



Chair Phyllis J. Randall

Newsletter



Hello, Loudoun

Please save the date of Wednesday, May 26th, at 6:00 pm for my State of the County Address. Additional information regarding the virtual options and in-person limitations will be shared as the event date nears. I hope that you can join us for this annual event.

The card features the Loudoun County seal and logo on the left, and a small portrait of Chair Phyllis J. Randall on the right. The text is centered and reads: "Loudoun County Board of Supervisors", "Chair Phyllis J. Randall", "Cordially invites you to Save the Date for the", "STATE ^{Of} _{The} COUNTY ADDRESS", and "Wednesday, May 26, 2021 | 6:00 P.M." The background is a dark purple with a faint image of a building.

Increased Capacity/Gathering Limits

Governor Ralph Northam announced that as COVID-19 vaccinations continue to rise in Virginia, certain sports and entertainment venues may begin to operate with additional capacity and indoor and outdoor gathering limits will increase starting Thursday, April 1st. The full text of amended Executive Order Seventy-Two is available [here](#).

Key changes include:

- **Social gatherings:** The maximum number of individuals permitted in a social gathering will increase to 50 people for indoor settings and 100 people for outdoor settings. Social gatherings are currently limited to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors.
- **Entertainment venues:** All indoor and outdoor entertainment and public amusement venues must continue to operate at 30 percent capacity. Indoor venues must operate at 30 percent capacity or with a maximum of 500 people, an increase from the current cap of 250 people. Outdoor venues must operate at 30 percent capacity, with no specific cap on the number of attendees. These venues were previously limited to 30 percent capacity or up to 1,000 attendees, whichever was fewer.
- **Recreational sporting events:** The number of spectators allowed at recreational sporting events will increase from 25 to 100 people per field or 30 percent capacity, whichever is less for indoor settings, and from 250 to 500 people per field or 30 percent capacity, whichever is less for outdoor settings.
- **In-person graduation and commencement events:** A cap of 5,000 people or 30 percent of the venue capacity for outdoor events, whichever is less. Events held indoors may have up to 500 people, or 30 percent of the venue capacity, whichever is less. Attendees must wear masks and follow other guidelines and safety protocols to ensure proper distancing.

COVID-19 Vaccination Includes all Essential Workers

Loudoun County expanded COVID-19 vaccination opportunities to all Virginia Department of Health Phase 1b priority groups, which include people 65 years of age, people 16-64 years of age with high-risk medical conditions, and eleven categories of front-line essential workers.

The Phase 1b list of essential workers includes:

1. Police, fire and hazmat personnel
2. Corrections and homeless shelter workers
3. Childcare/PreK-12 teachers/staff (public and private)
4. Food and agriculture workers (including veterinarians)
5. Manufacturing workers
6. Grocery store workers
7. Public transit workers
8. Mail carriers (USPS and private)
9. Officials needed to maintain continuity of government (including judges and public facing judicial workers)

10. Clergy/Faith leaders
11. Janitorial/Cleaning staff

Anyone who has not yet submitted a pre-registration form for a COVID-19 vaccine is encouraged to submit an online pre-registration form at vaccinate.virginia.gov. If you do not have access to the internet, please pre-register by calling 1-877-829-4682.

Loudoun County anticipates the ability to further expand the vaccinations to the Phase 1c priority group in April. The Virginia Department of Health has announced that anyone who is over the age of 16 and lives or works in Virginia will be eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine in Phase 2 of the state's vaccination efforts, which is expected to begin by May 1st.

COVID-19 Testing

Loudoun County has scheduled more free, **drive thru COVID-19 testing events** through April. Testing events will be held on Tuesdays only, and end one hour earlier. The new COVID-19 testing schedule is now Tuesdays, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the following locations:

- April 6: Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park, 42405 Claudia Drive, Leesburg (Enter the park on Crosstrail Boulevard from Sycolin Road.)
- April 13: Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls (Access the testing location in the back parking lot, near the senior center.)
- April 20: Dulles South Recreation & Community Center, 24950 Riding Center Drive, South Riding
- April 27: Ray Muth Sr. Memorial Park, 20971 Marblehead Drive, Ashburn

To help reduce wait times, people who plan to attend the testing events are strongly encouraged to complete a required **registration form** for each person who will be receiving a test prior to arriving at the testing site.

COVID-19 TESTING

Multiple
Locations

April 2021

Tuesdays

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Drive-thru only. Free & open to everyone.

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On March 16th, I co-sponsored a [proclamation](#) to recognize March as Women's History Month. I want to thank the strong, brilliant women who came before me and blazed a path for me and countless others. I also want to acknowledge the many women in Loudoun County Government who day in and day out work to serve the people of Loudoun County. You are appreciated.



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Board Business

FY 2022 Budget: At the last **budget work session on March 24th**, I moved that staff prepare the FY 2022 budget with a tax year 2021 real property tax rate of \$0.980 per \$100 of assessed value. This is a 5.5 cent reduction from the current real property tax rate of \$1.035. The Board will adopt the FY 2022 budget at our Tuesday, April 6th business meeting.

At this work session, I moved to reduce the local transfer to Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) by \$17,205,187 (motion passed on a 6-2-1 vote). I made this motion to decrease the LCPS pay increase from 5.4% to 4%, which is above the 3% pay increase for County employees.

It has been a very difficult year for LCPS educators and staff. Educators have had to pivot and react on a moment's notice; and I believe our educators have been remarkable. I also believe County staff's performance has been equally remarkable. Loudoun is the only County that has not missed a meeting, and all County offices have remained fully functional. If we were to pay all educators and County staff what they are worth and deserve, the Board would need to significantly increase the tax rate. This is not fiscally responsible or feasible during a 100 year pandemic.

Prohibition of Firearms at County Facilities: At the March 2nd Board business meeting, we approved amendments to Chapter 684 of the Codified Ordinances – Weapons and Explosives – and directed staff to implement security screening stations at the Government Center, Shenandoah Building and the Sterling Service Center at Ridgeway Circle.

I made the motion to include the following exemption for lawful conceal carry in County parks: In public parks owned or operated by the County, or by any authority or local governmental entity created or controlled by the County, individuals who possess a valid concealed handgun permit may conceal carry firearms pursuant to such permit, but in no case may they carry a semi-automatic center-fire rifle or pistol that expels single or multiple projectiles by action of an explosion of a combustible material with a magazine that will hold more than 20 rounds of ammunition or is designed by the manufacturer to accommodate a silencer or equipped with a folding stock, or a shotgun with a magazine that will hold more than seven rounds of the longest ammunition for which it is chambered.

State and national parks currently permit conceal and open carry. I believe in common sense gun legislation. Because we have parks that are more than 800 acres, it may take time for law enforcement to get to you or find you. Therefore, I don't think it is common sense to say individuals cannot conceal carry lawfully possessed firearms in County parks. Equally, I believe it is common sense to prohibit firearms in County facilities. Prohibiting the possession of firearms in County buildings and recreation/community centers, takes a proactive approach and potentially prevents something terrible from happening.

Reconsideration of Goose Creek Overlook: At the March 16th Board business meeting, Supervisor Turner moved that the Board reconsider the Goose Creek Overlook vote from the March 2nd business meeting (application was approved on a close 5 to 4 vote). I did not support the application before and voted for the reconsideration.

The application is to rezone 46 acres along the east banks of Goose Creek (please see vicinity map below) to allow for the development of 238 dwelling units, including 75 affordable housing units. The Goose Creek is a state designated scenic river and is an important part of the County's river and stream corridor system.

There were so many issues with this development. Although affordable housing is important to me, we should not sacrifice the environment for housing. This development did not start at appropriate limits of disturbance or areas that are free from sensitive natural and historic resources. Instead, the applicant used existing structures on the property as a foothold to encroach on sensitive areas pushing the environmental envelop.



Changes to C-PACE (Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy) Program: At the March 16th Board business meeting, we unanimously approved amendments to Chapter 825 of the Loudoun County Codified Ordinances to expand the existing program to include multi-family residential, except residential property with fewer than five dwelling units or condominiums, and stormwater management and resiliency projects.

The current C-PACE Program enables nonresidential property owners to obtain low-cost,

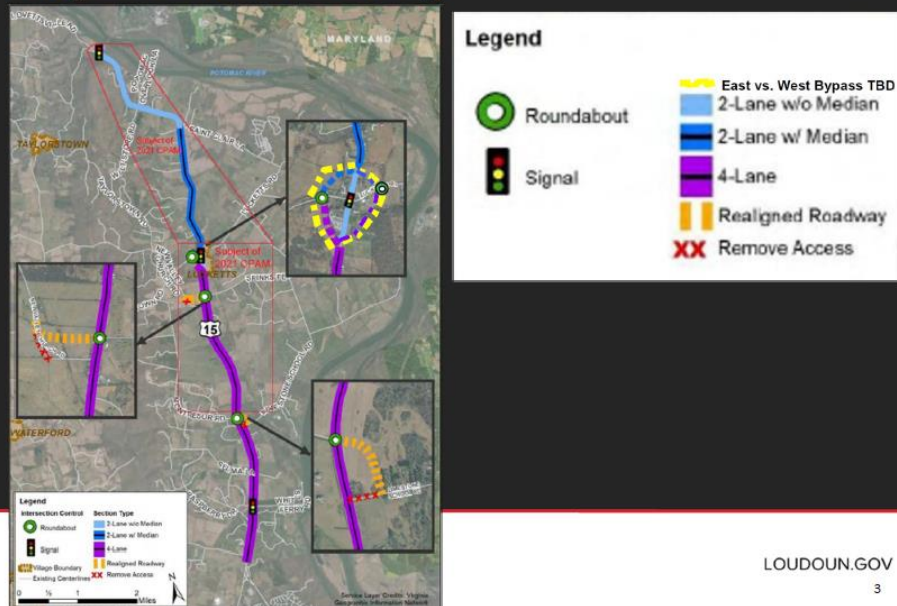
long-term financing for energy-efficiency, renewable energy, and water efficiency improvements. In December, we directed staff to expand the program to align with the full extent of Virginia's Clean Energy Financing Law. I supported the C-PACE ordinance that was established in 2019 and am pleased to see it expanded to include residential properties.

Investing in Transportation

Route 15 North Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPAM): At the March 16th Board meeting, we initiated a CPAM for Route 15 North – widening and safety improvements, consistent with Concept B –capacity and safety improvements. Concept B (see map below) proposes the following improvements, with asterisks (*) denoting those that require a CPAM:

1. Four-lane roadway with median/turn lanes and shoulders between Montresor Road and the vicinity of Spinks Ferry Road where Route 15 will be realigned to bypass the Village of Lucketts*;
2. Safety improvements north of the Village of Lucketts with a two-lane median-divided roadway with turn lanes and shoulders between the northern bypass and St. Clair Lane, and shoulder improvements made to the existing two-lane roadway north of St. Clair Lane to the Potomac River*;
3. Traffic calming within the Village of Lucketts;
4. Bypass of the Village of Lucketts (east or west alignment)*;
5. Roundabouts at Montresor Road, Newvalley Church Road, and the intersection of Stumptown Road with the Lucketts bypass;
6. Realigning intersection of Route 15 with Newvalley Church Road at a planned roundabout at Spinks Ferry Road, and realigning intersection of Route 15 with Limestone School Road at a planned roundabout at Montresor Road*;
7. Traffic signal at Lovettsville Road; and
8. Bike, pedestrian, and transit service opportunities*.

Concept B Improvements Map



In 2019, the Board endorsed Concept B (6-2-1 vote) to improve safety and operations on Route 15 north of Whites Ferry Road to the Maryland state line. This CPAM starts the planning and implementation process. There will still be opportunities for public input on the proposed improvements. I will keep you updated about the dates of future public input sessions.

2021 Paving Program Interactive Map: The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) opened its 2021 paving season to resurface roads in Loudoun. Please see the **interactive map of roads** scheduled to be resurfaced in 2021. Once in the map, click on a colored road segment and a pop-up will appear with details about resurfacing, including treatment type, location and contact information.

Online Map of Loudoun's Unpaved Roads: To assist visitors and residents, the Office of Mapping and Geographic Information launched a mobile-friendly online map of unpaved roads--a treasure for outdoor enthusiasts, attracting cyclists, runners and equestrians. In 2020, Loudoun County's 300-year-old rural road network received recognition as a valuable historic asset, as the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) declared the estimated 260 miles of roads officially eligible for listing on the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places.

Community Information

Minority Business Fund: The Banking on Diversity program was created through a partnership of community banks in Northern Virginia that understand the importance and benefit of having a diverse business community. It has been designed to aid both startup and existing minority-owned for-profit small businesses within the sponsoring organizations' markets. Annually, up to \$1,000,000 in interest-free loans will be made available to businesses that meet certain qualification standards. There are two categories of loan programs, one for startups and one for existing businesses. Please visit this [website](#) for information about program guidelines and documentation requirements.



Broadband Service Provider Partnership: Loudoun County is seeking expressions of interest from broadband service providers to partner with the county in applying for a Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) grant to expand access to broadband in unserved or underserved areas. Identifying funding sources for public-private partnerships to build out what is referred to as "last-mile" broadband services, or the final piece of connection, is part of the Board's ongoing efforts to ensure reliable broadband access to all areas of Loudoun County.

More information about the grant opportunity, including the formal "Request for Expressions of Interest" document, may be found [here](#). Final submissions are due April 14th.

Keep Loudoun Beautiful Month: In conjunction with Earth Day, Loudoun County has considered April to be the month to clean up our communities. We encourage Loudoun citizens to work with Keep Loudoun Beautiful to organize COVID safe, small group clean up events. Keep Loudoun Beautiful worked with VDOT to distribute orange trash collection bags to the community centers listed below, where citizens can pick them up for their clean ups. This year more than ever we are seeing a lot of litter, including PPE litter in parking lots and along the streets entering storm drains. After a litter clean up is completed, citizens can e-mail the location of the trash bags (put in a group on a public road or street/cross street) to info@keeploudounbeautiful.org, and we will work with VDOT to have them picked up.

Participating community centers where citizens can pick up orange trash bags:

- Philomont Community Center
- Bluemont Community Center
- Sterling Community Center
- Dulles South Recreation and Community Center
- Loudoun Valley Community Center
- Douglass Community Center
- Lucketts Community Center
- Lovettsville Community Center
- Claude Moore Community Center

Loudoun Arbor Day Photo Contest 2021: The theme of this year's contest is "Trees That Make Me Feel Happy." Entries are being accepted through Friday, April 9th, in advance of this year's virtual Loudoun County Arbor Day Celebration. Contest rules:

- Entries must be a photo of a single tree or group of trees that are in Loudoun County.
- The photos must have been taken by the entrant. There is a limit of two entries per person.
- Only digital pictures will be accepted. JPEGs are acceptable. High resolution photos are encouraged.
- E-mail photos to Loudoun County Urban Forester Kyle Dingus of the Department of Building and Development at kyle.dingus@loudoun.gov.
- Include photographer's contact information (name, phone number and e-mail) as well as the approximate location of the tree and tree species, if known, and a brief explanation of why the photographer is thankful for the tree or trees in the photo.

Awards will be distributed to the top three photos. The winners will be notified the week of April 12th. Photos will not be returned and will become the property of the Loudoun County Arbor Day Committee.

Arbor Day 2021 Photo Contest

This year's theme:
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Glass Recycling Program Expands: The program is designed to increase recycling opportunities for glass. Glass that is commingled with other recyclable materials at the point of collection requires additional processing not currently available at local facilities and results in disposal of the glass as waste. The glass bottles and jars collected in the purple bins at the county's recycling drop-off centers is delivered to Fairfax County to be used in construction projects and may also be sent to other facilities that are able to recycle it into new glass bottles and other products.

Visitors to the following recycling centers will see large purple bins labeled "Glass Recycling," where glass bottles and jars are now being collected separately.

- Arcola Recycling Center, 24244 Stone Springs Boulevard, Arcola
- Central Western Loudoun Recycling Center, 38159 Colonial Highway, Hamilton
- Landfill Recycling Center, 21101 Evergreen Mills Road, Leesburg
- Mickie Gordon Park Recycling Center, 23229 Carters Farm Lane, Middleburg
- Philomont Recycling Center, 36560 Jeb Stuart Road, Philomont
- Sterling Park Recycling Center, 400 W Laurel Avenue, Sterling

GLASS RECYCLING



Glass Bottles and Jars Only
All colors, empty and rinsed



Do Not Bag Glass



No Plastic Bags or Plastic Wrap
(return to retailer)



No Misc Glass
(Ceramics, Porcelain, Mirrors, Windows, Pyrex, or Glass Sheets)



No Lamps or Bulbs



No Food or Liquid
(empty and rinsed)



No Lids or Caps

For more information visit: loudoun.gov/recycle

Warriors Anonymous

US Military and Veterans

Law Enforcement

Fire / EMS



What Is Warriors Anonymous?

Warriors Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who have had a substance abuse problem who participate in a program of long-term recovery. Warriors Anonymous is a non-denominational fellowship based upon a belief in a member's higher power of choosing and conducted in an atmosphere of understanding camaraderie.

Membership is open to active-duty military, veterans, law enforcement, firefighters, EMS, etc.

In-person meetings beginning 1 April 2021

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 PM

Loudoun Club 12

58 Sycolin Rd SE, Leesburg, VA 20175

Please contact Chris for further information or to volunteer

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Denise Corbo's School Board Notes



On March 23rd, the Interim Superintendent presented a plan that, beginning on April 20th, would extend hybrid learning to all students who currently enrolled to 4 days a week. Parents interested in switching their child from distance to hybrid may do so by contacting their child's principal.

As we prepare for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year, the School Board unanimously passed a resolution directing the Interim Superintendent to plan for 5 days a week in-person learning with the option for distance learning for students who need it.

Last week, Governor Northam announced his guidelines for safe in-person high school and college graduations. Subsequently, LCPS has decided that high school graduations will occur in person at each home high school using the football stadiums. Please make sure to contact your child's school for the graduation dates, times, and additional details.

Due to spring break this week, all schools and administrative offices will be closed. I hope everyone stays safe and enjoys a relaxing spring break! Please continue to contact me with your feedback, questions, or concerns at dcorbo@lcps.org.

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