of Battlefield High School's "Robotcats" robotics team are hard at work! The team is comprised of over 50 students that are enthusiastic about advancing the future through positive technological contributions. Currently, the team is in their annual build session of our robot. During this intensive 6 week period the Robocats brainstorm, design, construct, and program a robot following guidelines from the FIRST Robotics Competition. The team is also responsible for creating a web site, multi-media presentation, marketing brochure, and a business plan for our robotics competition. This year's regional competition will be held March 1 – 3, 2007 at Virginia Commonwealth University. We will also travel to the Western Regional Competition in Las Vegas, NV held March 29-31, 2007 as well as the World Championship in Atlanta, GA held April 12-14, 2007. There we will compete with other robotics teams from all over the United States.

HAYMARKET MUSEUM

703-753-3712

Closed for the Winter Season

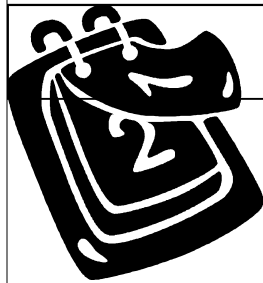
The Battlefield High School Robotics Partnership is dedicated to celebrating students for their hard work and success at a game that is truly a "challenge of the minds." This partnership has shown students the value of their mind, and has given these students attention that "makes them feel good". After school, on average of four days a week, students would rather be in technology classrooms playing with technology instead of leaving school to pursue other activities. For many students, they have a clearer understanding of what they would like to do in the future.

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THE
ANNUAL HAYMARKET DAY
SPRING CLEAN-UP

Battlefield Robotics Team also supports robotics and academics in the community. We have supported two JV Vex teams at Battlefield, three JV Vex teams at Garfield High School, a Vex team at Pennington School, a Vex team in Manassas as well as a Lego Robotics Team at Mountain View Elementary.



Robotics is a community effort. We need to celebrate the successes of academics in our community. You may have seen Robotics flyers in local businesses in Haymarket. These flyers are in effort to raise awareness of how Battlefield Robotics is positively impacting the future. If you would like to display a flyer in your place of business, or you would like to know more about the Robocats, please contact Ms. Gail Drake at drakegd@pwcs.edu or visit the Robocats website at <http://www.battlefieldit.org/RoboticsWebsite/>.



Mark your calendars.....

March 5, 2007 Town Council Meeting-7 pm

March 12, 2007 Planning Commission Meeting-7 pm

March 21, 2007 ARB Meeting-7 pm

March 13, 2007 Haymarket/Gainesville Business Assoc. Meeting

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Town Hall, 15000 Washington Street, Suite 100

April 1, 2007 Begin Daylight Savings

THINK SPRING!

April 28, 2007

9:00 am—Noon

"Keep Haymarket Beautiful"

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Town Council



TOWN OF HAYMARKET

Town Meeting Update

Hi neighbors! On December 2nd of last year we all participated in a town meeting to discuss the Police Department move, relocating a historic structure and town center development. One of our larger developers, Lewie Bloom, was also in attendance and he expressed his thoughts on the Payne Lane property and the town center. A lot of ideas were presented and talked about and we have begun to move forward on some of those ideas. Here is an update:

6706 Jefferson House Relocation: The Mayor and Council are in consultations with Mr. Bloom to move this home to the lot beside the Town Museum. Items under discussion include moving the Civil War Trails exhibit, pricing the lot appropriately, and calculating adequate parking for the building. We are confident that all of these issues can be resolved quickly and are expecting to see a renovated historic house on our main street!

Police Department Move: It was suggested that the PD could reside in the relocated Jefferson house after it was renovated. The Winterham home was also mentioned as a possible PD and Town Hall location if a fair arrangement could be worked out. These arrangements are under negotiation but will take time. The Mayor and Council are also investigating if the house is large enough to act as both the Town Hall and the PD. Therefore, since both of these options re-

quire substantial time to investigate and implement, the Council has decided to move the PD to the larger Harrover house at the eastern end of town. This move is necessary since the current lease on the PD shopping center location expires in May. The Winterham and renovated house options will continue to be explored and may prove to be the answer for a permanent PD location. In the meantime, using the Harrover house gives us several advantages. First, the property is rent-free, spacious enough for the entire department, and will not cost too much to equip for public use. Second, it allows Haymarket to become an even more valuable asset to Prince William County. We have discussed offering the house to the County for use as a PWC Police substation, allowing county peace officers a comfortable space to conduct business, take a break, shower or prepare meals while on duty in the northern part of PWC. The advantage here is that we foster an even stronger working relationship between our officers and the county, and that we gain more police presence for the town. We have also discussed the use of the house as a storage location for county emergency response materials. Storing these materials in town gives this part of the county a ready supply of dire materials in the event of serious situation or disaster. We hope we will never have to use them but it is better to be prepared. The County is considering our offers and has expressed its appreciation. We think both of these arrangements will be beneficial for everyone.

Town Center Development: By now you've seen the "For Sale" sign on the front grass at Town Hall. Selling this property is the first step to fully developing the town center. Interested buyers can pick up a conditions-of-sale brochure and other information on the property at Town Hall. Inquiries can also be answered by calling the number on the sign. Creating the right environment for the nucleus of Haymarket will take a developer that has a similar vision and passion as the residents. Let's all pray and hope for that person to bid (and bid high!) on the property.

Well, that's the update. Haymarket is continuing to grow and we welcome all our new businesses and, of course, our new residents. Don't hesitate to contact any councilman or Town Hall if you have any questions. Take care and God bless.

~John Cole, Vice-Mayor
JCole@townofhaymarket.org



Planning Commission News

Two Haymarket residents – Ellie Ivancic and Rich Gillin -- answered the call for volunteers and have joined the Planning Commission. Both were sworn in at the February 5, 2007 Town Council meeting and were able to dig right in after attending and observing the January PC meeting.

Ellie is from Haymarket and lives with her husband and three children at their home on Jefferson Street that has been in her mother's family since 1910. She has a degree in historic preservation and spends her weekends working in the Haymarket Museum. Ellie brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise about Haymarket and its rich history to the Planning Commission.

Rich and his family have lived in Haymarket since 2001 and they are very active in the local community. As an example, last year the

Town Council honored nine year-old Manny Gillin with a plaque honoring his efforts in raising funds for victims of Hurricane Katrina. Rich recently retired from the Navy and now works as an engineer in the private sector.

The Planning Commission has nearly completed re-drafting the town's Comprehensive Plan and is looking forward to getting input from residents and business owners at public hearings to be scheduled in the next few months. Right now we are combing through data from Prince William

County regarding Haymarket's natural resources as well as the most recent census data so we can update those sections of the Comprehensive Plan. The changes the town of Haymarket has experienced in the last ten years are truly remarkable, which is what makes the Comprehensive Plan project such

fun.

Please contact Linda Landwehr at (703) 753-5182 if you would like to help us with this project or if you would like to be considered for the remaining vacancy on the Planning Commission.

~Linda Landwehr



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From the Desk of the Town Manager.....

After only four weeks on the job as Town Manager, I have found Haymarket to be a very special place; a small town dealing with big city issues and handling them well.

One of the friendliest places I have known, everyone says “hello” when they pass and are always willing to stop and talk. Everyone I meet has positive things to say about the town, the elected officials and the staff.

The job of Haymarket Town Manager is unique in that the person in the job must be a jack-of-all-government-services. Each day brings new challenges - everything from accounting to zoning.

The Mayor and Town Council have established a number of priorities for the Manager, the most pressing of which is to take the role of Zoning Administrator to insure compliance with the zoning regulations established by the town. This role will fill much of my time over the coming months.

My office is in the Town Hall building in the center of town. I encourage everyone to stop by, meet the staff and talk with us about the town government and any compliments or concerns you would like to pass along. Also please feel free to contact me by telephone, (703) 753-2600, or by e-mail, gswearingen@townofhaymarket.org. I look forward to hearing from you!

~Gene Swearingen, Town Manager
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