

From: [Rodney A. Hathaway](#)
To: [CONCERNED CITIZEN \(REDACTED\)](#)
Cc: [Amanda A. Stanger](#)
Subject: RE: Virginia FOIA Request - Broyhill Property Communications
Date: Friday, August 28, 2026 3:32:00 PM
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This email is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act request. My office is currently reviewing your request and will provide a response within the time frame required by law.

Should we need any clarification or additional information to process your request, we will contact you promptly.

Rodney Hathaway, County Administrator
New Kent County, Virginia
(804) 966-9683

From: CONCERNED CITIZEN (REDACTED)
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2026 2:54 PM
To: Rodney A. Hathaway <rahathaway@newkent-va.us>
Cc: CITIZEN REDACTION
Subject: Virginia FOIA Request - Broyhill Property Communications

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Mr. Hathaway,

Pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, Va. Code § 2.2-3700 et seq., I request copies of the following public records concerning the property commonly referred to as the **former Broyhill property, now owned by an Evelyn family business:**

1. Any email, letter, text message, memorandum, or other communications (written or verbal) sent by the County Administrator, Deputy County Administrator, or any other New Kent County employee or official to the owner, owners, officers, agents, or representatives of the former Broyhill property, now owned by an Evelyn family business, concerning complaints or concerns from nearby residents or any other persons regarding activity occurring on the property.
2. This includes communications concerning **truck traffic, noise, dust, hours of**

operation, land-disturbance activity, fill operations, road impacts, school bus driving a/o children aboard the school bus, or other impacts on neighboring residents or properties.

3. Any records documenting complaints or concerns received by the County from residents regarding those activities, including records showing when the complaint was received, to whom it was directed, and any action taken or response provided by County staff or officials.

For comparison and to clarify the type of record I am seeking, I am attaching the email sent to Mr. and Mrs. Gauthier concerning the “Vineyard Bird Alarm.” In that communication, you advised the Gauthiers of a call from a nearby resident regarding noise from bird alarms, described the resident’s concerns, and encouraged the Gauthiers to work with their neighbors toward a mutually agreeable solution. The speed of this communication from you was impressive - as the same day the predator bird call was activated at the vineyard and the neighbor's call was received, was also the same day you managed to send correspondence to the Gauthiers. Your concern in this case about citizen complaints resulted in immediate action. Impressive indeed.

I am specifically requesting any comparable communication from the County concerning complaints or concerns involving activities at the former Broyhill property, now owned by an Evelyn family business.

Please search records from **January 1, 2024 through the date of this request.**

Electronic copies are preferred.

If any responsive record or portion of a record is withheld, please identify the specific statutory exemption relied upon for each withholding. If there are no responsive records, please confirm that in writing.

If the estimated cost of fulfilling this request will exceed \$50, please provide an estimate before proceeding.

Respectfully,
CONCERNED CITIZEN (REDACTION)

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From: Rodney A. Hathaway <rahathaway@newkent-va.us>

To: GAUTHIER VINEYARD **Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 03:42:12 PM EDT

Subject: Vineyard Bird Alarm

Mr. and Mrs. Gauthier

I am writing to make you aware that I have received several calls from residents who live near your vineyard regarding the bird alarms being used on the property.

The residents have expressed concerns that the noise from the alarms is disruptive to the peaceful rural character of the community. Several residents have also indicated that they work night shifts and sleep during the day, and that the noise is interfering with their ability to sleep and, consequently, impacting their work performance.

I wanted to bring these concerns to your attention so that you are aware of the complaints that have been received. I understand the importance of protecting your vineyard and recognize that bird deterrents may be necessary for your operation. At the same time, I hope you will be able to work with your neighbors to identify a reasonable solution that allows you to protect your crops while minimizing the impact of the noise on nearby residents.

My hope is that the concerns can be addressed through communication and cooperation and that a mutually agreeable solution can be reached.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter.



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