



Supervisor Caddigan's Update

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HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone!

The holidays are now behind us and we are facing the challenges and opportunities of 2010. In this newsletter I want to make you aware of activities of note that are ahead of us during the year's first quarter.

March – Census forms will be mailed to every resident of the United States and Puerto Rico during the month of March. The US Census is a requirement in the Constitution to account for every resident every 10 years. [The 2010 Census \(http://2010.census.gov\)](http://2010.census.gov) will help communities receive more than \$400 Billion in federal funds for uses like hospitals, job training centers, schools, senior centers, bridges, tunnels, other public works projects and emergency services. The data collected by the census also helps to determine the number of seats allotted to our state in the US House of Representatives. Actions cannot be taken until all citizens return the completed forms by mail. You can click on the link above for more information regarding the 2010 census.

April – The Board of County Supervisors will be setting the tax rate in April. Complicating that task is the fact that lawmakers returning to Richmond in January faced a shortfall of nearly \$4 Billion over a 2 year period. The net cost of unfunded mandates imposed on Prince William County by federal and state governments is approaching \$350 Million annually; \$100 Million to the County and \$250 Million to schools. We are not in a position to take on any new unfunded mandates and have asked our delegation to allow flexibility to localities. These unfunded mandates cover a variety of services such as correctional and law enforcement services, court services, environmental and planning mandates, at-risk youth and family services, adult protective services, emergency services for the mentally ill and administrative mandates. The County is in the midst of the worst recession we have experienced in many decades. In 2008-2009 the county economy was already suffering



through the most severe downturn in the housing market in 17 years. The real estate market eventually froze during the first half of 2008 with prices plummeting and very few sales recorded; most of them in the lowest price ranges. The combination of steeply lowered prices and dramatic volume was in large part due to the rapid rise in foreclosed and distressed properties across the County during the year. The housing sector will adversely impact on County revenues until the cycle runs its course.

In response to the economic conditions last year the County froze salaries, deferred voter-approved roads, parks and library bond projects that are not already underway. Education funding is of great concern. The Commonwealth has already reduced FY 2010 K-12 general funds by almost \$800 Million. That reduction has been partially offset by federal stimulus funding. Both state and local revenue problems will be compounded when federal stimulus funding ends in 2011.

Prince William schools will be adding an estimated 3,500 new students this year. Most of that growth results from families purchasing foreclosed properties.

As I stated earlier this will be a difficult year for the Board of Supervisors. I am organizing a budget committee of constituents to review the proposed budget over the next few months and I seek your input. If you are interested in serving as a member of this very important group please contact my office at

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703/792-4645 or e-mail me at mcaddigan@pwcgov.org.

Snow Emergency – Please keep the following information handy in the event of another snow storm such as we recently experienced:

VDOT is responsible for the clearing of snow from all state maintained roads. They can be reached at reached at 703/383-8368 or email novainfo@vdot.virginia.gov.

Interstate highways and most primary roads with high traffic volumes receive early snow removal attention.

As always please contact me if I can be of service to you in resolving any of your issues or concerns and again my wishes to you and yours for a very HAPPY and HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

Warm Regards,
Maureen

Caddigan forming budget committee

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This will be a difficult year for the Board of Supervisors who will need to make some very difficult budget decisions.

True to her motto, "I listen – I care – I respond" Supervisor Caddigan has decided again this year to involve her constituents in the budget process. She is organizing a budget committee of constituents to review the proposed budget over the next few months.

If you are a resident of Dumfries District and interested in serving as a member of this very important group please contact her office at 703/792-4645 or e-mail at mcaddigan@pwcgov.org.

234 commuter lot opens on time and within budget

In November, Supervisor Caddigan and the Board of County Supervisors cut the ribbon on one of the most eagerly-awaited projects in Dumfries, the 234 commuter lot.

Despite a number of challenging setbacks in the project, the lot opened on time and within budget, adding 493 spaces to the previous 350 for a total of 843 parking spaces.

"In this area traffic is a major concern and anything we can do to help with this issue helps the entire community. Carpools, vanpools and public transportation are all great tools to help alleviate congestion and to get people home quickly and safely. And, let's

face it, life is too short to sit in traffic," said Maureen as she spoke at the ribbon cutting.



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Other recent project news

Minnieville Road widening

The Minnieville Road widening project was recently completed. The project widened Minnieville Road to four lanes between Spriggs and Cardinal.

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Williams Ordinary Marker Dedication

On September 12, Supervisor Caddigan gave the acceptance speech at the Dedication of the marker placed on Williams Ordinary.

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Triangle Demolition Complete

Photo of Supervisor Caddigan overseeing the demolition of the last building to be razed in Triangle as part of the Route 1 revitalization project.



Bookmarks

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)

With spring just around the corner, many local farmers are gearing up to offer shares in their CSA programs.

A CSA consists of a community of individuals who pledge support to a farm operation where the growers and consumers share the risks and benefits of food production. CSAs usually consist of a system of weekly delivery or pick-up of vegetables and fruit in a vegetable box scheme, sometimes including dairy products and meat ([from Wikipedia](#)).

Here are some bookmarks we found for CSA resources in and around Prince William County. If you know of other CSA resources please share them with us and we'll post them on our web site.

[Graceland Farms, Midland](#)

[Stoney Lonesome Farms, Gainesville](#)

[Virginia Green Grocer, Warrenton](#)

[Farmers Online Market, Warrenton](#)

[Bull Run Mountain Farm, The Plains](#)

[Potomac Vegetable Farms, Vienna](#)

[Great Country Farms, Bluemont](#)

[Waterpenny Farm, Sperryville](#)

[Cibola Farms, Culpepper](#)

[Endless Summer Harvest, Purcellville](#)

[View all on Google Maps](#)

2011 Budget

With the economy still laboring and huge cuts this year in federal and state funding, this year's budget process promises to be even more difficult than last year.

Get up to speed, get involved and stay informed with the following links:

[Caddigan's Budget Site](#) – Maureen's outreach site to involve her constituents in the budget process and keep the residents of the Dumfries district informed.

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[PWC Budget & Analysis Office](#) – Official site of the Prince William County Budget and Analysis Office with links to all the official budget resources.

[Dumfries.Com Budget Issues Page](#) – Links to news articles and other resources related to the 2011 budget.

Prince William County Mapper, which is an incredible tool for creating custom maps of the county. This interactive application allows you to create a custom map and overlay it with an impressive variety of landmarks and data, from railroad and power lines, to schools, fire stations and hospitals, to mosquito spraying areas and yes, aerial maps from 1937.

[County Mapper Homepage](#)

County Mapper

A recent article in the Washington Post, "[Prince William County puts aerial photos from 1937 online](#)" led to a rediscovery of the

Recipe of the month

[Jammin' Tarheel Chili](#)

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 pounds ground beef
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 stalks celery, diced
- 2 large onions, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 (29 ounce) can tomato sauce
- 1 (28 ounce) can crushed tomatoes
- 1 (6 ounce) can mushrooms, drained
- 1 1/2 cups dark beer
- 2 (16 ounce) cans chili beans, drained
- 1 (15 ounce) can kidney beans, drained
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 1/4 cup chili powder
- 2 teaspoons ground coriander
- 2 teaspoons cayenne pepper
- 1 dash Worcestershire sauce

Directions

1. In a large skillet over medium heat, cook beef until brown. Drain.
2. In a large pot over medium heat, cook celery, onions and garlic in olive oil until onion is translucent. Stir in beef, tomato sauce, tomatoes, mushrooms, beer, chili beans, kidney beans, cumin, chili powder, coriander, cayenne and Worcestershire. Simmer over low heat 3 hours, until flavors are well blended.

Find this and more recipes online at www.allrecipies.com

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Please feel free to contact my office with your issues, concerns and suggestions.

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