



Supervisor Caddigan's Update

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Greetings!

November brings us to a busy time of the year with Thanksgiving followed by the Christmas Holidays. I have several things of interest to share with you in this update.

Wal-Mart – The Wal-Mart store on Route One is schedule for expansion from its present 146,660 square feet by an additional 32,237 square feet. As a commercial property, the Wal-Mart expansion does not require approval by the Board of County Supervisors. Accordingly, the County's Development Services Department approved the site plan on July 23rd and the "Super Center" is scheduled for completion on April 19, 2010. It will be open around the clock seven days a week.

United Mine Workers – The UMW will locate its new International Headquarters in Triangle at Quantico Gateway Drive. The organization has agreed to a twelve year lease in a ready-to-lease facility and plans to fully staff its headquarters by March 31, 2010.

Hylton Performing Arts Center – The exciting new performance center is scheduled to open in May, 2010 serving the residents of Prince William County and Manassas. The regional center is located on the Prince William Campus of the George Mason University. The Cecil and Irene Hylton Foundation has made a very generous donation of \$5 Million to the project, the total scope of which is \$63 Million. Major funding will come from donors, corporate sponsors, and private fundraising activities. The center includes two state-of-the-art performance and rehearsal venues along with support facilities to showcase music, dance, theater and choral productions from across the community and around the world. The center will also contain gallery space to present the work of regional visual artists. An artistic rendering of the center can be seen on my web page and you can find additional information at <http://www.hyltonperformingartscenter.com>

Williams Ordinary – The County won a \$3.85 Million settlement from the federal government involving land adjacent to the Manassas Battlefield Park. The government had taken the land of a developer identified as the Williams Center. In the process the County was not compensated for its loss of 16 acres. The Board of Supervisors directed that the settlement be used only for historic preservation and was applied to the renovation of Rippon Lodge, The Brentsville Courthouse and Ben Lomond. In October, 2006 the Board approved the purchase of the Williams Ordinary. The Ordinary is located in the Town of Dumfries. It was constructed in the form of an 18th century mansion. During Colonial times it was originally known as Williams Ordinary. It was subsequently identified during different periods as Love Tavern, The Stage Coach Inn and The Old Hotel. The building was used as a Civil War Confederate Headquarters during the blockade of Washington. Current plans include its development as a wonderful restaurant with a colonial theme once the economy improves. In the meantime, the County Historical Preservation Division is using the facility as its headquarters. I was honored on September 12, 2009 to accept the marker placed on the Ordinary by the Bill of Rights Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Additional information can be found at www.historicdumfries.com and www.pwcgov.org.

PRTC – The Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission will offer a free and fast bus ride from Woodbridge to Tysons Corner beginning on November 9th. The free fares will be offered during the first week of service to entice riders to give the new OmniRide service a try. Following fares for the next six months will be half price. The busses will serve two local stops at the Woodbridge VRE Station and at the Route 123/I-95 Commuter Lot. For more information visit www.prtctransit.org or call PRTC's Customer Service at 703/730-6664.

As always I welcome hearing from you. Please contact me with your questions, comments or advice at 703 792-4645 or by e-mail at mcaddigan@pwcgov.org. You can also receive updated information at my website – www.Dumfries.com.

Warm regards,

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