



# New Resident Welcome Packet



# Welcome to Kilmarnock

~One of Virginia's Great Small Towns~

Town of Kilmarnock  
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# The Town of **Kilmarnock**

• Incorporated 1930 •

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It's my pleasure to welcome you to Kilmarnock where we have been a *great small town* at the eastern portion of the Northern Neck since the beginning of our existence. We offer small town charm in a community of bigger city amenities. On behalf of the Town Council and myself, I trust you will take advantage of all we have to offer as you create your home with us.

We are excited to have you as part of our community.

Regards,

Raymond C. Booth, Jr., Mayor



I'm delighted to say "hello" and welcome you to our wonderful town.

People have been coming, *and staying*, in Kilmarnock for quite a while. This is a great place to live where the quality of life is excellent. Please know that the town staff is here to serve you and help in whatever way we can to make your transition into our community a smooth one.

Cordially,

Tom Saunders, Town Manager



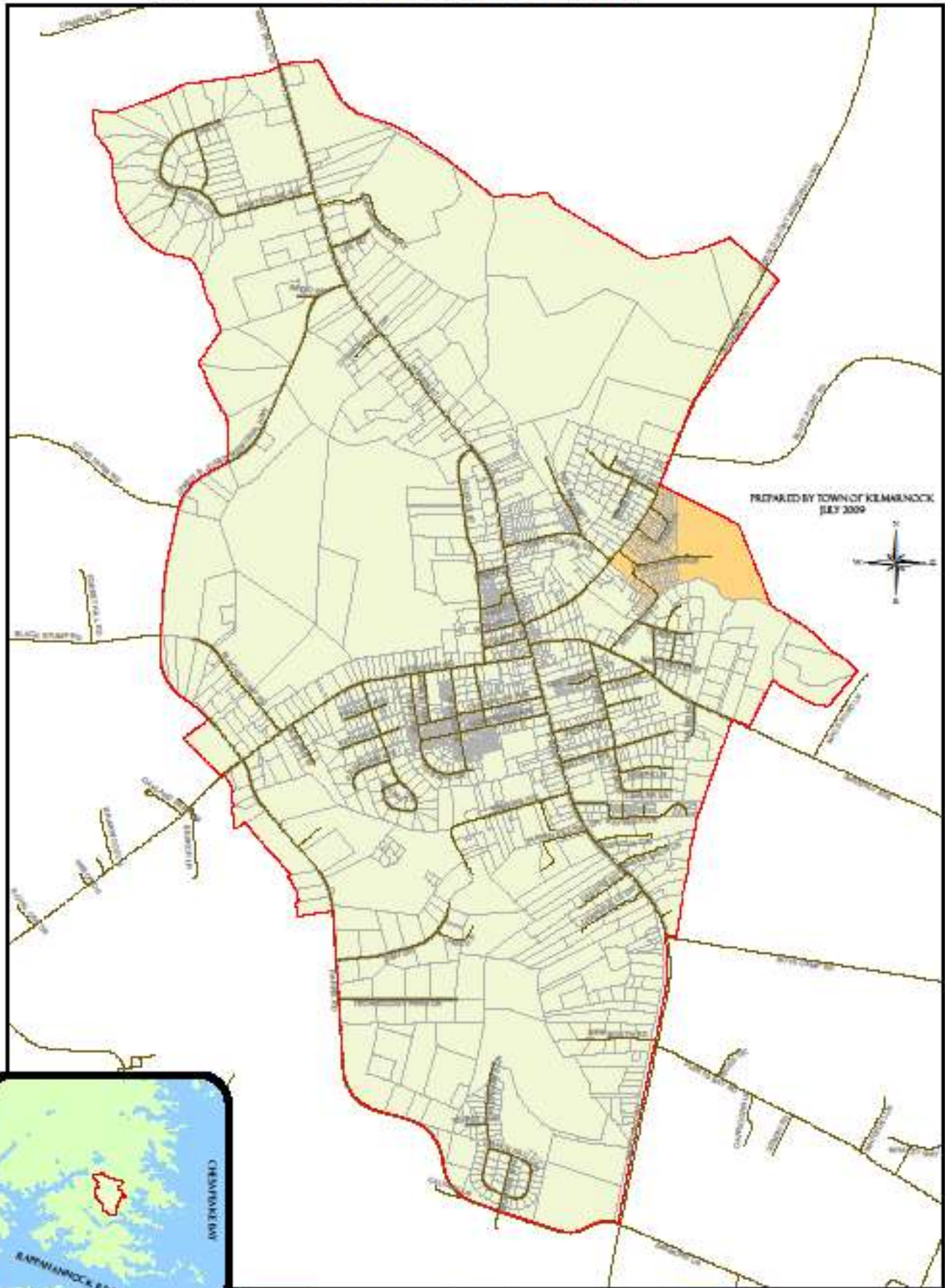
## Kilmarnock's History

February 1, 1650	<b>Called “the Crossroads”, this land patent issued to Gervais Dodson and George Wale for land that a portion of today’s Kilmarnock is located on. Wale later becomes the sole owner.</b>
1659	Anthony Steptoe arrives in Virginia from Hampshire, England as an indentured person.
March 1, 1676	<b>Part of Wale patent is now in hands of Anthony Steptoe. Now known as Steptoe’s Ordinary,</b> he operates a tavern and storehouse at the crossing. (He marries Lucy Stephens of Scotland.) He owns 278 acres.
1764	<b>Anthony Steptoe’s great grandson, William Steptoe, sold a 2 1\2 acre parcel of today’s Kilmarnock</b> to Robert Gilmour. Gilmour is an agent for and interest holder in a mercantile firm (Bogle, Somerville & Co.) in Glasgow, Scotland and owns property in Kilmarnock, Scotland. <b>Robert Gilmour’s wife, Helen Galloway, is the granddaughter of Richard Lee of Ditchley (in Northumberland County, VA).</b>
December 7, 1778	<b>Earliest mention of “Kilmarnock” in a deed filed by Rawleigh Hazard, a silversmith, when he purchases 2 acres.</b>
1779	<b>Hazard applies to run an ordinary “in Kilmarnock”.</b>
1781	Two more Hazard deeds refer to Kilmarnock.
1782	Robert Gilmour operates a store in Kilmarnock, VA and at his death wills to his son a house <b>“at the end of the bridge in Kilmarnock, Scotland”.</b> Both Hazard and Gilmour are closely associated with the name choice of Kilmarnock.
1803	Store opens on Main Street by Peter Tankersley. In 1803, Tankersly sells his store and lot to John Hall. Hall and Elias Edmonds are prominent merchants. These may have been the only stores until after the Civil War. It is unknown if these two operated continuously.
August 10, 1804	John Hall becomes the first postmaster of Kilmarnock.
1842	<b>Kilmarnock Seminary, a private school, is founded by Addison Hall (John Hall’s son), prominent lawyer, merchant, Baptist Minister, postmaster.</b> He recruits Lewson Chase (from Massachusetts) as its first schoolteacher. It continues for nearly 50 years.
1855	Female Seminary founded by Addison Hall. Located at the corner of Main and Church Streets, he brings Miss Julia Gordon from New England to be its first teacher. In 1859 Miss Gordon and Mr. Chase are married.
1881	Gus and William Eubank lease commercial space at the southeast corner of Main and Church Streets and begin Eubank and Brother. They purchased the store outright in 1886 and <b>expanded to two stories in 1891. At 1000 square feet, this may have been the Northern Neck’s largest mercantile establishment.</b>
1886	Only 5 commercial stores exist in Kilmarnock- <b>Eubanks’, T. W. Bonner, Shearman, J. B. Cralle and T.R. Smither.</b>
1895	<b>T. W. Bonner expands his store and provides for a “town hall” on the second floor. John Palmer starts the Holly Ball, both a debutant ball and, now a community fundraiser.</b>
1897	<b>Kilmarnock’s first newspaper, <i>The Chesapeake Watchman</i>,</b> is published. John Palmer is the editor.
1890’s	Brothers Eubank build the Eubank Hotel next door on Church Street.

1901	The Eubanks build a steamboat wharf on Indian Creek at the end of Waverly Avenue. In 1902, a fish processing factory is built at the wharf.
July 6, 1915	The second major fire starts in the bowling alley on Main Street on the northern edge of town burning both sides of Main Street until it reached the brick buildings of the <b>Eubanks'. Upon rebuilding, merchants used fire retardant materials with brick and concrete block construction</b> ; however, they had common attics with no firewall between them. This would prove costly in later years.
1916	The Kilmarnock Water Company was created by T. Sargeant Brent, R.H. Chilton, Sr. and Dr. W.H. Lowe. It provided a safe water supply for the community.
October 4, 1916	The <i>Rappahannock Record</i> issues its first paper, Fred C. Smith, editor.
1918	A power plant was established to supply the town with electricity. Bought in 1927 by East Coast Utilities, later Virginia Electrical Power Company (VEPCO), now Dominion Power.
1920	The Hazel Building is constructed by A.E. Brent and named for his daughter. Three stories high, it was an imposing barn like structure with multiple shops inside-a department store, drug store, restaurant, hotel and opera house, seating 500 people.
1925	Whippet-Knight Motors opens on Main Street. The Fairfax Theater opens just a few doors down.
1927	Downing Bridge is opened in Tappahannock crossing the Rappahannock River, opening the northern end of the Northern Neck to additional commerce with the Richmond area.
December 8, 1930	Kilmarnock is incorporated as a Town within Virginia. Raleigh D. Carter was the first Mayor and S. G. Purcell the first police sergeant. The town now includes 762 acres.
1932	Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department is formed. R. C. Saunders is the first fire chief.
August 23, 1933	The 8 <sup>th</sup> hurricane of the 1933 season hits the Northern Neck destroying 18 of 30 existing steamboat wharves. Most steamboat lines ended regular service vs. rebuilding. The steamboat era was over.
1934	Town of Kilmarnock purchases the Kilmarnock Water Company.
1935	The Kilmarnock Carnival Co. is established as fund raiser for the Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department.
1938	<b>Lee's Restaurant opens. It's still run by the Lee family.</b>
<b>Early 1950's</b>	Five automobile sales and service buildings were on Main Street plus three auto repair and 2 gasoline stations.
March 17, 1952	<b>St. Patrick's Day fire begins when the Hazel Building catches fire. High winds prevailed</b> that day and fire swept Main Street. The buildings rebuilt after the 1915 fire were lost due to the common attic.
1973	<b>150 acres are added to the Town's limits along Harris Drive where the hospital would be opened.</b>
1977	Rappahannock General Hospital opens.
1984	<b>896 acres are added to the Town's boundaries. This acreage is north of Town along Rt. 3.</b>
April, 2006	<b>Main Street revitalization begins with Federal VDOT and local funding. "Steptoe's District" is formally created.</b>
2007	432 acres are added along the southern edge of Town encompassing Mary Ball Rd. toward White Stone, VA and along Harris Drive.
2009	A \$2.5 million grant is secured through VA Department of Housing and Community Development to rehabilitate housing units along Mary Ball Rd., providing public water and sewer services.



# TOWN OF KILMARNOCK, VA CORPORATE LIMITS



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## Quick Facts on Kilmarnock

**Demographics:** Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census -2000 Census

- Population: 1244
- Male\Female: 41%\59%
- Median Age: 52.5
- Race: 80% Caucasian, 19% African American, 1% Other
- Average Household Size: 1.99
- Owner\Renter Occupied Housing: 62%\38%
- **Education: 74% High school or higher, 24% Bachelor's degree or higher**
- Median Household Income: \$31,625
- Housing: 80% single structures
- Housing Age: 40% built since 1980
- Households with 2+ vehicles: 42%

### Health Care:

- **Hospitals:** Rappahannock General Hospital in Kilmarnock (rgh.org), Riverside-Tappahannock VA (riversideonline.com)
- **Clinics:** Northern Neck Free Health Clinic (nnfhc.org), Family Maternity Center of the Northern Neck (fmcnn.org)

### Schools:

- Lancaster County (lcs.k12.va.us) and Northumberland County Public Schools (nucps.net)
- Chesapeake Academy-private preK-8 (chesapeakeacademy.org)
- **Christ's Church School**-private 9-12 (christchurchschool.org)
- Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw, VA: (rcc.org)

### Tax Rate:

- Personal Property:\$.16 per \$100 assessed value
- Real Property:\$.10 per \$100 assessed value
- Meals Tax: 5%
- Hotel Tax: 8%

### Weather:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average
High Temp.		46	48	58	67	75	82	86	85	80	70	61	51
Low Temp.		28	28	37	45	55	64	68	67	61	50	41	32
Mean Temp.		37	40	48	56	66	74	78	77	71	60	51	42
Avg. Precip. (inches)		3.7	3.5	4.3	3.0	3.9	3.6	4.6	4.5	3.9	3.3	3.1	3.4



## Quality of Life in the Kilmarnock Area

### Amenities:

- Playground: designed for the under 10 year old set, located on Waverly Avenue
- Nature Trail at Baylor Park: Under development and located on the northern boundary of Kilmarnock on Rt. 3, it overlooks Norris Pond.

### Cultural Life:

- **The Arts:** Rappahannock Art League ([ralgallery.org](http://ralgallery.org)), Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts, Lancaster Players ([lancasterplayers.org](http://lancasterplayers.org)), Northern Neck Symphony
- **Service Organizations:** KIWS Rotary ([kiwsrotary.org](http://kiwsrotary.org)), Northern Neck Rotary, Northern Neck Kiwanis ([nnkiwanis.org](http://nnkiwanis.org)), Lion's Club
- **Public Services:** YMCA ([peninsulaymca.org/branches/northernneck](http://peninsulaymca.org/branches/northernneck)), Northern Neck Free Health Clinic ([nnfhc.org](http://nnfhc.org)), American Red Cross ([redcross.org](http://redcross.org)), Bay Aging & Bay Transit ([bayaging.org](http://bayaging.org) & [baytransit.org](http://baytransit.org))
- **Local Events:** Go to Travel Lancaster County Virginia ([tlcva.com](http://tlcva.com)) for a comprehensive listing of local events.
- **Library:** Lancaster Community Library ([lancasterlibrary.org](http://lancasterlibrary.org))
- **Museums:** Kilmarnock Museum, Mary Ball Washington Museum & Library ([mbwm.org](http://mbwm.org)), Steamboat Era Museum ([steamboateramuseum.org](http://steamboateramuseum.org))

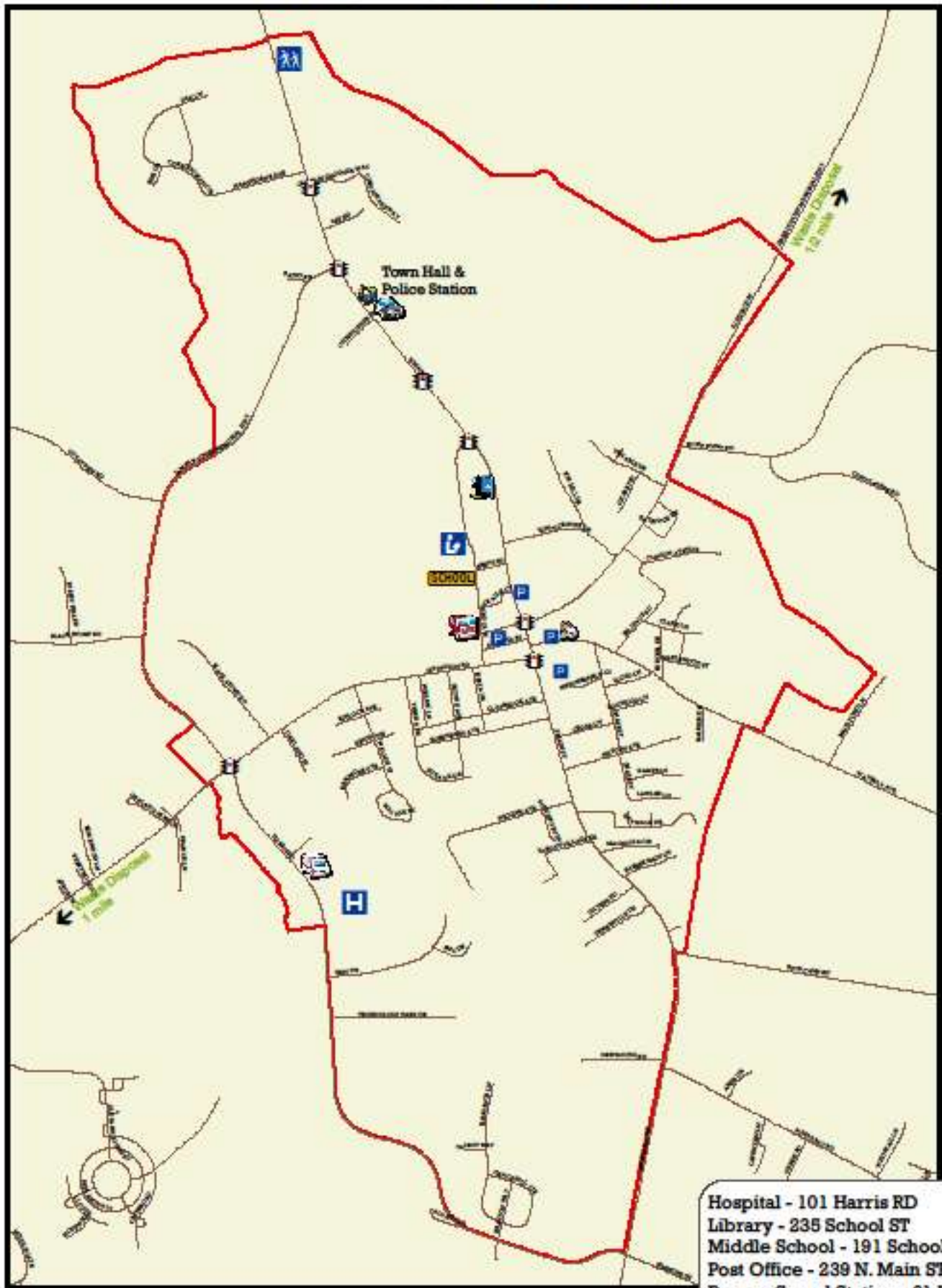
### Religious Life:

- Seventh Day Adventist
- **Kilmarnock Baptist, New St. John's Baptist, Cavalry Baptist**
- Kilmarnock Methodist
- Grace Episcopal
- St. Francis Catholic Church
- Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- Church of the Nazarene

### Signature Area Events:

- **First Friday WalkAbouts:** May to October, these are free, family focused events in the heart of Steptoe's District. Stroll, shop and enjoy the downtown atmosphere.
- **Farmer's Markets:** May to October, Get your fresh produce and more. Located on North Main Street with ample parking.
- **Northern Neck RiverRide:** Over 500 bicycle enthusiasts meet up to ride the back roads of Lancaster and Northumberland counties. Usually in late September ([riveride.org](http://riveride.org))


# PLACES OF INTEREST



- Hospital - 101 Harris RD
- Library - 235 School ST
- Middle School - 191 School ST
- Post Office - 239 N. Main ST
- Rescue Squad Station - 61 Harris RD
- Town Hall - 514 N. Main ST
- Town Police Dept. - 512 N. Main ST
- Vol. Fire Dept. Station - 71 School ST



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 Town of Kilmarnock



## Kilmarnock-A P eople F riendly P lace

Kilmarnock is the commercial hub of the Northern Neck and has been so for most of its existence. Originally called “The Crossroads” and then “Steptoe’s Ordinary” it has always been a place for shopping, dining, entertainment and great quality of life.

Quaint neighborhoods within easy walking distance: **Throughout Kilmarnock, you’ll find great family-friendly neighborhoods.** Housing is available in a variety of styles and price ranges.

**Steptoe’s District:** Named after an early merchant, this area is along the central core of Main Street and its intersection with Church Street and Irvington Road. Completely revitalized with underground utilities, and new streetscaping, this is a pedestrian friendly area that hosts a variety of special events annually. Storefronts are unique with ample windows street side to encourage looking and strolling.

**North Main Street:** Several shopping centers and “big box” stores line this northern entrance into Kilmarnock. Route 3 transitions from 2 lanes to 4 lanes in this area.

**Full Utilities Throughout Town:** Kilmarnock owns and operates its own water and sewerage facilities. All residences and businesses have access to these services.

**Parks and Playgrounds:** Come to the children’s playground on Waverly Avenue designed for children up to age 10. Or hike along the Nature Trail at Baylor Park overlooking Norris Pond.

**Accessible Health Care:** The area has a variety of primary care and specialized physicians. Rappahannock General Hospital is located along the southern border of Kilmarnock on Harris Road. Built in 1977, it is a 76 bed, community owned hospital providing a full range of services. Also on Harris Road is the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic providing high quality dental and medical care. The Clinic serves lower income, uninsured residents in Lancaster, Middlesex, Northumberland, Richmond and Westmoreland counties. Just outside of the town limits is the Family Maternity Center of the Northern Neck which offers gynecologic and obstetric care.

**Internet Access:** Kilmarnock is served by wireless and wire line high speed carriers. Verizon provides DSL service to a portion of Kilmarnock.



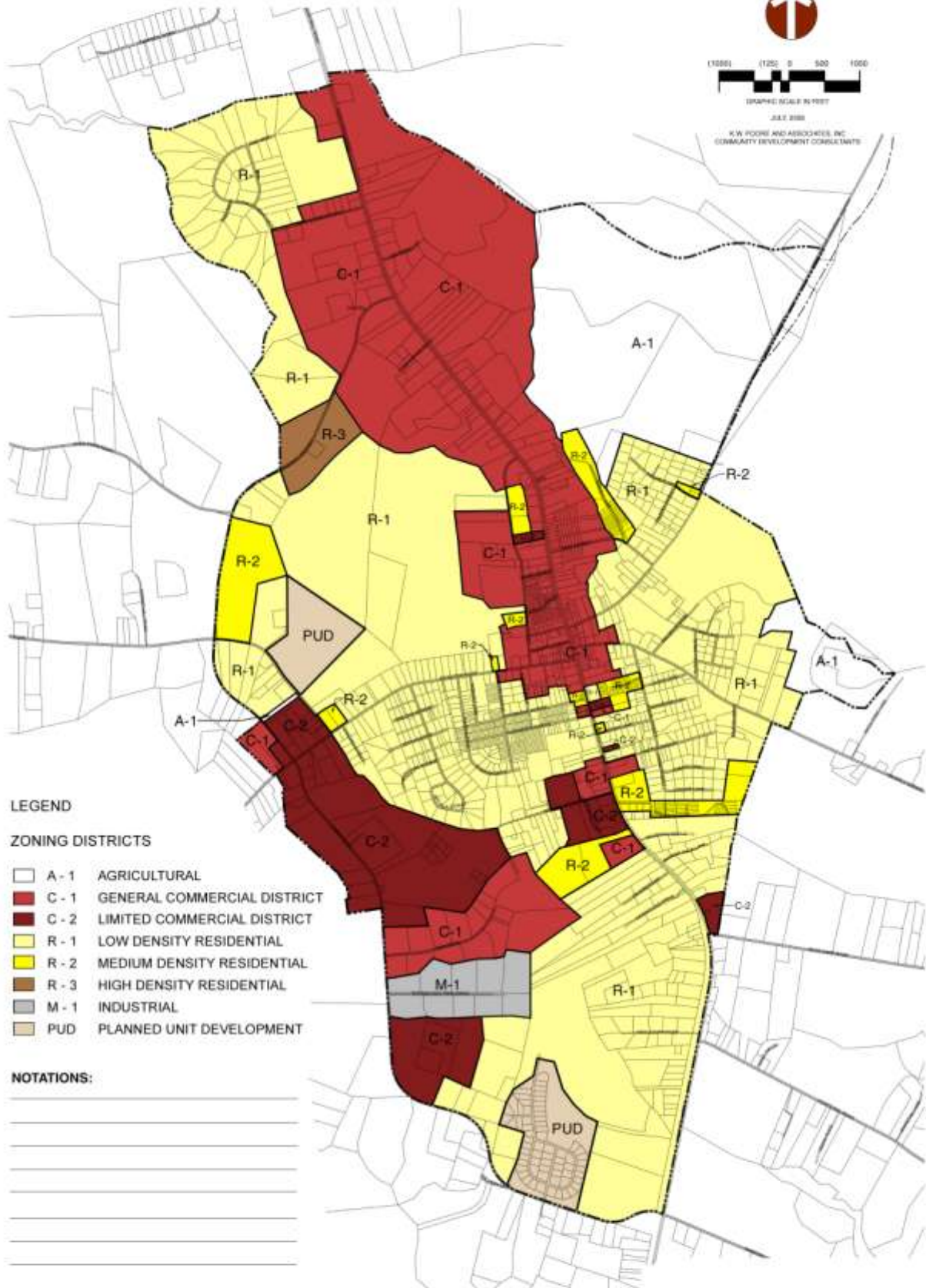
# ZONING DISTRICT MAP

Town of Kilmarnock, Virginia



JULY 2008

K.W. POORE AND ASSOCIATES, INC.  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANTS



**LEGEND**

**ZONING DISTRICTS**

- A - 1 AGRICULTURAL
- C - 1 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT
- C - 2 LIMITED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT
- R - 1 LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL
- R - 2 MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL
- R - 3 HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL
- M - 1 INDUSTRIAL
- PUD PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

**NOTATIONS:**

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Date Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature - Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Attest / Secretary or Planning Commission

Amendments: Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## Moving to Kilmarnock?

Becoming a resident? **It's an easy process. Just come to the Town Offices.**

1. Are you building a new home? Stop by for the appropriate zoning information.
2. If land disturbance or building is involved, we will direct you to the appropriate county. Permits are issued at the county level.
3. Apply for water and sewer services. Connection fees must be paid before the utilities are supplied. The application is enclosed in this packet. Electrical service is through Dominion Power (dom.com).

All done! All the forms you need are enclosed but feel free to ask for further assistance.

Need more information?

Zoning Administrator: Marshall Sebra 804-435- 1552 x32

msebra@kilmarnockva.com

Utilities Account: Jackie Blencowe 804- 435-1552 x 23

jblencowe@kilmarnockva.com or

Cindy Balderson 804-435- 1552 x21

cbalderson@kilmanrockva.com



## Community Contacts

### Town of Kilmarnock

Tom Saunders	Town Manager	435-1552 x26
Paul C. Stamm	Town Attorney	435-2626
Marshall Sebra	Planning\Zoning Director	435-1552 x32
Jacqueline Blencowe	Town Clerk	435-1552 x23
Judy Stevens	Town Treasurer	435-1552 x22
Cindy Balderson	Deputy Clerk	435-1552 x21
Mike Bedell	Police Chief	435-1552 x29
Franklin Carter	Fleet\Bldgs\Grounds Spvr	435-1755
Pat Chenoweth	Treatment Plt Chief Opr	435-6411
Susan Cockrell	<b>Comm'y Development</b>	<b>435-1552 x25</b>
James Seagle	Utility Field Supervisor	435-1755
Frances Stoughton	Office Services Specialist	435-1552 x31

Available 24\7\365:  
**"ASK Kilmarnock"** through  
[www.kilmarnockva.com](http://www.kilmarnockva.com)

### Others

American Red Cross - Kilmarnock	435-7669
Kilmarnock Post Office	435-7778
Lancaster By The Bay Chamber of Commerce	435-6092
Lancaster Community Library	435-1729
Northern Neck Tourism Council	333-1919
Rappahannock General Hospital	435-8000
Rappahannock Record (weekly newspaper)	435-1701
Virginia State Police - Warsaw	333-3800
Virginia Cooperative Extension Service	462-5780
Virginia Department of Forestry	435-1831
VA Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV)	497-7100
VDOT-Highway Help Line	800-367-7623
Virginia Marine Police	462-7200
WKWI-Bay FM and WIGO Country	435-1414

### Lancaster County (lancova.com)

Animal Shelter @ Sheriff's Office	462-7175 \462-5111
Building Inspector	462-5480
Circuit Court - Clerk	462-5611
Commissioner of Revenue	462-7920
Commonwealth Attorney	462-7240
County Administrator	462-7240
Crime Solvers	462-7463
General District Court - Clerk	462-5670\462-0012
Health Dept	462-5197
Landfill - Kilmarnock	435-2546
Landfill - Lancaster	462-0254
Planning/Zoning Office	462-5220
School Board	435-3183
Sheriff (lancastersheriff.net)	462-5111
Social Services	462-5141
Treasurer's Office	462-5630
Voter Registration	462-5277

### Northumberland County

(co.northumberland.va.us)	
Animal Shelter @ Sheriff's Office	580-5221
Building Inspector	580-8910
Circuit Court - Clerk	580-3700
Commissioner of Revenue	580-4321
Commonwealth Attorney	580-4471
County Administrator	580-7666
General District Court - Clerk	580-4323
Health Dept	580-3731
Planning\Zoning Office	580-8910
School Board	529-6134
Sheriff	580-5221
Social Services	580-xxxx
Treasurer's Office	580-5201
Voter Registration	580-4655

## Enclosed Forms & General Information ✓ = enclosed

- ✓ Lancaster by the Bay Chamber of Commerce Directory
- ✓ Lancaster County Community Profile (source: VA Economic Development Partnership-[www.yesvirginia.org](http://www.yesvirginia.org))
- ✓ Northumberland County Community Profile (source: VA Economic Development Partnership-[www.yesvirginia.org](http://www.yesvirginia.org))
- ✓ Schedule of Fees
- ✓ Water Service application
- ✓ Water Rates (in town and out-of-town locations)
- ✓ Zoning permit application
  
- ✓ Other \_\_\_\_\_