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Dumfries Has Gone Green

After a long delay due to COVID and delayed construction, the Town's Department of Public Works is pleased to present our new "Green Restroom" facility in Ginn Memorial Park. The facility was delivered via flatbed truck from the manufacturing plant in Pennsylvania, installed on May 26th and officially opened on June 18th, 2022.

Designed by Greenflush Technologies in Washougal, Washington, the bathroom maximizes water and energy conservation by using solar panels to power LED lights and rainwater collection to an underground vault for flushing. The entire unit cost was as much as one sewer connection, saving the Town money while still providing a clean, no odor, environmentally friendly facility in an urbanized area. The facility will require the same maintenance as a regular

bathroom, which added the need for an occasional septic tank pump and potable water supply in the water tank for hand washing.

We are excited to bring this type of amenity to our citizens to make a more pleasing park experience.

Grow with Google

The Town of Dumfries, along with TSI and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, partnered with Google on Thursday, July 28, 2022, to host "Grow with Google - Make Your Website Work for You." This session was held virtually with over 100 in attendance on the virtual platform. Attendees learned how to create a search-friendly website that drives user action and supports business goals.

Councilwoman Cydney Neville noted that "Education is a key to liberation! I'm excited about the Town's partnership with Grow with Google as it gives our citizens free access to tools, resources, and quality training that's needed to improve their skills, secure the careers they desire, and the opportunity for entrepreneurs in our community to grow their businesses. The access to opportunities in career development and technology skills provided through this partnership will positively impact families in our Town for years to come!"



State of the Town Address 2022

Mayor Derrick Wood provided the 2022 State of the Town Address to a packed audience on Thursday, June 23, 2022. Community leaders and business partners of the Town of Dumfries and local government leaders of neighboring communities were present and had an active role at the meeting. The video recording of the State of the Town Address is available for viewing on the Town of Dumfries YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/3ODK3ShmGxA>.

Above Average Hurricane Season Predicted for 2022: Are You Ready?

The 2022 Atlantic hurricane season officially started on June 1 and will run until Nov. 30. In the Eastern Pacific Ocean, hurricane season begins on May 15 and ends on Nov. 30, according to the National Weather Service. Forecasters are calling for an above-average hurricane season this year, which could mean 2022 might be the seventh above-average season in a row. NOAA's forecast calls for 14 to 21 named storms with winds of 39 mph or higher.

"Hurricane Ida spanned nine states, demonstrating that anyone can be in the direct path of a hurricane and in danger from the remnants of a storm system," said FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell. "It's important for everyone to understand their risk and take proactive steps to get ready now by visiting [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) and [Listo.gov](https://www.listo.gov) for preparedness tips, and by downloading the FEMA App to make sure you are receiving emergency alerts in real-time."

Know Your Hurricane Risk - Hurricanes are not just a coastal problem. Find out how rain, wind, water, and even tornadoes could happen far inland from where a hurricane or tropical storm makes landfall. Start preparing now. Here are a few steps to get ready.

- Prepare an Emergency Plan - Make sure everyone in your household knows and understands your hurricane plans. Ensure your business has a continuity plan to continue operating when disaster strikes.
- Know your Evacuation Zone - You may have to evacuate quickly due to a hurricane if you live in an evacuation zone. Learn your evacuation routes, practice with your household and pets, and identify where you will stay.
- Recognize Warnings and Alerts - Have several ways to receive alerts. Download the FEMA app and receive real-time alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations nationwide. Sign up for Code Red and be aware of local notifications for emergencies.
- The Elderly and Those with Disabilities - Identify if you may need additional help during an emergency if you or anyone else in your household is an individual with a disability. Check with neighbors, senior adults, or those who may need additional help securing hurricane plans to see how you can be of assistance to others.
- Review Important Documents - Make sure your insurance policies and personal documents, such as ID, are up to date. Make copies and keep them in a secure password-protected digital space.
- Strengthen your Home & Get Tech Ready - De-clutter drains and gutters, bring in outside furniture and consider hurricane shutters. Keep your cell phone charged when you know a hurricane is in the forecast and purchase backup charging devices to power electronics.
- Gather Supplies - Have enough supplies for your household, including medication, disinfectant supplies, and pet supplies in your go-bag or car trunk. You may not have access to these supplies for days or even weeks after a hurricane.

Contact the Town of Dumfries for literature on how to prepare at 703-221-3400. Visit [ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) or [fema.gov](https://www.fema.gov) for more detailed information.

Dumfries Police Hosts National Night Out

The Dumfries Police Department hosted its annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2, 2022. This year's event was the best and largest National Night Out held in the Town of Dumfries. The event offered food, carnival games, a K9 demonstration, music, a bounce house, a neighborhood ride-along, a back-to-school supplies giveaway, and so much more.

National Night Out aims to enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a sense of community. The Dumfries Police Department and its community partners demonstrated how we're making our community a safer and more caring place to live.



Dumfries Farmers Market Meets the Community Needs

The Dumfries Farmers Market, located at 3800 Graham Park Road, opened promptly on Saturday, June 18, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. This market season will end on Saturday, November 19, 2022. Future market seasons will begin in April and end the Saturday before Thanksgiving.



The market accepts SNAP/EBT. In addition, the market offers Dumfries Dollars to those who participate in the Town's Senior Citizen Program. For more information regarding the market or vendor opportunities, email events@dumfriesva.gov.

Dumfries Senior Program

After over a year of at-home meal deliveries due to the COVID pandemic, the Town is excited to have its seniors return to in-person gatherings at the Jeff Simpson Community & Cultural Arts Center on September 16, 2022, at 12:30 p.m. The program is open to all seniors within the Town of Dumfries, 55 years of age and over.



The program allows seniors to engage with each other while enjoying a meal and participate in activities of interest ranging from lectures, gaming, exercise classes, and much more. Another benefit to those attending the senior programs is the Dumfries Dollars. Dumfries Dollars provide additional buying power at the Dumfries Farmers Market. For more information regarding the senior program and to enroll, please email yragland@dumfriesva.gov or call 703-221-3400.

Dumfries Receives GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award



The Town of Dumfries has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its FY23 Budget from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This marks the fourth consecutive year that the Town has received this award.

"I am extremely proud of my team. For the fourth year in a row and only the fourth time in Town history, we have received this honor," said Town Manager, Keith Rogers Jr. "This year in particular, the team did a phenomenal job. Also, I commend the Town Council for their leadership, and our residents for their input."

Mayor Derrick Wood shared "What a tremendous honor for our finance team and the Town of Dumfries to be recognized for the fourth consecutive year for how we present our budget to the community. This is a testament to the vision of your elected leaders and our commitment to the mission of making the Town of Dumfries a destination to live, work, and play."

The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award represents significant achievement, reflecting the commitment of the governing body and staff to meet the highest principles of government budgeting. Dumfries satisfied nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device. Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and in the 14 mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

For more information on the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award please visit www.gfoa.org.



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2022 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

7 PM IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

AUGUST 3RD

SEPTEMBER 6TH AND 20TH

OCTOBER 5TH AND 18TH

NOVEMBER 2ND AND 15TH

DECEMBER 6

2022 TOWN HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 5TH
LABOR DAY

OCTOBER 10TH
INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

NOVEMBER 8TH
ELECTIONS DAY

NOVEMBER 11TH
VETERANS DAY

NOVEMBER 24TH AND 25TH
THANKSGIVING DAY AND BLACK FRIDAY

DECEMBER 23 (PM ONLY) AND 26
CHRISTMAS DAY OBSERVED

2022 TOWN UPCOMING EVENTS

FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL EVENTS@DUMFRIESVA.GOV

Dumfries Farmers Market

June 18 - November 19

Every Saturday

8am until 12pm

3800 Graham Park Road

Quantico Creek Clean Up

October 8, 2022

8:30am until 12pm

17757 Main Street

Dumfries Fall Festival

October 15, 2022

Vendors

8am until 4pm

Festival

11am until 4pm

3800 Graham Park Road

Dumfries Fall Concert

October 15, 2022

7pm

17749 Main Street

Dumfries Christmas Parade

December 10, 2022

10am