



Greetings from the Occoquan District!

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As you may be aware, county staff presented the FY-11 Budget Proposal to the Prince William Board of County Supervisors earlier this week. As in the past few years, the Board is again faced with the challenging task of crafting a budget that strikes the appropriate balance between the need to fund essential services and the need to ensure that residential and commercial taxpayers are not overly burdened. And, like last year, we begin this process against the backdrop of continued real estate value depreciation (mainly on the commercial side this year), additional foreclosures (although the situation has improved), state and federal budget cuts that have local impact, and a generally sluggish economy.

As difficult as this year's budget will be, the Board is poised to work together as a team to do the best we can. For my part, I certainly look forward to the challenge, and I also look forward to the input to the citizens of the Occoquan District as the process unfolds. To that end, I wanted to update you as to the specifics of the budget process so you can follow it and make your voice heard.

First and foremost, all citizens are invited to attend a public meeting, tomorrow, Saturday, February 20 at 9 a.m. at McCoart. I encourage you to attend this meeting if you are interested in hearing the formal presentation of the county budget, given by the county staff. If you cannot make this meeting, you can still access the county budget online at www.pwccgov.org/budget. In addition, if you would be interested in participating in the Occoquan District Citizen Budget Committee, please contact my assistant, Alyssa at albrown@pwccgov.org or call 703-792-5180.

For your information, the full FY2011 Budget Process Calendar is below:

Date	Activity
Dec. 8, 2009 (Tue.)	PROPOSED CIP PRESENTED TO BOCS
Dec. 15, 2009 (Tue.)	FY 2011 BUDGET GUIDANCE GIVEN BY BOCS
Feb. 16, 2010 (Tue.)	THE CXO PROPOSED FY 2011 FISCAL PLAN IS PRESENTED TO THE BOCS
Feb. 20, 2010 (Sat.)	COMMUNITY MEETING - McCoart Building – 9:00 a.m. This meeting will include a presentation on the FY 11 Proposed Fiscal Plan only. No formal comments during this meeting. Formal comments will be addressed during the public hearings.
Mar. 2, 2010 (Tue.)	BOCS AUTHORIZE TAX RATE ADVERTISEMENT FOR FY 11 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
Mar. 5, 2010 (Fri.)	TAX RATE ADVERTISEMENT APPEARS IN NEWSPAPERS
Mar. 9, 2010 (Tue.)	BOCS BUDGET WORKSESSION – 7:00 p.m.
Mar. 23, 2010 (Tue.)	BOCS BUDGET WORKSESSION – 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Apr. 5, 2010 (Mon.)	PUBLIC HEARING – 7:30 p.m.

Apr. 12, 2010 (Mon.)	PUBLIC HEARING – 7:30 p.m.
Apr. 13, 2010 (Tue.)	BOCS BUDGET RECAP – 2:00 p.m.
Apr. 20, 2010 (Tue.)	BOCS BUDGET MARKUP – 2:00 p.m.
Apr. 27, 2010 (Tue.)	BOCS ADOPTS FY 11 BUDGET – 2:00 p.m.

** Unless noted otherwise, all meetings are held in the Board Chambers in the McCoart Building – 1 County Complex Court, Prince William, VA*

In addition to advising you of the budget calendar, I would also like to invite you and your family to join me, my staff, and representatives from various county level departments for one of our annual town hall meetings. Come join us and give us feedback about the Occoquan District, Prince William County, or any issue that may be of concern to you and your family. The dates and times are as follows:

Saturday, February 27, 2010
10 a.m. to noon

at

Tall Oaks Community Center
12298 Cotton Mill Drive
Woodbridge, VA 22192

&

Wednesday, March 3, 2010
7 p.m. to 9p.m.

at

Westminster at Lake Ridge
12191 Clipper Drive
Woodbridge, VA 22192

RSVP requested, but not required, to
Alyssa atalbrown@pwcgov.org

Thank you for reading our February E-Update and please be safe! As always, if we can ever be of service to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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