Town of Dumfries
Council Meeting

Meeting Date:	April 17, 2012
Agenda Item#	XII - A

AGENDA ITEM FORM

TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM:
- ☐ CONSENT AGENDA
- ☐ PRESENTATION
- ☐ ACTION ITEM
- ☐ TOWN MANAGER & STAFF COMMENTS
- ☐ PUBLIC HEARING
  - ☐ Duly Advertised

PURPOSE OF ITEM:
- ☑ INFORMATION ONLY
- ☐ DISCUSSION ONLY
- ☐ DISCUSSION AND/OR DECISION
  - ☐ Introduction ☐ Resolution
  - ☐ Ordinance ☐ Grant/MOU
  - ☐ By Motion ☐ Bylaws

PRESENTER: Debi Sandlin

PRESENTER TITLE: Community & Economic Development Director

AGENDA ITEM:

Draft Visitors Brochure

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY:

A draft Visitors brochure has been developed to increase the visibility of the Town's historic assets and to promote their close proximity to nearby attractions, museums and parks. This initiative is part of the Town Council's goals to increase visitors to the Town.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft brochure

REQUESTED ACTION: ☑ NO ACTION REQUESTED

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FOR USE DURING MEETING **VOTE:** ☐ PASSED ☐ NOT PASSED

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Town History

Dumfries history began as early as 1690 when Richard Gibson erected a gristmill on Quantico Creek. A customhouse and warehouse followed in 1731, and many others cropped up along the estuary by 1732. Prince William County was formed and took its name from Prince William Augustus, the second son of
King George II of England.

The Town of Dumfries was founded in 1749 and is the oldest continuous Chartered Town in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Town was the second largest leading port in Colonial America receiving tobacco and rivaled New York, Philadelphia and Boston.

Annual Town Events

Black History Month
Easter Egg Hunt
Multicultural Festival
Fall Festival

Check our website for more information on dates, times and locations

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www.dumfriesva.gov

Town of Dumfries
VIRGINIA

Town Hall

Welcome to the Town of Dumfries, Virginia

Museums

Weems-Botts Museum

Visit Weems-Botts Museum, once home to Mason Locke Weems, the first biographer of George Washington including curious anecdotes about Washington as a youth barking his father's cherry tree "I cannot tell a lie" and throwing a stone across the Rappahannock.

These stories helped to make George Washington a national hero for all time.
www.historicdumfries.com

National Museum of the Marine Corp

The National Museum of the Marine Corps is a lasting tribute to U.S. Marines--past, present, and future. The Museums is situated on a 135-acre site adjacent to Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia, and under the command of Marine Corps University. World-class interactive exhibits using the most innovative technology surround visitors with irreplaceable artifacts and immerse them in the sights and sounds of Marines in action.
www.usmarinemuseum.com

Historic Sites

William's Ordinary

During the colonial times, the Ordinary was known as Williams Ordinary. Over the years it was also known as Love's Tavern, the Stage Coach Inn, and others. During the Civil War, the building was used as a Confederate Headquarters during the blockade of D.C. along the Potomac River.
www.historicdumfries.com

Henderson House

The Henderson House was home to Archibald Henderson, the fifth and longest-serving commandant of the Marine Corps. The "Granddaddy of the Marine Corps" served for over 38 years. Alexander lived in Dumfries until his death on November 22, 1815.

During the Civil War, the house was used as a hospital. Then, the upper rooms were used as large wards.

Quantico National Cemetery

Dedicated in 1983, this beautiful National Cemetery consists of 725 rolling, wooded acres just west of I-95 at the Triangle exit. Attracting increasing interest by visitors – particularly during national holidays when it Memorial Pathway is lined by the sight of hundreds of flags.

National, State & Local Parks

Merchants Parks

Another place of historic significance in Dumfries is the bandstand in Merchant Park. It was erected by the Prince William County Historical Commission. The bandstand is a memorial to William Grayson. He was best known as one of Virginia's first senators.
www.historicdumfries.com

Prince William Forest National Park

Prince William Forest Park is an oasis of natural beauty and human history located only 35 miles south of Washington, DC. 37 miles of hiking trails and 21 miles of bicycle-accessible roads and trails traverse this 15,000 acre piedmont forest. Prince William Forest Park is the largest forest in the Metropolitan Washington Region.
www.nps.gov/prwi

Leesylvania State Park

Nestled along the shores of the Potomac River, Leesylvania is a 542 acre state park that offers many land and water related activities including, hiking, picnicking, fishing and boating.
visitpwc.com/leesylvaniapark