



Greetings from the Occoquan District!

The cold winds over the past couple days and today's snowfall have officially confirmed that winter is here—and just in time for the holidays! I hope the season finds you and your family warm, well and enjoying the festivities. As you prepare to celebrate, I wanted to take a few moments to update you a few things going on around the county and our district. Also, in light of the snow, I've provided a short brief on the VDOT snow removal process to be of assistance to you.

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**VDOT Snow Removal**

As you are probably aware from last year's record snowfalls, VDOT is responsible for snow removal on most streets (some residential streets fall into the jurisdiction of HOAs). VDOT's goal is to have all roads "passable" within 48 hours following the end of a storm. They start with Interstates and then move onto Primary and Secondary streets. In other words, they will get to your street, but it may take them some time. You can contact VDOT directly at 1-800-FOR-ROAD (800-367-7623) to report the conditions of your street. If your street falls into the jurisdiction of your HOA, snow removal is contracted out to various companies. Unfortunately, we cannot provide much information on this process because it depends upon your specific HOA.

With all that said, we are here to help and we will do everything we can to make sure you receive adequate snow removal in a timely manner. You can contact VDOT directly, but also do not hesitate to contact my staff and me directly by clicking [here](#). We can also be reached via telephone at 703-792-4643.

**New Year's Open House**

Please join us on Sunday, January 2, 2010 to celebrate the New Year. Our office, located at 2241-B Tackett's Mill Drive, will be open from 2 to 4 p.m. Don't worry about missing your favorite Bowl Game as we will be tuned in at the office. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, please contact Alyssa at [albrowna@pwcgov.org](mailto:albrowna@pwcgov.org). No RSVP is required, but it would be great if you could give us a heads up as to whether you plan to attend so we can figure out how much food to provide.

**Safety Tips for the Holiday Season from the PWC Police Department**

The holidays are here, and the Prince William County Police Department wishes to remind residents of some basic safety tips that they can practice, whether their holiday entails travel, shopping or sightseeing. If you are traveling for the holidays, make your home look "lived in" while you are gone. Avoid the temptation to turn off exterior lights to save money, and enlist the help of a trusted neighbor, friend or family member to help achieve this goal.

If you will be out of town:

- Have a trusted neighbor collect your mail, newspapers and advertisements, and even park their car in your driveway from time to time.
- Provide that neighbor with your contact information in the event of an emergency.
- Use timers to turn lights off and on. Put an automatic timer on several lights and the radio.
- Leave shades, blinds and curtains in their normal positions.
- Lock all doors and windows in your home. Secure the garage and shed, and secure valuable items that are inside these structures.
- Jostling through crowded shopping malls or sidewalks while carrying your jacket or juggling countless bags makes you an attractive target to criminals looking to grab wallets, purses, and your purchases.

If you will be shopping or sightseeing:

- Do not carry large amounts of cash, or more than two credit cards.
- Wallets should be carried in a front pants pocket, rather than in a back pants pocket or a jacket.
- Purses should be held close to the body with the opening facing toward them.
- Do not wear large amounts of valuable jewelry.
- Consolidate purchases into one or two large shopping bags so you can keep track of everything.
- Never leave your purchases unattended, even for a minute.
- Try to not walk around shopping areas, banks and convenience stores alone.
- Walk in well-lighted areas, and avoid dark, unlit shortcuts.
- While using an ATM, look around from time to time and be aware of what's happening around you. If anything suspicious happens, immediately cancel your transaction and leave.

Following these basic safety tips can help ensure a happy holiday for you, as well as peace of mind that your property is secure.

### **Tackett's Mill Update**

Some of you may have noticed activity recently at the old Shell Station at Tackett's Mill. We contacted the property management group to find out if something new would be going in that location. At this time property management reports that no new business is slated for the location and the activity is part of ongoing environmental testing. In the event we learn of anything new with respect to this property, we will advise you in a future E-Update!

### **Cell Phone Collection Program**

Our office continues to collect used cell phones for the "Cell Phones for Soldiers" program and the "Secure the Call" program. To make a donation, please stop by our office, located at 2241-B Tackett's Mill Drive in Lake Ridge, during normal business hours. If you have a preference of where your phone is donated, please notify us at the time of delivery. Thank you for your continued support!

### **Lake Ridge Lions Club Collects Used Eyeglasses**

The Lake Ridge Lions Club is still collecting used eyeglasses around the community and our office is a collection location. Used eyeglasses are refurbished and distributed to needy in the community. Your donation is welcome.

Thanks for reading our December E-Update and please have a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year's! As always, if we can ever be of service to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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