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CITY OF POQUOSON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Keep up with current community projects and learn what's new in Poquoson related to planning and development.



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About Us

The Community Development office is available to assist with citizen needs regarding planning, zoning, environmental matters, streetlight outages, farm animal permits, etc. The permit office assists with matters concerning building codes and compliance.

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April 2025 Current and Upcoming Projects

A majority of the homes in the 32-lot Quarter Creek subdivision at the end of Robert Bruce Road are complete. The City approved a 21-lot subdivision to be developed on the property at the corner of Hunts Neck Road and Valmoore Drive. Site work began this month.

TJ's Sports Tavern II and MyStorage are still in construction. MyStorage is anticipated to open in late June or July.

The City held a ribbon cutting and grand opening for the new Public Safety Building on March 29th. The Police Department and Fire Administration should complete their moves to the new building very soon.

The Wythe Creek Widening project has made significant progress on the new bridge, adding concrete girders and pouring the deck. The contractor is currently still on schedule with the construction of the new bridge, which is projected to be complete in Fall 2027. This project includes a new 1,544 foot bridge, new sidewalks, new traffic signal at Cary's Chapel Road, and a three-lane reversible roadway in Hampton. Project details can be found at <https://www.vdot.virginia.gov/projects/hampton-roads-district/wythe-creek-road-route-172-widening-project/>.

City Council has approved a number of code changes. Amendments were made to Section 8.1 of the Zoning Ordinance related to Planned Open Space subdivisions to enhance requirements that increase the minimum lot sizes and setbacks, in addition to less use of non-tidal wetlands for open space. These changes ensure that Open Space subdivisions moving forward will have larger lots (overall fewer homes), more space between homes, and a greater amount of green/open space. City Council also adopted Appendix E: Short-Term Rentals (STR). Citizens currently operating a STR or those who wish to operate a STR should call the Community Development Department to receive information on the approval and permitting process. Finally, changes were made to Chapter 6-Advertising of the City Code which regulates signs in the right-of-way. Temporary signs will no longer be permitted in the city right-of-way other than those signs erected by the local government and approved by the City Manager. Any other sign placed in the city right-of-way or on city owned property will be removed and disposed of by city staff.

City Council has adopted amendments to the City Code to eliminate the Planned Unit Development Mixed Use Overlay District and all references in the Code, which provided the framework for mixed use developments. This will not affect any prior approvals, including Legacy. However, it does remove the overlay district from all other parcels where it existed prior to City Council's approval, effectively eliminating the process for approval of a mixed-use development on the north side of Victory Boulevard and parcels on or near City Hall Avenue.

Construction continues at the Legacy of Poquoson. All homes in Phase 1 of Legacy and a majority of Phase 2 are constructed and occupied. Building has started on two of the eight smaller single-family homes near the clubhouse. Work in Phase Three continues behind City Hall. Only a few units remain available at the Flats at Legacy, with 172 of the 176 apartments now leased.