



Ongoing Training: Michael Reilly, David Moore, Cindy Disney, Robert Miller, Steven Sandy, and Dari Jenkins attended the CPEAV Land Use and Zoning Conference. Joel Donahue attended the CPEAV Planning and Zoning Legal Seminar. Brea Hopkins and Steven Sandy attended the VAZO Fall Conference. Steven Sandy attended the Rural Planning Caucus Conference. Cindy Disney successfully completed the CPEAV Planning Commissioner Training Program. John Tuttle, Bryan Rice, Joel Donahue, Cindy Disney, Dari Jenkins, and Steve Sandy attended the annual Planning Commissioners' Dinner.

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Congratulations to Mrs. Jamie MacLean, Development Planner, on the birth of her daughter, Audrey! Jamie has chosen to be a full-time mom and will be greatly missed by everyone!

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2012 Planning & GIS Services Major Projects

PHMSA Technical Assistance Grant (TAG): Montgomery County was awarded a \$17,400 grant from US Department of Transportation (DOT), Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) to develop a new software application to interface the Virginia Utility Protection Services (VUPS) ticket program with Montgomery County's Land Development Office (LDO) software. Permit data will be available to VUPS to allow the determination of a potential construction site location, and then notify a utility of potential excavations near their facilities.

Comprehensive Plan Amendments: The Lafayette Route 11/460 Corridor Plan was adopted as part of the Comprehensive plan.

Zoning Ordinance Amendments: Several sections of the zoning ordinance were reviewed and revised this year including: 10-37 (Floodplain regulations); Sections 10-21 through 10-25, Sections 10-28 through 10-31, Sections 10-33, 10-34 and Section 10-61 (Kennel regulations); and Section 10-44 (Paving Requirements). Staff will continue to work on small wind, landscaping, and residential chicken ordinance regulations during 2013.

NRVPDC Project Collaboration: Montgomery County Planning staff collaborated with the New River Valley Planning District Commission to develop Safe Routes To School Travel Plans for the Auburn School Strand and Belview Elementary School. The travel plans received approval from the Virginia Department of Transportation. Grant applications will be submitted in early 2013 to begin implementation of the approved plans. Staff has been participating in work groups for the Livability Initiative since 2011 and will continue their participation in 2013.

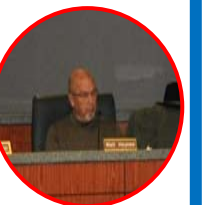
Agricultural and Forestal Districts: The Agricultural and Forestal Committee met in August 2012 to review the renewal of 9,820 acres of land in Agricultural and Forestal Districts 3 (Little River), 4 (Silver Lake Rd), and 5 (Riner). The Board of Supervisors approved the renewal of the districts on November 14, 2012. AFD Districts 3, 4, and 5 will remain in effect until December 31, 2020. In 2013 the AFD Committee will review the renewal of AFD 7 (Wilson Creek/Den Creek), 9 (Elliston/Peddler Hills), and 10 (Mount Tabor Road).

It is with much sadness that we report Montgomery County lost two great men and public servants in 2012.



Mr. Malvin "Pug" Wells served on the Montgomery County Planning Commission from September 1981 to May 2005 and January 2006 to March 2012. During his years on the commission, he served as chairman in 1987, 1988, 1998, and 1999. In addition to his service on the Planning Commission, Mr. Wells was a founding member of the Elliston Volunteer Fire Department, served on the Montgomery-Blacksburg Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Association, Virginia Fire Service Council, and the Montgomery County Towing Advisory Board.

Mr. Walter "Walt" Haynes served on the Montgomery County Planning Commission from March 2005 until June 2012. He served as chairman in 2012 and vice-chairman in 2008, 2009, and 2011. During his service on the planning commission, Mr. Haynes served as a liaison to the Montgomery County Parks and Recreation Committee and the Blacksburg Planning Commission.



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In addition to major projects that staff work on throughout the year, Planning & GIS staff have diligently been working on everyday activities. A total of 366 predevelopment letters were processed and 244 of those were approved as zoning permits. Tables included below outline other daily and monthly activities of the department.

Re-Zoning Requests

Case Number	Property Owner	Request	Acres	Outcome
RZ-2012-09607	Forest Hills At Bel-view, LP	Change in Proffered Conditions	17.927	Approved with proffers

Special Use Permit Requests

Case Number	Property Owner	Request	Outcome
SU-2012-09521	Ancient Free & Accepted Masons	Civic Club	Approved with conditions
*SU-2012-09713	Norman Olmstead	Accessory structure in excess of 1200 sq. ft.	Approved with conditions
SU-2012-09723	Montgomery County	Amend SUP Conditions	Approved with conditions
*SU-2012-09799	Lon Kyle Farmer	Accessory structure in excess of 1200 sq. ft.	Approved with conditions
*SU-2012-10054	Timothy Linkous	Accessory structure in excess of 1200 sq. ft.	Approved with conditions
SU-2012-10140	James C. Tannahill	Amend SUP Conditions	Approved with conditions
*SU-2012-10171	David E. Helm	Accessory structure in excess of 1200 sq. ft.	Approved with conditions
*SU-2012-10244	Merle D. Brumfield	Accessory structure in excess of 1200 sq. ft.	Approved with conditions

*Denotes cases heard by Board of Zoning Appeals

Subdivision Requests

Subdivision Type	No. Received	No. Approved	Pending	Withdrawn
Major	0	0	0	0
Minor	17	13	4	0
Boundary Line Adjustment	50	40	10	0
Family	6	5	1	0

Board of Zoning Appeals

Case Number	Property Owner	Request	Outcome
VAR-2012-10099	Bernard LaFleur	Appeal of ZA Decision	Decision Upheld

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GIS AND MAPPING SERVICES

- ◆ Work with county departments and constitutional offices to deploy, enhance, train and use the updated Pictometry aerial imagery in office as well as field situations including public safety and fire/rescue vehicles.
- ◆ Converted selected mobile home park lot numbers to E911 addressing and assisted in private street naming.
- ◆ Worked with libraries to create and publicize family cemetery information.
- ◆ Began investigation to replace iGIS website with a cross platform (Apple, Android, & Windows) application for use with personal computers, tablets, and smart phones.
- ◆ Prepared mapping and detailed soil acreages for additional parcels for Commissioner of the Revenue's Land Use Value Assessment Program
- ◆ Assisted Montgomery County Public Schools Transportation and Facilities with GIS mapping, aerial imagery and data needs.
- ◆ Assisted Metropolitan Planning Organization and Technical Advisory Committee with boundary re-delineations based on 2010 Census
- ◆ Provided staff support to County Administration and Economic Development with property acquisitions and other projects.
- ◆ Provided citizens, taxpayers, realtors, appraisers, interested parties GIS data, maps, and E911 site addresses.
- ◆ Continue to market/leverage the County's investment in LIDAR, orthophoto and GIS data in order to maximize cost recovery, effectiveness and efficiency to the benefit of the taxpayers.
- ◆ Created and assigned E911 addresses and public road names
- ◆ Provided support for Voter Registrar – Precinct boundary and polling places Continue cemetery inventory for land development and subdivision requirements
- ◆ Updated billboards and signs inventory for inclusion into LDO and GIS.
- ◆ Assisted in cellular tower site plan review, viewshed mapping and telecommunication structures/provider database updates.
- ◆ Provided GIS and mapping support for the Sheriff's Office for monthly crime incidents, special events, task force, and Public Safety Answering Point dispatch GIS data updates.
- ◆ Continued to review and enter elevation certificates, LOMR's, LOMA's into GIS database and mapping layers
- ◆ Modified agricultural & forestal district GIS layers.
- ◆ Prepared supporting maps and modified GIS layers for revenue sharing and rural addition program
- ◆ Maintained iGIS website for external (general public) and internal inquiries
- ◆ Provided local GIS support for Virginia Game and Inland Fisheries Officers & US Marshals Office
- ◆ Participated in Virginia Geographic Information Network (VGIN) RFP writing and process to select a new statewide aerial imagery contractor for the commonwealth.

LAND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (LDO)

- ◆ Provided LDO Administration (creating user logins, table entry options, change requests for application customization, etc.)
- ◆ Helped design and implement the Field Data Application for Code Enforcement/Compliance and Building Permitting and Inspections.
- ◆ Worked to extend LDO to the Web to create a citizen access portal.
- ◆ Assisted Planning and Zoning staff in reviewing, organizing, and scanning legacy rezoning and special permits for entry or correction in LDO Further extended benefits and training of LDO end users for county departments, constitutional offices and where possible to the general public.
- ◆ Began investigation to implement a cross platform (Apple, Android, & Windows) LDO application for use with personal computers, tablets, and smart phones for rezoning and special use permits.

NRV REGIONAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY

- ◆ Provided regional radio communications support for public safety/fire & rescue radio system project for countywide radio propagation study and needs assessment, 18 GHz microwave backup link move and realignment. Also provided communication and GIS logistical implementation support for new Blacksburg-VT UHF radio system and associated frequency coordination and FCC licensing.
- ◆ Administration and project management of VITA Wireless Board PSAP 2013-14 Grant for GIS data merging and near real time updates with our towns and Virginia Tech for the Authority's benefit.