

January 2018



Hello!

This month we wanted to share some of our progress on transportation applications with you. These five applications include the Route 419/U.S. 220 Diverging Diamond Interchange proposed as part of the draft 419 Town Center Plan, a new roundabout at the intersection of Buck Mountain Road and Starkey Road (pictured above), an extension of Fallowater Lane from Route 419 up to a future connection for multi-family housing on the ridges southwest of South Peak, and two Roanoke River greenway projects.

[Learn More](#)

## Planning & Zoning Update

**Dec 4th**

The Planning Commission held a work session to:

- Review a [recent planning exercise](#) with Roanoke County Public Schools' Student Advisory Council.
- Discuss the [2018 Planning Commission Meeting Schedule](#).

The Planning Commission also continued a public hearing to

discuss Zoning Ordinance amendments to the [floodplain overlay](#). The Planning Commission directed staff to continue collaborating with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) on proposed changes.

## **Jan 2nd**

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The Planning Commission held a joint work session with the City of Roanoke Planning Commission to discuss future planning projects.

## **Jan 16th**

Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism will hold a [Mountain Bike Skills Park Community Meeting](#) from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Brambleton Recreation Center, 3738 Brambleton Ave. SW, Roanoke, VA 24018.

## **Jan 18th**

Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism will hold a [Mountain Bike Skills Park Community Meeting](#) from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Vinton War Memorial, 814 E Washington Ave, Vinton, VA 24179.

## **Jan 23rd**

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## **Jan 25th**

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will hold a [Design Public Hearing](#) on Route 419 (Electric Road) Safety Improvements.

Thursday, January 25, 2018, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
Cave Spring Middle School  
4880 Brambleton Avenue  
Cave Spring, VA 24018

Learn about the safety improvement project on Route 419 (Electric Road) at Tanglewood in Roanoke County that includes constructing new sidewalks, designating bike lanes, upgrading traffic signals and adding a third southbound lane between Route 867 (Ogden Road) and southbound Route 220. The hearing will be held in an "open-house" format and VDOT representatives will be present to answer questions. Inclement weather date: Tuesday, January 30, 2018, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

More information about this County project is available in our [Transportation Story Map](#).

## News



### Resolve to Explore your Transportation Options

Here are some ways that biking, walking, carpooling, and public transit can help you keep your 2018 promises:

[Read More](#)

## Upcoming Events

Click the photos for more information



#### **January 16 & 18: Bike Skills Park Community Meetings**

Attend one of two meetings:

[16th: Brambleton Rec. Center 7-9 p.m.](#)

[18th: Vinton War Memorial 7 p.m.](#)



#### **February 3: Tons of Fun**

Tanglewood Mall - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

*\*Planning staff will be here with a table full of activities for future planners!*

## Time to Renew?



**Businesses must renew temporary sign permits at the beginning of every year.**

The cost to renew is \$25 and [information about](#) the Roanoke County Sign Permit or [the application](#) is available online.

Your completed Sign Permit may be emailed, mailed, faxed, or brought in our office on the second floor of the Roanoke County Administration Center, 5204 Bernard Drive. Call us at (540) 772-8352 with questions.

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Happy New Year!

Sincerely,  
Bailey DuBois  
Planner II

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February 2018



# Reimagine



Hello!

We are thrilled to announce the kickoff of two new Reimagine planning studies! These new studies in the Oak Grove and Hollins areas continue to focus on two of the Roanoke Valley's busiest commercial corridors and will include analysis for multi-modal transportation and mixed-use development. We are also pleased to partner with the City of Roanoke on the Oak Grove Center Study!

If you'd rather hear about it than read about it, check out the latest episode of [Roanoke County Business Partners](#) (our segment begins at 5:08)!

[Read More](#)

**Want to keep in touch?**

*Click the buttons under each study to sign up for email updates!*

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## **Jan 25th**

Roanoke County staff held a community meeting about the proposed [Mountain Valley Pipeline \(MVP\) project](#).

## **Feb 6th**

The Planning Commission will hold a work session on:

- Presentation on Route 220 Landscaping Projects
- Update on Oak Grove Center and Hollins Center Planning Studies
- Discussion of Zoning Ordinance Amendments (Agritourism)

## **Feb 20th**

The Planning Commission will hold a work session on:

- Transportation Projects
- Roanoke County Community Survey results

# News



## Oak Grove Elementary Faculty Weigh in on Planning Study

Faculty "reimagined" Oak Grove during a special exercise to introduce participants to public engagement through planning.

[Read More](#)

## Bikeshare by RIDE Solutions Expands This March

Bikeshare by RIDE Solutions program will be adding three new stations and 15 new bicycles into the network this spring!

[Read More](#)

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**March 5-11: Restaurant Week**  
Williamson Road Area Business Association



**March 3 & 8:**  
**Open House Community Meetings**  
Hollins Branch Public Library:  
3rd: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. OR 8th: 4 - 7 p.m.



**March 15 & 24:**  
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## Learn about Private Cemeteries

There are hundreds of private cemeteries around Roanoke County. These small plots connect us to our agrarian roots and the early families who settled in the Roanoke Valley.

Roanoke County does not regulate private cemeteries or maintain a current database. However, our [GIS Oneview map](#) (*instructions below*) does include the location of these cemeteries based on a 2000 survey conducted by Thomas Klatka, Archaeologist for the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. Klatka published a [cemetery study](#) that is available online and can provide more information about the graves and origins of the cemeteries.



Many cemeteries are maintained today by relatives of surrounding property owners. Did you know that if your property includes a private cemetery, you are advised not to disturb or try to fix fallen grave markers.

*To view the cemeteries on the [online map](#), turn on the Planning and Zoning layer and then turn on the Historic Resources layer.*

Looking forward to seeing you at one of our meetings this spring!

Sincerely,  
Bailey DuBois  
Planner II



March 2018



## Family-Friendly Community Meetings!



Hello!

Our first round of community meetings start this month! Do you live, work or shop in the Hollins or Oak Grove areas? We'd love to hear from you and your family about how those areas could improve!

We'll have activities for kids and adults at the community meetings in March, which will be held twice for each study (on a Thursday night and a Saturday morning). You'll find the meeting info on our [Hollins webpage](#) and [Oak Grove webpage](#). Please remember to also take our surveys, now also available in Spanish!

**Want to keep in touch?**

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**Planning & Zoning Update**

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- Two Route 220 Landscaping Projects
- The [Oak Grove Center](#) and [Hollins Center](#) Planning Studies
- Zoning Ordinance Amendments for Agritourism

## Feb 20th

The Planning Commission held a work session to discuss:

- Transportation Projects
- Roanoke County [Community Survey results](#)
- Planning Commission Work Plan
- Planning Commission Annual Report

## Mar 6th

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on:

- A [petition](#) by Diana England to obtain a Special Use Permit in a R-1, Low Density Residential, District to acquire a multiple dog permit for seven (7) dogs on 1.18 acres, located at 4579 Layman Road, Vinton Magisterial District. The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the petition on March 27th.

## Mar 20th

The Planning Commission will hold a work session on:

- Zoning Ordinance Amendments

## News



### Urgent Love & Lonely Drop Box

County law enforcement and community agencies announce two new efforts to address the local opioid and addiction crisis by increasing the number of medication disposal drop-boxes:

[Read More](#)

### The Hinchee Trail will Connect the Greenways to Carvins Cove

Roanoke Valley Greenways is developing plans for 235 acres on Brushy Mountain. to become a new greenway and park.

[Read More](#)





## Restaurant Week Specials

Williamson Road restaurants will showcase international and local flavor March 5-11th! Get a sneak peek at the upcoming specials on [Facebook](#).

[Read More](#)

## Upcoming Events

Click the photos for more information



**March 3 & 8:  
Open House Community Meetings**  
Hollins Branch Public Library:  
3rd: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. OR 8th: 4 - 7 p.m.



**March 5 & 6: Roanoke City Parks & Rec. Master Plan Public Meetings**  
Two evening meetings per day  
at four City locations



**March 6: Solar United Neighbors**  
Noel Taylor Municipal Bldg: 6:30 p.m.



**March 7: Tree Care Workshop**  
Virginia Western Community College  
Registration ends March 2!



**March 15 & 24:  
Open House Community Meetings**  
Oak Grove Elementary School:  
15th: 4 - 7 p.m. OR 24th: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.



**March 29: VDOT Design Public  
Hearing for 311 / 419 Roundabout**  
Roanoke Valley Regional Fire/EMS  
Training Center: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

## Parking a Commercial Vehicle



Parking a commercial vehicle in a residential zoning district (R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-4) is prohibited according to the Roanoke County Zoning Ordinance, [Article V, Section 30-91-2.2](#). Such a vehicle is a truck or commercial vehicle with, or designed to have, more than two (2) rear wheels, except for pickup body type trucks or vehicles essential for an agricultural use associated with the premises. Commercial vehicles must be parked and stored elsewhere.

Contact the Planning and Zoning Division at (540) 772-8352 with questions or [report a violation](#) online.

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Please take a few minutes to fill out our [Hollins](#) and [Oak Grove](#) surveys!

Sincerely,  
Bailey DuBois  
Planner II

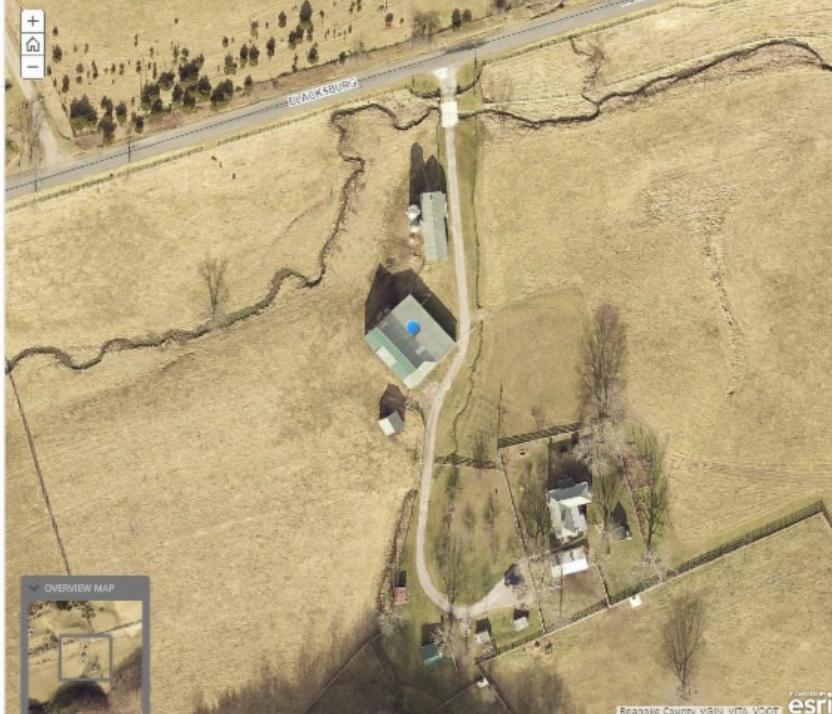
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## Roanoke County's Historic Places: A Story Map

A story map 

Roanoke County's  
Historic Properties

**Anderson-Doosing Farm**  
*Historic District: 10 Contributing Buildings*



The Anderson-Doosing Farm is a working farm and residence in the Catawba Valley of northern Roanoke County. The property is 25 acres of cleared pastureland, occupying both sides of the headwaters of Catawba Creek, a tributary of the James River. The John and Barbara Ellen Doosing House is a two-story, three-bay Greek Revival style frame house built in 1883.

The farm was deeded at 6/5 acres in 1789. Much of the property was split into smaller parcels as it changed ownership over the years, typical of early homesteads in the Valley. Joseph Anderson constructed the first farm structures on the property by 1810, and subsequent owners Jacob Gish and John Doosing constructed additional

Roanoke County, VA 24101 esri

Hello!

This month we reveal a new interactive map showcasing some of the best architectural examples from Roanoke County's early history! These nine historic places include homes, schools, churches and other sites that are listed on the Virginia Landmarks Register and/or the National Register of Historic Places. Roanoke County has changed dramatically from its early days as an agricultural community!

[View the Story Map](#)

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## **Mar 27th**

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## **Mar 20th**

The Planning Commission held a work session on:

- Sign Ordinance Amendments
- 2017 Annual Report of the Planning Commission and Planning and Zoning Staff
- The [Oak Grove](#) and [Hollins](#) Center Plan studies

## **Mar 29th**

VDOT held a design public hearing for the [Route 311/419 Roundabout Project](#). The primary purpose of this project is to improve safety and traffic flow at the intersection of Route 311 and Route 419 in Roanoke County at Hanging Rock by replacing the signalized intersection with a roundabout.

## **April 17th**

The Planning Commission will hold a work session on:

- Sign Ordinance Amendments
- Floodplain Ordinance Amendments
- Agritourism
- The [Oak Grove](#) and [Hollins](#) Center Plan studies

## **April 19th**

The Greenway Commission will hold an open house style community meeting for the [draft 2018 Greenway Plan Update](#) from 4-7 p.m. at the [Berglund Center](#), 710 Williamson Rd NE, Roanoke, VA 24016.

## **May 10th**

Roanoke County will hold a community meeting for the [Hollins Center Plan study](#) from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the [Hollins Library](#), 6624 Peters Creek Rd, Roanoke, VA 24019.

## **May 19th**

Roanoke County will hold two community meetings for the:

- [Hollins Center Plan study](#) from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the [Hollins Library](#), 6624 Peters Creek Rd, Roanoke, 24019.
- [Oak Grove Center Plan study](#) from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the [Oak Grove Church of the Brethren](#), 2138 McVitty Road SW, Roanoke, 24018.

## **May 24th**

Roanoke County will hold a community meeting for the [Oak Grove Center Plan study](#) from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the [Oak Grove Church of the Brethren](#), 2138 McVitty Road SW, Roanoke, 24018.

## **News**



## Oak Grove and Hollins Center Community Meetings Recap

We've heard from hundreds of people so far--and these plans are just getting started! Here's a quick recap:

[Read More](#)

## 2018 Roanoke Valley Greenway Plan Community Meeting

On April 19th learn about routes that are coming and routes that are proposed, then comment on the draft Plan!

[Learn More](#)

**RIDE SMART CHALLENGE**

Every mile counts!

Commuting. Shopping. Dining.

## Take the Ride Smart Challenge

Pick just one day to help make the Roanoke Valley a cleaner, safer, and more prosperous place to live!

[Read More](#)

## Upcoming Events

Click the photos for more information



**April 19: 2018 Roanoke Valley Greenway Plan Community Meeting**  
Berglund Center: 4 - 7 p.m.

JOIN THE  
SOLAR UNITED  
NEIGHBORS  
GREATER ROANOKE  
SOLAR CO-OP

**April 24: Solar United Neighbors**  
South County Library: 6:30 p.m.



**May 10 & 19:**  
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## Spring Cleaning Options

**Think twice before taking all your "trash" to the curb; there may be a better way:**

**Recycle it:** Roanoke County currently offers several recycling drop off locations in addition to the [Tinker Creek Transfer Station](#). Different locations accept different materials, so it's important to learn what your location will accept.

**Sell it or Donate it:** Consider a garage sale or consignment shop! Roanoke County allows garage or yard sales provided that such sales occur no more than two days in a two month period.

**Dispose of it:** If you do choose to throw out materials or household items, please refer to General Services Bulk and Brush Collection guidelines.

You may also call General Services at (540) 387-6225 for further information.



**What materials are accepted at the recycling drop off locations?**

All of the trailers take the following materials: mixed paper, plastic #1 - #7, and aluminum, steel cans, and tin cans. Mixed paper includes newsprint, office paper, magazines, and cardboard.

Please take our 5-minute [Hollins](#) and [Oak Grove](#) surveys before they close on April 7!

Sincerely,  
Bailey DuBois  
Planner II

May 2018



# Reimagine

DESIGN OPEN HOUSES



Hello!

You shared your ideas back in March, now see where they could lead at Design Open Houses for the Oak Grove and the Hollins Center studies this month! We will present the full results of the survey (595 completed for Oak Grove and 393 completed for Hollins) and our public input exercises. You'll get a chance to weigh in on more specific future possibilities for the area regarding transportation, community spaces, design and aesthetics.

[Read More](#)

*Learn more about the Reimagine studies, including information about the upcoming Design Open Houses:*

[Hollins Webpage](#)

[Oak Grove Webpage](#)

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## May 1st

- Agritourism
- Wireless Communications Facilities

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## June 5th

The Planning Commission will hold two public hearings on:

- The [petition](#) of Virginia Varsity Storage, Inc. to rezone approximately 2.1256 acres from C-2C, High Intensity Commercial, District with conditions to I-1, Low Intensity Industrial, District, to remove proffered conditions, and to obtain a special use permit for a mini-warehouse facility, located at 5881 Starkey Road, Cave Spring Magisterial District. The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the petition on June 26th.
- The [petition](#) of Southwest Virginia Wildlife Center of Roanoke, Inc. to obtain a Special Use Permit in a AR, Agricultural/Residential, District to construct buildings on a parcel without public road frontage per Section 30-23-5(B) of the Roanoke County Zoning Ordinance on 2.85 acres, located at 5985 Coleman Road, Cave Spring Magisterial District. The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the petition on June 26th.



## Comment on the draft 2018 Roanoke Valley Greenway Plan

Review and comment on the greenway routes that are proposed in the draft Plan by May 4!

[Read the Draft Plan](#)



## County Opens Jae Valley Park

On April 20th, Roanoke County opened a new 10-acre park near Mount Pleasant. Jae Valley Park is a passive recreation park with a new [blueway](#) access point!

[Watch the Ribbon Cutting](#)



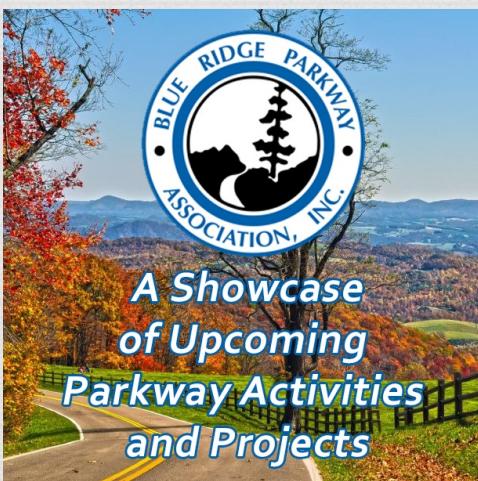
## County Celebrates Arbor Day with a Tree Planting

Students at Back Creek Elementary School observed Arbor Day on April 27 with student presentations, poetry, and a ceremonial tree planting.

[Read More](#)

## Upcoming Events

Click the photos for more information

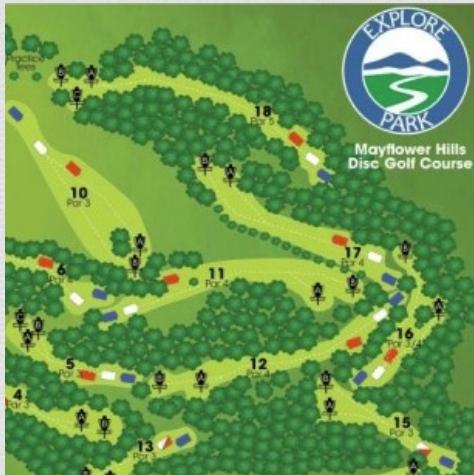


*A Showcase of Upcoming Parkway Activities and Projects*

**May 1: Blue Ridge Parkway's 2018 Season Preview**  
Virginia's Blue Ridge Center: 4 - 6 p.m.



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Hollins Branch Public Library:  
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**May 11: Ribbon Cutting for  
Mayflower Hills Disc Golf Course:**

Explore Park: 2:00 p.m.



**May 11 & 12: Gallop for the  
Greenways**

River's Edge Sports Complex: 5:00 p.m.



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## Farewell to our Director!

**Community Development's Director Arnold Covey is retiring after thirty seven years of service with Roanoke County!**

"Over the past 37 years, my responsibilities have changed from working in the offices of the County Engineer and Planning and Zoning, to assuming the role of Director of Engineering and Inspections in 1990. I was assigned the responsibility to consolidate the functions of engineering, drainage, building inspections, zoning and planning into a new department, known today as Community Development.

"I have been associated with numerous projects, including road projects (Merriman Road roundabout, Clearbrook Village Lane, Plantation Road), the Storm Water program, the renovation and the moving of the County's Administration Offices from Brambleton Avenue to our current

location, and creating the County's first GIS.

In my retirement my wife and I plan to spent more time with our children and grand children, travel and spent a lot of time on the lake."

**Please wish him well this month! Arnold's last day will be May 31.**



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Please join us for the [Hollins](#) and [Oak Grove](#) Design Open Houses!

Sincerely,  
Bailey DuBois  
Planner II

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June 2018



Hello!

At the Design Open Houses in May, staff showed possible ideas for the future of the Hollins and Oak Grove study areas based upon feedback from each community. Attendees were able to vote and comment on their preferred type and style of improvements for transportation, public spaces and (re)development.

If you missed our meetings, you can still complete the exercises online by June 30th!

[Read More](#)

*Learn more about the Reimagine studies, comment on the maps and vote for your favorite future options:*

[Hollins Webpage](#)

[Oak Grove Webpage](#)

## Planning & Zoning Update

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- Agritourism
- Wireless Communications Facilities

## May 10th

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## May 15th

- [The Catawba Sustainability Center](#)
- [The 2018 draft Greenway Plan](#)
- Zoning Ordinance Amendments: Agritourism
- The [Oak Grove](#) and [Hollins](#) Center studies

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The Planning Commission held a public hearing on:

- Proposed amendments to the Roanoke County Zoning Ordinance dealing with agritourism activities and on a resolution regarding the Zoning Administrator's review of agritourism activities. The proposed amendments would: add definitions for agritourism, farm brewery, farm distillery, and farm winery in Article II (Definitions and Use Types); add agritourism, farm brewery, farm distillery, and farm winery as permitted by right uses in the AG-3 agricultural/Rural Preserve District, AG-1 Agricultural/Rural Low Density District, AR Agricultural/Residential District, and AV Agricultural/Village Center District in Article III (District Regulations); add use and design standards for agritourism, farm brewery, farm distillery, and farm winery, and amend use and design standards for special events facility in Article IV (Use and Design Standards); and add minimum parking required standards for agritourism, farm brewery, farm distillery, and farm winery, and amend the parking area surface standards for agricultural and forestry use types in Article V (Development Standards). The proposed resolution would provide guidance to the Zoning Administrator when reviewing and determining agritourism activities. The Board of Supervisors will have

a first reading of the proposed amendments on July 24th, with a second reading/public hearing on August 28.

## June 18th

Roanoke County will hold a community meeting on the [petition](#) of Laurel Crest, LLC to rezone approximately 3.27 acres from AR, Agricultural/Residential, District to R-3, Medium Density Multi-Family Residential, District, located at 5356 Indian Grave Road, Cave Spring Magisterial District. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the [Roanoke County Administration Center](#), 5204 Bernard Drive in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room.

## June 19th

The Planning Commission will hold a joint meeting with the City of Roanoke Planning Commission to discuss the [Oak Grove Center](#) planning study.

## June 27th

Roanoke County will hold a community meeting on [petition](#) of Western Virginia Regional Industrial Facility Authority and Lewis Living Trust to rezone 113.6 acres from I-1, Low Intensity Industrial, District and R1, Low Density Residential, District to PTD, Planned Technology Development, District, for a Technology Park located on Wood Haven Road and Thirlane Road, Catawba Magisterial District. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at [Northside High School](#), 6758 Northside High School Rd, Roanoke, VA 24019.

## July 10th

The Planning Commission will hold two public hearings on:

- The [petition](#) of Laurel Crest, LLC to rezone approximately 3.27 acres from AR, Agricultural/Residential, District to R-3, Medium Density Multi-Family Residential, District, located at 5356 Indian Grave Road, Cave Spring Magisterial District. The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the petition on July 24th.
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## News



### Arnold Covey, Community Development Director, Retires

Mr. Covey served the citizens of Roanoke County with honor for over 37 years. He retired June 1, 2018.

[Read More](#)



## Comment on the Draft 2018 Virginia Outdoors Plan

The VOP is the state's comprehensive plan for land conservation, outdoor recreation and open-space planning.

[Read the Draft Plan](#)



### Bikeshare by RIDE Solutions Celebrates 1 Year Anniversary

In its first year, Zagster recorded 7,174 trips across 2,552 members—over twice the goal of 1,000 members.

[Read More](#)



### Submit Photos for the Clean Valley Council Photo Contest

Now accepting photos that "capture environmental messages through photography" through June 15!

[Read More](#)

## Upcoming Events

Click the photos for more information



**June 9: Artisan Saturdays**  
Explore Park: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



**Thursdays: Catawba Farmers Market**  
Catawba Community Center: 3:30-7 p.m.

**Stormwater Tip: Canada Geese**



### **Please don't feed the geese!**

These feathery fowls poop at an alarming rate: an adult goose can produce 1 to 3 pounds of feces PER DAY! That amount of waste can ruin parks, ballfields, and golf courses; foul stream banks, pollute waterways, and make people sick. So please, don't feed the geese; that just encourages them to stick around.

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Please take five minutes to complete the [Hollins](#) and [Oak Grove](#) Design Surveys!

Sincerely,  
Bailey DuBois  
Planner II

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July 2018

## Transportation Projects Update



**Hello!**

Last month we learned that several major transportation projects received funding. The Commonwealth Transportation Board approved the Six Year Improvement Program to fund vital road improvements, including a new roundabout, diverging diamond interchange, greenways and more.

Read on for more details on the scope and location of these funded projects, or view our [interactive transportation project map](#) for an up-to-date listing of all current transportation projects in Roanoke County.

[Read More](#)

## Planning & Zoning Update

**June 5th**

The Planning Commission held a public hearing and recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve:

- The [petition](#) of Virginia Varsity Storage, Inc. to rezone approximately 2.1256 acres from C-2C, High Intensity

Commercial, District with conditions to I-1, Low Intensity Industrial, District, to remove proffered conditions, and to obtain a special use permit for a mini-warehouse facility, located at 5881 Starkey Road, Cave Spring Magisterial District.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on:

- [Proposed amendments](#) to the Roanoke County Zoning Ordinance dealing with agritourism activities and on a resolution regarding the Zoning Administrator's review of agritourism activities. The Board of Supervisors will have a first reading of the proposed amendments on July 24th, with a second reading/public hearing on August 28th.

## **June 18th**

Roanoke County held a community meeting on the [petition](#) of Laurel Crest, LLC to rezone approximately 3.27 acres from AR, Agricultural/Residential, District to R-3, Medium Density Multi-Family Residential, District, located at 5356 Indian Grave Road, Cave Spring Magisterial District.

## **June 19th**

The Planning Commission held a joint meeting with the City of Roanoke Planning Commission to discuss the [Oak Grove Center](#) planning study.

The Planning Commission also reviewed [Zoning Ordinance Amendments](#) to the Sign Ordinance.

## **June 27th**

Roanoke County held a community meeting on the [petition](#) of the Western Virginia Regional Industrial Facility Authority and Lewis Living Trust to rezone 113.6 acres from I-1, Low Intensity Industrial, District and R1, Low Density Residential, District to PTD, Planned Technology Development, District, for a Technology Park located on Wood Haven Road and Thirlane Road, Catawba Magisterial District.

## **June 28th**

The Board of Supervisors approved the [petition](#) of Virginia Varsity Storage, Inc. to rezone approximately 2.1256 acres from C-2C, High Intensity Commercial, District with conditions to I-1, Low Intensity Industrial, District, to remove proffered conditions, and to obtain a special use permit for a mini-warehouse facility, located at 5881 Starkey Road, Cave Spring Magisterial District.

## **July 10th**

The Planning Commission will hold two public hearings on:

- The [petition](#) of Laurel Crest, LLC to rezone approximately 3.27 acres from AR, Agricultural/Residential, District to R-3, Medium Density Multi-Family Residential, District, located at 5356 Indian Grave Road, Cave Spring Magisterial District. The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the petition on July 24th.
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## Take the I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan Survey

Please provide your insights on safety and congestion concerns along the I-81 corridor before July 31st.

[Take the Survey](#)



## How to Start a Carpool

As an employee, you can work with your employer to find ways to encourage coworkers and even nearby companies to consider carpooling.

[Learn More](#)

## Welcome New Intern!

### Max DuBois Planning Intern

"I am currently working towards a B.A. in English at Vassar College and I plan to go into a career in public service. In my first few weeks here I think I've learned a lot about how local government operates and interacts with its citizens. I'm excited to learn more and hike some of Roanoke's amazing mountains."

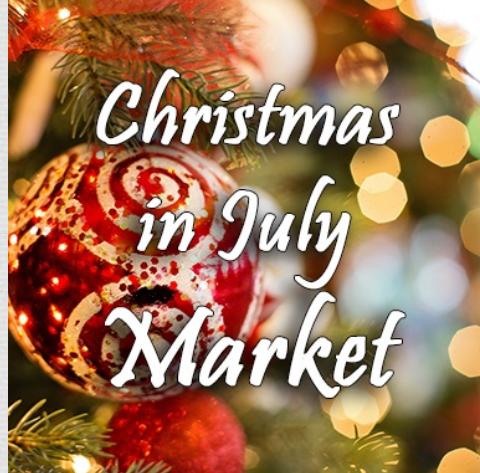


## Upcoming Events

[Click the photos for more information](#)



**July 10: 2018 Poker Ride**  
Roanoke Natural Foods Co-Op: 4 - 6 p.m.



**July 19: Christmas in July Market**  
Catawba Valley Farmers Market: 3:30 - 7 p.m.



**July 21: Spartan Kids Race**  
Green Hill Park: Various Times



**July 28: Touch-A-Truck**  
Green Hill Park: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

## Stormwater Tip: Please Scoop the Poop

### Pups Poop

*People Scoop*

**Do it.**



### Did you know?

Pet poop contains harmful bacteria, such as E. coli and fecal coliform. If left on the ground, it is swept off by stormwater runoff straight to local waterways, making them potentially unsafe for human contact. So, "bag it and trash it."

[Learn More](#)

Stay cool out there!

Sincerely,  
Bailey DuBois  
Planner II

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August 2018

## The Short Issue: Get Engaged!

### Hello!

This is a busy month for our office, but we couldn't let a chance go by to tell you about a few big opportunities to get involved in your community!

We'll be back to our regular full issue of Community Developments in September.

- August 16: Design Public Hearing for West Main Street Pedestrian Improvements
- August 28: Second Meeting for the I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan
- August 15: Board of Zoning Appeals Public Hearing
- August 14-August 30: City of Roanoke Requests Public Input to Shape the 2040 Comprehensive Plan

## Regional Public Meetings

### August 16: Design Public Hearing for West Main Street Pedestrian Improvements



The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is holding a Design Public Hearing on a project to install sidewalk along West Main Street, between the City of Salem and Technology Drive in Roanoke County.

**Thursday, August 16, 2018**  
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Glenvar Library  
3917 Daugherty Road  
Salem, VA 24153

[Learn More](#)

This project includes installing crosswalks and providing pedestrian signals at the intersection of Daugherty Road and Alleghany Drive / Garman Road. The Design Public Hearing is an opportunity to learn how this project may impact adjacent

properties and provide input into the project. The hearing will be held in an “open house” format and VDOT representatives will be present to answer questions.

The inclement weather date is set for Thursday, August 23, 2018 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Glenvar Library.

## August 28: Second Meeting for the Interstate 81 Corridor Improvement Plan



Public input is invited on potential improvements for the entire length of the Interstate 81 corridor in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as well as on revenue sources.

**Tuesday, August 28, 2018**  
**4 p.m. to 7 p.m.**  
**Salem Civic Center**  
**1001 Roanoke Boulevard**  
**Salem, VA 24153**

[Learn More](#)

A presentation will be given at the beginning of the meeting at 4 p.m., followed by an open house through 7 p.m., which will allow attendees to speak one-on-one with study team members, ask questions and provide written and verbal comments.

## August 15: Board of Zoning Appeals Public Hearing

The Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 15 at 7 p.m. for the petition of two administrative appeals requested by Stanley A. Seymour, III and Jane L. Seymour of 5960 Coleman Road and by Adrian Maver and Blaine Creasy of 5946 Coleman Road.

The administrative appeals are based on written zoning determination letters rendered by the Zoning Administrator on March 30, 2018 and on May 17, 2018, regarding a property located at 5985 Coleman Road owned by 5985 Coleman Road LLC (Southwest Virginia Wildlife Center of Roanoke (“SVWC”)). The property is in the Cave Spring Magisterial District.



**Wednesday, August 15, 2018**  
**7 p.m.**  
**County Administration Center**  
**5204 Bernard Drive**  
**4th Floor Conference Room**  
**Roanoke, VA 24018**

## August 14 - August 30: City of Roanoke Requests Public Input to Shape the 2040 Comprehensive Plan

# Dream today. Shape tomorrow.

What do you think Roanoke should look like in 20 years? Help us build a Comprehensive Plan for the future.

Plan Roanoke is an initiative to develop a new comprehensive plan, City Plan 2040, over the next 18 months, and will include several phases. The overall vision of the plan will come from the public input process.

Using feedback and ideas from the community and stakeholders, as well as research and continued review and refinement, the plan will define all elements needed for a functional city including future growth, economic development, transportation, and housing.

in 20 years? That's the question the City of Roanoke is asking its community as it begins the process to develop a new Comprehensive Plan.

## Public Input Meetings:

### **Williamson Library Branch**

Aug. 14, 5-7 p.m.  
Aug. 18, 2-4 p.m.

### **Melrose Library Branch**

Aug. 16, 5-7 p.m.  
Aug. 18, 10 a.m.-noon

### **Raleigh Court Library Branch**

Aug. 23, 5-7 p.m.

### **Main Library Branch**

Aug. 22, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
Aug. 25, 10 a.m.-noon

### **Jackson Park Library Branch**

Aug. 25, 2-4 p.m.  
Aug. 28, 5-7 p.m.

### **Gainsboro Library Branch**

Aug. 30, 5-7 p.m.

[Learn More](#)

Hope to see you at a meeting!

Sincerely,  
Bailey DuBois  
Planner II



September 2018



# 2018 Roanoke Valley Greenway Plan

**Hello!**

Over the past two years the Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission has worked to update the 2007 Conceptual Greenway Plan. The goal of the ten-year update was to provide a status report for greenway routes; to demonstrate the importance of off-road and on-road routes which tie neighborhoods and communities to the larger greenway network; to document the Commission's progress on its 10-year goals; and to incorporate Botetourt County, a new member of the Greenway Commission.

The Commission officially adopted the Plan on June 27, 2018. The Board of Supervisors will consider adopting the Plan as part of the Roanoke County Comprehensive Plan at its public hearing on September 25.

[Read More](#)

## Planning & Zoning Update

**Aug 8th**

The Roanoke County Board of Supervisors and the Roanoke City Council held a joint meeting regarding regional transit,

shared planning initiatives (including the [Oak Grove Center Study](#)) and the Virginia Tech Carilion Research Institute. Read media coverage by the [Roanoke Times](#) and [WDBJ7](#).

## Aug 15th

The Board of Zoning Appeals heard the [petition](#) of two administrative appeals requested by Stanley A. Seymour, III and Jane L. Seymour of 5960 Coleman Road and by Adrian Maver and Blaine Creasy of 5946 Coleman Road. The Board found that the petitioners lacked standing (they were not proper parties to bring the appeals) and dismissed the petitions for appeal. The administrative appeals are based on written zoning determination letters rendered by the Zoning Administrator on March 30, 2018 and on May 17, 2018, regarding a property located at 5985 Coleman Road owned by 5985 Coleman Road LLC (Southwest Virginia Wildlife Center of Roanoke). The property is in the Cave Spring Magisterial District.

## Aug 28th

The Board of Supervisors held a public hearing and approved [proposed amendments](#) to the Roanoke County Zoning Ordinance dealing with agritourism activities as well as a resolution adopting the Zoning Administrator's review of agritourism activities.

## Sept 4th

The Planning Commission held four public hearings and recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve:

- The [petition](#) of Michael Sanctuary and Dezaray Allaire to rezone approximately 5.35 acres from I-1, Low Intensity Industrial, District to AG-1, Agricultural/Rural Low Density, District, located at 4053 Aerospace Road, Vinton Magisterial District.
- The [petition](#) of Southwest Virginia Wildlife Center of Roanoke, Inc. to obtain a Special Use Permit in a AR, Agricultural/Residential, District to construct buildings on a parcel without public road frontage per Section 30-23-5(B) of the Roanoke County Zoning Ordinance on 2.85 acres, located at 5985 Coleman Road, Cave Spring Magisterial District.
- [Proposed amendments](#) to the Roanoke County Zoning Ordinance regarding sign regulations. The proposed amendments would: add, amend, and delete definitions associated with sign regulations in Article II (Definitions and Use Types); and would add, amend, or delete development standards associated with the County's sign regulations in Article V (Development Standards).
- [Proposed amendment](#) to the Roanoke County Comprehensive Plan. The proposed amendment would incorporate the 2018 Roanoke Valley Greenway Plan into the County's Comprehensive Plan.

## Sept 11th

The Board of Supervisors will hold a work session for a [proposed amendment](#) to the Roanoke County Comprehensive Plan. The proposed amendment would incorporate the 2018 Roanoke Valley Greenway Plan into the County's Comprehensive Plan.

## Sept 25th

The Board of Supervisors will hold three public hearings on:

- The [petition](#) of Michael Sanctuary and Dezaray Allaire.

- The [petition](#) of Southwest Virginia Wildlife Center of Roanoke, Inc.
- A [proposed amendment](#) to the Roanoke County Comprehensive Plan.

## Oct 2nd

The Planning Commission will hold two public hearings on:

- The [petition](#) of Horace Obenchain to rezone approximately 82.05 acres from R-1, Low Density Residential, District to AG-3, Agricultural/Rural Preserve, District, located at 4191, 4185, and 4165 Barley Drive, Catawba Magisterial District.
- The [petition](#) of Richard Atkinson and Kay Atkinson to rezone approximately 6.398 acres from R-1, Low Density Residential, District and AR, Agricultural/Residential, District to AV, Agricultural/Village Center, District located at 4821 and 4835 Poor Mountain Road; and to obtain a special use permit for a construction yard, located at 4821 Poor Mountain Road, Catawba Magisterial District.

## News



### Commission Seeks Input on Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

The information you provide will help improve public/private coordination of preparedness and risk reduction activities for future natural disasters.

[Learn More](#)



### I-81 Corridor Improvement Ideas

VDOT held a [second series](#) of meetings about specific possibilities to improve the I-81 corridor. A second comment period is open and will close on September 30.

[Learn More](#)



### Sleep in Style at Explore Park

Overnight camping has finally arrived at Explore Park! Throughout the season, we'll be opening dozens of new campground sites all over the park.

[See Camping Options](#)



# Welcome New Employees!



**Margaret Cochran**  
*Development GIS Specialist*

"I recently graduated from Virginia Tech this past May with a major in Environment Informatics and minors in GIS and Watershed Management. I got married on August 4th and I live in Blacksburg. I love hiking all the beautiful local trails, baking muffins, and reading medical mystery novels. I am very excited to be working for the County of Roanoke!"



**Sara Johnson**  
*Permit Technician I*

"I'm excited to be working in the Office of Building Safety. The housing industry has always interested me and it will be a great pleasure to help serve the residents of Roanoke County."



**Erin Harris**  
*Intern - Office Helper*

"I recently graduated from Virginia Western with an Associates Degree in Science and another in Applied Science with a Major in Medical Laboratory Technology. I am very excited to have the opportunity to work in an office environment and learn new skills to better prepare me to begin a lifelong career as a Medical Laboratory Technologist."

## Upcoming Events

Click the photos for more information



**September 9: Hike for Hospice**  
Explore Park: 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.



**September 15: 23rd Marine Mud Run**  
Green Hill Park: Various times



**September 21-23: Greek Festival**  
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

## Stormwater Tip: Only Rain Down the Storm Drain

**Are you a part of the leaf solution or the leaf pollution?**

When you rake or blow leaves into the street, drainage ditch or curb and gutter system, you are clogging the drainage structures, which causes an increase to street flooding. Try mulch mowing instead. A standard rotary or mulch mower will chop the leaves directly back into the turf.



Composting your leaves is a great way to add nutrients to your gardens and flowerbeds. Check your trash collection schedule for [bagged leaf pick up](#) information.

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Sincerely,  
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Planner II

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October 2018



Hello!

National Community Planning Month is here! All month long we're celebrating the lasting value that planning brings to Roanoke County. We'll be sharing more information [on Facebook](#) about the work we do behind the scenes, like collaborations with the City of Roanoke and our Economic Development team to reimagine Hollins and Oak Grove.

Get to know the plans and planners in your community this month by [following us on Facebook](#).

[Learn More about #PlanningMonth](#)

## Planning & Zoning Update

**Sept 25th**

The Board of Supervisors held three public hearings and approved:

- The [petition](#) of Michael Sanctuary and Dezaray Allaire to rezone approximately 5.35 acres from I-1, Low Intensity Industrial, District to AG-1, Agricultural/Rural Low Density, District, located at 4053 Aerospace Road, Vinton Magisterial District. Ms. James presented the staff report, including a brief history.
- The [petition](#) of Southwest Virginia Wildlife Center of Roanoke, Inc. to obtain a Special Use Permit in a AR, Agricultural/Residential, District to construct buildings on a parcel without public road frontage per Section 30-23-5(B) of the Roanoke County Zoning Ordinance on 2.85 acres, located at 5985 Coleman Road, Cave Spring Magisterial District. [Read the conditions on the special use permit.](#)
- An [amendment](#) to the Roanoke County Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the 2018 Roanoke Valley Greenway Plan.

## Oct 2nd

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on:

- The [petition](#) of Horace Obenchain to rezone approximately 82.05 acres from R-1, Low Density Residential, District to AG-3, Agricultural/Rural Preserve, District, located at 4191, 4185, and 4165 Barley Drive, Catawba Magisterial District. The Planning Commission postponed action on this petition until November 5th.

## Oct 9th

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on an ordinance declaring surplus and authorizing sale of two (2) parcels totaling .505 +/- acres of real estate located at 3319 and 3323 Westmoreland Drive, Cave Spring Magisterial District.

## Oct 16th

The Planning Commission will hold a work session on:

- Transportation updates
- Miscellaneous Zoning Ordinance amendments
- A Planning Intern presentation on summer projects

## Oct 23rd

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to consider through truck restrictions on Green Ridge Road, Wood Haven Road and Thirlane Road. The restrictions would not apply to pickup or panel trucks. The restriction would also not apply to trucks with a delivery or destination within the restricted route.

## Nov 5th (Monday)

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the [petition](#) of Richard Atkinson and Kay Atkinson to rezone approximately 6.398 acres from R-1, Low Density Residential, District and AR, Agricultural/Residential, District to AV, Agricultural/Village Center, District located at 4821 and 4835 Poor Mountain Road; and to obtain a special use permit for a construction yard, located at 4821 Poor Mountain Road, Catawba Magisterial District.

The Planning Commission will consider the [petition](#) of Horace Obenchain to rezone approximately 82.05 acres from R-1, Low Density Residential, District to AG-3, Agricultural/Rural Preserve, District, located at 4191, 4185, and 4165 Barley Drive, Catawba Magisterial District.

# New Turnaround for Fort Lewis Church Road



Roanoke County and Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) staff coordinated with citizens at the end of Fort Lewis Church Road to construct a new public turnaround this summer. Roanoke County provided preliminary engineering and right-of-way acquisition and VDOT constructed the new turnaround. The new turnaround will allow new space for refuse collection vehicles, school buses, and VDOT maintenance vehicles to maneuver. In addition, the new turnaround will provide fire trucks improved access to an existing fire hydrant.

Many thanks to VDOT for the construction work! Special thanks to the citizens of Fort Lewis Church Road who came together to spearhead the project! The Jackson and Hannabass families donated right-of-way to make the cul-de-sac possible. Kenny Carroll coordinated between those families and Roanoke County.

## News



### Long Distance Commuters Have New Options

RIDE Solutions and the West Piedmont Planning District Commission are increasing employer outreach efforts in the greater Martinsville/Danville region.

[Learn More](#)



### October 25: Give Input on Transportation Projects

VDOT is holding an open house meeting about improvements for the I-81 corridor as well as future transportation projects.

[Learn More](#)

### County Considering a Stream Buffer Ordinance



In an effort to prevent further damage to area waterways and avoid erosion, the County is considering a Stream Buffer Ordinance requiring a 25 ft wide buffer.

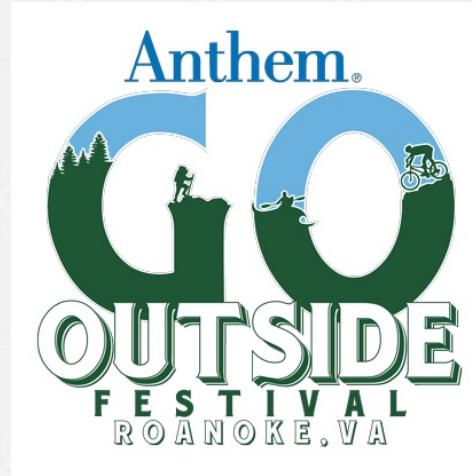
[Learn More](#)

## Upcoming Events

Click the photos for more information



**October 4, 11 & 18: Farmers Market**  
4965 Catawba Creek Rd: 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.



**October 12-14: Go Outside Festival**  
Rivers Edge Sports Complex: All Day



**October 13: Vinton Fall Festival**  
Downtown Vinton: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



**October 19-21 & 26-28: Haunted Woods MiniGolf**  
Explore Park: 6:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.

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November 2018

Happy Halloween!



Hello!

Phase I of the [Plantation Road Bicycle, Pedestrian and Streetscape Improvement Project](#) is complete! Local officials, Plantation Road businesses, residents and Roanoke County staff celebrated with a ribbon cutting on Wednesday, October 31. In honor of Halloween, staff dressed up as characters from the Wizard of Oz and passed out candy along Roanoke County's new ten-foot-wide shared use path.

[Learn More](#)

Planning & Zoning Update

Oct 2nd

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## Oct 25th

The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) held a public meeting to request input on the prioritization of transportation projects, including [improvements for the I-81 corridor](#).

## Nov 5th (Monday)

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the [petition](#) of Richard Atkinson and Kay Atkinson to rezone approximately 6.398 acres from R-1, Low Density Residential, District and AR, Agricultural/Residential, District to AV, Agricultural/Village Center, District; and to obtain a special use permit for a construction yard, located at 4821 and 4835 Poor Mountain Road, Catawba Magisterial District.

The Planning Commission will consider action on the [petition](#) of Horace Obenchain to rezone approximately 82.05 acres from R-1, Low Density Residential, District to AG-3, Agricultural/Rural Preserve, District, located at 4191, 4185, and 4165 Barley Drive, Catawba Magisterial District.

## Nov 19th (Monday)

The Planning Commission will hold a work session on:

- Regional Blueways
- Miscellaneous Zoning Ordinance amendments

## Nov 20th

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## Apply for a Matching Grant for a County Park Project

Examples of past funded projects include trail construction, lighting or fencing for sports fields, landscaping, playground expansion, and restroom construction.

[Learn More](#)

## Landscaping Projects with Advertising Available on Williamson Road

Is your business or organization interested in advertising at a high-visibility location in Roanoke County?

[Learn More](#)

## Don't Just Shop Small this Holiday Season--Drive Small!

Learn how you can cut your transportation expenses in half and keep your dollars in the Roanoke Valley.

[Learn More](#)

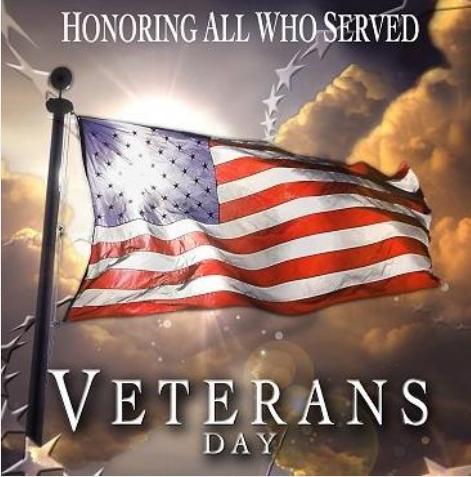
## NEW Blue Ridge Partnership for Workplace Violence Prevention

An interagency team is now available to help Roanoke Valley businesses identify potential workplace violence threats and prevent a targeted violence incident.

[Learn More](#)

## Upcoming Events

Click the photos for more information



**November 7: Flag Retirement and  
Veterans Appreciation Celebration**  
Fire Station #3, 4803 Williamson Road:  
6:30 p.m. (please RSVP)



**November 17: Volunteers Needed!  
Explore Park River Cleanup**  
Explore Park: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

## Zoning Tip: Illegal Signs

Do you know what types of signs are prohibited in Roanoke County?

Ever wondered what the harm is in the first place?

Here's a quick list of illegal signs and the reasons Roanoke County restricts them:

[Learn More](#)



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**Hello!**

We had a great time talking with students at Glenvar High School's second annual Career Expo! We chatted about the planning profession and shared some of our favorite "futuristic" trends to brag about how cool our jobs are. We also brought a transportation survey that asked students how they'd like to get around. Out of 40 votes, the winning choice was "Autonomous Shuttles" with 30%. Maybe we'll see some of these driverless vehicles in the Roanoke Valley one day! (Also popular: Uber/Lyft, the Amtrak train and good old fashioned sidewalks.)

## Planning & Zoning Update

**Nov 5th  
(Monday)**

The Planning Commission held a public hearing and recommended approval of the [petition](#) of Richard Atkinson and Kay Atkinson to rezone approximately 6.398 acres from R-1, Low Density Residential, District and AR, Agricultural/Residential, District to AV, Agricultural/Village Center, District; and to obtain a special use permit for a construction yard, located at 4821 and 4835 Poor Mountain

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the [petition](#) of Horace Obenchain to rezone approximately 82.05 acres from R-1, Low Density Residential, District to AG-3, Agricultural/Rural Preserve, District, located at 4191, 4185, and 4165 Barley Drive, Catawba Magisterial District.

## **Nov 19th (Monday)**

The Planning Commission held [a work session](#) on:

- Regional Blueways
- Miscellaneous Zoning Ordinance amendments
- Discussion and approval of 2019 Planning Commission Meeting Schedule

## **Nov 20th**

The Board of Supervisors held two public hearings and approved:

- The [petition](#) of Richard Atkinson and Kay Atkinson to rezone approximately 6.398 acres from R-1, Low Density Residential, District and AR, Agricultural/Residential, District to AV, Agricultural/Village Center District; and to obtain a special use permit for a construction yard, located at 4821 and 4835 Poor Mountain Road, Catawba Magisterial District.
- The [petition](#) of Horace Obenchain to rezone approximately 82.05 acres from R-1, Low Density Residential, District to AG-3, Agricultural/Rural Preserve, District, located at 4191, 4185, and 4165 Barley Drive, Catawba Magisterial District.

## **Dec 3rd (Monday)**

The Planning Commission will hold a work session to discuss miscellaneous Zoning Ordinance Amendments.

## **Dec 17th (Monday)**

The Planning Commission will hold a work session to discuss miscellaneous Zoning Ordinance Amendments.

## **Jan 2nd (Wednesday)**

The Planning Commission will hold three public hearings on:

- The [petition](#) of Venture Storage Group, LLC to obtain a Special Use Permit in a C-2, High Intensity Commercial, District to construct a mini warehouse storage facility on 3.10 acres, located near the 4400 block of South Peak Boulevard, Cave Spring Magisterial District.
- The [petition](#) of Virginia Interventional Pain and Spine Center to amend the proffered conditions on approximately 3.2 acres zoned C-1C, Low Intensity Commercial, District with conditions, located in or near the 3300, 3400, and 3500 blocks of Ogden Road, Cave Spring Magisterial District. The amended proffers would amend the concept plan and freestanding light pole height. Proffers dealing with building square footage, building height, signage, screening and buffering, stormwater management, development phasing, sewer easements, and use restrictions would be deleted.
- The [petition](#) of the Economic Development Authority of Roanoke County et al to amend the master plan for the Center for Research and Technology and to remove the

proffered condition on properties totalling approximately 454.25 acres zoned PTD, Planned Technology District, located on Glenmary Drive and Corporate Circle, Catawba Magisterial District.

## News



### RIDE Solutions Encourages You To "Zag All Winter"

Because cold-weather riding may be a new experience for many cyclists, RIDE Solutions is offering five free hours by using the promo code ZagAllWinter18 in the Zagster app. RIDE Solutions will also hold prize drawings for riders every Monday through the end of February for ride time, swag, and gift certificates to Walkabout Outfitters.

[Learn More](#)

## Upcoming Events

Click the photos for more information



### December 3: Roanoke County Christmas Tree Lighting

South County Library: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.



### December 14-16, 20-24: Holiday Village

Explore Park: 6 - 10 p.m.

## Business Tip: Time to Renew Temporary Signs

**January 1 is the deadline for businesses to renew their temporary sign permits.**

The cost to renew is \$25 and the [Sign Permit application](#) is available online.

Your completed Sign Permit may be [emailed](#), mailed, or brought to our office on the second floor of the Roanoke County Administration Center.



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Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,  
Bailey Howard-DuBois  
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