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### This 'Budmo' is for Ukraine



Adrian Owens, left, and Ferdiand McAdoo, with Ornerly Beer Company, feed cans into the filling station, April 27, as eight local brew pubs prepare to sell a dry hop golden ale as a fundraiser for Ukrainian relief efforts. PAUL LARA | INSIDENOVA

### Brewers band together for special batch to aid refugees

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Using a recipe provided by Pravda Brewery in Lviv, Ukraine, eight Northern Virginia brewers have joined forces to raise \$20,000 for Ukrainian refugee relief with a new beer.

Amid the clatter of cans being filled in Randy Barnette's Ornerly Beer Company in Manassas recently, volunteers from numerous breweries in the region turned out to help fill almost 8,000 cans of Putin Huylo golden ale, sold for \$20 a four-pack.

Proceeds from the sale of the special brew will be donated to World

Central Kitchen-Ukraine, GlobalGiving Ukraine Crisis Relief Fund and Pravda Brewery's community relief efforts in Lviv, Ukraine.

Barnette said the beer's recipe – and label – is Pravda Brewery's flagship brew.

"We've done something similar in the past during COVID, offering a collaboration brew for bartenders and servers in the industry that were laid off, so this was a natural event," Barnette said. "I sent emails to about 20 area breweries, and the first eight that responded were all in. We wanted to

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A roll of labels for Putin Huylo are applied to more than 3,000 beer cans at Ornerly Beer Company in Manassas, April 27, as a fundraiser for war-torn Ukraine. PAUL LARA

### Suspect identified in shooting at youth sports fields

#### Chaotic scene described at Benton Middle School

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Police have identified a suspect in the double shooting during youth football games that sent two people to the hospital, one with life-threatening injuries.

Isaiah Malik Gordon, 23, of Harwood Oaks Court in Dumfries, is wanted on two counts of aggravated malicious wounding, possession of firearm on school grounds, two counts of use of a firearm during a felony and two counts of use of a firearm while on school grounds.



ISAIAH MALIK GORDON

#### TIPS SOUGHT

» Anyone with information on Isaiah Malik Gordon's whereabouts is asked to contact the Prince William County Police Department tip line at 703-792-7000 or by submitting a tip online to [pwcva.gov/policetip](http://pwcva.gov/policetip).

for the shooting at Benton Middle School on Sunday, Prince William County

Police Master Officer Renee Carr said.

Attempts to find Gordon had been unsuccessful as of Wednesday afternoon, and police were offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for his arrest.

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# New Entry to Old Town?

## Roundabout proposed for Manassas intersection

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They say you can't square a circle, but the city of Manassas is hoping to use federal money to do the opposite to a four-cornered intersection that serves as a gateway into Old Town.

The plan is to transform the current intersection at Sudley Road, Centreville Road and Prescott Avenue just northeast of Old Town into a \$3.8 million roundabout, with the goal of making it safer and quicker for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists.

To do so, the city has included the project in its RAISE grant application for the adjacent Mathis Avenue revitalization project aimed at beautifying and improv-



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## BEAMING BEAGLE



Beagles rescued from a facility in Cumberland that was closed due to inhumane practices have been relocated and are up for adoption at Homeward Trails Animal Rescue in Fairfax Station.

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# Commission digs into Digital Gateway

## Concerns voiced over visual, environmental impacts

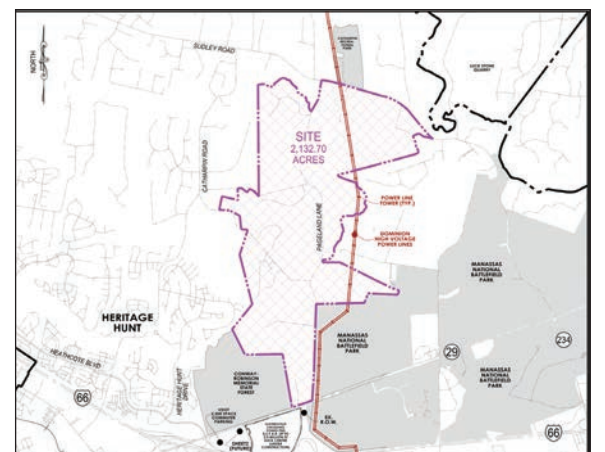
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The PW Digital Gateway has seen its first public review by Prince William County officials, but its fate remains murky as some officials keep their opinions close to the chest.

The Planning Commission held a work session on the proposal on July 20, the first public discussion of the application. Last summer, landowners along Pageland Lane submitted a request to change the land designation of their properties in the Comprehensive Plan from agricultural zoning to technology zoning for the PW Digital Gateway.

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The Board of Supervisors later expanded the request to cover 2,100 acres, which could pave the way for 27.6 million square feet of data centers, nearly as much data center space as is currently in use or under construction in neighboring Loudoun County, the world's largest



concentration of such facilities.

The project has quickly become the most controversial and contentious local land-use proposal in decades. Opponents and proponents have launched personal attacks against each other, and it has spawned recall efforts against Gainesville Supervisor Pete Candland and Board Chair Ann Wheeler.

Supporters of the PW Digital Gateway say it will pro-

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# DATA-THON

## Digital Gateway approved after 14-hour meeting

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Well after the sun rose Wednesday, the page turned to the next chapter for Prince William County – for better or for worse.

Around 9:40 a.m. Wednesday, at the end of a meeting that lasted more than 14 hours, the Board of County Supervisors voted 5-2 along party lines to amend the county's Comprehensive Plan to create the PW Digital Gateway data center complex.

Democratic supervisors Ann Wheeler (At-Large), Kenny Boddye (Ocoquan), Andrea Bailey (Potomac) and Margaret Franklin (Woodbridge) voted in favor of the plan. Republican supervisors Yesli Vega (Coles) and Jeanine Lawson (Brentsville) voted against it.

"This is a bold plan, and it will change the landscape of Prince William County," Wheeler said before the vote.

Supervisor Pete Candland, R-Gainesville, whose district includes the land in the plan, was barred from voting after he signed onto the proposal nearly a year ago. When County Attorney Michelle Robl announced his absence at the start of the meeting Tuesday night, many people watching the meeting in the atrium at the county government center booed.

The project, which proposes 27.6 million square feet of data centers on 2,139 acres along Pageland Lane, became the most controversial and contentious local land-use proposal in decades. Opponents and proponents launched personal attacks against each other, and it spawned recall efforts against Candland and Wheeler, a federal lawsuit against Candland and a federal lawsuit between landowners and



Prince William County Chair Ann Wheeler and supervisors Andrea Bailey and Margaret Franklin voted in support of the PW Digital Gateway plan during a meeting that began Tuesday night and stretched well into Wednesday morning. TAVAN SMITH | FOR INSIDENOVA

**“This is a bold plan, and it will change the landscape of Prince William County.”**

— ANN WHEELER, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAIR, SUPPORTER OF DIGITAL GATEWAY

**“What I’m fearful of is that Prince William County is going to become the concrete belt.”**

— JEANINE LAWSON, BRENTSVILLE DISTRICT SUPERVISOR, OPPONENT OF DIGITAL GATEWAY



Local residents packed into the McCoart Administration Building Tuesday night before the PW Digital Gateway vote. TAVAN SMITH | FOR INSIDENOVA

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