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BUS SHELTER BEAUTIFICATION RIBBON CUTTING IN DUMFRIES

GRAHAM PARK – WILLIAMSTOWN – OLDTRIANGLE ROAD

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2023 AT 11:00 A.M.

The Bus Shelter Beautification Ribbon Cutting will be held on Thursday, June 29, 2023, at 11:00 am in Dumfries, Virginia. Parking for this event will be available at 3876 and 3800 Graham Park Road. A shuttle, sponsored by OmniRide, will be available to transport attendees to each bus shelter location in Williamstown, on Old Triangle Road, and return to Ginn Park.

The beautification project features work by different artists at each bus shelter location under the theme of environmental stewardship. The artists were selected through an open call for proposals by Keep Prince William Beautiful earlier this year, where they were encouraged to visit their selected shelter locations to see the neighborhood, surrounding community, and its cultural influences to inspire them to create their works. Each selected artist received a \$500 grant to create the artwork and will receive half of the proceeds gained at auction for the sale of their artwork after a year. Each shelter contains a name card identifying the artist and a QR code that can be scanned to access the artist's website and artwork.

"Our Town is thrilled to announce a remarkable transformation of a few of our bus shelters into captivating public art spaces, made possible through an incredible partnership that fills our community with pride", says Mayor Derrick Wood. "This exciting project celebrates the unique talents of local artists and showcases their creativity, while fostering a sense of unity and belonging among residents. Let's embrace this extraordinary collaboration and take pride in the vibrant and culturally rich tapestry of art that will adorn our bus shelters, making our community a beacon of creativity and inspiration."

The project aims to use public art combined with a litter removal program to transform designated bus shelters into public art spaces, to beautify neighborhoods, bring awareness to the importance of protecting our natural environment, and ultimately, improve the ridership experience among residents.

For the latest information related to the Town of Dumfries please visit: <https://www.dumfriesva.gov/>

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