

Doug Bradham Letter for posting in the "Salisbury Courier" (Prepared: February 12, 2026)

To my fellow Salisbury neighborhood citizens:

My name is Doug Bradham and I have been a resident of the Salisbury neighborhood for 42 years. Like you, I have seen dramatic increases in the real estate property taxes collected by Chesterfield County over the past six years, increases significantly higher than the Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation rate. Likewise, Chesterfield County government spending; as approved by the five-member, elected Board of Supervisors, has also increased at a dramatic level of more than two times the CPI inflation rate over this time period.

I am a member of "Chesterfield Citizens for Responsible Government (CPRG)" which was founded in 2024 by residents of the Salisbury community as well as surrounding neighborhoods and includes members from the other four county districts as well. We are a non-political organization consisting of Democrats, Republicans and Independents. Our goals are to push for spending transparency and responsible use of our collected tax dollars by county management and the Board of Supervisors.

Too many major spending decisions, land use decisions and multi-decade tax breaks are being implemented by the county with little taxpayer transparency and citizen input. Furthermore, county management and the Board of Supervisors has not implemented any serious effort to control, much less, reduce spending to help reduce the tax burden on the citizens of Chesterfield County.

CCRG takes a fact/data-based approach with regard to Chesterfield County spending and decision making. Note: All of the data collected and analyzed by CCRG is from county published information, or other public sources. Data collected and analyzed by CCRG is posted on our web site which was recently launched. The CCRG web site address is:

CCRG-VA.org

What you can do: Visit the CCRG web site.

- Spend time to learn how your tax dollars are being spent, again, in a non-biased manner.
- See details of decisions and spending the county does not clearly publish.
- Get informed and involved before the Board of Supervisors vote on key issues.
- Contact your Board of Supervisor representative to let them know of any concerns you may have. The Midlothian district Board of Supervisor representative is Mark Miller. His contact information is listed on the CCRG web site along with the other four Board of Supervisor representatives.

Again, CCRG is not a political organization. This is about accountability, transparency and protecting Chesterfield County taxpayers.

The Salisbury neighborhood and Chesterfield County are strongest when residents are informed and involved. Public awareness and engagement help ensure thoughtful, rational and accountable county decision-making.