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### COVID-19 IN PRINCE WILLIAM

All numbers through Wednesday, March 17, and show changes since March 10.

**45,859 (+550)**

**Total confirmed and probable cases**

Prince William: **40,625 (+510)**

Manassas: **4,089 (+29)**

Manassas Park: **1,145 (+11)**

Statewide: **598,468**

**(+9,093)**

**527 (+14)**

**Deaths**

Prince William: **471 (+12)**

Manassas: **44 (+2)**

Manassas Park: **12 (0)**

Statewide: **10,154 (+205)**

**6.6%**

**(down from 6.8%)**

**Average test positivity rate\***

Statewide: **5.4%**

**328,852**

**(+6,224)**

**Tests conducted\***

Statewide: **6.22 million**

**61 (+2)**

**Outbreaks\***

Statewide: **2,750 (+53)**

**105,301**

**(+14,674)**

**Vaccine doses administered**

Statewide: **2,810,928**

**(+382,028)**

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SOURCE: Virginia Department of Health.

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Paula Lewis' house in Montclair has been plagued by flooding for years. This photograph was taken in late November.

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## A Flood of Relief

### County approves funds to fix stormwater issue in Montclair

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It started out small.

As Bob Harris tells it, a neighbor first noticed problems in 1993 when the planter placed at the back of their yard was flooded from a small creek running through his Montclair neighborhood.

The planter was only a few feet from the creek, which connects downstream to Powells Creek. But the problems escalated and that neighbor has since moved on.

Harris is still in the neighborhood he's called home for 38 years. Although his

house hasn't been affected, when you ask what he knows about the creek, he gives a wry grin.

That's when he'll pull out a roughly 8-inch thick blue folder overflowing with documentation on the problems. He'll show you dozens of photos on the computer of the flooding. He knows the progression of the flooding and the measures that have been taken.

Standing in a different neighbor's backyard Monday, Harris pointed out where those originally flooded planters were. They were tough to find covered in the mud and debris that have plagued a handful of



Sandbags are stacked eight to 10 deep around Paula Lewis' house. This photo was taken Monday.

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## Mass vaccine site planned near Potomac Mills

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A mass COVID-19 vaccination clinic will open at the former Gander Mountain store near Potomac Mills next week.

The clinic will be funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and operated by the state. It will have the capacity to

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administer 3,000 shots a day, according to the Virginia Department of Health, significant-

ly boosting vaccine efforts in Prince William County.

Walmart operated a vaccination clinic at the Gander Mountain location for four days last week, and the Prince William Health District has also used it to administer vaccines. Vac-

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# 102? Let's go horseback riding!

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How do you celebrate a 102nd birthday? If you're Lucia Sines of Bristow, you go horseback riding.

Sines was born March 13, 1919, in Norfolk to Charles and Mary Gregory Sterling and grew up with her older brother and sister in the city's Ocean View neighborhood.

After graduating from Maury High School, she worked for the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co., transferring to the company's Washington office where she retired as a manager in the early 1980s.

Sines has always loved animals, so her companion and live-in caregiver, Linda Wakeley, planned the very special birthday on March 13 with help from friend Shallon Thoreson of Four Winds Farm in Nokesville.

"Four Winds Farm agreed to provide us access to the indoor arena and gave everyone who wanted to participate a quick lesson in horseback riding!" Wakeley said.

The party-goers were also given barn tours and introduced to each horse. After some fellowship, food and "a delicious lemon blueberry birthday cake, we all went to the outdoor arena where Lucia was greeted by all the horses," Wakeley said.

With some help from her friends, Sines climbed into the saddle to mark a remarkable birthday.

"Lucia's lifelong outlook on life is to remain positive and just go with the flow," Wakeley said. "Things always work out."



Lucia Sines of Bristow celebrated her 102nd birthday on March 13 at Four Winds Farm in Nokesville, complete with horseback riding.

PHOTOS COURTESY LISA SPENCER AND DEBBIE SAUNDERS

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property owners around Sheffield Drive and Camelot Court for years.

The creek was drained last weekend, leaving a massive area of devastation

from consistent flooding and water that had been standing for months. Trees were dead. A shed had been moved from its original location. One house was drying out the carpet from the basement.

But the hardest hit was Paula Lewis' house.

From the outside, the house looks as though it belongs in a warzone rather than a quiet subdivision in eastern Prince William. In ways she is fighting a war, but against Mother Nature rather than an invading force.

Her house is surrounded by sandbags stacked eight to 10 deep. What used to be a backyard has not a speck of green grass. A small wooden bridge crossing the creek looks as if it was pulled from the bottom of the ocean.

"This morning I heard it was going to rain, but there was no water in the creek and for some particular reason I felt so relieved. I felt so at peace," she told the Prince William Board of County Supervisors on Tuesday. "I can't even imagine what it is to wake up in the morning happy, to be able to go in my basement and do my laundry like normal people."

Just down the creek sits a small soccer net. Its strings are rotted and the pipes are rusted. Trees clearly show a set of lines moving higher and higher marking the height of the water.

The residents have been trying to have the problem fixed for many years to no avail. But recent state legislation allowed local governments to create grant programs specifically to tackle stormwater management issues.

On Tuesday, the supervisors allocated up to \$200,000 for the Montclair Country Club through its recently established stormwater management grant fund to address the issues.

According to county staff, the flooding has worsened since 2009. It is caused by a deteriorated stormwater pipe across the first hole and driving range of the golf course.

The pipe was installed in the early

1970s, around the same time as the neighborhood was built. County officials have said deterioration of the pipe blocks the free flow of stormwater through it. Even when it's not raining, standing water can reach 6 to 7 feet deep, and county staff called it a drowning hazard.

Brian Shapiro, who lives in Montclair, said the water becomes deep "very quickly" as the existing pipes are overwhelmed.

According to county documents, Montclair received a quote of \$270,000 to fix the issue. The fund requires a contribution of 20%, which would be \$54,000 at that rate. The county's contractor provided a quote of \$170,000 plus a \$30,000 contingency.

Environmental Services Division Chief Marc Aveni said any leftover money will return to the stormwater management grant fund.

To address its contribution to the work, the country club will contribute \$100,000 through an in-kind donation. To achieve this, the country club will allow the county to dispose of excess soil from a nearby stream restoration project at the club. Typically, the county would have to pay disposal fees for the soil, but the country club is waiving the fees. The county will then be able to use those savings as a credit toward the stormwater project.

The agreement for the grant requires the country club to maintain the pipe, but allows the county to do regular inspections and make recommendations for maintenance.

County staff said the contractor plans to start work quickly, possibly this month.

Lewis implored the board to approve the application and said the action would make a direct, substantial and tangible impact on a county resident.

"You will change my life," she said. "You will change my neighbors' life."



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**Total confirmed and probable cases**

Prince William: **41,934 (+706)**

Manassas: **4,159 (+34)**

Manassas Park: **1,169 (+9)**

Statewide: **618,976**

**(+10,272)**

**525 (+1)**

**Deaths**

Prince William: **468 (+1)**

Manassas: **45 (0)**

Manassas Park: **12 (0)**

Statewide: **610,252 (+109)**

**7.4%**

**(up from 7.0%)**

**Average test**

**positivity rate\***

Statewide: **5.8%**

**342,287**

**(+6,799)**

**Tests conducted\***

Statewide: **6.48 million**

**62 (0)**

**Outbreaks\***

Statewide: **2,872 (+64)**

**154,779**

**(+27,907)**

**Vaccine doses**

**administered**

Statewide: **3,700,610**

**(+473,987)**

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### FIRST IN 27 YEARS



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Gar-Field High School football coach Tony Keiling Sr. shows who is No. 1 after his team stunned Freedom 14-9 on Friday night to clinch the Cardinal District championship in this shortened and delayed football season. Freedom had won the past three district titles, while Gar-Field had not won the title since 1994. If Gar-Field can defeat Woodbridge this week, the Indians will enter the Group 6 Region B playoffs as the top seed.

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## Rural area debate heats up

### Independent Hill plan highlights divisions

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It's the 117,000-acre question: What's happening in rural Prince William County?

Well, depends whom you ask.

On one side, it's a war against an invading force of development, with an imaginary barrier standing as the last line of defense.

The other side is perhaps less cohesive, with a wide breadth of motivations and thoughts about the future.

County supervisors and planners have held several long and, at times, heated debates and votes in the past month around the future of the so-called "Rural Crescent."

"We are heading down a path where it's going to be a bumpy

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## McDade earned praise for work in Chicago

### New superintendent promises focus on school needs

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The night that LaTanya McDade, the current chief education officer of Chicago Public Schools, was announced as the next superintendent of Prince William County Public Schools, the praise began pouring in.

Superintendents from school divisions in Indianapolis, Baltimore and elsewhere talked about a friend and educator they saw as prepared to take on the job of leading a large school division such as Prince William's with enrollment of over 90,000 students. Even for-

mer U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan offered congratulations and praise.



LaTanya McDade

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In Chicago, Superintendent Janice Jackson told families in a letter that she would be sad to see McDade go.

"In the past year she has faced challenges experienced by no prior Chief Education Officer, leading the district's efforts to

re-imagine student learning and offer the best possible instruction during the pandemic," Jackson wrote. "I could not be more appreciative of her contributions to our schools, and I am proud she has earned this well-deserved opportunity."

Talking with the media after her announcement March 24, McDade made multiple references to her educational philosophy, starting with individual schools, classrooms and teachers. In particular, she said, when it comes to a diverse school division in a big area like Prince William – where circumstances can vary

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road for us as we work through the rural area,” Planning Commissioner Don Taylor said at the panel’s March 17 meeting. “Unless we put our heads together to address our rural area, the path we’re on right now ... says that our opportunities are quickly eroding.”

The rural area debate has been simmering since late January when the Board of County Supervisors voted along party lines to approve the Preserve at Long Branch, a 99-home development in the rural area. The board’s five Democrats voted for the project, while the three Republicans were opposed.

The rural area was created in 1998, when the county restricted about 117,000 acres, or about 52% of its land, to no more than one home for every 10 acres with strict restrictions on the expansion of public sewer lines. Thus, the proverbial line in the sand was drawn separating rapidly growing Northern Virginia from the countryside.

Earlier this year, preservation activists came out in force to oppose the Preserve, attacking supervisors who they say have betrayed campaign promises to protect the rural area. Despite their pleas, the project was approved.

“They seem to be on their own track and unfortunately it’s taken this county in a very painful direction,” Karen Sheehan, representing the Coalition to Protect Prince William County, said about the board.

For some, the discussion has focused around equity, with supporters of development saying restrictions on land-use hinder the county’s ability to meet its residents’ needs.

But Brentsville District Planning Commissioner Patti McKay said the board’s actions aren’t reflecting equity concerns. She said those who want to protect the rural area are being called “elitist” by not expanding housing opportunities.

“If the Board of Supervisors really felt like this was an equity issue, then I would have liked to see the Preserve at Long Branch have some affordable housing in it,” she said.

**DATA CENTERS THE NEW ISSUE**

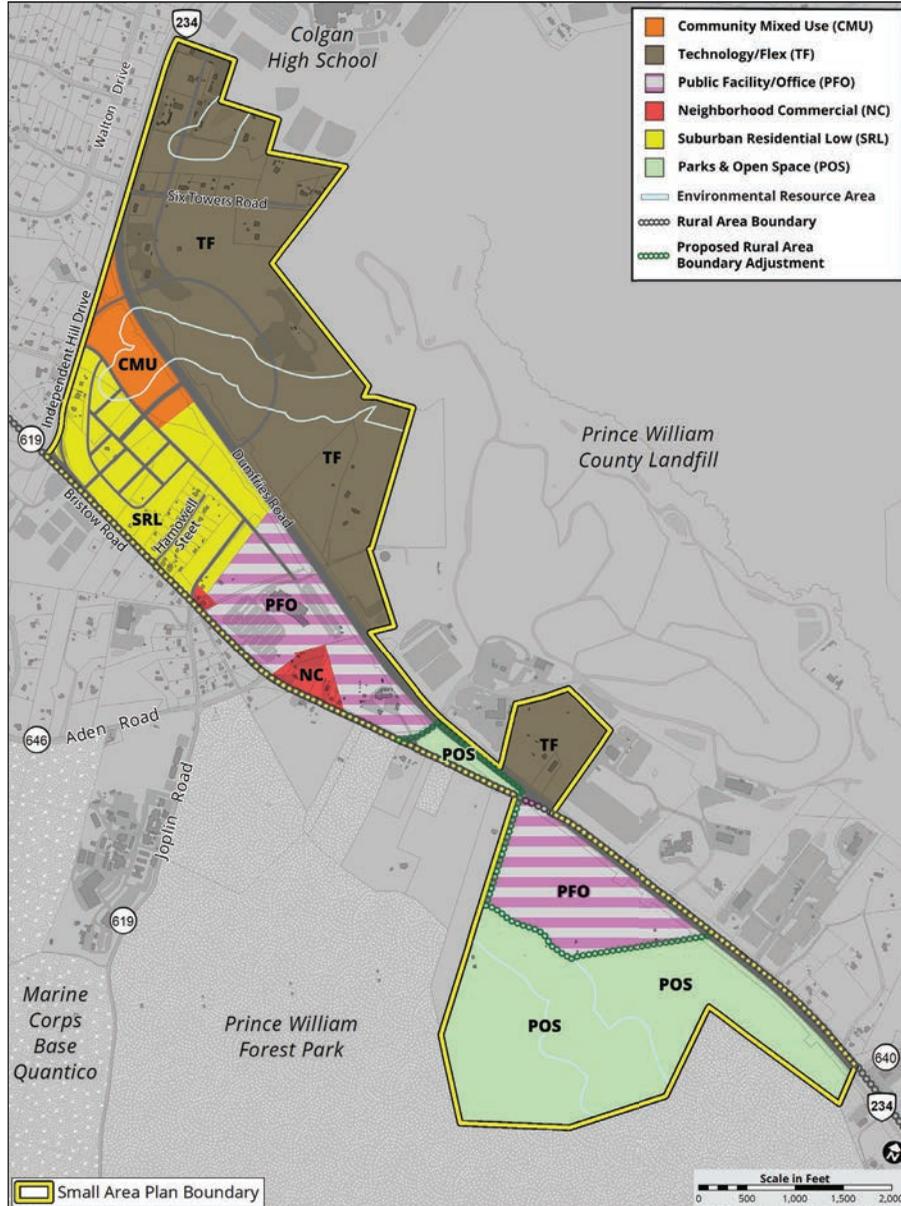
While public sewer is the longtime topic of debate around the rural area, data centers are the new issue raising alarm.

In particular, recent actions by Board Chair Ann Wheeler, D-At-Large, and Supervisor Victor Angry, D-Neabsco, have fired up the board’s three Republicans.

Wheeler and Angry have separately introduced measures focused on holistic views of the county. While not spelled out in black and white, the measures essentially center on the county no longer making decisions looking at development versus rural areas, but at the county as a whole.

“Prince William County is sick, and there are two things that will heal Prince William County. One is vaccines and the other is revenue,” Angry said. “And it takes a holistic approach of looking at this county to figure that out.”

During a board meeting March 3 around 1 a.m., Angry introduced a resolution to identify places in the county that could support the development of data centers. When asked, Angry said he was interested in putting the businesses in the county’s



The Independent Hill small area plan focuses on land near the intersection of Bristow and Dumfries roads.

rural area. Angry painted his proposal as helping to solve concerns about increased tax burdens on homeowners by boosting other revenue sources.

Supervisor Andrea Bailey, D-Potomac, called Angry’s proposal a “big change,” but “a big solution.” Supervisor Kenny Boddye, D-Occoquan, was in favor of first receiving information from county staff about where to put data centers.

“I don’t want us to sort of run headlong into putting them in random places throughout the county and then live with the infrastructure costs of that later,” Boddye said.

Supervisor Jeanine Lawson, R-Brentsville, however, said data center development is more complex than just finding powerline infrastructure. She highlighted potential impacts on the environment, watersheds, national parks and battlefields.

“There’s so many implications to this,” she said to Angry. “For you to whip this out at 1 in the morning tells me that you’re just willing to rubber-stamp whatever the industry wants with no consideration of all of the implications.”

Lawson called the proposal an “absurd development idea,” and fellow Republican Supervisor Pete Candland of Gainesville said he was “very much against” it.

“I find this a really tough pill to swallow because all of those concerns we had when we voted on the rural crescent are coming to fruition,” Candland said. “And all those people who said that we were spreading

misinformation – ‘It’s not going to lead to stuff in the rural crescent. It’s a one-time project’ – you’re wrong and this is what ends up happening. This is extremely disappointing and something I will fight tooth and nail on.”

The board needed to waive its rules to vote on Angry’s resolution, but his motion to do so did not receive a second.

Boddye subsequently issued a directive for county staff to review the existing data center overlay district and consider ways and areas to encourage future development.

The next measure that riled Republican supervisors was on March 9 when Wheeler directed county staff to “look at the entire county holistically” with the Comprehensive Plan update. While saying “preservation tools are great,” Wheeler said she wanted everything on the table, “including the rural area and what the future of the rural area would look like with regards to industrial, commercial and residential.”

Lawson objected to Wheeler’s directive, necessitating a board vote on the motion.

“I do not welcome any notion, any exploration, of commercial and industrial in the rural area,” she said. “You’re trying to put a ribbon on it, but really what you want to do – and you’ve said it so you might as well be more frank about it – is you want to put commercial and industrial in the rural area.”

The directive passed 5-1, with Lawson the sole dissenting vote and Candland and Vega absent.

**What’s Next?**

» The next steps for the rural area will come in Prince William County’s ongoing Comprehensive Plan update.

The plan, which is a guide for land-use decisions, is still being drafted and includes sections on housing, land-use and the rural area. A majority of the plan is expected to be finished in June. It will then go to the Planning Commission for a recommendation before reaching the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

» For more information on the plan and a schedule of the update, visit [pwccgov.org/government/dept/planning/Pages/Comprehensive-Plan-Update.aspx](http://pwccgov.org/government/dept/planning/Pages/Comprehensive-Plan-Update.aspx).

**INDEPENDENT HILL HIGHLIGHTS BATTLE**

The rural battle was in full display with arguments at the March 16 board meeting regarding the Independent Hill Small Area Plan.

The plan covers about 544 acres of land near the Prince William County Landfill, Colgan High School and the Prince William Forest Park. It centers around the intersection of Dumfries and Bristow roads.

The document was added to the Comprehensive Plan and does not change the existing zoning of any properties – it just provides a guide for the county’s future land-use decisions.

“Anything that happens on this site has to come to the board through the rezoning process,” said Planning Director Parag Agrawal.

The sticking point for Republicans was a portion of undeveloped land south of Dumfries Road designated as “public facility office.” The 41-acre property is separated from the forest park in the plan by land designated for open space. One of the uses allowed in a public facility office designation is data center.

Republicans said they supported much of the plan but couldn’t get past the potential changes in the rural portion.

“It opens the door to the rezoning of a data center,” Lawson said. “No matter how it’s spun, it is opening the door to a data center on that land.”

Boddye, who has been a frequent target for his previous statements about the rural area, said even if the small area plan wasn’t approved, landowners can still construct by-right developments that won’t be subject to stricter county regulations regarding trails, connectivity and amenities.

“This notion that somehow we’re protecting this land from sprawl by doing nothing is patently not true,” he said. “It’s a startling pattern to me that in response to these opportunities we have to make real progress in these long-forgotten areas of the county that we stonewall responsible growth, we kill small area plans when we try to, we try to kill smart growth tools.”

Vega attempted to remove the 41 acres from the plan and split it into two parts – one for the portion in the Coles District and another for the part in the Potomac District – but was defeated on party lines. After the second vote failed, Vega and Lawson left the board chambers. A recess was declared before the board returned to ask Angry, who was attending virtually, to drive to the meet-

ing so that a quorum could be assembled since he and Candland were not physically present and Lawson and Vega had left.

During the ensuing recess, Lawson got into heated discussions with Bailey and Wheeler, with the women arguing over respect and the Republican's actions.

The board eventually reconvened with both sides cooling tensions but reiterating their stances. The plan passed 5-3 along party lines.

Supervisor Margaret Franklin, D-Woodbridge, urged her colleagues to tone down their disagreements and work through problems constructively.

"We can disagree on issues without having to be rude or nasty toward one another. So I hope that literally from this point moving forward we can have a respectful and responsible discussion about this issue," she said.

Bailey said the county has the opportunity to have smart growth while preserving, protecting and promoting agricultural uses. She highlighted a recently approved agritourism and arts overlay district that eases regulatory hurdles for agriculture-related businesses.

Bailey said "adversarial conversations" among board members are "not productive" and that elected officials and residents need to have more respectful and thoughtful discussions about the future of the rural area.

"We can't live in our county, particularly in the rural area, in a vacuum," she said. "There has to be an understanding our

county is growing and it's growing exponentially. ... The needs are not what they were in the '60s, '70s or even the '80s."

Vega said land-use "should not be a partisan issue," but "every chance the eastern end supervisors have had a chance to stick it to the central and western end supervisors," they have done so.

"A little bit of respect for the wishes of these residents and their duly elected representatives would do wonders for the cohesiveness of the board," Vega wrote in an email.

Thirty-seven people spoke at a public hearing on the Independent Hill plan, with 22 opposed, 14 in favor and one providing neutral comments.

Melanie Williams, who lives in the rural area, said the county should support data centers along existing power lines to increase its commercial tax base.

"This is the solution," she said. "We can't keep doing things the old way."

Gainesville resident Tony Carpino told the board that it's time to move on from the "one-size-fits-all" land-use policy of the rural crescent.

"It is now 2021 and each area of the county has changed and should be looked at separately to see what makes sense," he said. "For those who want to keep the rural crescent undeveloped, I suggest you purchase the property from the landowners and then you can decide what you would like to see done with the land instead of telling the landowners what you want them to do with their land."

## Planners hesitant on development tools

Prince William County supervisors will soon review a proposal to create several programs focused on preserving rural space and targeting future development.

During its March 17 meeting, the Planning Commission discussed a proposal to create programs focused on the purchase and transfer of development rights in conjunction with a plan for the county's rural area.

The purchasing program would allow landowners in the rural area to sell their right to certain uses of their land to the county, essentially locking their property into rural use.

County planner Alex Stanley said eligible properties would have to be at least 20 acres. Landowners would offer their rights to the county, but the Board of Supervisors would have the final say on whether to purchase them. Stanley said about 15.4% of the rural area, or about 18,000 acres, meets the eligibility requirements.

Stanley provided examples of other localities that have similar programs. Of those presented, Fauquier County had preserved the most land at 4,013 acres at a total cost of \$4.95 million. The funding came from a mix of local, state and other sources.

The commission unanimously recommended approval of the purchasing program but cautioned that funding could be a major hurdle.

The transfer program would encourage private investment to preserve rural areas by allowing developers, rather than

the county, to purchase development rights from rural landowners.

The landowners' property would remain rural, and developers could transfer the development rights to six designated "receiving" areas – two in the rural area and four in the development area. The receiving areas would get additional perks like higher density in return for preserving the rural parcels.

The rural receiving areas are in Nokesville and north of Doves Landing. The development areas are near Virginia Gateway, Innovation Park, Potomac Shores and Potomac Mills.

The more complicated transfer program was presented in conjunction with a plan to create a "conservation residential" zoning designation in the rural receiving areas with higher density, but more required open space.

The commission voted 7-1, with Potomac Commissioner Juan McPhail dissenting, to recommend denial of the transfer program and the rural plan.

Those opposed felt the program was too complex and contradictory by still encouraging development in some parts of the rural area.

Several people spoke in favor of the programs during the hearing on the three proposals.

"We need to look at putting all of the tools in the toolbox," said Jay Yankey, who owns Yankey Farms. "We don't need to limit ourselves to simply one program."

This Google image shows the boundary of the town of Haymarket. The 2010 Census apparently counted about 200 people living in the area of the town north of Interstate 66, where there are only a few houses within town limits. GOOGLE EARTH



# Losing population? What happened in Haymarket?

## Decline attributed to error in 2010 count

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Scouring the plethora of numbers in the 2020 Census could break a person.

When the data were released last month, one of the numbers for Prince William County and its towns last month didn't seem to fit with the rest.

Northern Virginia's population rose by 14.3%, and the combination of Prince William, Manassas and Manassas Park rose by 19.3%. Dumfries jumped by 14.5%, Occoquan increased by 10.8% and even tiny Quantico rose by 20.4%.

But amid all the increases, Haymarket showed a relatively drastic decrease of 13.3%, or 237 residents, from 1,782 in 2010 to 1,545 in 2020.

Haymarket was one of only three incorporated towns in Northern Virginia shown to lose residents, joining Clifton and Middleburg.

So are Haymarket's numbers correct? At least one demographer says mostly, but it's complicated.

Census data is broken down in several different categories at a variety of geographic areas, including state level, locality, congressional districts and magisterial districts.

Numbers are also broken down in what is called blocks, block groups and tracts. Blocks are the smallest dataset and can, as the name suggests, cover just a block. A connected set of those is combined into block groups, which are then grouped into tracts.

Researchers have been sounding the alarm over new methods used in the 2020 Census that have blurred numbers as the data is examined in smaller geographic areas.

The problem with the 2020 data has been that a computer algorithm places people where they don't actually live and scrambles some age and racial demographics to protect privacy. Researchers say the method doesn't affect the numbers at the larger geographic area, but

can cause issues as the dataset gets smaller and smaller.

Hamilton Lombard, a demographer with the University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center, pulled the Census tracts and blocks for Haymarket, Clifton and Middleburg and compared the numbers to 2010.

Clifton lost 39 residents and Middleburg lost four, which Lombard said seems to be symbolic of the problems with numbers in small areas.

In Haymarket, however, one particular tract stood out, so Lombard used county real estate records and satellite imagery to examine the area. Based on that look, it appears that although Haymarket may have been affected somewhat by the algorithm, it was overcounted in 2010 by showing nearly 200 people living on vacant land.

Lombard said it appears the 2020 Census corrected the 2010 mistake, contributing to the reduction in population.

Haymarket's town limits are shaped like a rectangle centered around Va. 55. A small sliver of the town is on the north side of Interstate 66 and includes half of the Haymarket park-and-ride lot and the I-66 interchange with U.S. 15.

The area in question is at the interchange. County real estate records show an approved subdivision of roughly 27 parcels off Old Carolina Road. Five homes have been constructed on six parcels and, based on county records, were built long before the 2010 Census.

Lombard said the 2010 Census showed nearly 200 people living in that undeveloped area, and it's extremely unlikely that a housing development that existed in 2010 was bulldozed.

The only visible changes to the area between January 2012 and June 2021 satellite images are a larger interchange and the park-and-ride lot.

Lombard said the situation in Haymarket, unfortunately, is more of the exception than the rule with population counts in small towns.

"This is kind of a pleasant surprise," he said.

# 'We've had a great run'

## Tim's Rivershore closing after 28 years

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Tim's Rivershore Restaurant and Crab House will close for good Sunday after 28 years on the Potomac River outside Dumfries.

"It's our last weekend in existence here in Dumfries; it's hard to believe," owner Tim Bauckman said in a Facebook Live video earlier this week. "I never thought it would happen this soon."

Tim's has been a favorite in eastern Prince William County for decades, but Bauckman was notified in February that his lease would not be extended. After he announced the restaurant would have to close, thousands took up the cause of saving the business with petitions, a Facebook page and a rally at a Prince William Board of County Supervisors meeting.

On Sept. 30, property management company CHR Properties LLC of Delaware will be granted possession of the property at 1310 Cherry Hill Road under terms of an agreement approved in Prince William County Circuit Court

back in May. CHR officials have said a new restaurant will move into the space, but have not released any details.

The agreement came after a legal battle in which Bauckman filed a complaint in the circuit court to extend his lease. In response, CHR Properties filed a counterclaim demanding more than \$491,000 in unpaid rent, accumulated late fees and damages caused to the property at the end of Cherry Hill Road.

But instead of a drawn-out trial, both parties agreed to let Bauckman wrap things up over the summer, and then everyone will move on.

Bauckman owns three other Tim's restaurants, one at Lake Anna in Mineral, one in Fairview Beach in King George County and the other at Coles Point in Hague.

Bauckman said the Dumfries location will be open this weekend with live music Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights before closing for good. Bauckman said his business operations will move to Tim's II in Fairview Beach for now.

"We've had a great run; we're on our last week," he said. "We appreciate you guys coming all these years."



Tim's Rivershore in Dumfries hosted its last the Not the 4th fireworks show in late June. PAUL LARA | INSIDENOVA

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options had run out, sparking thousands of comments, prayers and public shows of support from residents, businesses and fellow high school athletes across the area.

Throughout his treatments, the western Prince William community has rallied behind the Harris family, hosting fundraisers and prayer chains and organizing a variety of support.

Ryland's health deteriorated this summer, but he did get one last trip with his family to Key Largo, Fla., through the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Ryland wanted to ride in a glass-bottomed boat, and although he had a health scare and briefly landed in the hospital, he got his wish.

Ryland's family says "to know him is to love him." His infectious smile, work ethic and kindheartedness inspired his medical teams and helped power him through cancer treatments, they said.

"He was immeasurably kind and constantly sought to bring joy to as many peo-

ple as possible. He befriended everyone he met and made sure no one was ever left out," his family said in his obituary.

"His huge radiant smile endured through even the most difficult challenges; nothing could wipe it from his face. He was the best son, brother, student, teammate, and friend anyone could ever ask for, always putting others before himself. It was always easy to see why everyone loved Ryland."

Ryland is survived by his mother and father, Gabe and Melissa Harris; his brother, Austin; his sister, Caitlyn; his maternal grandparents, Robert and Faye Brooks, and his paternal grandparents, Darwin and Patricia Harris.

The Sept. 23 memorial service starts at 6 p.m. at the school, 12109 Aden Road in Nokesville. Guests will have the opportunity to pay their respects from 5-6 p.m.

Baker-Post Funeral Home in Manassas is handling the arrangements.