



County Administrator's Report

June 27, 2017

- **Independence Day Celebration**
 - A schedule and complete list of activities and venues for the Stanardsville Independence Day celebration is posted at <http://www.stanardsville.org/4thofjuly/>.

- **Personnel**
 - We are pleased to announce the promotion of Jeff Billker to the County leadership team, as he takes the helm as Director, Greene County Parks and Recreation. Having served as lead Program Supervisor for GCPR since 2008 and a member of the Greene County Parks and Recreation Citizen Advisory Committee, Jeff brings a wealth of experience and skill in recreational programming, policy, facilities and event management to the job. Prior to his arrival in Greene, Jeff attended Radford University and served as a program and facility supervisor with the Fairfax County Park Authority and Department of Community and Recreation Services. During his tenure with Greene County, the County has seen a significant increase and expansion of several recreational offerings, park facilities, programs, events and special interest classes/activities. Please join us in congratulating Jeff on his well-deserved promotion.

- **Greene County Public Schools Facilities Upgrade**
 - Staff coordinated a pre-application meeting with agencies and the school staff to discuss ingress and egress recommendations for the facilities upgrade plan. A presentation by the GCPS staff featuring an overview and cost estimate for the project, and follow-up discussion, is tentatively scheduled for July 11 Board of Supervisors meeting.

- **White Run Reservoir Project**
 - The White Run project team continues planning for the July 13 public information meeting, which will feature exhibits, a slide presentation, a brief history and overview of the project, discussion of the regulatory framework, and options for

creating a sustainable revenue stream to support the long-term financing of the project. All citizens are invited to attend, participate and/or view the meeting through the County's live streaming service.

- **Blight**

- Staff is researching options to address the issue of blight in the community, as many properties sit and deteriorate without market pressures where the owner may be absent from the community or intentionally leaves the property blighted, which has an impact on property values and community perceptions. The health and safety of the community is also a significant reason for a blight ordinance policy to be considered. Staff is working with the Greene County Tourism Council on ways to improve the perception of our community, where the current gateway from the east, for one, does not present a positive impression for visitors.

- **Greene County Library**

- A recent editorial in the Greene County Record included misinformation about the cost of library service in Greene County and the corresponding budget numbers. It should have been noted that the additional 4 hours approved by the Board are calculated on a weekly basis. Local library costs in the recently approved budget are \$223,070. The actual cost of the additional hours is estimated at \$90/hour, per the JMRL staff.

- **Commercial Properties Showcase**

- Staff will be attending an event at the Spotswood Business Park on June 29 that will showcase the properties and businesses at the Greene County Flex Plex (located behind the Farm Bureau).

- **Planning/Zoning Update**

- Milestone Partners: The redevelopment of the southeast corner of Routes 33/29 continues to move forward. The developers are working with staff to abandon a portion of Jennings Loop so that a parcel may be developed by Murphy Oil.
- Lydia Mountain Lodge: With the submittal and notification of the site plan for the lodge, staff has assisted numerous adjacent property owners with concerns regarding the access at Bull Yearling Road off of Route 33 West and the additional traffic that the proposed lodge will bring to the narrow gravel road. Staff has discussed with VDOT regarding whether the road should be reviewed to determine if it is eligible to be placed on the Six Year Plan in 2018.

- Buck Drive: A permanent drainage easement was being pursued to finalize the site plan; however, a land owner requested monetary compensation that did not fit into the budget of the project. Staff has consulted with VDOT to redesign the drainage area in question and will move forward with a RFP for the project.
- Tiger Fuel Site Plan: VDOT approved the entrance exception submitted by Tiger Fuel that will provide significant safety and operations improvement to the entrances along Routes 33 and 29. Staff expects a second submittal of the site plan to be received in the next week.
- Greenestone LLC. Appeal: The owner has requested that the appeal hearing to the Board of Zoning Appeals, scheduled for June 28, 2017, be rescheduled for the July 26, 2017.
- Ruckersville Area Plan: Staff met with ED&T and TJPDC to begin the master plan process for Ruckersville. The next steps for staff is to identify an advisory panel and to provide data to TJPDC to establish existing conditions for analysis.
- Staff and several Planning Commission members attended a legal seminar provided by the Land Use Education Program. Topics that were discussed included solar farms, broadband, proffers, regional water plans, and signs.
- Terrace Greene Apartments: Fried Companies is requesting a pre-application meeting with staff and agencies to discuss the final phase of the apartment development.
- Eways/Denico Development: Staff met with Denico Development in regard to a high density residential development for the PUD zoned property located at TMP 60-A-34. The developer has submitted a request to the administration office to review the current EDU policy and how it pertains to historic water usage for apartment developments.
- Oxford Hills Subdivision: Fried Companies is working in conjunction with Ryan Homes to develop the subdivision plan that was submitted in 2005 and approved in 2011. Construction has begun on Phase 1 of the 129-lot subdivision. An amendment to the subdivision plan was submitted on June 19, 2017 to indicate several grades changes to the site. To initiate the building phase of the subdivision, staff has discussed a pump and haul permit with Fried Companies for several model homes.

- **Parks and Recreation**

- The end of May saw the various spring session of activities come to a close. Soccer this spring was enjoyable and successful despite the May uncooperative weather at times. The season concluded May 20th, with nearly 260 kids participating ranging in ages from 4 to 11 years of age. Painting Class had great success this spring and now has a core group of followers. Baton Twirling had its third offering (first was last fall). The annual Easter Eggstravaganza was a success in April ... moving it from a late Saturday afternoon to a week night evening and had a good turnout of kids (100), more and more local churches have stepped up and now offer similar types of egg hunts so the move to a weeknight was done in an attempt to not be double booked with any of those church activities. Summer is now upon us and we're currently offering our "Sand Gnat" Baseball league (formerly the "Rockhounds" and "Maverick" league) on Tuesday evenings at Ruckersville Elementary School. They'll continue to meet once per week through the months of June and July to help keep the kids involved and active throughout their summer time. We also had 2 offerings of Volleyball Camp ... both were a success and we appreciate having Leah Wimmer (WMHS Varsity Volleyball Coach) and Samantha Taylor (WMHS Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach) and the girls of WMHS volleyball teams out helping with those camps and making camp as fun for all participants. We're also looking ahead to Football Camp, Cheerleading Camp and Basketball Camp still yet to come this summer.
- We will be reviewing the Greene County Park Master Plan in the coming months to discuss short and long-term program and planning needs, personnel, grant opportunities, and continued expansion of facilities at the Greene County Park.
- Staff continues to put together the initial list of programming for Fall and Winter so that we can get our Program Guide off to print in a more timely manner this summer.

- **County/Town Downtown Revitalization Project**

- Discussions continue about the design of a Town Market and Performance Venue. The project team has a meeting scheduled in the interim with DHCD concerning construction of that facility. A conceptual rendering of the proposed pavilion and site plan is available for review at the County Administration Office. The next scheduled meeting of the project team is scheduled for July 10.

Respectfully submitted,

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