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# Code Connection

Summer  
2023

## THE PERMIT CENTER HAS MOVED TO 4850 MARK CENTER DRIVE



In March 2023, the Permit Center relocated to the West End of the City on the 2nd floor of the Redella S. “Del” Pepper Community Resource Center, at 4850 Mark Center Drive. The permit center is open to the public for in-person service Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The services that are currently offered in the permit center are:

- Plan Review services
- New Construction Inspections
- Property Maintenance Inspections
- And more.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on April 27 in honor of the Del Pepper Community Resource Center opening. Since the combining of the City's social services, women's services, and behavioral health services into a single department in 2010, there has been a push for unification into one location. DCHS programs were previously housed in eight distinct locations throughout the city, requiring clients to travel to numerous places to receive services. A single location makes it easier for clients to access the full spectrum of DCHS services, while enhancing employee collaboration for providing these

services.

Departments located at the Del Pepper Community Resource Center include:

- DCHS
- Alexandria Health Department
- Permit Center
- Finance Department

# REFRESH YOUR HOME!

ALEX  
311

To report an issue  
in your community,  
please call 311 or  
(703)-746-4311

Or visit  
[alex311.alexandria  
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Summer is finally here! Routine maintenance is critical in sustaining property values as homes age. This checklist might assist you in managing your property and creating your own honey-do list.

## **Cut Grass and Weeds:**

Cut grass and weeds on property that are in excess of 12 inches in height.

## **Clean the Gutter:**

Water damage can result from clogged gutters. To keep your basement dry, use downspout extenders to direct water away from your structure.

## **House Numbers:**

Can emergency vehicles identify your home address from the street? Numbers should be at least 4 inches tall and 0.5 inch wide.

## **Plan to Paint:**

Examine both interior and outdoor areas for paint damage. The Virginia Maintenance Code prohibits peeling, flaking, and chipped paint.

## **Replace Batteries in Smoke Detectors:**

Improve your home's security and don't overlook this crucial tip!

## **Clean and Repair Windows:**

Examine the windows both inside and out for damage.

## **Check Window and Door Seals:**

Weather sealants can shatter as a result of extreme cold, leaving these regions prone to water damage.

## **Chimney Care:**

Examine the exterior of the chimney for damage. Hire a skilled chimney sweep to clean and replace missing chimney caps.



# BUILDING SAFETY MONTH 2023

The City of Alexandria's Department of Code Administration, in partnership with VBCOA and the International Code Council, held the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Kick-Off Event on Market Square Friday, May 5, 2023. Guest speaker included: Cindy Davis, DHCD Deputy Director and International Code Council's Immediate Past President.

The International Code Council (ICC) has acclaimed advances in constructing safe, sustainable, affordable, and resilient buildings and residences. The President of the United States, governors, mayors, county executives, and other government leaders and construction industry experts have all expressed their continued support for Building Safety Month and the critical role code officials play in public safety in the built environment. Building Safety Month raises public awareness about how building codes and code officials improve and safeguard the areas where we live, learn, work, worship, and play, which helps to promote public safety.

Other Building Safety Month attractions at the kick-off event included: free "hands on" training by HILTI (Bud Griffin) and Simpson Strong-Tie (Mike Wolfe), Rocklands BBQ, and a free raffle of door prizes! This year's theme was "Resilient Communities Start with Building Codes." Each week of Building Safety Month spotlights a specific area of building safety.



# CODE ADMINISTRATION'S NEW EMPLOYEES !

Welcome aboard, everyone!

MICHAEL BERGH

CODE INSPECTOR (FPS)

WAYNE MALCOM

CODE INSPECTOR I

YAFENG CAO

PLANS EXAMINER

JAMES PROCTOR

CODE INSPECTOR I



## SUMMER INTERN 2023

Code Administration would like to recognize Bryanna Phillips, our intern for Summer 2023! Bryanna is a senior at ECU majoring in Finance & Marketing.

## FAREWELL DAVE!

Dave Demaree retires after 25 years of service! For the dedication and hard work, you deserve the best retirement ever. Enjoy this new journey of your life and good luck on your future endeavors!





## SPRING TRAINING EVENT



The “June Training Bug” welcomed attendees to Spring Training offered to local metropolitan building industry professionals. Architects, engineers, small business owners, building contractors, developers, and regional code officials were instructed by Jerica Stacey (International Code Council) on the Significant Changes to the 2021 Virginia Energy Conservation Code. The FREE training was held at

the First Baptist Church of Alexandria, conveniently located in the central part of the City on King Street. The full day event is one of two FREE educational training events offered by the Department of Code Administration every year, to support education of current and future building and energy conservation codes.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2023



The City of Alexandria celebrated National Night Out (NNO) on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, a day designed to raise crime prevention awareness, generate support for anti-crime programs, and send a message to criminals that

neighborhoods are organized and working with law enforcement to help prevent crime.

Every year, the Alexandria Police Department, Alexandria Fire Department, Alexandria Sheriff's Office, City officials, other City departments, and non-profit groups join forces to celebrate National Night Out. Alexandria will be preparing for America's Night Out Against Crime with neighborhood cookouts, open homes, block celebrations, and sporting events.



# OUR TEAM!









