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## Friday, December 15, 2023

### Coming Events

[Visit the County Calendar for Event Details](#)

#### DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 17 - King William Historical Society Meeting - 2:30 pm; Historical KW Courthouse, Old Jail
- 18 - West Point Town Council - 6:30 p.m.; Town Hall Council Chambers.
- 19 - King William School Board - 6 p.m.; Hamilton-Holmes Middle School Atrium
- 19 - West Point School Board - 6 p.m.; School Board Office.
- 20 - Electoral Board Meeting, 12 - 2pm; Board Room
- 22 - County Offices Close at 12:30 p.m.
- 25 & 26 - County Offices Closed for Christmas
- 28 - VA 250 Planning Committee - 4:30 p.m.; Board Room.



Visit the [King William County Parks & Rec Site](#) for details about upcoming events, workshops, exercise classes, and more!

### Don't Miss The Santa Runs This Weekend

Watch Board of Supervisors and Other Meetings on the [KWC.gov Website](#) - No More Zoom!



Beginning in January 2024, Board of Supervisors and other public meetings will be live streamed directly to the County website. This means citizens will no longer need to sign in to Zoom, search for a meeting link, or register for a meeting. Recordings will also be automatically posted to the [website](#) as soon as they are ready. [Learn more and download instructions!](#)



*Santa is Coming to King William!*

**December 13, 14, and 15  
5:30pm to 8:30pm**

Rain dates December 20 and 21

#### December 13, 2023

- Kennington Subdivision
- 360 Westbound
- Venter Rd through and Cross over Rt 30
- Terra Alta Neighborhood
- Manfield Rd. Westbound
- Manquin Dr.
- Kendal Dr.
- Black Creek Ln.
- Cedar Crest Subdivision
- Liberty Farms Subdivision
- Acquinton Church Rd
- Dunluce Rd.
- Rte. 30 Eastbound
- West River Rd

#### December 14, 2023

- Mill Rd. - beginning from 600
- Fairfield Neighborhood
- Rte. 360 Westbound
- Walnut Ln.
- 360 Westbound
- Central Parkway Subdivision
- King William Place/King William Manor Apartments - Pine Crest Ln
- McCauley Park Subdivision - Shelton Pl
- McCauley Park Subdivision - McCauley Pkwy
- Rt. 30 Eastbound (right)
- Choctaw Rd.
- Lancaster Rd.
- Rt. 360 Westbound - turn around at Mt Pleasant Rd
- Beaver Creek Estates Neighborhood
- Sharon Rd.
- Timberland Estates Neighborhood
- King William Estates
- Kelley Ln.
- Indian Church Rd.
- Timberland Estates Neighborhood
- King William Estates

#### December 15, 2023

- Start at 30 X Globe Rd - East Bound past Beatles Rd.
- Cherry Hill Neighborhood
- 30 East Bound
- Colonial Square Apartments
- Holly Rd.
- Venter Rd, North
- Commins Rd
- Rosebud Estates
- Oak Springs Neighborhood
- Newman Dr.
- Upshaw Rd West Bound
- Parkwood Neighborhood
- Complete Upshaw Rd Westbound
- West River Rd West [left]

## 2023 MANGOCHICK VFD

### SANTA RUN

DECEMBER 17TH  
STARTING AT 3PM

#### North side

WOODRUFF SUBDIVISION  
King William Rd  
Mangochick Cir  
Herring Creek Rd  
West River Rd  
Mckenzie Ln  
Dover Ln  
Dorrell Rd  
Green Pasture  
Frenchtown Rd  
Hazelwood Rd  
Locust Hill Rd  
West River  
Smokey Rd  
Globe Rd  
Mitchell's Mill Rd  
Estate Ln  
Epuworth Rd  
Olde Footpath Rd



#### South side

King William Rd  
Edgar Rd  
Liberty Tree  
Cedar Knoll  
Calno Rd  
Elna Mill Rd  
Deerfield Ln  
Nelsons Bridge Rd  
Towinque Farm Rd  
Mahison Rd  
Dabneys Mill Rd  
Mt Columbia Rd  
River Bluff Dr  
Minglewood Ct  
Landing Rd

## WPVFD 14TH ANNUAL SANTA RUN

Monday, December 18th & Tuesday, December 19th  
Starting at 6:30pm

#### Monday, December 18th

- Downtown West Point
- Route 30 from Dupont to W. Magnolia
- Majority of streets on west side of Rt. 30

#### Tuesday, December 19th

- Country Club Estates
- W. Euclid Blvd.
- Cypress Ave.
- Southern Ave.
- Majority of streets off Thompson & Mattaponi

## More News ...

- **King William DSS is always looking for potential Resource Families.** A Resource Family provides temporary care for children in foster care until it's time for them to go back home. An inquiry is not a commitment, but you just might change a life. [Click here for more information.](#)
- **Hanover and King William Habitat for Humanity** is looking for volunteers - sign up now at - [STAR Development | Hanover and King William Habitat for Humanity \(galaxydigital.com\)](#)
- **KW Parks & Rec Tot Shots** registration deadline is Sunday December 17, 2023. To register visit their website - [Tot Shots](#)
- **The KW Regional Animal Shelter** is looking for foster families for the Home for the Howl-idays program. If interested, please click on this link. [Home for the Howl-idays](#)
  
- [Call or Text 988 for 24/7 Emotional Support](#)
- [Learn the five action steps for helping someone in emotional pain](#)
- [Support Services to empower survivors of intimate partner and sexual violence.](#)
- [Help older adults with disabilities during and after an emergency: ready.gov/disability.](#)
  
- [Read the County Administrator's December Monthly Message](#)
- [Consider a career with King William County - check out these jobs](#)
  
- [Register your address for fiber to the home with All Points Broadband](#)
- [Check your address with Breezeline to see if you're eligible for their services.](#)
- [Learn more about the Affordable Connectivity Program](#)
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## Clerk's Column



Government can be very confusing and sometimes downright maddening. It's hard to understand why certain things are done the way they are. But, there is a reason for everything under the sun, even in local government. Let me know what you'd like explained, in plain English, and we'll learn together! ~ Chris Branch, County Clerk

### What the Heck is FOIA?

There are lots of acronyms in government and FOIA is one you'll hear often.

The Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) can be found in [State Code §2.2-3700](#) et seq. Each state has their own FOIA, but all must comply with the [federal act](#).

FOIA exists to make sure citizens have open access to public meetings and to the records created in the

general course of government business. This helps to create informed citizens, which are vital to the functioning of a democratic society.

As usual, there are some exceptions to the types of records which are released to the general public. Many of them were covered in the "Closed Meetings" article in the [October 20, 2023](#) Newsletter. Some other exemptions include redacting private information, such as phone numbers, email addresses, wet signatures, and social security numbers.

An important thing to remember is that FOIA covers access to public records. (Read Virginia's definition of a record [here](#).) In plain English, a record is a document, email, text message, financial report, recording of a meeting, or other tangible information. General questions, phone conversations, explanations, etc. are not public records because there is nothing we can give you in those cases. This doesn't mean the County doesn't want to answer your questions or provide an explanation if one exists. It just means those requests don't fall under the FOIA. The time limits and required responses do not apply. Under FOIA, the County must provide one of five responses within five working days.

FOIA also only covers existing records in a format used by the County in the regular course of business. If you request something that does not exist, the agency is not required to create a new record. Likewise, if you request the records in a format not regularly used, the County doesn't have to convert it for you. For example, if you want Word Perfect files, the County isn't required to provide documents in that format because we use Microsoft Word. Logically, if you ask for something that the County does not have, we cannot give it to you.

Next time, we'll talk about how to make a request and what it takes to fulfill those requests. After that, I'll tell you about the exciting projects planned in the Clerk's Office next year. In the meantime, when you have questions or concerns, give us a call. County staff are always happy to talk with citizens, whether it be over the phone or in person. It's a good idea to call and make an appointment if you want to talk in person to make sure the person is here when you stop by. Use the "Send the Clerk a Question" button to send me an email. Below that, you'll find the phone number and email address for the County Administrator. Hope to hear from you soon!

[Send the Clerk a Question](#)

Sincerely,

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