

# TOWN OF DUMFRIES

## NEW RESIDENTS GUIDE



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# MAYOR'S WELCOME

## Newcomer's Guide

On behalf of our Town Council and Staff, it is my pleasure to extend to you a warm welcome to the Town of Dumfries, Virginia. Our Residents Guide is intended to provide you with essential information to assist in making your relocation to our Town a pleasant experience.

Incorporated in 1749, we are the oldest continuously Chartered Town in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and we pride ourselves on being a Town that embraces our rich history and continues to uphold our tradition of promoting commerce.

With our close proximity to the nation's Capital, Quantico Marine Corps Base and Fort Belvoir, Dumfries is a part of one of the fastest growing areas in Prince William County and the Greater Washington Metropolitan Region. The Town of Dumfries is minutes away from many esteemed colleges and universities, sports and recreational activities, shopping and entertainment venues. We are a hub to all modes of transportation and are centrally located to all traffic corridors. Our residents and business owners take pride in the Town's ability to weave together established neighborhoods with a solid business community to create an ideal location to live and work.

As Mayor, I took the oath of office and promised to be a visionary, to develop strategies, to proactively address problems, to see the Town not just as it is, but as what it can be for future generations to come, and to push through striking changes that can positively affect this Town for decades to follow. The well-being and the quality of life of the entire community are my priorities, and I have promised to lead the community into and triumphantly through challenges, not to shy away from them. The future is all about challenges in the Town of Dumfries, and we are ready to address those challenges head on.

Welcome to our Town!

Sincerely,  
Gerald M. Foreman II  
Mayor  
Town of Dumfries

# TOWN COUNCIL/MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT

## **The Town Council**

The seven-member Town Council is the governing body of the Town. The Mayor and Council members' responsibilities include establishing policies, managing growth and land use, adopting the annual budget, adopting local laws and ordinances, establishing priorities, and providing direction to the Town Manager.

The Town Council is comprised of:

Mayor Jerry Foreman  
Vice Mayor Cliff Brewer  
Councilman Brian Fields  
Councilwoman Brenda Via  
Councilman Derrick Wood  
Councilwoman Melva Willis  
Councilwoman Gwen Washington

The Council meetings are typically held the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Town Hall, 17755 Main Street, Dumfries, VA 22026.

## **Boards and Commissions**

### **Planning Commission (PC)**

The role of the Planning Commission is to maintain a comprehensive plan for the physical development of the community, develop and recommend zoning ordinances and land use designations, and serve as the body to hear matters related to zoning regulations, rezoning requests, conditional use permits, ordinance amendments, and final planned development submissions.

### **Planning Commission Members**

John E. Webb – Chair  
Tyrone Brown – Vice Chair  
Selonia Miles – Secretary  
Naeem Arshad  
Diana Knez  
Gary West

Town Planner/Zoning Administrator – Staff liaison

The Planning Commission work session meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m., followed by their regular business meeting at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

### **Architectural Review Board (ARB)**

The ARB is designed and endowed with the responsibility to oversee developmental changes and improvements within the Dumfries Historic District.

#### ARB Board Members

Monae Nickerson – Chair

William Larson – Vice Chair

James Ksanznak

Tim Jabbs

Christy Hart

ARB meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

### **Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)**

The BZA hears and decides appeals from any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by the Zoning Administrator in the administration or enforcement of the town zoning code. Board members are appointed by the circuit court and serve a term of five years. The BZA meets on an as-needed basis.

#### BZA Members

Nancy West - Chair

James Turner- Vice Chair

Lou Praino - Secretary

Norman Thornton

Alissa Daniels

Town Planner/Zoning Administrator –Staff liaison

**The Office of the Town Manager**

The Town of Dumfries is a Council/Manager form of government. The Town Manager is the executive officer for the Town who provides the leadership necessary to carry-out the mission, goals, and policies established by the Town Council.

Robert G. Ritter Jr, Town Manager  
703-221-3400, ext. 113  
[rritter@dumfriesva.gov](mailto:rritter@dumfriesva.gov)

**GOVERNMENT CONTACTS**

| Name                | Title  | Phone Number | Website  |
|---------------------|--|--------------|--|
| Mark Warner         | Senator                                      | 202-244-2023 | <a href="http://www.warner.senate.gov">www.warner.senate.gov</a>   |
| Tim Kaine           | Senator                                      | 202-224-4024 | <a href="http://www.kaine.senator.gov">www.kaine.senator.gov</a>   |
| Gerald E. Connolly  | Congressman                                  | 202-225-1492 | <a href="http://www.connolly.house.gov">www.connolly.house.gov</a>   |
| Scott Surovell      | Senator                                      | 571-249-4484 | <a href="mailto:district36@senate.virginia.gov">district36@senate.virginia.gov</a>   |
| Luke Torian         | Delegate                                     | 703-785-2224 | <a href="http://www.delegatetorian.com">www.delegatetorian.com</a>   |
| Maureen S. Caddigan | Board of County Supervisor                   | 703-792-4645 | <a href="http://www.potomacdistrict.com">www.potomacdistrict.com</a><br><a href="mailto:mcaddigan@pwcgov.org">mcaddigan@pwcgov.org</a> |
| Justin D. Wilk      | Potomac District School Board Representative | 703-791-8709 | <a href="https://www.pwcs.edu/JWilk@pwcs.edu">https://www.pwcs.edu/JWilk@pwcs.edu</a>  |

## ABOUT OUR TOWN

### **The Town of Dumfries has a history of innovation and prosperity.**

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 was formally established on 60 acres of land at the head of the harbor of Quantico Creek, provided by John Graham. He named the town after his birthplace, Dumfriesshire, Scotland. After much political maneuvering, the General Assembly established Dumfries as the first of seven townships in the county. Dumfries received its charter on May 11, 1749 – making it the oldest continuously chartered town in Virginia.

Dumfries was the second leading port in Colonial America receiving tobacco from the upland, and rivaled New York, Philadelphia and Boston.

Since the colonial period our Town has long been recognized as a location for business and is part of one of the fastest growing areas in the Greater Washington Metropolitan Region.

In addition to our strategic location, the Town of Dumfries is a pleasant place to live, offering friendly neighborhoods, an affordable cost of living, close proximity to excellent health care, outstanding educational opportunities, and a vast range of historical, cultural and leisure activities. The rich history of the Town combined with our geographical location, and quality of life, makes our community an ideal location to do business and a wonderful place to live.

It's more than quality of life – it is the quality of place that makes our community unique. We are located in close proximity to a vast offering of amenities including:

- Arts, Culture and Entertainment
- Healthcare
- Schools
- Recreation
- Sporting Events (professional and minor league)
- Community Events
- Shopping
- Dining

# THINGS TO DO AND SEE

## **MUSEUMS**

### **National Museum of the Marine Corps ([www.usmcmuseum.com](http://www.usmcmuseum.com))**

The National Museum of the Marine Corps is a lasting tribute to U.S. Marines past, present, and future. Situated on a 135-acre site adjacent to Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia, and under the command of Marine Corps University, the Museum's soaring design evokes the image of the flag-raisers of Iwo Jima and beckons visitors to this 120,000-square-foot structure. 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. The museum is also being utilized for a growing number of educational forays, weddings, promotions, graduations, and special events.



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### **Weems-Botts Museum ([www.historicdumfries.com](http://www.historicdumfries.com))**

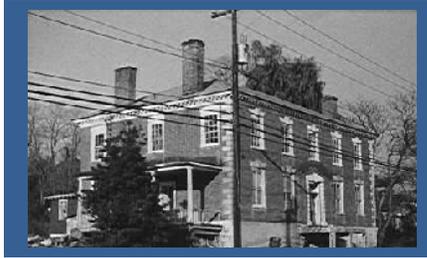
The museum was once home to Mason Locke Weems, the first biographer of George Washington, including the well-known anecdote about Washington as a youth barking his father's cherry tree "I cannot tell a lie" and throwing a stone across the Rappahannock. These stories helped to make George Washington a national hero for all time.

Benjamin Gaines Botts, a successful criminal lawyer who was prominent among the team of attorneys who defended former Vice President Aaron Burr during his treason trial in 1807. Botts used the building as his law office.

## **HISTORIC SITES**

### **William's Ordinary ([www.historicdumfries.com/ordinary.html](http://www.historicdumfries.com/ordinary.html))**

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.



### **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. The Henderson House, according to his will, was to be sold with the town lots following the death of his wife, which occurred on December 14, 1816.

During the Civil War, the house was used as a hospital. Then, the upper rooms were used as large wards numbered 1 through 4. "Be quiet" was painted on the stairway. Also during the war, the coping at one corner of the house was torn away by cannon fire. The house is now a private residence.

### **Quantico National Cemetery**

Quantico National Cemetery is located on land that was part of the U.S. Marine Corps training base adjacent to Quantico in Prince William County, Va. The land has been used by the military for over 200 years, first, around 1775 by the Commonwealth of Virginia for Navy operations, and late, as a blockade point for the Confederate army during the Civil War.

## **NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL PARKS**

### **Merchant Park**

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 (<http://www.historicdumfries.com/weemsbotts.html>)

### **Prince William Forest National Park ([www.nps.gov/prwi](http://www.nps.gov/prwi))**

Experience a place where history and nature unite!

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. Beneath its canopy lies evidence of human history reaching back to 8,000 B.C.

Prince William Forest Park is the largest forest in the Metropolitan Washington Region.

### **Leesylvania State Park (<http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/blog/the-story-of-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. A new universally accessibl

fishing pier, children's playground, boat launching facilities, boat storage area, concessions area, and a visitor center and environmental education center are available. Listed on the National Register of Historic Landmarks, Leesylvania was a home of Virginia's legendary Lee Family.

## **SPORTING EVENTS**

**Potomac Nationals Minor League Baseball Team** ([www.potomacnationals.com](http://www.potomacnationals.com))

Prince William County is the proud home of the Potomac Nationals, the Carolina League affiliate of the Washington Nationals and the only professional sports franchise in Northern Virginia. The team's 70- home game schedule features fireworks every Saturday home game night. The Nationals take the field from April to September.



## **ARTS, CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT**

### **ANNUAL EVENTS**

- Fall Festival
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Christmas Parade
- Multicultural Festival - celebrates the rich diversity of the community

### **CULTURAL**

**Hylton Performing Arts Center** - The Hylton Performing Arts Center entertains, educates, and enriches the Northern Virginia community by providing diverse and accessible arts experiences in state-of-the-art venues ([www.hyltoncenter.org](http://www.hyltoncenter.org))

**Old Mine Ranch** – A 40 acre working farm adjoining Prince William Forest Park (<https://www.mapquest.com/us/virginia/business-dumfries/old-mine-ranch-2741120>)

### **ENTERTAINMENT**

**Potomac Mills Mall** - Potomac Mills is a bargain hunter's mecca and features over 200 of the best names in retail. Anchors include Bloomingdale's - The Outlet Store, Neiman Marcus Last Call, Nordstrom Rack, and Saks Fifth Avenue OFF 5<sup>TH</sup>, ([www.simon.com/mall/potomac-mills](http://www.simon.com/mall/potomac-mills)).

# EDUCATION

## UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

### George Mason University (<https://www2.gmu.edu>)

- GMU's Life Sciences Campus in PWC is home to 30,000 students pursuing graduate and undergraduate degrees
- World-class research in biodefense, proteomics, genomics and bioinformatics
- Community partnerships provide the Freedom Center, Hylton Performing Arts Center and the Regional Biomedical Laboratory
- 20 miles from center of Town

### Stratford University ([www.stratford.edu](http://www.stratford.edu))

- Stratford University offers Associate's, Bachelor's and Master's Degrees, as well as many non-credit workshops and courses.
- Their curriculum combines advanced technology, hands-on labs and traditional educational methods to create a program that produces a valuable educational service to our students and their future employers.
- 7.23 miles from center of Town

### Strayer University (<http://www.strayer.edu/>)

- Strayer University is a member of Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) and participates in Associate's and Bachelor's degree programs for active duty military personnel.
- Course work and lectures are presented by experienced faculty members who have first-hand knowledge of the workplace. Classroom discussions are geared toward common, real-world work challenge.
- 8.71 miles from center of Town

### Northern Virginia Community College ([www.nvcc.edu](http://www.nvcc.edu))

- One of the largest community college systems in the U.S. with two campuses in PWC (Woodbridge campus 9 miles)
- 50% of graduates matriculate into a 4-year institution
- Unique partnerships with local companies to provide certification and training programs for the local workforce
- 9 miles from center of Town

### University of Mary Washington ([www.umw.edu](http://www.umw.edu))

- UMW provides a strong undergraduate education grounded in the liberal arts and sciences with more than 40 majors and programs of study
- Designated a "Best Buy School" by Fiske Guide to Colleges
- Students may double-major or design their own interdisciplinary major
- 21 miles from center of Town

## **K-12 SCHOOLS DUMFRIES STUDENTS ATTEND**

### **High School**

**Potomac High School – Cambridge Centre for the Mathematics and Physical Sciences** – A Magnet High School utilizing the Cambridge program emphasizing mathematics and physical sciences within the framework of a four-year program of mathematics, sciences, language arts, and the humanities. The Cambridge Program, which began in 2000, is an innovative and accelerated method of study offered through The University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom.

3401 Panther Pride Drive  
Dumfries, VA  
703-441-4200

**Forest Park High School - a “Center for Information Technology”** - The schools specialty is the Center for Information Technology - The IT Program is in its 11th year of operation and was one of the first such programs in Virginia to offer such a wide variety of specialized technology curriculums. Forest Park is a comprehensive high school offering a wide range of classes including a full set of Advanced Placement (AP) college courses. Students who are thinking about being a part of the IT program must balance the learning of information technology skills and pushing themselves.

15721 Forest Park Drive  
Woodbridge, VA 22193  
703-583-6867

### **Middle School**

**Graham Park Middle School – Middle School Mathematics and Science Program**

3613 Graham Park Road  
Triangle, VA  
703-221-2118

### **Elementary School**

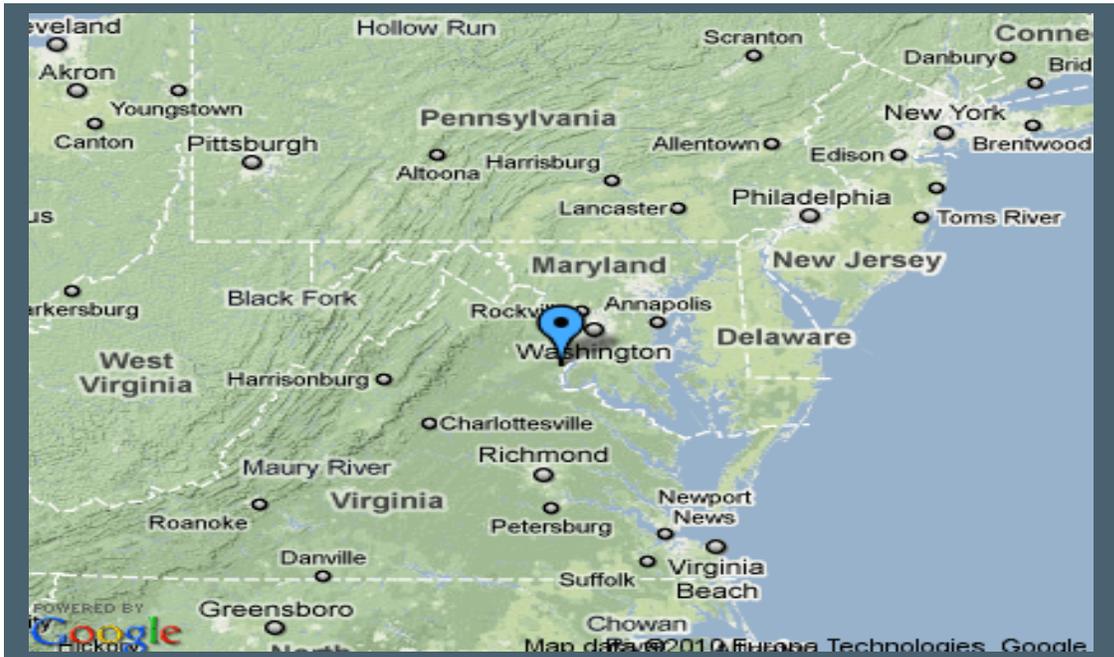
**Dumfries Elementary School**

3990 Cameron Street  
Dumfries, VA  
703-221-3101

# TRANSPORTATION

The Town of Dumfries is centrally located in Northern Virginia and is part of one of the fastest growing areas in the Greater Washington Metropolitan Region and is in close proximity to:

- Washington D.C. – 21 miles
- Quantico Marine Corp Base – 1.7 miles
- Fort Belvoir Army Post – 10 miles
- Interstate 95 directly connects you to anywhere you need to go in the Greater Washington DC area and Richmond, Virginia
- Reagan Washington National Airport – 23 miles
- Washington Dulles International Airport – 36 miles
- Virginia Rail/Amtrak Quantico Station – 5.31 miles
- Virginia Rail/Amtrak Woodbridge Station – 5.32 miles



- Bus Service to Washington D.C. and eastern Prince William County is provided by the Potomac & Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC).
- Access to High-Occupancy Vehicle Lanes on I-95 for quick access to Washington D.C.
- Riders can download transit phone applications for their phone ([iPhone](#) or [Android](#)) to access schedule times, route changes, and other helpful information from PRTC or a Third Party Transit Applications provider.

# DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

## 2013 demographics

Demographics Report (Dumfries, Virginia)

| Population (2013)                    |       |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|
|                                      | TOTAL |       |
| Population (2013)                    | 5,207 |       |
| Sex (2013)                           |       |       |
|                                      | TOTAL | %     |
| Male                                 | 2,561 | 49.18 |
| Female                               | 2,646 | 50.82 |
| Age Distribution (2013)              |       |       |
|                                      | TOTAL | %     |
| 0-4                                  | 457   | 8.78  |
| 5-9                                  | 436   | 8.37  |
| 10-19                                | 795   | 15.27 |
| 20-29                                | 818   | 15.71 |
| 30-39                                | 760   | 14.6  |
| 40-49                                | 729   | 14    |
| 50-59                                | 654   | 12.56 |
| 60-64                                | 204   | 3.92  |
| 65+                                  | 347   | 6.66  |
| Race Distribution (2013)             |       |       |
|                                      | TOTAL | %     |
| White                                | 1,998 | 38.37 |
| Black                                | 1,921 | 36.89 |
| American Indian                      | 73    | 1.4   |
| Asian                                | 223   | 4.28  |
| Pacific Islander                     | 4     | .08   |
| Other                                | 654   | 12.56 |
| Multirace                            | 334   | 6.41  |
| Hispanic                             | 1,416 | 27.19 |
| Total Households (2013)              |       |       |
|                                      | TOTAL | %     |
| Households                           | 1,663 |       |
| Families                             | 1,206 | 72.52 |
| Household Income Distribution (2013) |       |       |
|                                      | TOTAL | %     |
| <\$10 K                              | 47    | 2.83  |
| \$10-\$20K                           | 66    | 3.97  |
| \$20-\$30K                           | 140   | 8.42  |
| \$30-\$40K                           | 258   | 15.51 |
| \$40-\$50K                           | 202   | 12.15 |
| \$50-\$60K                           | 121   | 7.28  |
| \$60-\$75K                           | 233   | 14.01 |
| \$75-\$100K                          | 223   | 13.41 |
| > \$100K                             | 371   | 22.31 |
| Labor Force Status (2013)            |       |       |
|                                      | TOTAL | %     |
| Labor Force                          | 3,029 |       |
| Employed                             | 2,745 | 90.62 |
| Unemployed                           | 204   | 6.73  |
| In Armed Forces                      | 80    |       |
| Not In Labor Force                   | 809   |       |
| Total Number of Housing (2013)       |       |       |
|                                      | TOTAL | %     |
| Total Dwellings                      | 1,812 |       |
| Owner-Occupied Dwellings             | 1,006 | 60.46 |
| Renter-Occupied Dwellings            | 658   | 39.54 |
| Housing Units Occupied               | 1,664 | 91.83 |
| Education Attainment (2013)          |       |       |

| Population (2018)                    |       |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|
|                                      | TOTAL |       |
| Population (2018)                    | 5,638 |       |
| Sex (2018)                           |       |       |
|                                      | TOTAL | %     |
| Male                                 | 2,773 | 49.18 |
| Female                               | 2,865 | 50.82 |
| Age Distribution (2018)              |       |       |
|                                      | TOTAL | %     |
| 0-4                                  | 469   | 8.32  |
| 5-9                                  | 3,253 | 57.7  |
| 10-19                                | 834   | 14.79 |
| 20-29                                | 825   | 14.63 |
| 30-39                                | 769   | 13.64 |
| 40-49                                | 743   | 13.18 |
| 50-59                                | 733   | 13    |
| 60-64                                | 289   | 5.13  |
| 65+                                  | 510   | 9.05  |
| Race Distribution (2018)             |       |       |
|                                      | TOTAL | %     |
| White                                | 2,180 | 38.67 |
| Black                                | 2,093 | 37.12 |
| American Indian                      | 76    | 1.35  |
| Asian                                | 238   | 4.22  |
| Pacific Islander                     | 3     | .05   |
| Other                                | 694   | 12.31 |
| Multirace                            | 354   | 6.28  |
| Hispanic                             | 1,596 | 28.31 |
| Total Households (2018)              |       |       |
|                                      | TOTAL | %     |
| Households                           | 1,812 |       |
| Families                             | 1,317 | 72.68 |
| Household Income Distribution (2018) |       |       |
|                                      | TOTAL | %     |
| <\$10 K                              | 51    | 2.81  |
| \$10-\$20K                           | 45    | 2.48  |
| \$20-\$30K                           | 117   | 6.46  |
| \$30-\$40K                           | 205   | 11.31 |
| \$40-\$50K                           | 304   | 16.78 |
| \$50-\$60K                           | 138   | 7.62  |
| \$60-\$75K                           | 193   | 10.65 |
| \$75-\$100K                          | 291   | 16.06 |
| > \$100K                             | 467   | 25.77 |
| Labor Force Status (2018)            |       |       |
|                                      | TOTAL | %     |
| Labor Force                          | 3,304 |       |
| Employed                             | 2,997 | 90.71 |
| Unemployed                           | 222   | 6.72  |
| In Armed Forces                      | 85    |       |
| Not In Labor Force                   | 886   |       |
| Total Number of Housing (2018)       |       |       |
|                                      | TOTAL | %     |
| Total Dwellings                      | 1,967 |       |
| Owner-Occupied Dwellings             | 1,113 | 61.39 |
| Renter-Occupied Dwellings            | 700   | 38.61 |
| Housing Units Occupied               | 1,813 | 92.17 |
| Education Attainment (2018)          |       |       |

For more information about this property contact the Prince William County Department of Economic Development at [econdev@pwgov.org](mailto:econdev@pwgov.org) or 703-792-5500. Learn more about Prince William County, Virginia at <http://www.pwcecondev.org>.

|                                 | TOTAL | %     |                                 | TOTAL | %     |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|
| <b>Population Age 25+</b>       | 3,086 |       | <b>Population Age 25+</b>       | 3,469 |       |
| < Grade 9                       | 353   | 11.44 | < Gr 9                          | 203   | 5.85  |
| Grade 9-12                      | 290   | 9.4   | Gr 9-12                         | 326   | 9.4   |
| High School                     | 1,057 | 34.25 | High School                     | 1,371 | 39.52 |
| Some College                    | 698   | 22.62 | Some College                    | 786   | 22.66 |
| Assoc Degree                    | 202   | 6.55  | Assoc Degree                    | 230   | 6.63  |
| Bach Degree                     | 307   | 9.95  | Bach Degree                     | 350   | 10.09 |
| Grad Degree                     | 179   | 5.8   | Grad Degree                     | 203   | 5.85  |
| <b>Size of Household (2013)</b> |       |       | <b>Size of Household (2018)</b> |       |       |
|                                 | TOTAL | %     |                                 | TOTAL | %     |
| 1 Person                        | 346   | 20.81 | 1 Person                        | 378   | 20.86 |
| 2 Person                        | 401   | 24.11 | 2 Person                        | 438   | 24.17 |
| 3 Person                        | 299   | 17.98 | 3 Person                        | 326   | 17.99 |
| 4 Person                        | 262   | 15.75 | 4 Person                        | 285   | 15.73 |
| 5 Person                        | 164   | 9.86  | 5 Person                        | 177   | 9.77  |
| 6+ Person                       | 108   | 6.49  | 6+ Person                       | 118   | 6.51  |

Source: Applied Geographic Solutions, 2013

For more information about this property contact the Prince William County Department of Economic Development at [econdev@pwgov.org](mailto:econdev@pwgov.org) or 703-792-5500. Learn more about Prince William County, Virginia at <http://www.pwcecondev.org>.

# TAX INFORMATION

## Business Professional License

Calendar Year 2018    Calendar Year 2017

|  |         |         |
|--|---------|---------|
| Professional Occupations   | \$0.29  | \$0.22  |
| Retail Merchant  | \$0.125 | \$0.094 |
| Wholesale Merchant   | \$0.02  | \$0.15  |
| Town of Dumfries Contractors, builders, developers or out of state contractors, builders or developers | \$0.092 | \$0.069 |
| Contractors located in another Virginia jurisdiction which imposes a BPOL Tax or similar tax           | \$0.092 | \$0.069 |
| Financial Services   | \$0.29  | \$0.22  |
| Real Estate Service Providers  | \$0.29  | \$0.22  |
| Hotel, motel, lodging or overnight accommodations  | \$0.18  | \$0.135 |
| Direct Sellers   | \$0.18  | \$0.135 |
| Repair, personal, or business services; or other services not elsewhere classified                     | \$0.18  | \$0.135 |

## Property Taxes for FY18

|                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Residential Property Taxes | .1899 per \$100 assessed |
| Commercial Property Taxes  | .1899 per \$100 assessed |

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## HOW DO I ...

### **Pay my real estate taxes?**

You may now pay real estate taxes online with most major credit cards or your check through the secure website OfficialPayments.com or by calling 1-800-272-9829.

Click our pay online link and you will be taken to the site. You will need to enter your personal information, credit card or check information and the Jurisdiction code 6234.

Official Payments will charge a convenience fee for this service. You will be able to see what the fee is and accept or decline before making your payment. You will receive a confirmation of payment and your credit card will reflect the payment to the Town of Dumfries and the convenience fee charged by Official Payments.

Real estate tax bills are mailed twice a year and due June 5th and December 5th, a 10% late penalty will apply after due date and interest accrues annually.

A Stormwater Maintenance fee is assessed annually and is included in the real estate tax bill

You now have several payment options:

- Pay online with credit card
  - Pay online with E-check
- Jurisdiction code is 6234

Pay in person, by drop box, or by mail. Submit your remittance stub along with cash, check or money order

### **How do I find out what the assessed value of my property is?**

Real Estate Property tax assessments are handled through the Prince William County's Real Estate Assessment Office. You may view assessment information via the online Real Estate Property Assessment at [www.pwcgov.org](http://www.pwcgov.org) or call 703-792-6710.

### **Receive a Town of Dumfries Vehicle Decal?**

#### **Town Decals**

Available March 1st!

If you are a resident of Dumfries, you are required to display a Town decal on your vehicle. The Town decals are valid from April 15 of the current year to April 14<sup>th</sup> of the following year. You may purchase decals at the Dumfries Town Hall located at 17755 Main Street adjacent to the Dumfries Community & Cultural Arts Center. Town Hall is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30am to 5:00pm.

Please bring your current vehicle registration with your Dumfries address for all vehicles owned. The cost for each decal is \$24.00. The cost for Active Military is \$1.00, and there is no cost for handicap-designated vehicles.

We also offer our citizens the option of mailing in a copy of their vehicle registration along with a check for \$24.00 and a decal will be mailed to your residence within the week. Residents can also avoid waiting in line by placing their vehicle registration information and \$24.00 check in an envelope and placing it in the drop-box located next to the front door of Town Hall.

### **Apply for a new business license?**

1. Occupancy Permit is required through Building Code Official
2. Complete application showing estimated gross receipts & pay license fee
3. License will be mailed

### **Renew an existing business license?**

1. Renewal application is mailed once a year and is due on March 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year, a 10% late penalty will apply after due date
2. Submit signed application w/federal income document (Schedule C Form 1040; Form 1065; Form 1120; or Form 1120S) showing gross receipts with payment
3. License will be processed and mailed

### **When is a permit required?**

A permit is required prior to any construction, alteration, repair, addition or placement of device(s) taking place.

A Permit is required for:

- Demolition of a structure
- Mechanical work
- Electrical work
- New construction
- Excavation work
- Plumbing work
- Fire alarm system
- Remodeling
- Fire suppression & sprinkler systems
- Re-roofing
- Structural changes
- Installation of air conditioning units
- Sign installation/replacement
- Amusement Device(s)

An application for a building permit may be obtained from the Building Code Official or from the Town website at [www.dumfriesva.gov](http://www.dumfriesva.gov).

### **How do I apply for an Occupancy Permit?**

All businesses must obtain an occupancy permit. An occupancy permit indicates the business space has passed its final inspection and is ready to be occupied. This permit is required before the business can physically occupy the building and is not transferable to another location. The Building Official issues two types of occupancy permits. They are “permanent occupancy” and “temporary occupancy” permits.

Prior to applying for an Occupancy Permit, contact the Town Planner/Zoning Administrator at 703-221-3400 to see if the use is a permitted use in the district your business will be located.

### **Do I need a permit to install a fence?**

Yes, if the fence is over (6) feet high. No fence over eight (8) feet high is permitted. You need to complete a building permit application and provide a recent survey/plat of your property with the fence drawn on it. The Town’s building permit application can be downloaded from the website.

### **Do I need a permit for a shed?**

Yes, if the shed is greater than 200 square feet in size you need a building permit. Regardless of the size of the shed, however, you need to provide the Zoning Administrator with information as to where the shed will be located on your property. A recent survey/plat of your property with the shed drawn to scale is required.

### **Do I need a permit for installing a sign?**

Yes. A business must obtain a permit for a building mounted or free-standing sign. In addition, a permit for a temporary sign or banner must be obtained for signs advertising a grand opening. Furthermore, a business is permitted one banner annually, at no charge, and no greater than 20 square feet in the area for a period of no more than 30 days. The Town’s building permit application has a section for signs. If the business is located in the Town’s Historic Overlay District, in addition to a sign permit, a Certificate of Appropriateness application has to be approved by the Town’s Architectural Review Board prior to the sign being installed.

### **Do I need a permit for a deck?**

Yes. A building permit is required and the Zoning Administrator must review the application to verify that the location and size of the deck conforms to the Town’s zoning regulations.

### **What do I need to do if I am making improvements to a building located in the Town’s Historic Overlay District?**

If the work involves improvements to the exterior of a building in the Historic District demolition or moving of an existing building or constructing a new building, a Certificate of Appropriateness application must be submitted to the Town’s Architectural Review Board for review and approval. In addition, if a commercial sign is erected on your property, a Certificate of Appropriateness application has to be submitted. The application can be downloaded from the website at [www.dumfriesva.gov](http://www.dumfriesva.gov).

**Are there other zoning forms or applications that must be filed with the Town?**

Yes, depending on the nature of what is being requested there are additional forms that can be downloaded from the website at <http://www.dumfries.gov/government/document-center>.

**What are the hours of operation for Town Hall?**

Town Hall is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**TRASH & RECYCLE PICK-UP**

**Trash & Recycle will be picked up weekly, every Wednesday, between 7am-5pm**

- 1. Wheel container near the street or at a designated location. **DO NOT** put containers out before 9:00pm the night before collection day. All containers, after being emptied, must be removed from the street no later than 9:00pm on the day of collection and returned to their proper storage location.
- 2. The container should be kept closed in order to keep out water, animals and insects to comply with county health and sanitation requirements.
- 3. If your cart becomes damaged, contact Bates Trucking Co, Inc. to make arrangements for delivery of a new container and pick-up of the damaged container.

**NOTE: Bates Trucking Co, Inc., will not be responsible for damaged or stolen trash carts. Carts can be purchased at a cost of \$53.00 per can and \$9.00 per recycle bin. Residents may purchase their own trash receptacles at their local hardware store.**

- 4. If the cart is not at the designated place for collection, it will be assumed that no service is needed on your collection day. A return trip will not be made until the next regular scheduled pick-up day.
- 5. Only the refuse that is in the cart will be picked up on a regular basis.
- 6. Trash carts are designed to accommodate a maximum weight of 200 pounds. Please **DO NOT** overload carts with items such as rocks, concrete, car parts, appliances, etc. Do not put ashes, charcoal, or any highly flammable substance in the cart. Carts damaged due to negligence will be replaced at the customer's expense.

If you have an issue or concern please call Bates Trucking Co, Inc. at 703-212-9395 or 800-840-6465

# VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registering to vote in Virginia requires that you submit a form. This can be done in person or by mail, and the form is available on-line and at many government offices around the state. If you are registering for the first time in Virginia, there is an ID requirement (see the note below). The same form you use to register to vote is also used to change your name and/or address.

**You are eligible to register to vote if you satisfy all of the requirements below:**

- A citizen of the United States
- At least 18 years of age by the next general election
- A resident of Virginia
- Have had your voting rights restored if you have ever been convicted of a felony or been judged to be mentally incapacitated

## **When do I register to vote?**

You may submit your application to register to vote year-round, but changes to the voter rolls are not processed during the 21 days prior to elections.

## **How do I register to vote?**

You may register to vote in any Registrar's office in the Commonwealth of Virginia and that office will forward your application to the correct jurisdiction. You may also submit applications at other public service agencies and the Department of Motor Vehicles. **Please note** that submitting applications at these other public service agencies does not mean that you are now registered to vote. Those agencies must then send your application to the correct Registrar's office where the application can be processed. The preferred method of registration is directly to the Voter Registration office either in person or by mail.

### **In person:**

Voter Registration and Elections  
9250 Lee Avenue, Suite 1  
Manassas, Virginia 20110  
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday

Voter Registration office co-located in the DMV building  
2731 Caton Hill Road  
Woodbridge, Virginia 22192  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays

By mail, pick up a Virginia Voter Registration Application at the following sites:

- Public libraries
- Department of Motor Vehicles offices
- Military recruitment offices
- Northern Virginia Community College campuses
- All government buildings including Town Halls
- Judicial Center information desk
- Or **print** the Voter Registration form online at [www.pwcgov.org](http://www.pwcgov.org).

# VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Before you can get on the road with your motor vehicle, motorcycle, tractor truck, trailer or semitrailer, (§46.2-600) you're required to title and register it at one of the DMV customer service centers (CSCs) or a DMV Select office.

You will need additional information to title and register a vehicle if you are a new Virginia resident or if you lease your vehicle.

Your vehicle must pass an annual safety inspection and display a valid safety inspection sticker before it can be operated in Virginia. Be warned: if you drive your vehicle without an inspection sticker, you may be ticketed by law enforcement. A conviction for violating Virginia inspection laws could result in a fine and be posted to your driving record. To find out more information about safety inspections, contact the Virginia State Police at [www.vsp.virginia.gov](http://www.vsp.virginia.gov) or (804) 674-6774.

## **Before Registering Your Vehicle, You Must:**

- Have your car titled in Virginia.
- Complete either an Application for Registration (VSA 14) or For-Hire Vehicles Registration Application (VSA 123).
- Have an emissions inspection on your vehicle if it is garaged in the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William, or Stafford, or in the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, or Manassas Park. Motorcycles are not required to have an emissions inspection.
- Certify that the vehicle is covered by the minimum insurance requirements or pay the uninsured motor vehicle fee. Your insurance carrier must be authorized to conduct business in Virginia. Virginia requires the following minimum coverage:
  - Bodily injury/death of one person: \$25,000
  - Bodily injury/death of two or more persons: \$50,000
  - Property damage: \$20,000

For more information on obtaining licenses, fees, additional requirements, go to the DMV website at [www.dmv.now](http://www.dmv.now) or call 804-497-7100.

## EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

- **Emergency**  
911
- **Non-Emergency**  
Fire  
703-221-4242
- **Non-Emergency**  
Police Department Dispatch  
703-792-6500  
**Police Department Administration**  
703-221-1111
- **Prince William County Child Protective Services**  
703-792-4200
- **Prince William County Department of Social Services**  
703-792-4300

## FREQUENTLY REQUESTED PHONE NUMBERS

- Animal Control – 703-792-6465 or after 5 p.m., 703-792-6500
- Clerk of the Court – 703-792-6015
- Health Department – 703-792-7300
- Real Estate Assessments – 703-792-6780
- Taxpayer Services (Personal Property Taxes) – 703-792-6710
- Voter Registration – 703-792-6470
- Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles – 1-866-368-5463
- Dumfries Post Office – 1749 Main Street – 703-221-1413
- Prince William County Department of Planning and Zoning – 703-792-7615

## UTILITY PROVIDERS

- Electric – Dominion Power: 888-667-3000
- Gas – Columbia Gas : 1800-543-8911
- Water/Sewer – Prince William County Service Authority: 703-335-7900
- Miss Utilities of Northern Virginia – 800-552-7001
- Telephone – Verizon 800-837-4966 and Comcast – 800-266-2278
- Waste Removal/Recycling – Bates Trucking Co, Inc.– 703-212-9395

# HOSPITALS & MEDICAL CENTERS

## MEDICAL FACILITIES NEAR DUMFRIES

- Sentara Hospital (about 5 miles north) - 703-670-1313
- Stafford Hospital (6 miles south) – 540-741-9000

## MILITARY HOSPITALS & MEDICAL CENTERS

- Quantico Naval Medical Clinic (5 miles south) – 703-784-1725
- Fort Belvoir Regional Medical Center (12 miles north) -703-805-0510
- Dewitt/Fort Belvoir Family Health Care Clinic (6 miles north) – 703-550-2671
- NextCare Urgent Care (1.7 miles north) – 571-499-5813

# LIBRARIES

### **Chinn Library**

13065 Chinn Park Drive  
Prince William, VA 22192  
703-792-4800  
TTY 703-792-4876 / Metro 631-1703 ext. 4800

### Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Friday - Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
(Mid-September to the 1st Sunday in June)

The Chinn Park Regional Library is 25,000 square feet and contains 211,347 volumes. The library ceiling is 28 feet high in the middle and features a dramatic clerestory window. Services include children's and young adult material and programs, adult material and programs, a Quiet Study room, two individual study rooms, a prominent Information Desk, a shop run by the Friends of the Library and a special service, MAGIC.

### **Independent Hill Library**

14418 Bristow Road  
Manassas, Virginia 20112  
703-792-5668

### Hours of Operation

Monday- Thursday: 10:00am- 7:00pm  
Saturday – 10:00am -2:00pm  
Friday/Sunday – Closed

### **Dumfries Neighborhood Library**

18115 Triangle Shopping Plaza  
Dumfries, VA 22026  
703-792-5678

### Hours of Operation

Monday – Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Friday – Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Sunday: Closed

### **Potomac Community Library**

2201 Opitz Blvd,  
Woodbridge, VA 22191  
703-494-8126

### Hours of Operation

Monday – Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Friday – Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m.

# NEW RESIDENT CHECKLIST

| Service                           | Provider                                | Phone Number                       | Complete Y/N |
|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Electric                          | Dominion Power                          | 888-667-3000                       |              |
| Gas                               | Columbia Gas                            | 200-543-8911                       |              |
| Water/Sewer                       | Prince William County Service Authority | 703-335-7900                       |              |
| Telephone/Cable/Internet Provider | Verizon                                 | 800-837-4966                       |              |
|                                   | Comcast                                 | 800-266-2278                       |              |
| Waste Removal/Recycling           | Bates Trucking Co, Inc.                 | 703-212-9395<br>or<br>800-840-6465 |              |

*Note: Don't forget to call Miss Utilities of Northern Virginia at 800-552-7001 before starting any digging on your property.*



Marine Corps Base Quantico is home to the Marine Corps Combat Development Command and numerous tenant organizations. The base staff provides infrastructure, operational, and community services support to these organizations and to the military members, families, and civilians who live and work on base. The base is also a key player in support of overall Marine Corps objectives and programs, and plays host to scores of training

Marine Corps Base Quantico is comprised of more than 6,700 military personnel, 6,900 civilians, and 2,500 family members. This large and diverse population has a tremendous impact on the surrounding towns and counties, which requires a comprehensive community relations program.

Since its establishment in 1917, Quantico has been home to many of the nation's most innovative, intelligent and patriotic men and women. It is here, at the Crossroads of the Marine Corps, that vital concepts, training, and equipment of the future are developed. Some of the most important techniques in war fighting were born here, including amphibious warfare, for which the Marine Corps are renowned. History has proven the importance of Quantico to America's defense. The sharp vision and intense dedication of the service members, civilians, and family members who serve here will continue to ensure the Marine Corps remains the world's premier fighting force.



**Quantico Marine Corps Base Frequently Requested Phone Numbers**

|                                     |                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>On Base Directory Assistance</b> | <b>703-784-2121</b> |
| Military Personnel                  | 703-784-2507        |
| Naval Health Clinic                 | 703-784-2273        |
| Housing                             | 703-784-2711        |
| Commissary                          | 703-784-2233        |
| Marine Corps Exchange               | 703-640-8800        |

# Town Department Directory

## Town of Dumfries Staff

| Department                            | Name                 | Title                                | Phone Ext.   | Email  |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| <b>Administration</b>                 | Robert G. Ritter Jr. | Town Manager                         | 703-221-3400 | <a href="mailto:rritter@dumfriesva.gov">rritter@dumfriesva.gov</a>     |
|                                       | Kristi Caturano      | Town Attorney                        | 140          | <a href="mailto:katurano@dumfriesva.gov">katurano@dumfriesva.gov</a>   |
|                                       | Retta Ladd           | Town Treasurer                       | 110          | <a href="mailto:rladd@dumfriesva.gov">rladd@dumfriesva.gov</a>         |
|                                       | Dawn Hobgood         | Town Clerk                           | 114          | <a href="mailto:dhobgood@dumfriesva.gov">dhobgood@dumfriesva.gov</a>   |
|                                       |                      | Administrative Specialist            | 112          |  |
|                                       | Lisa Piarote         | Administrative Assistant             | 101          | <a href="mailto:lpiarote@dumfriesva.gov">lpiarote@dumfriesva.gov</a>   |
| <b>Community/Economic Development</b> |                      |                                      |              |  |
| <b>Planning and Zoning</b>            | Jatinder Khokhar     | Town Planners / Zoning Administrator | 146          | <a href="mailto:jlhokhar@dumfriesva.gov">jlhokhar@dumfriesva.gov</a>   |
|                                       | John Dolan           | Code / Building Inspector            | 143          | <a href="mailto:rjackson@dumfriesva.gov">rjackson@dumfriesva.gov</a>   |
| <b>Public Works</b>                   |                      | Director                             | 119          | <a href="mailto:rwest@dumfriesva.gov">rwest@dumfriesva.gov</a>         |
|                                       | Terry Myers          | Assistant Director                   | 117          | <a href="mailto:tmyers@dumfriesva.gov">tmyers@dumfriesva.gov</a>       |
|                                       | Yvette Ragland       | Events Coordinator                   | 116          | <a href="mailto:yragland@dumfriesva.gov">yragland@dumfriesva.gov</a>   |
| <b>Information Technology</b>         | Bill Gentry          | IT Manager / Contractor              | 115          | <a href="mailto:bgentry@3csol.net">bgentry@3csol.net</a>               |
|                                       |                      |                                      |              |  |
| <b>Police Department</b>              |                      | Main Number                          | 703-221-1111 |  |
|                                       | Nick Esposito        | Chief of Police                      | ext. 203     | <a href="mailto:nesposito@dumfriesva.gov">nesposito@dumfriesva.gov</a> |
|                                       |                      |                                      |              |  |

*Note: All Administrative and Department phone numbers are 703-221-3400 with their respective extensions. The Police Departments direct number is 703-221-1111.*

# KEY EMPLOYERS

(Employers with 20 or more employees)

United States Marine Corps Base Quantico  
AMERICAN SYSTEMS  
Armed Forces Services Corporation  
DCS Corporation  
Engility  
Serco  
United Mine  
Workers



The Town of Dumfries is home to over 230 businesses ranging in size from home based to small to medium to large. We pride ourselves on providing an environment that will encourage a healthier and more prosperous future for our businesses and residents and are committed to encouraging entrepreneurship as well as supporting existing businesses of all sizes and attracting new businesses to position our Town to be competitive in both Northern Virginia and Prince William County, Virginia.