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Abbey Whitehead, left, and Brooke Hensen, are Level 9 gymnasts on the Stafford Royals, a program administered through Stafford County Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities. The Royals have a developmental team and a competitive team. More than 80 gymnasts compete and place in local,



regional and national competitions, year-round. Stafford also has a competitive cheer and dance team, the Stafford Premier All-Stars. This team of 23 athletes competes at the local, regional and national level. Parks hosts a gymnastics and cheer camp in the summer. For more information on these teams or any other parks programming, please visit www.staffordparks.com.



A Message from the Chairman

Happy 2016! Many of you may have made New Year's resolutions over the last few weeks and I wish you nothing but success as you work toward fulfilling those resolutions. In Stafford County, our resolution is the same every year: to continue to build a great community. It's a perfect reflection of our motto: "Progress Since 1664." We have many projects underway for 2016 that will make Stafford an even better place to live, work and raise a family.

Construction is nearing completion on the Embrey Mill Park and the Jeff Rouse Swim and Sport Center. The park will be a multi-field, rectangular athletic field complex, which was authorized by the 2009 Park Bond Referendum. The 76,000-square-foot Rouse Center is an indoor recreational facility which will offer three pools in addition to workout areas, a gymnasium, and a cafe.

Also changing our recreation landscape will be the opening of Lake Mooney Park to the public for boating. A boat ramp has already been constructed and we will also have a building on-site that will house staff to assist you during your visit. The park is scheduled to open this spring.

We recently completed safety improvements on Poplar Road and Mountain View Road, and improvements are underway on Brooke Road and Truslow Road. The widening of Route 17 is making good progress and is scheduled to be completed in 2016. Work on widening Garrisonville Road will also start later this year.



Mountain View Road Safety Improvements

While safety is a priority of our transportation improvements, making our county more accessible and navigable is also critical to the success of our economic development program. Each year, we continue to bring in more businesses and jobs. In fact, last year we reached a milestone, with Stafford



businesses providing more than 41,000 jobs to our community, the first time in Stafford's history. That means more than 41,000 people can say they work in Stafford County.

These jobs cover a multitude of career fields including medical, defense contracting, higher education and hospitality offerings. The Stafford Tech and Research Park Initiative is building momentum, and we hope to make some major announcements there later this year.

An area in which we continue to see growth is retail. The private sector is preparing additional retail at more than 10 locations countywide, including Aquia Town Center, which is currently being renovated and will also house residential and commercial development. Our dining choices continue to grow as well with Chipotle, Sonic, Mission BBQ, Panera, Freddy's, Cornbread and Caviar, Umi Japanese Fine Dining, Before "n" After Café at Embrey Mill, Colonial Cupcakes, The Grille, Fatty's Crab House, Sarku Japan, Dunkin Donuts, Adventure Brewery, and Bella Café, all opening in Stafford within the last few years.

We anticipate another great year for Stafford's schools as well. Brooke Point and Colonial Forge will be renovated and receive additional classrooms and space for wellness and fine arts. Mountain View High School is on tap for an addition next year.

These are only some highlights for the coming year; we anticipate that 2016 will be filled with more good news for our community! I continue to be proud to call Stafford County my home, and I hope that you are proud, too.

*Robert "Bob" Thomas
Chairman, Stafford Board of Supervisors*



In the Pipeline - Projects Coming to You

2015	
Aquia Landing Bath House ✓	Mountain View Road Improvements, Phase I ✓
Curtis Park Pavilion Improvements ✓	Woodstream Trail ✓
Dog Park at Duff Park ✓	Falmouth Intersection Improvements ✓
Mountain View Road Improvements, Phase II ✓	Crow's Nest Nature Preserve – Canoe Launch and Parking Lot ✓
Stafford High School ✓	
2016	
Brooke Road Safety Improvements	Garrisonville Road/Onville Road Turn Lane Improvement
Truslow Road Improvements	Route 17 Widening
Lake Mooney Park	Brooke Point High School Addition
Centreport Parkway ✓	Belmont-Ferry Farm Trail, Phase 4, Pratt Park to the Chatham Bridge
Embrey Mill Park Rectangular Field Complex ✓	Right Turn Lane at Route 1 and Garrisonville Road
Jeff Rouse Swim and Sport Center	Colonial Forge High School Addition
Poplar Road Improvements, Phase I, Phase II	Celebrate Virginia Water Tank
Trailblazing Signs	Poplar Road Improvements, Phase III
Crow's Nest Nature Preserve – Crow's Nest Road Renovation	
2017	
Warrenton Road Bike Trails	Ferry Road/Route 3 Intersection Improvements
Sanford Drive Waterline Improvement	Garrisonville Road Widening
Enon Road Widening	Belmont-Ferry Farm Trail, Phase 6, Chatham Bridge to Ferry Farm
Courthouse Area Water Tank	St. Clair Brooks Park Skateboard Park Expansion
Mountain View High School Addition	
2018	
Fire & Rescue Station 14	South Stafford Large Waterline Construction
New Animal Shelter	Embrey Mill Fields Phase III
Armed Services Memorial	New Anne E. Moncure Elementary School
Courthouse Road/Route 1 Intersection Improvements	Courthouse Road Widening
White - Projects Under Construction Yellow - Projects in Design Pink - VDOT Projects ✓ Completed Projects	

Stafford County News and Information



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- Look for us on Twitter: @staffordvagov, @SCFR, @staffcosheriff, @StaffordParks, @VoteStaffordVA, @TourStaffordVA, and @SCCrimeSolvers.
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- Dial 911 for emergencies; (540) 658-4400 for the Sheriff's non-emergency line.

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Embrey Mill Park Set to Host First Tournament

Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities is working with Tourism staff, Stafford schools and Stafford Soccer to host the 23rd Annual St. Paddy's Day Tournament, March 19-20, 2016. This is the first year in its history that all of the tournament's games will be played on fields in Stafford County, including the new fields at Embrey Mill Park, 1600 Mine Road in Stafford. The association expects more than 10,000 people to attend the games. The reach of these visitors goes beyond parks as they will be shopping, eating and staying in hotels in the county. The park will open with four synthetic fields for the tournament with two more grass fields coming online in the fall of 2016. There is a capacity for five more fields. The complex includes a concession stand, playground and restroom facilities.

The Jeff Rouse Swim and Sport Center is scheduled to open in March of 2016. The center features a 50 meter X 25 yard competition pool, cool-down pool, therapy pool, exercise room, aerobics room, basketball courts, classrooms, nursery and a snack bar. Patrons must join the center to participate in the sports leagues and programming. The facility is owned by Stafford County but is being managed by Eastern Sports Management in a public-private partnership. For more information about membership, visit www.rousecenter.com or call the Rouse Center at (540) 318-6332.



Artificial Turf Field



50 meter X 25 yard competition pool

Study Documents Slavery-Related Sites in Stafford

Despite decades of cultural resource studies, recorded sites associated with the African American experience in Stafford are few in number and scarce in written records. In an effort to fill this void, the Board of Supervisors commissioned a Cultural Resources Study of Slavery Related Buildings and Sites last year. The goal was to identify properties with a potential slave-related connection, document approximately 30 slave-related sites, understand the extent of the county's resources as they relate to slavery and increase the



number of documented slavery-related sites in the county and state inventories. The structure in the photo to the right is the slave quarters at the old Sanford Farm which is now part of the Lake Mooney property. Thanks to a donation by PermaTreat, the structure has been treated for termites and braced to prevent further leaning. Plans are being made to further preserve and interpret the structure and associated property. A full version of the study may be found at www.staffordcountyva.gov.

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