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## Prince William County Awards Contract For New Development Management System

Prince William County has selected the software and technology provider **EnerGov Solutions** to support the County's regulatory management of local development projects.

The County's development review agencies are replacing an aging system with EnerGov's state-of-the-art internet browser-based enterprise server platform. This is a much needed improvement that will deploy the new software across the County to serve employees, contractors, builders, and property owners.

The focus of the new Development Management System (DMS) is to have an enterprise application that is fully integrated with the County's Geographic Information System (GIS). It will support the development processes for permitting, plan review, inspections, code enforcement, project/case management, economic development, and other development activities.

EnerGov technologies will streamline the County's development review and regulatory land management processes. During a development project review, the amount of cross-agency communication can be lengthy and detailed. EnerGov's software will facilitate collaboration among agencies and customers, and accelerate the review process.

Once completely implemented, the new system will offer more transparency and allow for the County to expand its ability to provide leading edge technology such as electronic plan submittal and review. "The new technology will open the door to so

many new possibilities, which we have previously been unable to provide to our customers" said Mr. Wade Hugh, Development Services Director.

The awarded contract of \$1.86M includes software, professional services, customizations, and training. The contract also includes a cooperative use/buyer agreement which is extended to other United States municipalities for a period of 2 years.

The competitive selection of a software provider involved issuing a public request for proposal with a number of candidate companies responding. A 12 person multi-agency team assessed each proposal with due diligence and independently determined that EnerGov was the most qualified to meet the County's needs.

EnerGov was selected based on their ability to provide the best possible technology with future evolutionary potential of the system. "After the review process ended, EnerGov clearly stood out as the best choice. We are excited to have them as our development partner. Their reputation and history of success gives us great confidence in our decision," said Mr. Thomas McQuillan, Chief Information Officer

EnerGov Solutions is based in Duluth, Georgia and is recognized as a global leader in government software solutions. EnerGov provides transparent online solutions that make government services available 24/7 and facilitates citizen participation and input in the development process. Information about EnerGov is available at [www.energov.com](http://www.energov.com).

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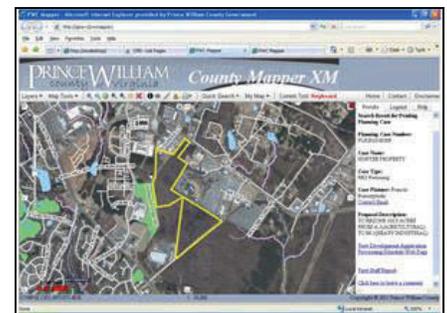
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(703) 792-6825

**Department of Fire & Rescue**  
**Fire Code Compliance and Permits**  
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(703) 792-6360

**Department of Information Technology**  
**Geographic Information Systems Office**  
[www.pwccgov.org/GIS](http://www.pwccgov.org/GIS)  
(703) 792-6840

## Special Use Permit Information on County Mapper

The newly developed Use Permit layer is now available on County Mapper XM. This layer shows the location and case number for all active [special use permits](#), provisional use permits and [non-conforming use permits](#). The layer will be grouped with the other land development layers that provide zoning information to make County Mapper a more comprehensive source of zoning information. County Mapper is the County's web-based geographic information system available at [www.pwccgov.org/countymapper](http://www.pwccgov.org/countymapper). For additional information on special use permits and non-conforming uses contact the Zoning Office at 703-792-8154 or [zoning@pwccgov.org](mailto:zoning@pwccgov.org).



## New Consolidated Agenda Speeds Board Hearings

The Board of County Supervisors has adopted a new public hearing process (Consolidated Agenda), that will allow staff to forgo a formal presentation if all issues have been resolved. Modeled after the very successful Expedited Agenda process that the Planning Commission uses, the Consolidated Public Hearing process allows for the applicant to work with staff and the Supervisors to identify issues or concerns early in the process and to forgo a formal presentation if no concerns have been raised or if issues have been resolved. It also allows more time for the Board of County Supervisors to discuss cases with outstanding concerns.

The Board of County Supervisors will still be provided with a complete application package including a detailed staff report and recommendation with all supporting materials. All reports will still be available for public review. The Board can still ask questions and the public is still given an opportunity to speak about the cases. The only change is that the Planning Office will not give a formal presentation for cases with no unresolved issues.

The Planning Office will only recommend Consolidated Agenda status upon consultation with the District Supervisor for projects with PC and staff support and with no outstanding concerns from the community. To make sure that cases are thoroughly vetted and issues are addressed, any Supervisor can request that a case be pulled from the Consolidated Agenda. If a particular issue rises to the level that staff or



the applicant would like to discuss with the Board, the case would not be scheduled on the Consolidated Agenda. The hope is that this will make everyone work harder to address issues between the community, applicant, PC, and staff.

The principal purpose of the Consolidated Agenda is to encourage everyone involved in the development review process to work out issues as early as possible and allow for more attention to cases with unresolved issues. The Consolidated Agenda process will allow the Board to spend more time on applications with unresolved issues and quickly approve projects with no issues while preserving the opportunity for public comment.

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## Storm Water Management Regulation Update

The revised Virginia Storm Water regulations went into effect on October 5, 2011. However, localities have up to July 1, 2014 to implement their programs. Prince William County is looking at programs and ordinances to comply with the new regulations. The development industry will be asked to participate in this process.

Virginia is now developing a model storm water ordinance that localities can use to create their local ordinance. The state is asking localities to implement both the new storm water regulations and the new Virginia Storm Water Management Program construction general permits on July 1, 2014.

To learn more about the regulations, please visit <http://www.dcr.virginia.gov>.

## Upcoming Events

### Planning Commission McCoart Administration Building

#### Public Hearings (Board Chambers)

- Dec. 7 7:00pm Public Hearing
- Jan. 18 7:00pm Public Hearing

#### Work Sessions (Potomac Conference Room)

- Nov. 16 6:00pm  
Staff - Christopher Price, PWC Planning Director

*"Innovation Town Center"*

*"Development of a Drinking Water Reservoir Protection Overlay District."*

- Jan. 18 6:00pm  
*"Purcell Road - Designation within the Comprehensive Plan's Thoroughfare Plan"*

- Feb. 15 6:00pm  
*"Review of the County's telecommunications policies within the Comprehensive Plan"*

*For more information*

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### Site Plan Improvement Committee Meeting

Development Services Building  
Conference Room 107 A&B

- *No Meeting Scheduled*

*For more information*

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### Builder Developer Advisory Group

McCoart Administration Building  
Board Chambers

- December 13 2:00pm

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### Commercial Development Committee Quarterly Meeting

Development Services Building  
Conference Room 107 A&B

- January 11 2:00pm

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# Seasonal Advisory

## from the Prince William County Department of Fire & Rescue

### Freezing Sprinkler Pipes

Frigid temperatures can wreak havoc on automatic sprinkler systems. Diligence in maintaining the automatic sprinkler systems during the winter months in your building can prevent costly repairs and possible interruption of building use.

To avoid the pipes from freezing, the heating devices in areas with wet pipe sprinkler should be checked and the drum drips for the dry pipe sprinkler systems should be drained often (i.e. a minimum once a week when there is a potential for freezing temperatures).

If a pipe, on an automatic sprinkler system, is damaged due to freezing water in the pipe, a sprinkler contractor may conduct emergency repairs to place the system back in operating condition. An emergency repair permit must be obtained at the permit counter in Building Development Services located at 5 County Complex in Woodbridge. Although the permit is not required to complete the repair work, it must be obtained the next business day following the repair work. The fire protection permit (FPP) will allow the contractor to schedule and complete the needed fire inspection on the repair. The permit is verification the work has been completed and is in compliance with the applicable code requirements of Prince William County.

Please visit our web site at [www.pwcgov.org/FMOPlanReview](http://www.pwcgov.org/FMOPlanReview).

### Temporary Heaters

LP gas salamander heaters are very efficient in providing temporary heat on job sites, particularly when the size of the building makes other heaters impractical. They are portable easy to set up and very helpful in assisting certain construction applications to include drywall finishing.

Fires that occur from LP gas salamander or other temporary heating devices normally result from units that are placed too close to combustible materials (paper, wood, plastics, etc.), near flammable solvents and paints, or heating devices that are not functioning or set up properly.

The Virginia State Fire Prevention Code (SFPC) does address the use of these devices and has specific code requirements related to their use under section 1403 of the SFPC.

- Temporary devices shall be listed and labeled in accordance with the mechanical and fuel gas code. Installation, maintenance, and use shall be according to the terms of the listing.
- LP gas heaters fuel supplies shall comply with Chapter 38 of the SFPC and the fuel gas code. (Cylinders shall be secured and heating device supply lines protected from damage that could result in potential leaks).
- Refueling of liquid fueled shall be conducted when unit is cooled (section 3405 of the SFPC).
- Clearance from combustibles shall be maintained in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations noted on the equipment label. Always maintain a minimum distance of at least three feet from any combustible materials and observe an overhead clearance of at least six feet to prevent fires. When in operation, temporary heating equipment shall be fixed in place and protected from damage, dislodgement, or overturning based on the manufacturer's instructions.
- The use of these temporary heating devices shall be **supervised and maintained by competent personnel**. They should be as safe as the permanent installations.

Temporary heating devices have a label indicating the manufacturer's guideline recommendations on its use and the distance requirements from combustibles.

If fire department personnel or the fire marshal's office find these temporary heaters unattended, they will be immediately turned off and operations suspended until the above requirements are met. The use of these heating devices in any manner not consistent with the requirements as mentioned above will result in the issuance of a **Notice of Violation** to the appropriate contractor or subcontractor. If additional violations occur, it will result in the issuance of a summons. Each offense of the SFPC is a Class 1 misdemeanor and could result up to a \$2500 fine and or up to 12 months in jail.

# Prince William County Department of Transportation (PWCDOT) Project Update

The Prince William Department of Transportation (PWCDOT) is happy to announce the completion of the following road improvement projects in its last construction season:

- PWC Parkway from 4 to 6 lanes from Old Bridge Rd. to Hoadly Rd.
- Dale Blvd. and Benita Fitzgerald Dr. Intersection Improvements
- Springwoods Dr. at Old Bridge Rd. Intersection improvements (including construction of a sidewalk)
- Rippon Blvd. Trail from Wigeon Way to Marsh Overlook Dr.

PWCDOT continues to move forward with projects which have been awarded contracts this fiscal year. The projects that will be under construction through part of the winter include:

- Route 1 widening from 4 to 6 lanes from Brady's Hill Rd to Joplin Rd (Construction)
- University Blvd. /Hornbaker Rd. widenings (Design/Build contract)
- Telegraph Rd. Commuter Parking Lot (500+ spaces next to the I-95/PWC Parkway Commuter Lot)
- Rollins Ford Rd. Improvements (includes a signal at Rollins Ford Rd. and Linton Hall Rd.)

Additionally, PWCDOT will continue to work on or will award design projects for the following facilities during the winter months:

- Route 28 widening from Linton Hall Rd. to Fitzwater Dr. (including the relocation of Vint Hill Rd.)
- Route 1 North widening from Neabsco Mills Rd. to Featherstone Rd.
- Minnieville Rd. widening from Spriggs Rd. to Route 234 (Dumfries Rd.)
- Prince William Parkway widening from Old Bridge Rd. to Minnieville Rd.
- Rollins Ford Rd. construction and widening from Vint Hill Rd. to Existing
- Intersection improvements at Route 28 and Piper Lane
- Old Bridge Rd. Pedestrian Facility from Mohican Dr. to Dillingham Square
- Glenkirk sidewalk extension from Linton Hall Rd. to Existing

If you have any questions regarding these or any other projects, please contact PWCDOT at (703) 792-6825.

## Snow Removal Reminders

VDOT is responsible for snow removal on all State maintained roadways only. Any private roads, including pipestems, will not be plowed by VDOT. Also, VDOT does not plow or clear sidewalks or trails. VDOT asks that in cases of significant snow fall, not to report your street as "missed" until a few days have passed. VDOT's new number for reporting snow removal is 1-800-FOR-ROAD or 1-800-367-7623 or you can e-mail them at [novainfo@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:novainfo@vdot.virginia.gov).



## Copper Thefts from Vacant Buildings Raise Safety Concerns

With copper prices on the rise, thieves have been taking advantage of vacant homes in Prince William County, breaking in and wrenching copper piping from walls, floors and ceilings to sell for cash. Their activity leaves homes flooded with water or natural gas, or both, causing thousands of dollars in damage and creating safety hazards for those entering the homes or living near them.

The Prince William County Police Department strongly urges residents, technicians, Realtors and others living near, or having business concerns in these vacant homes to immediately report any suspicious activity, natural gas smells or other strange odors. Call the non-emergency number, 703-792-6500, to make a report any time, day or night.

If you are in a home or business that has been burglarized in this manner, you are urged to do the following to guarantee your safety:

- Remain calm and exit the premises immediately.
- Once outside, call 9-1-1 and provide as much information as possible to include the location, what you observed and what type of odors you smelled.
- From a safe distance, wait for the emergency responders to arrive, safely inspect for leaks, and clear the home or business.
- Do not re-enter the structure until advised by emergency responders that it is safe to do so.
- Be prepared to provide information to emergency responders or the owner(s) of the property so that an investigation may proceed.

The Police Department is asking for the public's help in providing information about additional burglaries involving copper thefts. Anyone with information relating to these cases is urged to call **CrimeSolvers at 703-670-3700, or 1-866-411-TIPS**. You don't have to give your name, just the information. You could earn up to a \$1,000 cash reward. By remaining alert and immediately reporting suspicious activity, the public can help police officers slow or halt this type of crime in our communities.

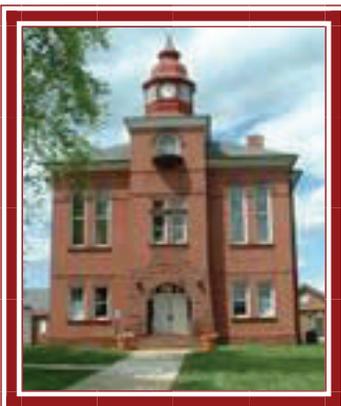
## Upcoming Holiday Closings for County Government Offices

The Development Services Building will be closed in observance of several upcoming holidays:

Veteran's Day	Friday, November 11, 2011
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 24, 2011
	Friday, November 25, 2011
Christmas	Friday, December 23, 2011
	Monday, December 26, 2011
New Year's Day	Monday, January 2, 2012



## Are you looking for a special place to hold your holiday party?



The Old Manassas Courthouse is available for parties up to 100 people. The space boasts incredibly high ceilings with original pressed tin details. Original wainscoting and large windows complete the space.

Rental periods may be booked in two, four, six and eight hour blocks. Outside catering, music, and alcohol are permitted.

By holding your party at the Old Manassas Courthouse, you are helping to preserve historic places in Prince William County. Please call the **Prince William County Division of Historic Preservation** at 703-792-5546 for pricing, availability and more information.

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The Alliance is a collaborative effort among the Departments of Development Services, Public Works, Fire and Rescue, Transportation, the Department of Information Technology, and the Planning Office. The Alliance is published on a quarterly basis to highlight performance data and process improvements to the development community.

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