



Chair Phyllis J. Randall

Newsletter



Hello, Loudoun

I simply don't have the words to express my gratitude for you selecting me as your favorite public official in Loudoun Now's 2020 Favorites. Through the early mornings and late nights; through the pandemic, shut down, and phased openings; through land use applications, and hard budget decisions; through endless local, regional and national meetings; through decisions I'm very proud of and the ones I don't get right; even through the harsh words, protest and threats; it remains my great honor to serve as your Chair. I continue to wake up every morning thrilled that I am allowed to lead this remarkable place called Loudoun.

New Broadband Agreement

Under an agreement announced today, All Points Broadband and Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative (NOVEC) have reached an agreement to extend fiber-to-the-home broadband service to more than 1,000 homes in northern Loudoun County. The initial locations targeted for service are within or adjacent to NOVEC's service territory. This initiative aims to extend fiber-optic broadband into areas of Loudoun where there is relatively lower population density and challenging terrain from a deployment perspective. All Points intentionally selected areas where consumers do not have access to cable or fiberoptic broadband.

Between now and September 15th, eligible households in the project area will be contacted by mail and encouraged to pre-register online. Doing so allows All Points to evaluate demand and determine whether construction of the last-mile fiber network can proceed. If there is sufficient customer demand, All Points would commence construction in early 2021. For interested customers, please pre-register your location and subscribe to project updates at the link below.

[Pre-Register here](#)

Because of COVID-19, the imperative of ensuring universal access to high quality broadband has never been more clear than it is today. This innovative partnership between two local organizations is an important step towards achieving that objective, and I look forward to supporting its continued progress.

Dulles Greenway Toll Increases

Members of the public still have the opportunity to voice their opinions about the proposed toll rate increase on the Dulles Greenway through August 24th. Anyone who would like to send comments to the State Corporation Commission (SCC) may do so by submitting this [online form](#), or by U.S. Mail to the address below by 5:00 pm on August 24th. In all correspondence, please reference: "Application of Toll Road Investors Partnership II, L.P., For an Increase in the Maximum Level of Tolls – Case No. PUR-2019-00218."

Hon. Joel H. Peck, Clerk
State Corporation Commission
c/o Document Control Center
P.O. Box 2118
Richmond, VA 23218-2118

Documents related to the case are posted on the SCC website: PUR-2019-00218 - Toll Road Investors Partnership: Toll Road Investors Partnership II, LP - For authorization for an increase in the maximum levels of tolls.

[SCC website](#)

During the last two weeks of August, my office will take a recess. However, I will check my messages and Vice Chairman Koran Saines will take my meetings and most regional calls. Thank you and enjoy the rest of your summer.

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Investing in Transportation

Route 15 South Safety and Operational Study:

The deadline for the public to complete the online survey and mapping exercise has been extended through August 14th; both items are located on the Route 15 South public input website link below. A virtual public input meeting was held at the end of July. As a follow up to that meeting, questions and corresponding answers are posted on the study's website. Please sign-up to receive updates on the project at the link below.

[Route 15 South website](#)

Route 7 Bypass Closures:

The eastbound Route 7 Bypass bridge over Route 15/Business Route 15 will have nighttime single-lane closures (weather permitting) now through Thursday night, August 13th, and Sunday night, August 16th through Thursday night, August 20th for bridge repair work, according to VDOT. Drivers can expect delays and are advised to use alternate routes.

The work will occur according to the following schedule:

- Left Lane Closed: now through Thursday night, August 13th from 8 pm each night until 5 am the following morning.
- Right Lane Closed: Sunday night, August 16th through Thursday night, August 20th from 8 pm each night until 5 am the following morning.

Community Information

Loudoun Workforce Resource Center to Host Virtual Job Fair:

The Virtual Job Fair on Wednesday, August 19th from 9:00 am through 3:00 pm will feature local employers with full-time, part-time and temporary job openings in Loudoun County and the region. Employers attending include: Amazon, Hertz, Inova Health System, Northwest Federal Credit Union, Potomac Falls Health & Rehab Center, Premier Staffing Source, Remedy Staffing, and Robert Half. Some of the open positions include accounting clerk, bus mechanic, car transporter, caregiver (certified nursing assistant/personal care assistant), collateral clerk, companion caregiver, housekeeping aide, registered nurse, sales associates and stockers, and staff accountant. Those planning to attend the job fair are encouraged to pre-register at the website below to receive reminders and updates.

Voters Encouraged to Apply Online Now to Vote Absentee in November:

Loudoun County election officials encourage voters to apply now to cast an absentee ballot by mail in the upcoming November general election. All registered voters are eligible to vote absentee in the November 3rd election. While some third-party organizations are distributing vote-by-mail application forms, Loudoun County election officials encourage voters to **apply online** through the Virginia Department of Elections. Applications may also be **downloaded** from the Virginia Department of Elections and, once completed, mailed, faxed or e-mailed to the Loudoun County Office of Elections and Voter Registration. The ballots will not be available to be mailed to voters until September 18th. Voters who have already applied for an absentee ballot do not need to submit a new application.

Pilot Glass Recycling Program:

Glass bottles and jars are now being collected separately at the following recycling centers:

- Landfill Recycling Center, 21101 Evergreen Mills Road in Leesburg
- Central Western Loudoun Recycling Center, 38159 Colonial Highway in Hamilton
- Sterling Park Recycling Center, 400 W Laurel Avenue in Sterling

The program is designed to increase recycling opportunities for glass. Glass that is commingled with other materials in the recycling process is often contaminated after the sorting process, limiting the extent to which the glass can be recycled. The glass collected in the Loudoun pilot program will be sent to Fairfax County to be used in construction projects and may also be sent to other facilities that are able to recycle glass bottles into new products. Visitors to the recycling center will see large purple bins (see picture below) labeled "Glass Recycling," where glass bottles and jars are to be placed.

Please follow these guidelines:

- Only glass bottles and jars are accepted.
- The glass bottles and jars must be empty and rinsed out.
- No lids or caps.
- Deposit bottles and jars loosely in the recycling containers provided, not in bags.



Solarize NOVA:

Now through August 31st, Loudoun County residents and business owners can utilize Solarize NOVA to learn more about solar power options and take advantage of streamlined installation and financing processes.

In addition to free home energy assessments, the program also offers discounted pricing on solar panels and electric vehicle chargers and will connect participants with information on the federal tax credit and local incentives. Anyone interested in learning more about solar power is encouraged to attend a virtual information session on Tuesday, August 18th from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. More information about the Solarize NOVA program and the webinar is available [here](#).

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