



Virtual Town Hall Meeting 9/28: Why So Many Data Centers, What's Happening with Retail, and More

I will be hosting my next virtual Dulles Direct Town Hall Meeting via Facebook Live on Monday, September 28 at 7:00 PM.

I frequently receive questions (and feedback) about the growing number of data centers in Loudoun County. Joining me at this meeting will be the best possible expert on that topic: Buddy Rizer, Executive Director of Loudoun Economic Development (and a nationally recognized expert on the data center industry).

Buddy and I will also discuss retail trends in this post-COVID world, including the status of Dulles-area projects. Of course, I'll offer general updates and take all of your questions on these topics and others.

This will be the third virtual town hall meeting we've had this year. Just like the previous meetings, my staff will be monitoring the comments section, and I will be answering your questions on the live stream. We've had great participation for these meetings so I hope you can join us!

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For those that don't follow my Facebook page, you can do so [here](#). We will post the video to the page after the meeting is over if you can't watch it live. You DO NOT need a Facebook account to follow the link and watch the video, although you do need an account to leave a comment.

VDOT Virtual Public Input Meeting on Braddock Road Improvements

VDOT will be hosting a virtual public input meeting on Wednesday, September 30 at 7:00 PM to discuss the Braddock Road and Old Lee Road Safety and Operational Improvements Study. The study assessed the intersection of Braddock Road (Route 620) and Old Lee Road, and the S-curve on Braddock Road between Pleasant Valley Road and Old Lee Road in Fairfax. The concepts being studied include realignment of the S-curve and intersection enhancements at Braddock Road and Old Lee Road such as turn lanes and innovative intersection improvements.

The meeting will be held as a virtual/online meeting. Information for accessing and participating in the virtual meeting will be posted on the project [website](#) next week. You can also use that web page to access project information ahead of the meeting.

Give your comments after the presentation or submit your written comments by October 12, 2020. You can do so via the project website, by mail to Mr. Andrew Becher, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030 or by [email](#). Please reference "Braddock Road and Old Lee Road Safety and Operational Improvements Study" in the subject line.

Voting Information

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With Election Day right around the corner, I wanted to provide a brief update on different methods of voting and safety precautions the County is taking due to COVID-19. Elections in Loudoun County are conducted fairly and efficiently, and this year will be no exception.

On November 3, the Loudoun Office of Elections will conduct a General Election that will feature the vote for President and Vice President as well as United States Senator, Member of the United States House of Representatives for the 10th District, two Virginia Constitutional Amendments and four Loudoun County bond questions. I will have more information about those ballot questions in my newsletters.

The County has set up a webpage dedicated to the election [here](#). This website has information about the three ways that you can vote in the November 3 General Election.

First, you can vote at home. If you are concerned about COVID-19 or have a physical handicap that prevents you from going to the polls, you can apply for a mail-in ballot at the web address above. You are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. So far, the Office of Elections has received over 35,000 requests for mail-in ballots: compared to 4,000 requests at this time in a normal election year, the number is quite high - as expected. You can mail your ballots to or drop them off at the Office of Elections and Voter Registration, located at 750 Miller Drive SE, Suite C in Leesburg. Please note that if you select this option and then change your mind and choose a different method, your vote will initially be counted as a provisional ballot until the Office confirms you didn't also send in a mail in ballot. Ballots must be postmarked no later than Election Day or dropped off at the Office of Elections no later than 7:00 PM on Election Day.

Second, you can vote early until October 30. Early voting has already started at the Office of Elections in Leesburg. Starting on October 17 and continuing

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through October 31, you can also vote locally at the Dulles South Senior Center in South Riding. During this two week stretch, voting will be open Saturdays from 9 AM - 5 PM; Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 AM - 6 PM; and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 AM - 8 PM. Initially, the Office of Elections had planned for approximately 30-40% of voters to vote prior to Election Day; in the end, that number will be much higher due to COVID-19.

Third, you can vote on Election Day in person at your polling location (which can be confirmed on the Office of Elections website listed above). Due to COVID-19, preventative measures will be in place at polling locations. Staff has been working closely with the Health Department and Emergency Operations Center to ensure voter health and safety. Social distancing of 6 feet or greater will be employed. All voters will be required to wear masks while in line or voting. Disinfectant measures will depend on the individual polling place but will be a priority, as all locations will be equipped with face coverings, sanitizing wipes, disinfectant, and more. Medical Reserve Corps volunteers will be stationed at the polling locations to help with these practices. I receive questions from time to time about whether there are enough election officials to staff early voting sites and election Day precincts; at this point, County Staff believes that the volunteer pool is more than sufficient to fill these positions. However, please be patient with poll workers on Election Day - they will be putting in long hours and will be trying their best to keep the process moving while ensuring the safety of the voters.

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