

# *The Southbridge Star*



From the Desk of the General Manager*Mr. Ron Crigger*

**POOL SEASON** - A big THANK YOU to all those who used the pool this year and making the summer very successful. More residents than ever used the pool. The swim team season was also very successful. Cell Badge proved to be a valuable asset and if you registered this year you are registered for coming pool seasons, nothing to do on your part unless you need to change ages or add someone to your account. Cell Badge is still live, and you may register at any time. The lifeguards this year are to be commended for doing such a great job.

**NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES** - Prince William County Neighborhood Services can provide you with much needed help should you have any issues with a neighbor who is not mowing their grass or leaving debris in the yard or parking vehicles on their lawns. We provide violation notices, but the County is very effective in handling such matters. They can be reached at (703) 792-7018.

**FALL FESTIVAL** - Come join in the fun as we hold our first event in almost 2 years. We will have the normal rides and attractions along with Cotton Candy, Cracker Jacks, Cheryl's Cookies, Candy and Water. The event is October 16<sup>th</sup>, Noon to 4PM.

**YARD WASTE** - New rules are in effect October 1<sup>st</sup>. Please find elsewhere in this newsletter the letter from the County and other information. The main thing to remember is yard waste will be picked up on Mondays and leaves, grass must be in paper compostable bags. You may also have a separate container marked YARD WASTE. Containers with household trash and recycling containers will be left behind if there is any amount of yard debris mixed in. This change is due to a new County ordinance approved by the Board of County Supervisors.

**SNOW REMOVAL** - Yes, you read that right, it is time to discuss snow removal since this newsletter covers a couple of months where we could see that wonderful white stuff. As a reminder, snow removal for the single-family homes is handled by VDOT and their sub-contractors. The Association is responsible for the townhome streets and Locust Creek Drive and Mountain Laurel Loop. In the townhome sections should we have a heavy snow, snow will be pushed into vacant visitor spaces.

**CLUBHOUSE BOOKING** - The clubhouse continues to remain closed with the hopes of being able to open it in some form early next year.

**POTOMAC SHORES PARKWAY** - Several calls have come in about the progress of this project. As of September 21<sup>st</sup>, as reported at the Board of Supervisors meeting, land required at 234 and Rt. 1 has not been acquired and the County is starting eminent domain procedures. The parkway has started on the Potomac Shores side.

**HELP IN KEEPING YOUR STREETS CLEAN** - Although some of the trash may be caused by trash blowing out of the trash truck, many find it appropriate to just throw all their trash out onto the streets. We are also finding that residents are taking their masks off and throwing them in the street. Please help in keeping your neighborhood clean.

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### **Preventing Carbon Monoxide Poisoning**

Carbon monoxide, or CO, is a poisonous gas that can be particularly dangerous because it is colorless and odorless. Headache, nausea, dizziness and even permanent brain damage or death can occur. Hundreds of people die each year from accidental CO poisoning, many of them while using portable generators during severe weather.

- ◆ A byproduct of burning fuels such as gasoline, propane, kerosene, natural gas, oil, wood or coal, carbon monoxide is emitted from internal combustion made by engines, like those that power lawn mowers, portable generators, cars, power washers and many household appliances such as furnaces, ranges, fireplaces, water heaters and room heaters. To prevent CO poisoning in your home, be sure to take the following precautions:
- ◆ Educate your family about the causes of CO poisoning and how to prevent exposure to this deadly gas.
- ◆ Do not use portable generators indoors, including in garages, carports, storage sheds and the like, even with doors and windows open. CO can quickly build to lethal levels in even partially enclosed spaces.
- ◆ Do not place pressure washer engines indoors, and, when using pressure washers outdoors, keep engines away from open windows, doors or vents during use, as CO can seep inside through the openings.
- ◆ Hire qualified professionals to install new furnaces and appliances and to inspect and service your HVAC system, chimneys and flues.
- ◆ Never service fuel-burning appliances without proper knowledge, skills and tools. Always refer to the owners' manual when performing minor adjustments or performing maintenance on fuel-burning equipment.
- ◆ Never use portable fuel-burning camping equipment or burn charcoal indoors.
- ◆ Never leave a car running in a garage, even with the garage door open.
- ◆ Never use your gas oven or clothes dryer to heat your home.
- ◆ Never operate unvented fuel-burning appliances in any room where people are sleeping.
- ◆ Do not cover the bottom of natural gas or propane ovens with aluminum foil. Doing so blocks the air flow through the appliance and can produce CO.
- ◆ Install CO detectors throughout your home, especially in hallways near sleeping areas, and follow the manufacturers' instructions for testing and replacing. Keep detectors unobstructed by furniture or draperies.



# PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

## Curbside YARD WASTE Collection

March – December

### Yard Waste includes: \*

- Leaves, plants, flowers
- Grass clippings
- Wood chips
- Shrub, tree and yard trimmings
- Christmas trees (First two full weeks of January, only)

Starts  
October 2021



### Containers and Preparation: \*\*

- Paper yard waste bags
- Containers labeled "Yard Waste"
- Bundle and tie sticks and branches
- No plastic bags



\* No root balls, stumps, trees, or branches exceeding 6" in diameter and 4' in length.

\*\* No bags or containers more than 50 pounds (unless, mechanically lifted).

[www.pwcva.gov/yardwaste](http://www.pwcva.gov/yardwaste)

Keep Prince William Beautiful (KPWB) and Prince William County Solid Waste Division will hold another *Fix-It Fair* on Saturday, October 9, 2021, from 10am-4pm at Central Library, 8601 Mathis Ave., Manassas.

Repair appointment/registration is required and available at [www.KPWB.org](http://www.KPWB.org), Events tab. Registration schedules are available for small furniture and appliances, bicycles, costume jewelry, clothing and other portable items. Masks, and social distancing will be encouraged to maximize the safety of fixers, volunteers and customers.

*Fix-It* events provide members of the community the opportunity to bring salvageable items for repair and subsequent reuse. This type of service event has been very popular in other communities, and last year almost 40 Prince William residents were excited to get their special treasures repaired and bikes, electronics and lawn equipment running again. Along with recycling, repair and reuse practices help conserve landfill space.

“The Solid Waste Division is happy to coordinate with KPWB and provide this service again to the Prince William community. Since Prince William Recycles Day event was not feasible again this year, the Fix-It Fair is a great way to continue to encourage reuse and waste reduction, in a limited contact manner” said event coordinator Deborah Campbell.” “Last year, there were lots of smiles and words of appreciation from residents that were able to get their items repaired,” she added.



## Mega Paper Shred at Pfitzner Stadium *Free confidential document shred, Saturday, October 23, 2021*



The Prince William County Solid Waste Division will hold a free document shred event for Prince William area residents on Saturday, Oct. 23, 8 a.m. to 12 noon (or until trucks reach capacity). The mega shred will be held at Pfitzner Stadium, 7 County Complex Court, Woodbridge, the former home of the Potomac Nationals baseball team. This event is for residents. Only confidential documents such as bank statements and tax returns will be accepted. Non confidential documents such as junk mail should be recycled at the curb or a Solid Waste facility customer convenience center recycling drop-off. Paper clips (regular size) and staples do not have to be removed.

Residents may bring the equivalent of up to four boxes (18"x12"x15") of paper for shredding at no charge. No business or commercial shredding will be accepted.

***COVID 19 Restrictions:*** *Customers must wear a mask and stay in the vehicle. All items for shredding must be place in the rear of the vehicle (trunk, hatchback, or truck bed) before coming to the shred location.*

For additional material limits and guidelines see *Events* at [www.pwcva.gov/trashandrecycling](http://www.pwcva.gov/trashandrecycling)

**\*\*Resident drives up to shred truck with boxes of confidential documents for shredding onsite. Assistance is provided, so residents do not have to get out of their vehicle.\*\***

## *Government Support is One Click Away*

You've probably heard the old joke, "I'm from the government, and I'm here to help you." While there are times most of us would agree this is a contradiction in terms, government agencies do provide an unlimited variety of free advice, guidance, and information, and most of it is now just a computer click away. Sometimes, however, finding what you need when you need it among the millions of websites that populate the Internet can be daunting.

For those times when you need some help, there is one website you should put on your computer desktop or save in your browser. It's the U.S. government's official web portal: [www.FirstGov.gov](http://www.FirstGov.gov). The information is arranged by topic and includes consumer guides, family home and community, money and taxes, public safety, and law, voting and elections and many, many more.

The website also provides a convenient resource called "Get It Done Online," an alphabetized list of government services you can access from your computer. This resource connects you to more than 100 tasks you can do via computer, including replacing vital records, contacting elected officials, getting or renewing passports, renewing your driver's license, even shopping government auctions. Perhaps best of all, you can find links to our own state and local agencies.

That's at [www.firstgov.gov/Agencies.shtml](http://www.firstgov.gov/Agencies.shtml).

## **Pumpkin Dump Cake**

This pumpkin dump cake is a creamy pumpkin pie filling topped with a decadent pecan butter cake. Serve with ice cream on top for the perfect end to any fall dinner or holiday meal.

### **INGREDIENTS**

- 29 ounce can pumpkin puree do not use pumpkin pie filling
- 12 ounce can evaporated milk
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 3 eggs
- 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1 1/2 cups chopped pecans divided use
- 1 cup butter cut into thin slices
- cooking spray



### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Coat a 9" x 13" pan with cooking spray.
- Place the pumpkin puree, evaporated milk, brown sugar, eggs, pumpkin pie spice and vanilla extract in a bowl. Stir until smooth.
- Pour the pumpkin mixture into the prepared pan.
- Place the cake mix and 1 cup of pecans in a bowl; stir to combine.
- Sprinkle the cake mix over the pumpkin layer.
- Place slices of butter all over the cake mix layer. Sprinkle the remaining pecans over the top.
- Bake for 45 minutes or until golden brown and set. Let cool for at least 15 minutes, then serve. Top with ice cream and caramel sauce if desired.

**KEEP PRINCE WILLIAM BEAUTIFUL &  
PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY SOLID WASTE DIVISION  
PRESENT A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT:**

# **FIX-IT FAIR**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021**

**10:00AM-4:00PM**

**CENTRAL LIBRARY**

**8601 MATHIS AVE**

**MANASSAS, VA 20110**

**\*\*Registration is Required\*\***

Accepted items include: small appliances and electronics, small furniture, jewelry, clothing, bicycles, small engines (i.e weedwackers)

For more information and to register visit

**[www.kpwb.org/events](http://www.kpwb.org/events)**



**PRINCE WILLIAM**  
COUNTY



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PRINCE WILLIAM  
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### Pick Your Own Pumpkin Patch - Yankey Farms

Dates: September 25, 2021 - October 31, 2021

Recurrence: Recurring daily

Location: Yankey Farms  
Address: 14714 Vint Hill Road,  
Nokesville, VA 20181

Price: Free admission to the farm

Our pick your own pumpkin patch will be open by appointment only this year. Appointments need to be made after 7pm the evening before you come.

We are only operating our pick your own pumpkin patch this season. Our hayrides, cow train, and kids activities are not operating this season.

Our corn maze and a small farm animal exhibit are open at no charge for those picking pumpkins. There is no admission fee to the farm. We have apples, honey, corn shocks, straw bales, gourds, and other ornamentals available for purchase at the patch in addition to pick your own pumpkins. There are no restroom facilities at the pumpkin patch this year, due to COVID. Please plan accordingly.

We close at 6pm. Our last reservations are at 5pm.

By appointment only. Saturdays 10am-6pm, Sundays-Fridays 12pm-6pm.

[www.yankeyfarms.com/pumpkin\\_patch.htm](http://www.yankeyfarms.com/pumpkin_patch.htm)

# HOCUS POCUS



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29TH @8:00PM  
CLUBHOUSE PARKING LOT**

**BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS, BEANBAGS OR BLANKETS FOR SEATING  
\*\*SOCIAL DISTANCING—WEAR A MASK AT YOUR OWN  
DISCRETION\*\***

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# Fall Festival



OCTOBER 16, 2021

NOON TO 4:00 P.M.

CLUBHOUSE PARKING LOT

ASSORTED CHIPS AND POPCORN, COTTON CANDY, COOKIES, ICE CREAM,  
WATER



*Save The Date*

Community  
Activities for 2021

Fall Festival - October 16th  
from 12noon – 4pm

Movie Night - October 29th at  
8:00pm

\*Showing Hocus Pocus\*

\*\*Times could be subject to change\*\*

## HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH

Halloween

October

Spooky

Scary

Ghost

Vampire

Werewolf

Witch

Zombie

Skeleton

Monster

Black

Orange

Candy

Trick or Treat

Haunted House

Jack O' Lantern

Boo

Spider

Bats

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Chicken Scratch NY

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<http://southbridgeva.us>

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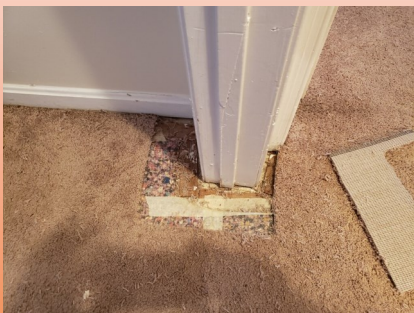


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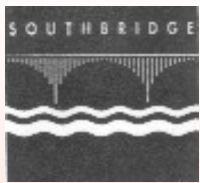


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