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Greetings Ashburn/Lansdowne!

One of our articles this week announces a new lease deal between the Port of Virginia and Dominion Energy to allow Dominion to lease a portion of the facility to construct the components for the largest offshore wind farm in the U.S. At its completion, the wind farm will generate 2,600 megawatts of electricity, enough to power 660,000 homes with clean power.

Not many people know Dominion Energy has a number of low- or no-cost energy savings programs that individual homeowners can take advantage of to lower their energy costs. Under the [Home Energy Assessment](#) program, a contractor visits your home for 30-60 minutes, installs some quick energy-saving features, then provides a full energy assessment report. Should you decide to implement any of the recommendations, he will assist you in submitting a rebate request to Dominion Energy to recoup some of the costs of the improvements.

For residents of multi-family buildings struggling to meet their energy utility bills, the [EnergyShare](#) program can help you with your bills then, if you qualify, conduct a free energy assessment of your home and make the improvements without cost.

I think most of us are acutely aware these days of the accelerating and dangerous impacts of global climate change. There is no silver bullet. We each have to do our part to create the kind of positive impact on our planet we all know we need and want. These programs are a step we can all take to reduce our energy use.

Be safe!

Mike Turner
Ashburn District Supervisor

COVID-19 Update

Loudoun County to Open New COVID-19 Vaccination Site in Sterling September 4



The Loudoun County Health Department will begin operating a COVID-19 vaccination site at Sterling Elementary School on Saturday, September 4, 2021. The new vaccination site is located at 200 West Church Road in Sterling. The county's COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Sterling Elementary School will be open every Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. by appointment only until further notice. Vaccinations at this location are free and open to everyone age 12 years and over. The new location replaces the vaccination site at the Dulles Town Center, which will close permanently on Friday, September 3.

"We are committed to being a COVID-19 vaccine provider for those unable to obtain vaccine through their medical provider or neighborhood pharmacy and we appreciate the partnership with Loudoun County Public Schools that makes that possible," said Loudoun County Health Director Dr. David Goodfriend.

COVID-19 vaccine is now widely available throughout Loudoun County from many providers, such as medical offices and pharmacies including, but not limited to, CVS, Giant Food, Harris Teeter, Safeway, Walgreens, Walmart and Wegmans. The Health Department encourages everyone 12 and older who has not yet been vaccinated to visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find the vaccination site nearest to you, particularly if getting vaccine on a weekday is more convenient.

For the county's complete COVID-19 vaccination schedule, to make an appointment and for links to vaccine providers, visit loudoun.gov/covid19vaccine.

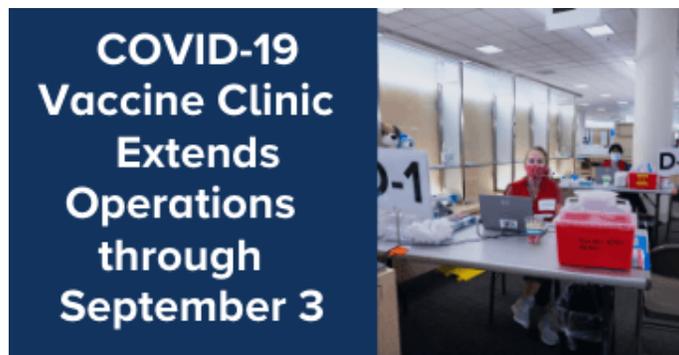
In addition to vaccination, to help curb the increase in COVID-19 cases that Loudoun County has been experiencing, the Health Department recommends everyone:

- Wear a mask in indoor public settings
- Stay 6 feet away from people who do not live in your household
- Cover your coughs and sneezes
- Wash your hands frequently
- Stay home when sick
- Avoid contact with sick people
- Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and get tested if you're symptomatic, or if potentially exposed to COVID-19, regardless of your vaccination status.

Learn more about protecting yourself and your family on the [Virginia Department of Health website](#).

For additional information about COVID-19, visit loudoun.gov/coronavirus, call the Health Department's information line at **703-737-8300**, or [email the Health Department](#).

Loudoun County to Extend Dulles Town Center Vaccination Site Operations by One Week



LOUDOUN COUNTY VIRGINIA loudoun.gov/COVID19vaccine

Loudoun County will continue providing COVID-19 vaccinations to anyone 12 years and older at the Dulles Town Center clinic for an additional week beyond the previously scheduled closure of the facility. The vaccination site is

now scheduled to close permanently at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 3, 2021.

This brief extension of services at the Dulles Town Center will bridge the county's vaccination operations to the planned opening of an alternate, smaller vaccination clinic in early September. The details about the opening of a new vaccination site will be provided as soon as possible.

The extension of vaccination operations adds the following vaccination opportunities to the county's existing schedule:

- Friday, August 27: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 28: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 31: 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, September 3: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The county's vaccination site is closed on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. The complete schedule is posted on the county's website at loudoun.gov/covid19vaccine. No appointment is necessary; however, residents may make an appointment on the county's website.

In addition to receiving a vaccine from Loudoun County, COVID-19 vaccines are available from many providers throughout the community, such as medical offices and pharmacies including, but not limited to, CVS, Giant Food, Harris Teeter, Safeway, Walgreens, Walmart and Wegmans. The Health Department encourages everyone 12 and older who has not yet been vaccinated to visit vaccines.gov to find a vaccination site near you.

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From the Office of Governor Northam



Governor Northam and Dominion Energy Announce Agreement to Propel Offshore Wind Industry in Virginia

Governor Northam announced that the Port of Virginia has reached an agreement to lease a portion of the Portsmouth Marine Terminal to Dominion Energy—dramatically accelerating the largest commercial clean energy offshore wind development in the United States and creating a place in Virginia for a new American industry to emerge.

Under the agreement, Dominion Energy will use 72 acres of the deep-water, multi-use marine cargo Portsmouth Marine Terminal as a staging and pre-assembly area for the foundations and turbines that will be installed 27 miles off the coast of Virginia Beach. The Virginia wind project will produce more than 2,600 megawatts of clean, renewable energy—enough to power up to 660,000 homes.

"This announcement is yet another milestone toward making Virginia the national leader in offshore wind power," said Governor Ralph Northam. "The Commonwealth and Dominion Energy are standing together to promote clean energy, reduce carbon emissions, create jobs, and build a new American industry on the East Coast of the United States."

“This location at the Port of Virginia is second to none,” said chair, president and CEO of Dominion Energy Robert M. Blue. “It has deep water access, no overhead restrictions, a strong, experienced maritime workforce and sufficient space for these large wind infrastructure components. It is perfectly situated to serve the Virginia offshore wind project and grow the domestic supply chain needed to complete other offshore wind projects in the United States.”

Northam and Blue spoke at the [Business Network for Offshore Wind’s International Partnering Forum](#), a three-day global conference being held at the Greater Richmond Convention Center. It is the largest offshore wind conference in the Western Hemisphere. More than 1,300 people are participating in person, and another 1,000 online.

The lease term is 10 years—valued at nearly \$4.4 million annually—and includes an option for two five-year renewals. The lease agreement includes significant upgrades to ensure the terminal can handle the weight of the large components that will be deployed to build the offshore wind turbines. Once the components are loaded onto ships, the vessels will travel to the construction site 27 miles off the coast of Virginia Beach.

The agreement comes just 18 months after Governor Northam signed into law the Virginia Clean Economy Act, cementing Virginia’s commitment to clean and renewable energy. The law sets a target of 2034 for producing at least 5,200 megawatts of energy through offshore wind, and a target of 2045 for achieving 100 percent carbon-free energy production.

Negotiations accelerated in July, when the Virginia Port Authority Board of Commissioners directed Stephen A. Edwards, CEO and executive director of the VPA, to finalize the lease negotiation.

“For the last several years it has been known that The Port of Virginia, and specifically the Portsmouth Marine Terminal, is positioned to be the leading Mid-Atlantic logistics hub for the offshore wind industry,” said Port of Virginia CEO Stephen Edwards. “This agreement capitalizes on PMT’s potential and solidifies Virginia’s place as the leader in this growing and competitive field. This port is ready to support Dominion Energy and all of the businesses and jobs that will ensure the success of offshore wind in Virginia.”

“Virginia’s agreement with Dominion Energy accelerates the Commonwealth’s transition to clean, renewable energy, creates good-paying jobs, and expands Virginia’s economy,” said Secretary of Transportation Shannon Valentine. “This partnership also positions the Port of Virginia as the hub of this emerging industry, and Virginia as the forerunner in offshore wind.”

“Our coastal assets speak for themselves when it comes to business opportunities for offshore wind,” said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Brian Ball. “Virginia has been recognized as the country’s best state to do business

since 2019, and we welcome companies eager to expand here in the United States.”

“There is no better state than Virginia to host this year’s International Offshore Wind Partnering Forum,” said Business Network for Offshore Wind CEO and President Liz Burdock. “Under Governor Northam’s leadership, Virginia continues to show a strong commitment to offshore wind power and the many benefits it offers—job creation, green energy, new technology, and more. We are proud to partner with the Commonwealth to host this important conference.”

Offshore wind is a growing industry in the United States, backed by the Biden Administration’s target of 30 gigawatts of offshore wind capacity by 2030. Dominion Energy’s Virginia project is a vital part of the company’s clean energy strategy to meet standards outlined in the Virginia Clean Economy Act and to achieve the company’s net zero carbon dioxide and methane emissions commitment across its 16 state footprint by 2050.

Presently, Dominion Energy’s two-turbine pilot project is operating off of the coast of Virginia Beach. Last month, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management issued a “Notice of Intent” for the full commercial project. The Notice of Intent triggers a federal review of the project and preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement, which will take about two years.

Loudoun County News

Loudoun County to Hold Ribbon Cutting for Riverside Parkway September 2

Loudoun County will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the final segment of Riverside Parkway Thursday, September 2, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. The Riverside Parkway segment has eliminated Lexington Drive and now extends Riverside Parkway from Riverside Commons Plaza to Loudoun County Parkway at George Washington Boulevard, completing a missing link in the county’s road network. This segment provides the final roadway connection between River Creek Parkway and Loudoun County Parkway. Previously, vehicles traveling between these



roadways had to use Route 7. The roadway is currently scheduled to be open to traffic the week of September 5, 2021.

The event will take place on the new segment of Riverside Parkway, at the intersection of Loudoun County Parkway in the vicinity of 20065 Lakeview Center Plaza, Ashburn. To access the site from Route 7, take the Ashburn Village Boulevard exit north to Riverside Parkway. Turn right onto Riverside Parkway and drive approximately 1.5 miles to the marked-off ribbon cutting site at the intersection of Loudoun County Parkway. Currently there is no access to Riverside Parkway from Loudoun County Parkway.

The Riverside Parkway project constructed a four-lane, median-divided roadway between Riverside Commons Plaza to Loudoun County Parkway at George Washington Boulevard. The project also included the removal of Lexington Drive on both sides of Route 7, a new water main and replacement of the existing temporary traffic signal at Loudoun County Parkway and George Washington Boulevard with a permanent signal.

The completion of Riverside Parkway, in conjunction with the Battlefield Parkway Interchange project, improves traffic flow and allows Route 7 to operate as a freeway west of Countryside Boulevard in Loudoun County. The project also will improve connectivity among the Lexington 7, Potomac Farms, River Crest and University Center communities. It is expected this connectivity will divert local traffic from Route 7 to the completed Riverside Parkway corridor. More information about the project can be found at loudoun.gov/riversideparkway.

Loudoun County Recycling Guide Takes the Guesswork Out of Recycling; Prevents Waste

"Can this be recycled?" It's a common question in households. The [Loudoun County Recycling Guide](#) helps provide answers, which can lead to a reduction in the amount of waste in the recycling stream.

"Our recycling guide helps take the guesswork out of recycling," said Loudoun County Recycling Specialist Tony Hayes. "It's



never a good idea to simply assume something is recyclable and just let the recycling companies sort it out. We call that 'wishful recycling,' which contributes to significant waste in the recycling process and reduces the value of recycling, financially and environmentally."

The Loudoun County Recycling Guide lists items that can be recycled through curbside recycling and at the [county's recycling drop-off centers](#). Items not specifically listed as acceptable materials should not be placed in a recycling container until your local service provider is contacted to confirm whether they can be recycled. Links to the online version of the guide as well as a downloadable .pdf may be found at loudoun.gov/recycling.

Common Mistakes

Plastic bags, plastic foam (such as Styrofoam), empty motor oil containers and recyclables sealed in plastic trash bags are common items mistakenly set out for recycling. Here's what to do instead:

- Return plastic grocery bags to grocery stores for recycling.
- Place plastic foam and empty motor oil containers in the trash.
- Do not seal recyclables in plastic bags; instead deposit them loosely in recycling bins.

Hazardous items also found in recycling bins include batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, pressurized cans and other hazardous materials. These items should not be placed in recycling bins or even the trash, but instead disposed of at one of the county's [household hazardous waste](#) or [business hazardous waste](#) collection events.

Glass Bottles and Jars

Currently, one of the most common questions about recycling concerns glass bottles and jars. While glass bottles and jars are still accepted in some curbside recycling programs, the glass is not always able to be put to a beneficial use and may be discarded as waste. Loudoun County has established a glass recycling program at six recycling drop-off centers where glass bottles and jars are collected separately from other recyclable materials to ensure they are recovered for another use. More details are available at loudoun.gov/recycling.

More Information

More information about the county's recycling and waste management programs is available by calling [703-771-5500](tel:703-771-5500) or visiting loudoun.gov/wastemanagement.

LCSO to Conduct Back to School Enforcement Campaign, Offers Tips for Students & Parents

As Summer break comes to an end Loudoun County Sheriff Mike Chapman is asking drivers to watch for children walking to and from school as they may forget to watch for you.



Over the next few weeks, Loudoun County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) Deputies will be conducting speed and traffic safety enforcement around local schools as part of the agency's Back-to-School enforcement and public education campaign. LCSO Deputies will be utilizing speed measurement devices, "Smart Trailers", variable message boards to display safety messages, marked and unmarked cruisers, as well as the agency's motor unit.

In his annual video safety message, Sheriff Chapman is reminding drivers to "slow down and stay alert and help make this a great school year." Please click [here](#) to view the safety message from Sheriff Chapman.

The Loudoun Sheriff's Office is also offering the following tips for students and parents from the National Safety Council:

Walkers

- Parents: Practice walking to school with your child, crossing streets at crosswalks when available.
- Walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk and you must walk in the street, walk facing traffic.
- Before crossing the street, stop and look left, right, and left again to see if cars are coming.
- Never dart out in front of a parked car.
- Never walk while texting or talking on the phone.
- Do not walk while using headphones.
- Pay attention to crossing guards.

Bike Riders

- Always wear a helmet that is fitted and secured properly. Children need to know the rules of the road: Ride single file on the right side of the road, come to a complete stop before crossing the street, and walk the bike across.
- Watch for opening car doors and other hazards.
- Use hand signals when turning.
- Wear bright-colored clothing

Bus Riders

- Parents: Teach children the proper way to get on and off the bus. Line up 6 feet away from the curb as the bus approaches.
- If seat belts are available, buckle up.
- Wait for the bus to stop completely before standing.
- Do not cross in front of the bus if possible or walk at least 10 feet ahead until you can see the other drivers.

Drivers, Share the Road

- Don't block crosswalks.
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and take extra care in school zones. Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.
- Never pass a bus loading or unloading children.
- The area 10 feet surrounding a school bus is the most dangerous for children. Provide sufficient space to allow children to safely enter and exit the bus.
- Don't text and drive.
- Comply with speed limit signs when in school zones.

Loudoun County Census Data Released, Marking Milestone in Local Redistricting Process

The U.S. Census Bureau's recent release of data from the 2020 census marks an important milestone as Loudoun County moves forward with its local redistricting process.

Redistricting is the process of redrawing the boundaries of districts that elect representatives who serve specific geographic areas.

This process occurs every 10 years following the United States decennial census. Loudoun County underwent its last local redistricting process in 2011.

The data released by the U.S. Census Bureau on August 12 provides the first look at the most recent demographic characteristics of the nation by state, county and city. Based on the initial data release, the census data indicates that Loudoun County has continued to grow. The county's total population was 420,959 in 2020, an increase of nearly 110,000 residents, or 35%, since 2010.

This data will allow the county to prepare a detailed analysis, including the population growth in election districts and precincts from 2010 to 2020. County staff can now begin to develop possible local redistricting scenarios, which will be brought to the board for consideration at its October 19, 2021, business meeting.

A public submission period is scheduled to take place in November 2021. Members of the public will have the opportunity to comment on scenarios developed by county staff or use them as a starting point to develop and submit their own plans for consideration. The county will provide an online tool through which individuals can view information and propose local redistricting plans.

The Board of Supervisors is expected to adopt the final plan in May 2022, and the map of updated boundaries is slated to be completed by August 2022.

For more information about local redistricting, and to sign up for project updates, visit loudoun.gov/redistricting.

To learn more about the county's 2020 census data, visit loudoun.gov/censusdata.



"Live From The Lot" Outdoor Concert September 10

The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services is hosting "Live From The Lot" featuring The Reagan Years and Uncle Jesse Friday, Sept. 10, 2021. The event will take place in the parking lot of Segra Field at 42095 Loudoun United Drive in Leesburg. Gates will open at 6:30 p.m. Performances start at 7 p.m.



General admission tickets cost \$10. VIP tickets cost \$20 and provide access to a guaranteed space at the front of the stage on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets can be purchased at [Eventbrite](#). Processing fees apply.

Concert goers are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets, as well as their own food and nonalcoholic beverages. No food or drink vendors will be at the event. No tailgating will be allowed before or after the concert, and cars are not allowed in the viewing area.

Current Virginia COVID-19 guidelines will be followed for this event and are subject to change. Visit loudoun.gov/livefromthelot for event details or [email PRCS event staff](#).

Use Your SNAP EBT Card at Your Local Farmers Market

The Virginia Cooperative Extension Family Nutrition Program, "Eat Smart, Move More," empowers you to take charge of your health by eating healthy and living an active lifestyle. Our nutrition educators work with Virginians to teach essential life skills like cooking, managing a food budget, using SNAP/EBT, being physically active, handling food safely, and planning meals.



Using your EBT card at a farmers market:

1. Find the market manager's information table.
2. He or she will swipe your EBT card for the amount you request. You will receive \$1 wooden tokens. These tokens act like cash in the market.
3. Use your tokens to buy fruit, vegetables, meat, eggs, baked goods, herbs, and more!

What you can buy with your SNAP benefits at the market:

- Meat
- Honey
- Vegetables
- Fruit
- Eggs
- Wrapped baked goods to be consumed at home
- Herbs
- Jams and Preserves
- Cheese
- Plants that produce fruit

You cannot buy hot prepared foods, alcohol, or non-food items, the same rules as at the grocery store.

Buy fresh, local foods with SNAP

Many farmers markets are now able to accept your SNAP benefits. Some will double your SNAP dollars for free! Food from the farmers market is locally grown, healthy, and tasty. Visit your local farmers market and experience the difference yourself. To find the farmers market nearest you and which ones double SNAP dollars, visit the [Eat Smart, Move More VA website](#).

To learn more, view [the brochure \(PDF\)](#).

The Virginia Cooperative Extension Family Nutrition Program is in partnership with Loudoun Hunger Relief.

Beth Miller Park Trail Bridge Replacement is Complete

The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services has announced that the small, wooden bridge along the walking trail at Beth Miller Park has been replaced. The project is completed and the new bridge is open. The nine-acre park, featuring a pond, gazebo, walking trail and open space, is located at 20270 Leier Place in Ashburn.



Resources

Traffic Information

511 offers real-time traffic info. Anytime you need it, anywhere you are.



VDOT 511

511 provides users with real-time, accurate traffic information from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) about road conditions, traffic congestion, and highway construction anywhere you are, anytime you need it.

More information on VDOT 511 can be found [here](#).



Building Permits
and Land Development Applications

loudoun.gov/bdapplyonline

Online Process for Building Permits, Land Development Applications

Homeowners and residential contractors can submit their completed application form and supporting documentation, including drawings and plats, in PDF format for most residential construction projects to the Department of Building and Development online. More information about the online submission process and requirements is available [here](#).

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Residential Traffic Calming Program

Residential Traffic Calming Guide

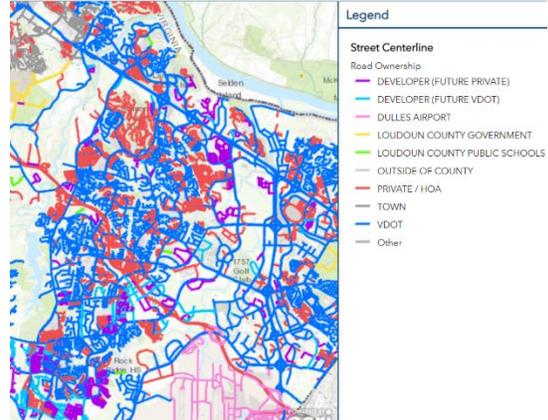
Loudoun County's Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure (DTCI) manages an eight-phase process to address traffic calming, which considers residents' concerns regarding speeding, safety and overall quality of life on publicly-maintained residential streets.

Learn more [here](#).



Report a road problem

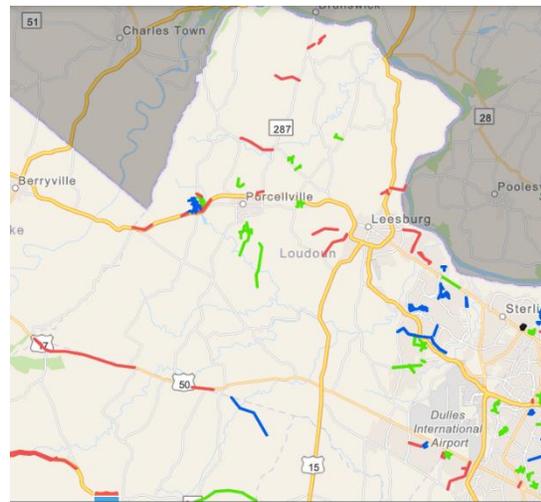
VDOT created an easy to use online form to report unsafe and hazardous road conditions. Similarly, work requests for



Who Maintains my Street?

To identify which entity responsible for maintaining your road/street, Loudoun County made an online color coded mapping system which helps residents determine who to contact when work needs to be done.

View this map [here](#).



Paving Schedule

VDOT reports what roads will be paved during the fiscal year and updates their website with progress updates.

state-maintained roads can also be made Find VDOT's Paving Schedule [here](#).
[here](#).

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Contact my Office

Because your voice plays such a vital role in the decision-making process, a critical role for me as your county representative is to provide you with the necessary facts to keep you informed about any and all issues affecting you or your family's quality of life. Please don't hesitate to contact me directly or my staff.

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