



Chair Phyllis J. Randall

Newsletter



Hello, Loudoun

This month, I attended the National Association of Counties (NACO) Annual Conference. I sit on various committees including the Health Policy Steering Committee, Human Services and Education Policy Steering Committee, and the Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC). At the conference, I was appointed Chair of the Healthy Counties Advisory Board. Some topics we discussed were mental health needs and concerns in a post COVID world, and gun violence as a public health emergency. At the General Session, 81% of the counties in our country voted to declare gun violence as a public health emergency after a robust and respectful debate. NACO will advocate for the legislative agenda in Congress.

Speaking of health, I was recently appointed to a bipartisan coalition formed to modernize and advance the U.S. public health system. I will be working with an impressive task force of representatives in the health care field and private sector, and current and former federal, state and local government officials to develop a five-year roadmap for a more robust and sustainable public health system. To inform this work, the coalition invites constituents to complete a [short survey](#) by August 20th.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your Chair.

COVID-19 Cases Increasing in Loudoun County

Health officials report that over the past month, the number of new cases of COVID-19 have increased significantly in Loudoun County, in Virginia and throughout the United States, fueled by the coronavirus Delta variant. Loudoun County is now averaging about 30 cases per day, up from about four cases per day in June. At the same time, Loudoun's positivity rate has increased from less than 1% to over 3% over the past few weeks. The vast majority of newly infected people are unvaccinated and include individuals in all age groups. If you have made the decision to not be vaccinated, please continue to wear a mask and follow all COVID-19 precautionary measures.

Dulles Town Center Clinic to Close August 24th

Demand for the COVID-19 vaccine continues to decrease as more providers in the community continue to offer it. As a result, Loudoun County has adjusted the hours of operation for the Dulles Town Center clinic. In addition, the clinic will close permanently on the evening of Tuesday, August 24th. The new hours of operation until closure on August 24th are the following:

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 4:00 – 6:30 pm
- Wednesday: Closed
- Thursday: Closed
- Friday: 9:30 am – 12:00 pm
- Saturday: 9:30 am – 12:00 pm (closed August 14th)
- Sunday: Closed

Please note that the clinic will be closed to the general public Saturday, August 14th for a private vaccination event. To get more information and to make an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccination, visit the County's [website](#).

The County will continue to provide first and second doses of the COVID-19 vaccine through the regularly scheduled hours on Tuesday, August 24th; however, individuals who receive their first dose within 21 days (Pfizer) or 28 days (Moderna) of the clinic's closure must receive their second dose from another COVID-19 vaccine provider. Vaccines are available from many other providers in the community, such as local pharmacies. To find a COVID-19 vaccine provider near you, visit [vaccines.gov](#).

New Animal Services Facility

You are invited to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, July 30th at 11:00 am for the new Loudoun County Animal Services (LCAS) facility located at 42225 Adoption Drive, in Leesburg, adjacent to Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park. I will be at the ribbon cutting ceremony and hope to see you there.

The new facility will be the first public animal shelter in the United States to meet 100% of the Association of Shelter Veterinarians' Animal Shelter Guidelines, the gold standard for animal services. Tours of the new facility will be offered to the public following the ribbon cutting beginning at 1:00 pm, and continuing at the top of each hour with the last tour beginning at 5:00 pm. No pre-registration for a tour is required. The animal shelter will be open for regular business hours July 31 – August 1. Adoption hours will be 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. In addition, throughout the weekend, LCAS will host a series of grand opening events that are free and open to the public. Some events require pre-registration.

- 11:00 am to Noon, Touch-a-Truck: Meet a Humane Law Enforcement Officer, learn about their vehicles, equipment and how they help animals in Loudoun County.
- 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, Guided Tours: Guided tours of the new facility on the hour.

- 12:00 pm, Busy Buddies: Join LCAS staff for animal enrichment activities and learn about the importance of keeping pets' minds busy! Volunteers of all ages are welcome.
- 4:00 pm, Critters & Crafts: Kids of all ages are invited to the community room for a fun craft and animal activity!

For more information about the grand opening events and to pre-register for activities, visit [here](#).



Please note, the Board of Supervisors takes an August recess. Enjoy the rest of your summer! Thank you!

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Board Business

Collective Bargaining: Before I summarize the Board's action regarding a collective bargaining ordinance for County employees, I would like to give some facts.

1. County employees need to opt-in to be a member of the union.
2. In Virginia, we cannot legally force anyone to be in an union and we cannot force anyone to pay union dues. Any benefits negotiated by the union would apply to all employees in the bargaining unit, regardless of union membership status.
3. While the Board corrected the pay plan of employees with the Classification and Compensation Study last term, employees have a right to part of the discussion for their salaries, careers and working conditions.

At the July 20th Board business meeting, the Board majority passed the following motions:

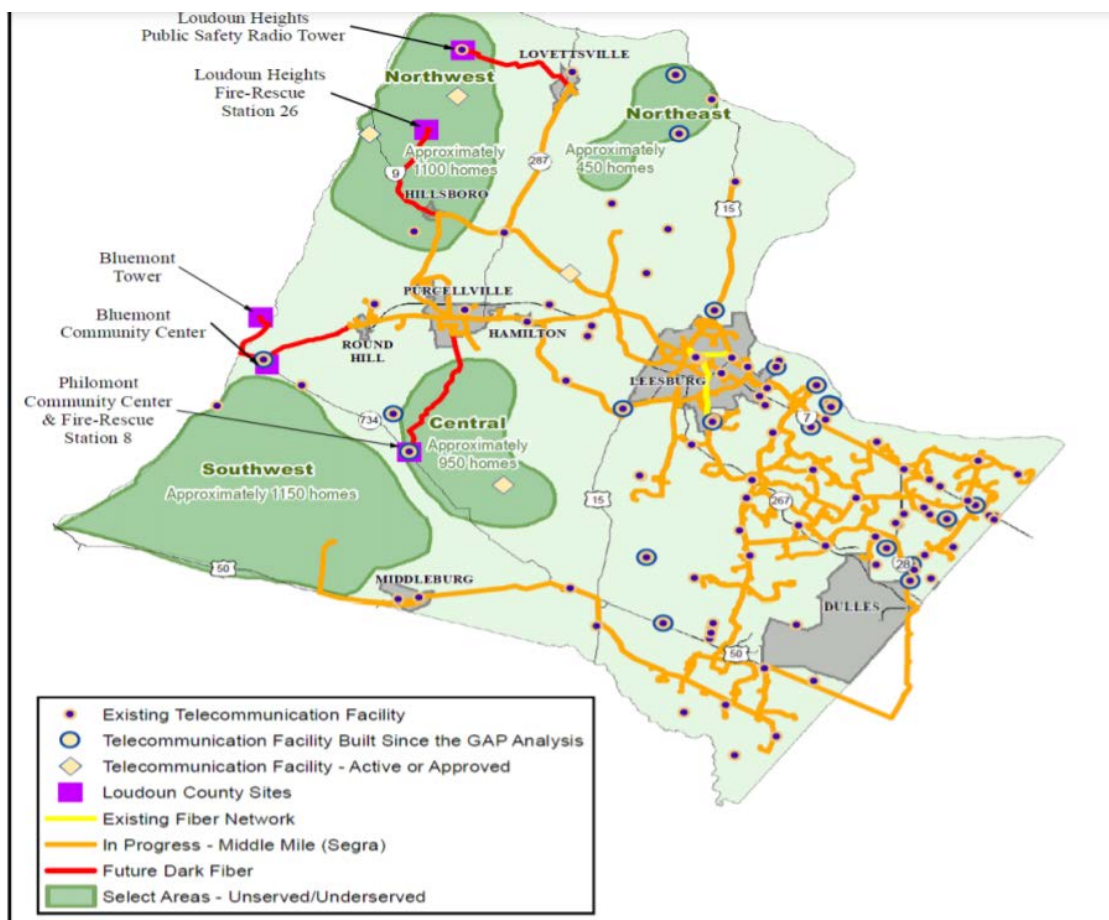
- Support adoption of a local ordinance authorizing the County to recognize, bargain with, and enter into a collective bargaining contract with a labor union or employee association as a bargaining agent for its eligible employees (motion passed 6-3).
- Return to the Board for a closed session at the September 21st business meeting to discuss legal issues surrounding the draft local ordinance authorizing collective bargaining and recognizing labor unions or other employee associations as bargaining agents for eligible County employees (motion passed 9-0).
- Advertise and schedule a public hearing on October 13th for the draft ordinance authorizing collective bargaining and recognizing labor unions or other employee associations as bargaining agents for eligible County employees (motion passed 6-3).
- Include in the draft ordinance a provision that certification of a labor union as the exclusive bargaining representative of the bargaining unit requires the majority (50% + one eligible employee) of those eligible employees casting a vote in an election to choose the exclusive bargaining representative for the bargaining unit (motion passed 6-3).

I support collect bargaining for our hard working employees. The motions above set forth the procedure for the Board to adopt an ordinance. The public will get to comment on the draft ordinance on October 13th before it is adopted.

AT&T Monopole: At the July 20th Board business meeting, the Board majority overruled the Planning Commission's denial of Commission Permit (CMPT) 2020-0005, solely to enable the Board to conduct a public hearing on the question of whether the proposed facility is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. The public hearing scheduled on September 14th will include the two other applications, SPEX 2020-0020 and SPMI 2020-0008.

The Planning Commission denied the CMPT, but the Board has not had our public hearing yet. Because we need to have a public hearing on this item, we had to overturn the Planning Commission vote, not because we agree or don't agree with the Commission Permit. The Board only has 60 days from the Planning Commission's action to overrule the denial of the CMPT. The 60-day period would expire on August 21st during the Board's August recess. If the Board does not act prior to that date, then the Planning Commission's vote for denial will stand. The vote to overrule is simply to follow the legal process to allow a public hearing which will give full due process to AT&T and residents on the three applications. Approval of all three applications is necessary for the applicant to proceed with the monopole at the proposed location atop the ridgeline of Short Hill Mountain.

Broadband: At the July 20th Board business meeting, we unanimously voted to submit a FY 2022 Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) grant application in partnership with All Points Broadband for the extension of broadband into the unserved/underserved areas of western Loudoun as identified in the map below. We also voted to allocate \$12.425 million of American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funding as the local match for a VATI grant award. The VATI grant match of \$12.425 million represents a 17.3% total cost contribution from the County to this project. The source of funding for this match does not impact local tax funding. The grant application is due on September 14th and the anticipated announcement of awards is late December 2021.



Confederate and Segregationist Symbols: At the July 6th Board business meeting, staff presented an inventory of Confederate and segregationist symbols located on public property or within the public right of way in Loudoun County for review and action. The list of items included in the inventory were developed with assistance from the public via: (1) submissions through a map-based public submission tool on the Loudoun County website, and (2) assistance from subject matter experts. Please see the inventory of names in the table below.

Inventory of Confederate and Segregationist Symbols in Loudoun County		
Street or Facility Name	Location	Description
Confederate Court	Southeast of Lucketts	Unbuilt road on an approved subdivision plat
Early Avenue	Northwest of Round Hill	Named for Confederate General Jubal Early
Fort Johnson Road	Northwest of Leesburg	Named for a Confederate fort
Hampton Road	Northwest of Round Hill	Named for Confederate General Wade Hampton
Harry Byrd Highway	All districts except Dulles	Named for a Senator Harry Byrd, a leader of the Massive Resistance to desegregation
Jackson Avenue	Northwest of Round Hill	Named for Confederate General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson
Jeb Stuart Road	Philomont area	Named for Confederate General James Ewell Brown "J.E.B." Stuart
John Mosby Highway	Blue Ridge and Dulles Districts	Named for Confederate Colonel John S. Mosby
Lee Drive	Northwest of Round Hill	Named for Confederate General Robert E. Lee
Longstreet Avenue	Northwest of Round Hill	Named for Confederate General James Longstreet
Mosby Heritage Area signage	Countywide	N/A
Pickett Road	Northwest of Round Hill	Named for Confederate General George Pickett
Kephart Bridge Landing	Canoe and kayak launch facility located within Elizabeth Mills Riverfront Park in the Lansdowne community	Named for George Kephart who was an agent for the largest slave trading enterprise in the nation

The Board majority directed staff to:

1. Develop a work plan, to include: a timeline, public engagement process and cost estimates to implement changes to the Confederate and Segregationist symbols items already submitted by the public, names of public roads within Loudoun County, and Loudoun County facilities and report back to the Board with this information by September;
2. Remove the name of Kephart Landing and direct staff from Parks, Recreation, and Community Services to submit a new name for the landing; and
3. Obtain cost estimates from consultants to conduct further research on any building and street names that may not have been included in the inventory of Confederate and Segregationist symbols. Two cost estimates will be brought to the Board in September: 1) a thorough review of all sites in the County and 2) review of items included on staff's list that require more research.

No matter how strongly I feel about changing the names, I believe in a public process that the Board should follow. The public will get an opportunity to give input on the intent to amend in September. For the renaming of Harry Byrd Highway (Route 7) and John Mosby Highway (Route 50), members of the public are encouraged to submit names for consideration [here](#) by end of day Friday, July 30th.

Linear Parks and Trails: At the July 6th Board business meeting, we unanimously approved the Linear Parks and Trails (LPAT) System Plan. In 2019, I sponsored a Board Member Initiative to develop a detailed implementation plan for an interconnected, countywide linear park and trail system thanks to a group of dedicated residents who advocated for more trails and natural areas. The residents named the countywide network "Emerald Ribbons" because it is along stream corridors and floodplains that are

generally not developable. The LPAT will be a legacy for generations and join eastern and western Loudoun. Thank you to the Department of Parks and Recreation and the LPAT Subcommittee for three years of major work.

Aldie Assemblage: At the July 6th Board business meeting, I moved that the Board accept the proposal from Gerachis Construction Group, LLC for the sale of the three Aldie Assemblage properties consisting of 6.31 acres of land and authorize the County Administrator to execute a contract of sale in the amount of \$600,000. The Gerachis proposal had broad support from Aldie residents and local preservation groups. In my mind, it was the only community-based solution and I thank Guy Gerachis for stepping up and making the offer.

At the July 14th public hearing, we unanimously voted to add two of the Aldie Assemblage properties into the Aldie Historic District. This final vote wraps up years of discussion around Aldie. Finding a solution for the Middleburg Preserve II property in St. Louis is the focus.

Investing in Transportation

Prentice Drive: Public comment is requested on the County's project to extend Prentice Drive from Lockridge Road to Loudoun County Parkway. The public comment period will be open through Friday, August 13th. This project provides for the design, right of way acquisition and construction of a new segment of Prentice Drive (Route 1071) in Ashburn from Lockridge Road (Route 789) to Loudoun County Parkway (Route 607). The roadway will be a four-lane, major collector roadway with turn lanes, in-road bike lanes and sidewalks. The completion of this project and the adjoining new segment of Prentice Drive from Loudoun County Parkway to Shellhorn Road (Route 643) will provide connectivity to the Loudoun Gateway and Ashburn Metrorail Stations. For more information about the Prentice Drive project and to provide feedback, visit the County's [website](#).

Prentice Drive (Lockridge Road to Loudoun County Parkway)

Open Comment Period:
July 26 - August 13, 2021

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Davis Drive: A ribbon cutting was held on July 15th to celebrate the opening of the Davis Drive extension. The extension of Davis Drive completes a missing link in the County's road network by providing a connection between Old Ox Road (Route 606) and South Sterling Boulevard (Route 846). Previously, vehicles traveling between these roadways had to use either Route 28 or Shaw Road. There is 6-foot sidewalk on the east side of the road and a 10-foot shared use path on the west side of the road.



Transportation Summit: The Board held a summit on June 29th to discuss transportation issues and get a briefing from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure. Topics discussed included:

- An overview of how VDOT works with the county on transportation projects.
- An overview of the Countywide Transportation Plan.
- A summary of the transportation project development process.
- An in-depth review of the traffic signal project development process and the county's efforts to streamline the process.
- A status report on implementation of county-led data collection and signal warrant analysis for development applications.

Community Information

Commuter Bus Service Adjustments: Beginning Monday, August 2nd, Loudoun County Transit will modify Commuter Bus Service due to changes in passenger demands. New Commuter Bus routes will be added to increase service at Dulles South (Stone Ridge II) and East Gate Park and Ride lots, and to add new service at Purcellville and Harmony Park and Ride lots. Schedules and stops for existing routes will also be modified. Details on the service adjustments are available [online](#).

Commuter Bus schedules for most existing morning and afternoon routes will change up to seven minutes. Riders are encouraged to review the August 2nd Commuter Bus Schedule posted [here](#) to prepare for new arrival and departure times.

Loudoun Workforce Resource Center Certified as One-Stop Center: This certification demonstrates that the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center delivers high quality employment services by meeting or exceeding all mandates from the Virginia Board of Workforce Development. The certification also demonstrates how the center collaborates with other state agencies and local nonprofits to ensure seamless career services without duplication of effort.

The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center offers job announcements, resume preparation assistance, computers and other resources necessary to conduct a job search. Career development workshops are offered throughout each month to assist job seekers with basic computer skills, resume writing and interviewing skills, as well as a variety of work-related topics. The center also sponsors career fairs, employer panel discussions and Meet the Employer events where businesses conduct on-site interviews with applicants. Employment counselors are available to provide career assessments, employment counseling and information on Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act services.

The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center is located in the Shenandoah Building at 102 Heritage Way NE in Leesburg. All services offered are free. For more information about

the services provided by the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center, contact the center at 703-777-0150 or visit this [website](#).

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