

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors

Parks and Recreation survey to help shape future: <http://bit.ly/mcprfall2015>

Montgomery County Parks and Recreation is asking residents to complete an online survey that will help shape its master plan, which will give the department a vision and goals for the next 20 years. For more information, please visit www.nrvrc.org or contact Jennifer Wilsie or Michael Gottfredson at (540) 639-9313.

Register to Vote!

You may register to vote all year round with the exception of 22 days prior to a general or primary election or 13 days prior to any special election. Voter registrations are available at the County Government Center, the Department of Motor Vehicles, all post offices, all libraries, on the Virginia State Board of Elections website and on the Montgomery County, VA forms and publications webpage.

Please inform the Registrar of any changes to your address or name in writing:

Voter Registration Office
755 Roanoke St., Suite 1F
Christiansburg, VA 24073
govote121@montgomerycountyva.gov

Additional questions may be directed to E. Randall Wertz, General Registrar, 382-5741.

Blacksburg Town Council

Mr. Spencer reviewed proposed amendments to the Town Code that would be on first reading in September for public hearings in October related to the distribution of advertisements and unwanted solicitation, littering and the Town's current leash law.

Discussion of possible Proposal for one-way traffic on Broce Drive from Toms Creek Road to University City Boulevard (UCB) to discourage cut-through traffic during ongoing UCB road improvement project

Commonwealth of Virginia

The Virginia Departments of Aging and of Rehabilitation Services are now combined under James Rothrock, Commissioner as DARS: Department for Aging & Rehabilitative Services. The new department will oversee the nationwide network of Agencies on Aging, including our NRV AAA in Pulaski. Rural agencies like ours are stressed as funds depend on population, but the percentage of older adults in these areas increasing as total population decreases. 50% of funds are from the Federal and State each. Federal sequester of funds will significantly affect NRV AAA's ability to fulfill its mission.

AARP's State Advocacy Team will not be able to communicate final legislative priorities until Dec. 2015 but some possibilities are:

Tax programs. Emphasis on programs which preserve and/or enhance seniors ability to stay in their homes.

Elderly Abuse. Closing some of the loopholes that lenders are using to "skirt" the law and increasing the civil/criminal penalties for violations.

Wins in 2015.

SB750 requires hospitals to provide oral and written notice to any patient classified as "observation" rather than admitted. Remember, observation status is not reimbursed as in-patient care by Medicare and may eliminate some aspects of your insurance coverage for rehabilitation care.

HB346 greatly expanded the scope of practice for Nurse Practitioners. This will help in underserved areas.

Redistricting. The U.S. Court ruled in a recent law suit that an Independent Redistricting Commission was constitutional. Some of our representatives have argued against this. Our State Delegates and Senators have had a preliminary meeting on this subject in a special session, but did not make any progress toward a Virginia solution.