

King William County Herald

The newsletter for residents from the Board of Supervisors.

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Inaugural Issue of the BOS Newsletter!

Comments from the BOS Chair Justin Catlett

I am truly honored to have been elected as the Chairman of the King William County Board of Supervisors for 2025. King William boasts a rich history that spans 323 years, highlighted by significant historical landmarks and figures, including the oldest continuously operating courthouse in Virginia and the renowned Marine Corps Lt. Col. Lewis B. (Chesty) Puller.

Located just a short drive from major metropolitan areas in central Virginia, King William has become an increasingly desirable location for families looking to establish their roots. The county's stunning rural landscapes, coupled with its rich Native American heritage and the confluence of the Mattaponi and Pamunkey Rivers at the charming Town of West Point, contribute to its accelerated growth.

The Board is entrusted with the critical task of managing this vibrant county, a responsibility that we do not take lightly. As Chairman, I am committed to continuing the initiatives we launched last year aimed at expanding our economic footprint. This includes establishing effective policies and procedures for county operations, enhancing our educational institutions and community engagement, and devising a financial strategy that fosters economic growth while ensuring responsible stewardship.

This position presents various challenges that arise daily. While not every detail is accessible to the public, all actions and outcomes remain subject to public scrutiny. I would like to commend my fellow Supervisors, both past and present; while I may not share the same vision they held throughout history, I recognize the challenges and responsibilities they have faced. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Vice Chair Lindsay Robinson for her exemplary service as the 2024 Chair and for her willingness to collaborate with me this year.

The Board of Supervisors is deeply committed to King William and its citizens, and my goal is to ensure the county thrives in 2025.

-Justin Catlett

Upcoming Board & Commission Meetings:

*March 4—Planning Commission Meeting

*March 6—Parks & Rec

*March 10—BOS Meeting

*March 12—Economic Development Authority

*March 20—Social Services Advisory Board Meeting

*March 24—1pm Budget Work Session

*March 24—6:30 pm BOS Meeting

*March 26—HPRB Meeting

*March 27—VA250 Meeting.



Stay informed— Weather & Emergencies
CODE RED CITIZEN ALERT SYSTEM
See www.kwc.gov for more information.

VA 250

Virginia's History is America's Story! Established by the General Assembly to commemorate Virginia's role in the 250th anniversary of American independence, the Virginia American Revolution 250 Commission (VA250) will mark the nation's semi-quincentennial by bringing Virginians together to learn more about Virginia's key role in shaping the nation, better understand the untold stories



WILL YOU BE MY Valentine?

During the month of February, all \$20 adoption fees will be SPONSORED!

*Rabies vaccine, spay/neuter, and other necessary treatments not covered

Visit Us!
Mon-Fri 11-4, Wed 11-6, Sat 11-2

REGIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER

The graphic features a pink background with scattered hearts. On the left is a brown tabby cat with a heart-shaped headband. On the right is a brown dog wearing a pink bow tie. At the bottom left are three heart-shaped buttons labeled 'XOXO', 'BE MINE', and 'SWEET'. At the bottom right is the logo for the Regional Animal Shelter, which includes a silhouette of a dog and a cat.

Comments from the Vice Chair Lindsay Robinson

When I took the Chairman's seat in January of 2024, my fellow board members and I began to work on an agenda driven by the needs of the people of King William. As a lifelong resident of the County, I was well aware of the challenges we would face in the coming months. I am proud that we have seen greater community engagement in our work, and while we cannot always make everyone happy with the outcome, you can rest assured that all decisions were made with the best interest of our community at heart.

Together, we continue to work to address the concerns of our residents and be as transparent as possible in deliberating and making the needed decisions that put the administration of the County on a sustainable path for the future. As a champion for Economic Development, I will work to encourage commercial investment in King William by making intelligent decisions that preserve the small town charm of the county.

As we look forward, I remain committed to working with my constituents, locality leaders, and our staff to ensure King William is a great place to live and work and to ensure King William prospers in the years ahead.

-Lindsay Robinson

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 12, 2025 is the 300th Anniversary of the KWC Courthouse! Please join us in celebrating this historic event. The Mobile Museum will be here.

More information can be found at www.kwc.gov and www.Va250.org

YOGA

Instructor: Erika McCurry

Gentle yoga

- Stretch, lengthen, increase mobility and flexibility through yoga postures that are designed with a gentler approach.
- Materials needed: yoga mat, 2 yoga blocks and a yoga strap are recommended.

February 18th - March 25th

Tuesday 6:30-7:30 PM Rec Center \$50

Vinyasa yoga

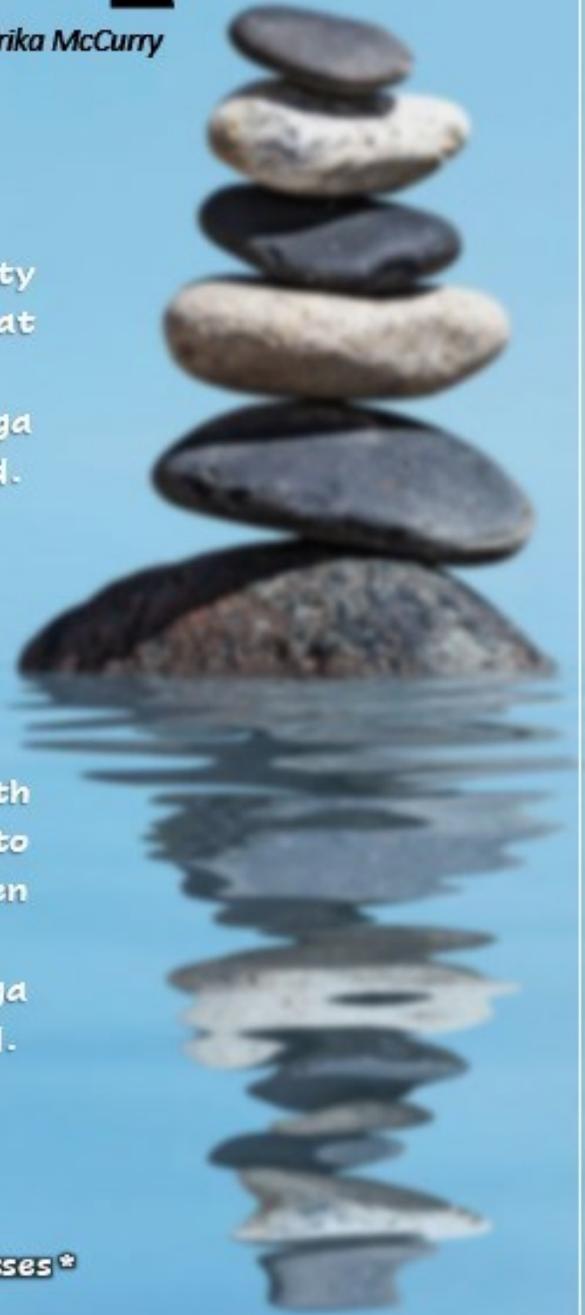
- Learn to move your body and breath as you transition from poses designed to increase flexibility as well as strengthen and improve balance.
- Materials needed: yoga mat, 2 yoga blocks and a yoga strap are recommended.

February 20th - March 27th

Thursday 6:30-7:30 PM Rec Center \$50

Save 15% when you register for both classes

*King William County
Parks and Recreation*



Resolution 25-05

The Board of Supervisors recognizes the month of February 2025 as Black History Month.

The recipient of this year's Resolution is Dr. Alvin Lomax (pictured here).

Dr. Alvin C. Lomax, the eldest of five children born to the late Archie C. Lomax Jr and Henrietta Foster Lomax. The family legacy that reflected the values of unity, integrity, stamina, and preparedness, helped to direct his life.

Professional preparedness pre-empted all endeavors associated with Dr. Lomax's educational and military careers. In 1953, he graduated from Hampton (Institute) University and was commissioned Second Lieutenant (U.S. Army).

From Hampton Institute Dr. Lomax earned a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry and Biology and a Master of Arts Degree in Educational Administration & Supervision.

On May 13, 1979, Dr. Lomax was awarded the Doctoral Degree in Higher Education Administration from the College of William & Mary.

After two years active duty as a Commissioned Officer in the U.S. Army, Dr. Lomax entered the teaching profession through an appointment as Natural Science Teacher in the St. Clare Walker High School, Saluda,



Dr. Lomax and his family with the Board of Supervisors. Photos by Gene Campbell



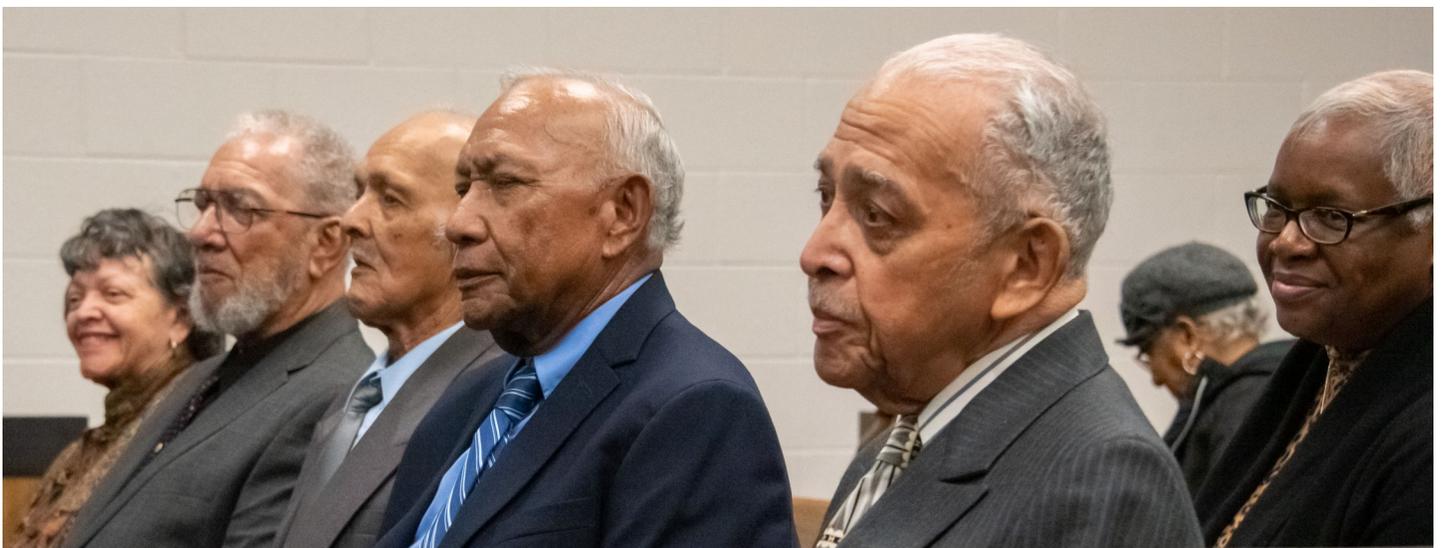
This led to his appointment as Assistant Professor of Science Education and Coordinator of Secondary Student Teaching and Supervision at Norfolk State College (September 1961). In September 1968, he became Associate Professor of Science Education and Director of Financial Aid.

Approximately forty years in the public sector has afforded Dr. Lomax many awards, special recognitions, citations, professional affiliations, and memberships.

Recently Dr. Lomax was awarded the 2024 Exemplary Community Service Award from Norfolk Pearls Foundation of Virginia, Incorporated, Chesapeake, Virginia. The HBCU Award is presented to community servants who have demonstrated exemplary contributions to HBCUs and education.

Dr. Lomax attributes his success to strong religious convictions, a genuine concern and respect for people, and making decisions based on facts. Derived from his military career is the basic administrative thrust of being “firm, but fair”.

He is a resident of King William – a 1949 graduate of King William Training School –and is an active member of Third Union Baptist Church. *Biography provided by Lisa Roberts.*





Spring

Soccer League



Co-ed Age Divisions:

[4-5] [6-8] [9-11] [12-15]

The League will run from March through May. Practices will be held one day per week beginning in March with games on Saturdays beginning in April.

**** Registration Deadline: Sunday, March 9th, 2025 ****

To register, or for more information, visit our website:

www.KingWilliamREC.com

***King William County
Parks and Recreation***

*If you've noticed all the dirt moving and heavy equipment on 360...The Orchards development, passed in 2022 is finally breaking ground.

**Find news and
events here
in the:**

County Chatter

*WAWA
and Dunkin
Donuts are scheduled to
open Summer 2025.

* The 86th Annual King William Ruritan Fish Fry is Tuesday April 8th from 4-8pm at the club's facilities on Rt 30. Call 804-363-1781 for info and tickets.

**Have an event that you would like to see here.
Please email bos.clerk@kwc.gov!**

King William County Parks and Recreation

EASTER EGG HUNT



Saturday, March 29th ★ 10
(rain or shine)

*Please
bring your
own Easter
basket!*

10:00 AM 0 – 4-year-olds (field 6)

10:30 AM 5 – 8-year-olds (field 1)

11:00 AM 9 – 12-year-olds (field 4)

**Enjoy music, crafts, face painting, and even
a visit from the Easter Bunny himself!**

***prizes will be awarded to those who find a golden coin**

**Those who are able to help us find and return our
six escaped baby chicks will receive a free kite!**

330 King William Park Road - Aylett, VA 23009





RAS Corner

Meet Roman. Roman stopped by the office today to visit the staff in the County Administration building. As you can tell, Roman is super social and not afraid to check out new places. Roman is super friendly and cuddly and can't wait to be adopted. He and other animals are available to meet their future families at the Regional Animal Shelter. Please visit the shelter at 20201 King William Rd, King William, VA 23086 or www.kwc.gov. And tell them ROMAN sent you.



ADOPT FOSTER



VOLUNTEER



**We are so grateful for the men and women
who serve this county!
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO.**



