



PRICE'S FORK VILLAGE PLANNING MEETING IS SATURDAY, MARCH 19 AT 8:30 A.M., AT PRICE'S FORK GRANGE HALL

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Montgomery County, Virginia – On Saturday, March 19, Price's Fork residents will come together at the Price's Fork Grange to continue the conversation about the future of the village of Prices Fork that started with the village survey. The survey, conducted door-to-door last month by Virginia Tech students, indicates that despite concerns about road safety and the quality and quantity of future development, residents see Price's Fork as a nice, rural community and a good place to raise a family.

Preliminary results from the survey suggest that Price's Fork residents enjoy the mountain views, the quiet atmosphere, and the lack of congestion. On the flip side, participants are concerned about roads and safety, the future of Price's Fork Elementary, and increasing housing costs that could eventually price long-term residents out of Price's Fork. Participants in the village survey indicated that they wanted to see a future where they knew their neighbors and were connected as a community. It is hoped that the process of developing the Price's Fork Village Plan will help residents start defining and strengthening their sense of community and their ties to Price's Fork.

If the survey provides a quick snapshot of residents' concerns, the first village meeting will provide residents with the opportunity to sit down and discuss, at length, the future of their village. The first of the Price's Fork Village Plan community meetings will start at 8:30 a.m., on Saturday, March 19 and will focus on identifying issues and areas of concern and creating a vision for the future. The meeting, hosted by the Montgomery County Planning Department, will be facilitated by Milt Herd (Herd Planning and Design) and Vlad Gavrilovic (Paradigm Design).

The interactive format of the community meeting is designed to provide residents with plenty of opportunities to express their hopes and concerns for Price's Fork. During the morning session, participants will be asked to identify the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats in Price's Fork, as well as "treasured places," features to be preserved, and features to be changed. The Virginia Tech students will be presenting the results of the village survey during the morning session. The afternoon session will build on participants' observations and will focus on creating a vision for the future of Price's Fork and the Price's Fork expansion area. Participants will be asked to think about where they would like to see new streets, new land uses, new public facilities, and preferred locations for key activities in and around the Village of Price's Fork.

For more information on the Price's Fork Village Plan, the village community input and planning process, or on other upcoming village planning events, please visit the Village Plan page on the Montgomery County web site (www.MontVA.com) or call the Montgomery County Planning Department at 540-394-2148.

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