



County Administrator's Report

October 24, 2017

Budget/Finance

- The County's audit team is on-site this week to finalize the FY 2018 audit process. We anticipate the audit to be presented to the Board December/January time frame. Upon completion of the FY 2018 close and audit process, staff will begin the 5-year financial planning process in consultation with the County's audit firm.
- The (unaudited) June 30, 2017 year-end revenue/expenditure report has been completed and distributed to the Board of Supervisors as of September 21. Preliminary numbers at the close of FY 2017 reflect a continued positive financial standing for the County.
- Finance staff is working with the GCPS and bond counsel on the application and approval process for the anticipated VPSA School Bond issue.
- October 2017 Water/Sewer Debt service payments have been processed for payment and forwarded to the Treasurer.
- Staff has completed the schedule for the FY 2019 budget development and approval process. The Board of Supervisors has scheduled a workshop on October 24 to receive community input about budget priorities for the coming year.

Planning/Zoning

- Planning staff has initiated the review of the County's zoning regulations for short-term rentals in residentially zoned districts, per the Board's direction. The draft amendments will be forwarded to the Planning Commission and the Board for approval.
- A Special Use Permit for a 199' monopole proposed adjacent to Simmons Gap Road near Dyke was approved by the Planning Commission in October by a vote

of 4-0-1 and will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for a public hearing on November 14.

- Children at Play – Planning staff is working on a policy to allow for the placement of “Children at Play” signs in residential neighborhoods by request. The plan is to offer the installation of the signs at a cost to be determined.
- School Project Site Plan – Planning staff has received the first submission for Phase 1 of the GCPS schools project and has begun the inter-agency plan review process.

Parks and Recreation

- The GCPR youth soccer season is well underway, with an 10% increase in enrollment compared to last year's fall soccer season.
- Staff is considering the feasibility of extending public water to the County Park/Giuseppe Pavilion to improve concession and restroom operations.
- The Park picnic shelter continues to be a popular destination, with 5 shelter reservations/events reported since July 2017.

White Run Reservoir Impoundment

White Run Reservoir Project Website:

<http://www.greenecountyva.gov/government/depts/administration/white-run-reservoir-water-impoundment-project>

- The reservoir project team hosted a community forum on September 25, which included presentations regarding the project history, water rates analysis, and financing from each of the members of the project team, followed by an interactive discussion of the project. The team then made a presentation to Virginia Resources Authority (VRA) on October 2 to explain the project and discuss possible financing availability and options. We have also learned of a revolving loan fund at VRA, similar to USDA Rural Development, where the water treatment plant portion of the overall reservoir project would likely be eligible for funding through the Virginia Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. VRA manages that fund on behalf of the Department of Health, and loan funds are subsidized by Federal and State funds. The next community meeting is scheduled for November 14.

Broadband Initiative

Broadband Initiative Website:

<http://www.greenecountyva.gov/government/local/board-supervisors/broadband>

- The County Broadband Committee hosted a community meeting on October 16 to present the County's broadband initiative and received community comments. A link to the County website has been created for the broadband initiative.
- On October 24 the Board will consider approval of an agreement with the Center for Innovative Technology (CIT) Broadband team to support the County's goals and perform a comprehensive assessment of existing services, assets and infrastructure to guide the development of a strategic broadband plan for our community, including the following services:
 - Further identifying gaps in broadband service
 - Identifying key assets that could address the unserved areas
 - Providing funding options for new infrastructure
 - Defining strategies for partnering with providers
 - Addressing broadband awareness for all citizens.

Ruckersville Area Plan

Ruckersville Master Plan Website:

<http://www.greenecountyva.gov/news/338-ruckersville-area-plan-fact-sheet>

- County staff, in coordination with the TJPDC, hosted the first in a series of community meetings on October 3 to kick off the Ruckersville area planning process at the Holiday Inn in Ruckersville. The main goal of the meeting was to receive stakeholder input on how they envision Ruckersville developing in the next ten years. The overall plan will focus on developing recommendations that will enhance the quality of life for residents and strengthen the local economy. The ultimate goal is to have a plan that provides a 10-year blueprint for how Ruckersville should grow, attract new business, and improve access to utilities and services.
- Plans for the next 2 public outreach meetings will be advertised on the County website and notices will be published regarding the public hearing process at the PC and BOS. The next public meeting is expected to be held the first week in December. The advisory panel's next meeting is scheduled for November 10.

Blue Ridge Heritage Monument

Blue Ridge Heritage Project Website:

<http://www.blueridgeheritageproject.com/greene>

- The Blue Ridge Heritage Foundation monument dedication ceremony is scheduled for October 29 at 2:00 PM, where the community will have an opportunity to celebrate The Blue Ridge Heritage Project by honoring the sacrifices made by Greene County families and landowners who were displaced so that the Shenandoah National Park could be established. The monument, in the form of a stone chimney with a bronze plaque, has been constructed to honor these families and their sacrifices. Additionally, the group plans to educate visitors about the families, their stories, and what their life was like on the mountain through cultural displays. The project also will draw historical and cultural tourism to the area and educate visitors about the people who lived in this area of the Blue Ridge Mountains before the park was established.

Stanardsville Downtown Revitalization Grant Management Team

Stanardsville Downtown Revitalization Grant Website:

<http://www.stanardsville.org/planning-grant-for-downtown-revitalization>

- The downtown revitalization team met on October 16 to continue action on the planned facade improvement and housing upgrade projects, and to review the updated conceptual drawings of the performance stage and farmers market.

Vehicle and Facilities Maintenance

- The Vehicle Maintenance Facility performed 90 Fleet Work Orders and 16 State Inspections in September.
- Facilities Management completed electrical system repairs at the Sheriff's Office, repaired sidewalks at the Courthouse, removed and trimmed trees and secured the free use of an equipment trailer for the Blue Ridge Heritage Monument project, advertised an RFP for the County Snow Removal Contract for winter of 2017-18, and is working with RSA to extend water service to the Greene County Park.