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Goochland County Residents and Guests,

It is my pleasure to introduce myself, my name is John A. Budesky, and I am truly honored to serve as Goochland County's new County Administrator. I have been blessed to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors to fill the position after the retirement of former County Administrator Rebecca Dickson. Ms. Dickson is a dear friend and a talented Administrator who is well respected in the local government profession, she has left big shoes to fill, which I will do to the best of my ability.

I have had the opportunity to serve a number of different communities over my career and I look forward to using what I have learned from those experiences to help Goochland continue our upward trajectory of success. Overall, please know I value this profession and service to the Community tremendously. We do this by operating with high professional standards and strong ethical accountability. We owe it to our citizen's to deliver the services in a highly trustworthy manner.

While I am serving as County Administrator, it takes more than one person for this organization to succeed, it takes a lot of people working together to serve a community of diverse needs, challenges, and perspectives. Goochland is fortunate to have a staff, partners within our schools, and Constitutional Officers with collective capabilities and talents to sustain our current success and position our organization and community for even greater long-term successes. Working together we will continue to serve our growing community. The government organization alone doesn't make a great community. Working with our business community, our not for profit agencies and groups, and countless citizen's in volunteer capacities better position us for the Goochland of tomorrow while being true to the Goochland of our past.

Goochland County is really a gem in this Richmond region and it is an honor to have an opportunity to serve as its leader. Over the coming months and years, I look forward to getting to know the Goochland community and the individuals and businesses that make this place so special.



It's a great day to be in Goochland!
John A. Budesky

Ms. Lascolette – District 1

This Board has earned a reputation for working as team. We each contribute within our area of expertise: finance, construction, information technology, contracts, legislation, and business planning & organization. This multi-faceted approach to the County's business along with a high level of cooperation, respect and willingness to learn has been the secret to our success. This is unique and special and is rarely seen in government at any level.

So, it was heartening that last November, all five of us were re-elected. We are honored by your trust in us and it makes us want to work that much harder for you. Much has been accomplished, but local government is not stagnant and new challenges routinely emerge.

The County Administrator is an integral part of our team and, this year we had the opportunity to hire a new Administrator – Mr. John Budesky (Hanover County). We owe a deep debt of gratitude to Mr. Norman Sales, County Attorney, who wore two hats as he also served as the Interim County Administrator. We also recognize the work of all county staff during this period. Transitions can be a little unnerving, but we saw professionalism and confidence throughout the organization.

The selection of Mr. Budesky was made after much consideration and review through interviews, presentations, background checks and ride-a longs with county staff. It was a thorough process and we were delighted when he accepted our offer. A final confirmation came when he took the oath of office at our July 5th board meeting. In the audience were ALL members of the Hanover County Board of Supervisors, the Hanover County Administrator, Deputy Administrators and other county staff. Their presence displayed a level of respect and appreciation for Mr. Budesky that is hard to fathom in most organizations. I humbly submit to you that Goochland County's pursuit of excellence continues.



Mr. Alvarez – District 2

Over the last five years, with able execution by our two departed leaders, Ms. Becky Dickson and Dr. James Lane, our boards have focused on strengthening our foundation. Our schools now rank among the top in the region. Our County just received a Triple A bond rating and our audit results demonstrate that our finances are in great shape and our financial controls are very strong. It is certainly a better place than it was five years ago. We thank Ms. Dickson and Dr. Lane for their help in putting our County on the right track.

Today I attended the school convocation and the enthusiasm shown by our teachers, administrators, and all our school employees points to another great year full of innovation and learning.

And I am just as excited about the County. Our new County Administrator, John Budesky started officially on August 1. I believe that his knowledge, his experience and his ability to listen and connect with people will ensure that our County continues to work towards achieving our strategic plan goals.

So what about some of those other issues we faced, have you visited Central High School? A major cleanup was undertaken and now some of our departments have relocated to the school while we renovate their space in the administration building. Work on the rest of the building continues, so stay tuned and if you get a chance drop by and take a look.

We have made some progress on Broadband, but not enough. We are currently working with the Commonwealth's Center for Innovative Technology and hope to have a working plan in the very near future. I hope to tell you more at our Town Hall meeting.

Speaking of Town Hall meetings, this fall we will hold the tenth in our district and 50th overall. Our town hall meetings are very informal and provide a great opportunity for ev-



everyone to hear about what's going on in our county, to ask questions or let us know any concerns or suggestions you may have. This year you will have an opportunity to meet our new County Administrator and School Superintendent. So I hope you will make time to attend.

Thanks again for allowing me to serve you and as always, please call me or e-mail me if you have any concerns or if I can help you with anything.

Mr. Creasey – District 3

Reflecting back on the first year of my third term as your Supervisor, it is amazing how much has occurred in such a short time. First off, thank you for the honor to serve you again for the next four years. It is truly exciting times in the County with a number of things occurring that will benefit the County and you my fellow citizens.

Earlier this year the County bid farewell to Ms. Rebecca T. Dickson, whose tireless efforts brought Goochland County to where we are today. Following her retirement, the Board of Supervisors were faced with one of the most important decisions of our term, the naming of a new County Administrator. After a thorough search process the Board chose Mr. John A. Budesky as Goochland's new County Administrator. Mr. Budesky brings years of experience from a number of localities that will help continue the County's success. During this same time, Goochland County Public Schools bid farewell to Dr. James Lane and chose Dr. Jeremy Raley to serve as the new Superintendent. Both Mr. Budesky and Dr. Raley will help the County grow and succeed in the future.



Speaking about growth, the County continues to have great success with economic development projects in West Creek and the Notch at West Creek. While the majority of economic development activity is in eastern Goochland, it still will benefit the entire County as a whole. In my District specifically, the County recently rezoned key property in the Courthouse Village at the intersection of Sandy Hook and Fairground Roads in an effort to promote future economic development.

In other activity, the County's multi-year project to upgrade our public safety communications system continues to move forward. Soon the new Emergency Communications and Operations Center will be up and running, which combined with the new communications system, will benefit both the Sheriff's Office and Fire-Rescue. Finally, I am excited about the enhancements Goochland County Parks & Recreation and the Friends of Goochland Parks have made to Tucker Park at Maidens Crossing including an improved parking lot and a new kayak and canoe launch on the eastern side of Maidens Road.

These are only a snap shot of the many activities occurring across the County now and in the near future. Thank you for the honor to serve you, the citizens, I look forward to continuing to improve Goochland County on your behalf.

Mr. Minnick - District 4

It's a real pleasure to welcome our new County Administrator, Mr. John Budesky, to the Goochland family and I wish him much success. John, of course, will be getting his arms around many topics of interest and you'll be seeing him at many local events as he gets settled into his new surroundings.

While on the topic of "change", over the next months and years our community will see a number of evolutionary changes occurring in neighborhoods, our schools, and county administration. Change, as usual, requires an engaged and interested citizenry and there is no better place to be engaged and active than in Goochland County. Specifically, I'd like to encourage everyone to take notice of the Animal Shelter and a rather urgent requirement to replace our existing structure with a new facility. But whether it's involvement in the new Animal Shelter, Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services, your child's schools, local boards and commissions, or attending a Town Hall meeting, please take advantage of having your voice heard and let us know what you think.

If you want to know what one of the keys to our success is over the past years, look no further than the Constitutional Offices (and officers) and the leadership of our volunteers and staff in Fire Rescue. As always, I appreciate all the hard work that our Fire/EMS and Sheriff do to keep us safe and secure. I would also like to thank our Constitutional Offices for working so closely together as a unified Goochland team.



Mr. Peterson - District 5

Goochland County is a unique and special place. We are blessed with beautiful landscapes. Our citizens are informed, engaged and generously volunteer their time and energy toward making the county a better place to live, work and play. The team of elected and appointed officials and county staff in Goochland work together in an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect to deliver the kind of government that all deserve and few receive. One that listens to its citizens, uses common sense, sets the right priorities, provides high quality services in an efficient and transparent manner, and holds itself accountable to the citizens it serves.

Goochland County is a compelling example that government can function properly when citizens and elected officials work together as a team. Our policies have kept taxes significantly lower than the surrounding counties, which has ignited economic development and created hundreds of new jobs here in Goochland. Economic development and new housing alternatives in the designated growth areas mean that more Goochland residents will have the opportunity to spend their lives in Goochland without being forced to leave in search of work or a place to live. And our public schools continue to lead the way, bringing innovation and enlightened thinking to the task of educating our children. Our schools and teachers have received numerous awards and honors from outside organizations. Goochland's public safety team is second to none, and routinely risks their lives to minimize property damage and loss of life in our county. We are always looking for ways to do better, so please feel free to contact us if we can be of assistance. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.



Goochland County Board of Supervisors & School Board Joint Town Hall Meetings - Fall 2016	
District 1	District 1 Monday - October 24, 7 p.m. Byrd Elementary School 2704 Hadensville-Fife Road
Districts 2 & 3	Districts 2 & 3 - Tuesday, October 18, 7 p.m. Pamunkey Regional Library - Goochland 3075 River Road West
Districts 4 & 5	Districts 4 & 5 - Wednesday, October 12, 7 p.m. Hermitage Country Club 1248 Hermitage Road
All Town Hall Meetings are open to the Public!	

Goochland County Public Schools

One of our division's five core values, optimism, comes to the forefront this year as a theme that was unveiled at the division's annual convocation that took place on August 12. Optimistic About Our Future is a theme that new Superintendent Jeremy J. Raley will introduce to the community based upon the irrefutable evidence that our beliefs about the abilities of children have an impact on their achievement. Raley started working in Goochland at the start of July, and will be implementing a comprehensive entry plan that was presented at the school board's August 9 meeting. "I have been hearing about the great work taking place in this community dedicated towards the growth of our children, and I am so excited to be here. It is clear Goochland is an amazing place and our school division is on course to continue to work towards our mission of preparing our students to improve their community and their world."



Also new to the Goochland Schools community this year is GHS principal Christopher Collier, GHS assistant principal

Christin East will be joining the team at Randolph Elementary in the capacity as part-time assistant principal.

Over the past year, Goochland celebrated a number of successes. Dr. Stephen Geyer, Assistant Superinten-

in the region for reading **2nd**

1st **in the region for mathematics**

1 of 10 divisions to be fully-accredited over the past 10 years

dent of Instruction, received the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award from James Madison University. Byrd Elementary School was named a Distinguished Title I School by the Virginia Department of Education. Goochland Middle School was inducted into the Virginia Schools to Watch program. Goochland High teacher Kenny Bouwens was named Teacher of the Year by the Virginia Technology and Engineering Education Association. Goochland's one-to-one program was recognized by Apple as a Distinguished Program. Our student athletes continued to soar, with the high school's girl's volleyball team winning a state championship. Finally, Goochland continues to be one of just a handful of school divisions in Virginia to have 100% of its schools meet or exceed state standards of accreditation. There is no doubt that there will be more to celebrate this coming year! We invite the community to visit our website, follow our Twitter and Instagram accounts, and like us on Facebook to stay engaged with the schools. We also welcome you to visit the schools in person, learn about volunteering opportunities, and to learn about how optimistic we are about our future!

Matthew Mason, and GHS assistant principal Rachel Wilborn. "All three of us couldn't be more excited about serving the students and families here in Goochland," according to Collier. "We're proud to join the bulldog family and can't wait to meet each and every one of our students."

Kathryn Sullivan was named supervisor of transportation. Rob Lawrence was named supervisor of maintenance.

www.glnk12.va.us

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Are You and Your Family Prepared?

Most of us think of Goochland County as a quite peaceful place to live, work, and recreate. However, every few months Mother Nature has a tendency to remind us that the peaceful, serene environment can change in short order. Are you and your family prepared?

Over the past several years Goochland County has experienced significant winter weather events, severe spring storms, several tornadoes, a phenomenon known as a Derecho, and who can forget the earthquake of August 23, 2011. Each of these events had significant impact to our power grid and other infrastructure impacts.

Each of us has a responsibility to be prepared for the impact of these and other natural and man-made events. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recommends that you have enough provisions on hand to sustain you and your family (pets too) for at least 3-days. This includes one-gallon of water per person and pet per day, non-perishable food, medicine, flashlight(s), portable battery or crank powered radio, extra batteries, manual can opener, blankets, first aid supplies, and non-electric games to keep the kids occupied.

To assist in keeping residents informed, Goochland County has an emergency notification system called Code Red. Residents and Business owners can go on-line (www.goochlandva.us/407/Register-for) and register their telecommunication devices. In the event of a significant emergency the county has the ability to send emergency information to both land lines as well as registered wireless devices.

<http://goochlandva.us/304/Fire-Rescue-and-Emergency-Services>

ReadyVirginia.gov

3-Day Emergency Kit Recommendations:

- Non-perishable food for those with dietary needs
- Food that will not spoil and does not require electricity for preparation
- 3 meals per person per day
- Something to eat with
- A gallon of water per person per day
- Battery-powered or hand cranked radio
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Wrenches or pliers for turning off the utilities before evacuating
- Local and/or regional map. Using that will save your smart-phone battery power
- Whistle to assist in calling for help
- Medications and spare prescription eye wear
- Don't forget your pets!

STRATEGIC PLAN REPORT CARD - FEBRUARY 2016

INDICATOR/MEASURE	CY2014 ACTUAL	CY2015 ACTUAL	CY2016 ACTUAL
GOAL 1: EFFICIENT, EFFECTIVE, AND TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT WITH EMPHASIS ON CUSTOMER SERVICE EXCELLENCE			
Competitive Real Estate Tax Rate	\$0.53 per \$100	\$0.53 per \$100	\$0.53 per \$100
Citizen Satisfaction Ratings: Accountability; Customer Service; Quality of Services	N/A	N/A	90%+ Good to Excellent
GOAL 2: BALANCED DEVELOPMENT THAT CONTRIBUTES TO THE WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY AND PRESERVES ITS RURAL CHARACTER			
Commercial/Residential Real Estate Ratio	17.4% /82.6%	18.6% /81.4%	19% /81%
Building Permits (New Residential & Commercial)	R=366, C=71	R=403, C=94	R=400, C=100
New Taxable Commercial Investment in County	\$24.2 million	\$25.0 million	\$25 million
New Commercial Investments within Eastern Growth Management Area	N/A	\$12.9 million (52%)	\$13 million (52%)
New Commercial Investments within TCSD	\$6.4 million (26%)	\$0.7 million (3%)	\$5.0 million (20%)
GOAL 3: EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT			
Liquidity – General Fund Balance: Unassigned as percentage of budget	0.422	0.418	0.4
Debt Service – Expenditures as % of Budget	0.066	0.051	0.051
GFOA Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting	Received	Receive (application submitted)	Receive
Credit Rating – Attain Highest Possible	AAA, received February 2015	AAA, received February 2015	AAA
GOAL 4: HIGH QUALITY CORE SERVICES INCLUDING EDUCATION, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND COMMUNITY HEALTH			
Property Loss Rate (to Fire)	688071	1525497	Less than \$700,000
Patrol Area Covered per Deputy	44.3 Miles	41.1 Miles	41.1 Miles
Poverty Rate – All Ages Estimate (per Census)	0.075	N/A	Less than 7.5%
EMS Response – at or Below Established Standards	0.45	0.77	1
GOAL 5: POSITIVE WORK ENVIRONMENT WITH A HIGHLY QUALIFIED, DIVERSE WORKFORCE			
Voluntary turnover	0.13	0.13	Less than 10%
Percent of job applicants meeting minimum criteria	N/A	0.53	0.55
Diversity of County Workforce: Minorities as %	0.1	0.11	At Least 11%

* source FY 17 Budget Presentation - February 22, 2016

What's Happening in Economic Development

West Creek continues to attract new business. The Notch, the newest phase of development, is adding to its resume of tenants. The latest, Richmond Plastic Surgeons (RPS), has signed an 11-year lease for 6,200 square feet in the 62,000-square-foot Medarva Building. The strategic location of The Notch at West Creek with its proximity to the West End's amenities and its convenient access to the surrounding areas makes it an ideal location. RPS is relocating from the St. Mary's Hospital campus.

"There's an increasing recognition that, with traffic and the growth in the suburbs, there probably needs to be a redistribution of office space to make physicians more accessible to their patients. That's what we're seeing — some physicians are relocating from being on the hospital campus to being more convenient to their patients." said Bruce Kupper, CEO of Medarva.

Several other medical related projects are coming or soon to arrive in Goochland County; an additional 120,000-square-foot medical office building is planned for the West Creek Medical Park. Resource Healthcare of America(RHA) is seeking up to \$15 million in revenue bonds to construct a 35,000-square-foot facility in the eastern part of the County. The plan is to construct 48 memory care units which would in turn create 37 full time employment opportunities that would include nursing and administrative positions. An additional 50 part-time positions would also accompany the facility for support staff such as cooks and housekeepers.

Goochland County is committed to attracting and retaining the best people and businesses. We are also focused on assisting our existing businesses who wish to grow all while preserving Goochland's rural character. Goochland is currently working with numerous prospective businesses; however these efforts take time and are often confidential in nature. Please know there is much going on and we are working diligently to bring quality commercial development to the County.

www.goochlandforbusiness.com





Additional Plastics, Caps, Cartons Added to Recycling Program
 With the advancements of technology and new markets - additional plastic bottles and containers types identified with the number 1 through 7 are now recyclable. This includes plastic lids and caps. Waxy coated food and beverage cartons are also recyclable through CVWMA's residential (curbside) and drop-off recycling programs. Simply rinse out bottles and cartons and replace the plastic cap back on to be recycled. Styrofoam, plastic bags, and food contaminated pizza boxes are not recyclable. Refrain from putting other things in your recycling container, such as those listed below with the red strike-through. Unacceptable items will be removed and sent to a landfill; they may also contaminate (and make unrecyclable) the items that can be recycle in this area.

<http://www.gochlandva.us/255/Solid-Waste-Recycling>



CVWMA Questions? Call the Recycling Hotline at **340-0900** or visit **www.cvwma.com**

County Construction Project Update

A number of important construction projects are occurring around the County that will benefit citizens well into the future. Below is a short update regarding these projects; additional information will be released in the future as progress continues.

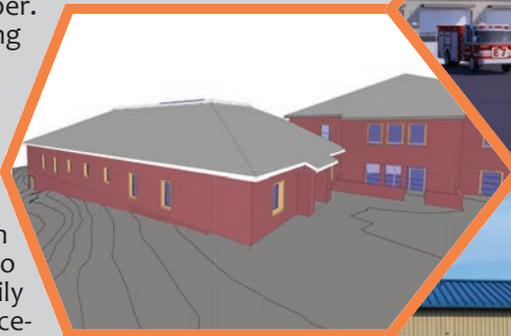
Company 6 Fire Station

Work continues on the new Company 6 Fire Station being built at 4810 Three Chopt Road in Hadensville. The new 12,000 sq. ft. Station with three apparatus bays, three bunk rooms, a public meeting space, and a day room will replace the current outdated Company 6 Fire Station. Construction on the building and site is expected to be completed around late November or early December. Stay tuned for more information on the ribbon cutting and activation of this new County public safety asset.



Public Safety Radio Project

One of the most important projects for the County is the replacement and upgrading of the County's Public Safety Radio system. Brought about because of a federal mandate, the County has been hard at work planning to replace and enhance the radio system that public safety uses to communicate on a daily basis. This all encompassing project involves the replacement of radio equipment, end-user equipment, six communication towers and the building of a new Emergency Communication Center/Emergency Operation Center (see below). Work on the project continues with three towers already built or upgraded, construction on two of the towers is set to begin in September/October with work on the final tower occurring in late 2016. The project is expected to be complete by mid to late 2017.



Emergency Communication Center (ECC)/Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

The ECC/EOC is an important component of the overall Public Safety Radio Project, which is approximately 55% complete. The new 8,400 sq. ft. addition will provide additional space to accommodate the new Public Safety Radio communication system, E-911 operations and the much needed space for an Emergency Operations center in the event of a natural or man-made disaster. This space will more adequately support the County's public safety agencies now and well into the future.



This November's election day turnout is expected to be particularly heavy in Goochland.

The county had the highest percentage turnout of active voters in the entire Commonwealth in 2008 and 2012. This year's turnout is expected to increase. With 15,981 active voters and an anticipated turnout of about 90% we can expect long lines. The polling places will be open for 13 hours — from 6 am to 7 pm. Anyone in line at 7 pm will still be allowed to vote. Please be patient and courteous to your Officers of Election. They will be working hard to ensure your vote is counted.

Please be Prepared!

- Please make up your mind about who you want to vote for before you arrive. You will be asked to vote for President, for a Representative to Congress, for a special election for Commonwealth's Attorney. You will also be asked to vote Yes or No on two proposed Amendments to the Virginia Constitution. Educate yourself on the issues and arrive prepared.
- Please also remember to bring a valid Photo ID. Have it ready when you approach the Electronic Poll Book so you may be issued your ballot as quickly as possible. If you do not have a valid Photo ID you may come to the office of the General Registrar and have one made free of charge.
- New residents may register to vote as soon as residency is established. Residents who move within the County must also notify the Registrar. Voter registration forms are located at libraries, selected government agencies, [online](#), and the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). In Virginia, voters do not register by party affiliation.

Important Dates

- September 23, 2016 - First Day to Absentee Vote
- October 17, 2016 - Last Day to Register to Vote or Make Changes
- October 29, 2016 - Absentee Voting in the Registrar's Office from 9-5
- November 1, 2016 - Last Day to Apply for an Absentee Ballot by Mail
- November 5, 2016 - Last Day to Apply for an Absentee Ballot in Person. Absentee Voting in the Registrar's Office from 9-5
- November 8, 2016 - General and Special Elections

Qualified Voters

- Resident of VA
- US Citizen
- 18 years old
- Can't be registered to vote in another state
- Not declared mentally incompetent by court of law
- If convicted of a felony, your right to vote must be restored before you are permitted to vote
- Bring a photo ID

For questions, please contact the Goochland County Registrar's Office - **Frances C. Ragland: Director of Elections & General Registrar**

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm
Phone: [804-556-5803](tel:804-556-5803)
Email: fragland@goochlandva.us
Webpage: www.goochlandva.us/359/Voter-Registration-Elections

Address: 1800 Sandy Hook Road
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PO Box 1013
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Community Development Customer Service Center

In support of the Board's strategic Goal of efficient and effective government, emphasizing on customer service, renovations to the Administration building are underway to create a "one stop shop" for Community Development services. The estimated completion of this project is the end of 2016. In the mean time, please visit our offices in our temporary location at the Central High School Complex – 2748 Dogtown Road, Goochland, VA 23063. We are open and ready to serve customers and citizens.

<http://goochlandva.us/159/Community-Development>

Our Employees Make the Difference

We all know that a good life starts with a great job. That's why it's so important for you to successfully pursue a position that can make you happy and can keep you fulfilled, a job that best suits your talents, skills and personality, that taps your full potential. At Goochland County, we understand and encourage that philosophy – that a great job can be the start of a list of accomplishments and personal satisfaction. We believe that work can, and should, be enjoyable as well as challenging. We believe that talented people keep our County strong and that one single person can make a difference. We're always looking for quality people who can grow with us.

<http://goochlandva.us/229/Human-Resources>

The Department of Animal Protection now has new extended hours at the animal shelter and for service calls. The animal shelter, located at 1900 Hidden Rock Lane, is now open Tuesday and Wednesday from 4PM to 6PM, in addition to our regular hours of Tuesday-Wednesday 9AM – 1PM, Thursday-Saturday 9AM – 2PM. These new hours make the shelter more accessible for citizens who are trying to locate a lost pet or those who may wish to view animals available for adoption.

For service calls in the field, Animal Protection Officers are currently on duty seven days a week from 7AM to 5PM. Extended regular business hours have been added beginning Tuesday through Saturday until 11PM. Officers are available for emergency calls Sunday and Monday evenings. The new evening officer hours are the result of a new officer position established in early 2016. Officer Taliaferro is our current evening officer. Please don't hesitate to contact Animal Protection if you need assistance after 5PM. Contact Animal Protection at 556-5302, in an emergency dial 911.



<http://goochlandva.us/299/Animal-Protection>

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Anti-Litter & Recycling Council	556-5850
Board of Supervisors	556-5811
Building Inspections	556-5815
Commissioner of Revenue	556-5807
Community Development	556-5860
Community Services	556-5400
County Administration	556-5811
County Assessor	556-5853
Economic Development	556-5862
Enviro. Land Dev. Review	556-5860
Finance	556-5801
Development Review	556-5860
Geographical Info. System	556-5832
Health Department	556-5843
Human Resources	556-5831
Information Systems	556-5808
Office of Children's Services	556-5875
Parks, Recreation, & Facilities	556-5854
Planning and Zoning	556-5860
Public Utilities	556-5835
Purchasing	556-5802
Registrar	556-5803
School Board	556-5630
Social Services	556-5880
Solid Waste and Recycling	556-5860
Treasurer's Office	556-5806

Getting the information you need is sometimes difficult, and it only gets more difficult when you are in need of help quickly. The new Community Care mobile app, available for Apple and Android devices, provides Goochland residents and families with the information they need in a quick, easy-to-navigate format.

Whether it's help with parenting support, disabilities, mental health, substance abuse, or education, the Community Care app will help connect users to the right people who can provide the needed assistance. The interactive app allows users to browse by category or search resource descriptions and discover the resources available, where they are located as well as pertinent contact information. The app is linked to your device mapping feature whereby driving directions can be accessed simply by clicking on the address.

According to Mills Jones, Director of the Goochland County Office of Children's Services, "Goochland is only the second locality in Virginia to develop a resource like this. Now, help is available at the touch of a button- all you need is a smart phone."

The app was developed through a regional grant administered by United Methodist Family Services in partnership with the Office of Children's Services, Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services, Goochland Powhatan CSB, Goochland Department of Social Services, Goochland County Public Schools, Goochland YMCA, Elk Hill Community Services, and the Children's Mental Health Resource Center. Download the Community Care app to your Apple or Android phone today! <http://goochlandva.us/234/Office-of-Childrens-Services>



And the awards go to... Goochland County!

Goochland County is the recipient of two 2016 awards, the Digital Counties Survey award from the Center for Digital Government and the Governor's Technology Award. Goochland County ranked 7th in the category of populations up to 150,000 for the Digital Counties Survey and Best Citizen Portal for the Governor's award. These awards are an important acknowledgment of Goochland County's use of technology to improve citizen services and organizational efficiency. The use of such technologies as Office 365, mobile solutions for the workforce, online mapping, dedication toward broadband infrastructure and the County's new web portal are the areas that contributed to Goochland's recognition of being a top 10 Digital County and Governor's award recipient.

Mrs. Foote, IT Director for Goochland County accepting Governor's award with Secretary of Technology, Karen Jackson and VITA Chief Information Officer, Nelson Moe. www.covits.virginia.gov

Summer is fading, fading, fading, into Fall!

The summer in Goochland County was a hot one and not just in temperature. Parks, Recreation and Facilities was hard at work ensuring that all County residents had plenty of opportunities to enjoy the summer fun!

The annual fireworks show hosted 12,000 people, summer camps and programs registered 1,156 participants, and two new facilities opened! Matthews Park and the Tucker Park boat ramp (eastern side of rt. 522) opened in late summer, just in time for folks to experience new park opportunities before school started!

The Recreation and Maintenance Teams are hard at work ensuring that Fall programs are developed, athletic fields are ready for fall seasons, and that leisure opportunities are available for all interests and ages.

Stay tuned to our Facebook page for periodic updates and stay on the lookout for continued facility enhancements at the Central High School Cultural and Educational Complex, Tucker Park, the Court House Green, and Leakes Mill Park. Don't forget about the Fall Festival! See you in the parks!

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