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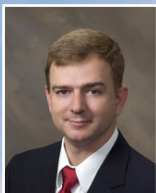


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## ON THE COVER

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The cover of this issue spotlights a group of children breaking the ribbon at the November 19 ribbon cutting for the new \$170,000 universal playground at Chichester Park. The facility includes amenities that adhere to the needs of all people. The young boy in front is Oliver Harris, brother of the inspiration for the park, Falmouth Elementary fourth-grader Nathanael Harris. Nathanael's parents, Alexa and Rob

Harris, created an unofficial "Playground Committee," comprised of Alexa and various teachers and physical therapists. Stafford's Board of Supervisors was happy to help make this dream a reality.

Stafford County Government is proud to have a place where all children and adults can interact and make life-long memories together. Stafford's parks are integral to the Board of Supervisors' priorities for the county. Their efforts to increase recreational opportunities make Stafford more appealing to potential residents as well as businesses, making Stafford a great place to live, work and raise a family.



# In the Pipeline Stafford County Projects Coming to You in 2017 and 2018

2017	2018
Warrenton Road Bike Route	Fire & Rescue Station 14
Sanford Drive Waterline Improvement	New Anne E. Moncure Elementary School
Armed Services Memorial	Courthouse Road/Route 1 Intersection Improvements
Poplar Road Improvements, Phase III	Belmont-Ferry Farm Trail, Phase 6, Chatham Bridge to Ferry Farm
Trailblazing Signs Phase II	Courthouse Area Water Tank
Garrisonville Road/Onville Road Intersection Improvement	New Animal Shelter
Belmont-Ferry Farm Trail, Phase 4, Pratt Park to the Chatham Bridge	South Stafford Large Waterline Construction
Embrey Mill Park - Two Additional Full-Size Turf Fields	Embrey Mill Fields Phase III
	Ferry Road/Route 3 Intersection Improvements
	Courthouse Road Widening
	Garrisonville Road Widening

Projects in White  
Under Construction

Projects in Pink  
VDOT Projects

Projects in Yellow  
Under Design





## Widewater State Park to Bring More Public Access to the Potomac

Virginia's newest state park, Widewater State Park, will bring more access to the Potomac for the public. The park will be a tremendous asset to Stafford County and will provide numerous recreational opportunities for citizens and visitors. Widewater State Park is located on the Widewater peninsula, bordered on one side by the Potomac River and by Aquia Creek on the other side. The project will be built in three phases. A groundbreaking was held on December 16, 2016, for Phase I of the project. Phase I will include a boat launch, fishing pier, bank fishing, canoe launches/landings, trails, playgrounds and picnic areas. Phase II will bring a visitor center, office space, trail enhancements and additional day-use facilities. And phase III will include building overnight facilities and an environmental education center. Phase I is expected to take around 15 months to complete, with the other phases dependent on the timing of future funding.



*Virginia House of Delegates representative Mark Dudenhefer is pictured on the left with Stafford Board of Supervisors member Jack Cavalier, Griffis-Widewater District. Both Delegate Dudenhefer and Supervisor Cavalier have been long-time supporters of the park project.*

## World War II Veterans Recognition Event a Big Hit

Stafford's World War II Veteran Recognition Event was the second most-attended simulcast event in the state. Virginia is hosting a year-long WWI and WWII Commemoration to recognize the 100th and 75th anniversaries of the entry of the United States into the wars. Stafford partnered with



the City of Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania to host an event December 8, 2016, at the Stafford Regional Airport to simulcast the state's special *Special medallion from the Virginia WWI and WWII Commemoration Commission given to each veteran*

WWII event. There were 42 veterans in attendance - 40 men and two women. More than 150 guests enjoyed the breakfast and complimentary luncheon by Mission BBQ. The keynote speech was presented by USMC Maj. Gen. Craig Timberlake.



*Army veteran Florence Spinneweber with a photo of herself during WWII*

## Stafford Welcomes New County Administrator

Stafford County proudly announces the appointment of Thomas C. Foley to the position of County Administrator. Thomas Foley comes to Stafford from Albemarle County where he has served as County Executive. He took over responsibilities from Interim County Administrator C. Douglas Barnes on February 1, 2017.

During Thomas Foley's time at Albemarle County, Albemarle received its third 'AAA' bond rating, making it a triple 'AAA' rated community, a very prestigious financial designation. 'AAA' is the highest bond rating given to localities, allowing those communities to borrow money for projects

at lower rates and freeing up money for other services. Stafford has two 'AAA' ratings from Standard & Poor's and Fitch and is aggressively pursuing a third.

Foley was involved deeply with developing a combination career/volunteer fire department, all under the auspices of the principles of high performance, a long-time practice in Stafford County. Foley is recognized for his skill in building regional and community relationships, a valuable skillset to have as Stafford and area localities move forward with regional transportation and economic goals.



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## Stafford's New Armed Services Memorial Set to Debut in July 2017

The construction contract has been awarded and a dedication date of July 15, 2017, has been set for Stafford's \$675,000 Armed Services Memorial. There's still time to buy a brick to honor your loved one and have it featured in the first installation at the dedication. Just send in the form in this magazine or buy a brick online at [www.StaffordArmedServicesMemorial.weebly.com](http://www.StaffordArmedServicesMemorial.weebly.com). Kline Memorials has been selected to build the memorial and will break ground on the project on March 4, 2017. Thanks to the enthusiastic and generous support of the community, the Armed Services Memorial Commission and Working Group, a group of volunteers appointed by the Board of Supervisors, was able to raise the original goal of \$675,000 in only five months! Larry Silver led the way with a \$100,000 donation, followed by \$50,000 from the Russell F. Sullivan Family Foundation and \$25,000 each from Atlantic

Builders and Richard Ward, II. Encouraged by the community's response, the group decided there were additional features that would enhance the memorial and make it even better and committed to raising an additional \$163,000. Features include additional lighting, landscaping, pavers, a seat wall and an irrigation system. Of this additional goal, only \$120,385 remains to be raised and the community's continued support is encouraged.



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# Stafford County's Armed Services Memorial

## Buy-a-Brick Campaign

Your donation of \$200.00 will help support the construction of the Stafford County Armed Services Memorial that will honor those who have served honorably since the Revolutionary War, paid the ultimate sacrifice, or are currently serving in our Armed Services. To commemorate your gift, a personalized engraved brick will be installed at the Memorial to be located on the Stafford County Government campus.\*

**Please print the following information and return this completed form with your donation:**

Donator Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:**

1. Use the boxes below for your personalized message on your brick.
2. Include an empty box for spaces between words.
3. Spaces, commas, and periods count towards the maximum number of characters (20 characters across for three rows).
4. ALL bricks will be engraved in all capital letters and centered.

### Veteran's Name/Family


**Donations may be tax deductible and should be made payable to:**

Stafford County Armed Services Memorial Fund

**Please return this form with your accompanying check to:**

Stafford County Armed Services Memorial  
P.O. Box 1777  
Stafford, VA 22555

***Thank you again for your generous donation and continued support of the  
Stafford County Armed Services Memorial!***

[www.StaffordArmedServicesMemorial.weebly.com](http://www.StaffordArmedServicesMemorial.weebly.com)

*\*Due to the volume of bricks included in the memorial, we are unable to accommodate specific location requests.*

ALL Brick purchases are non-refundable and tax deductible

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