



Supervisor

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Dulles Direct Newsletter



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Welcome to the September 2021 edition of the Dulles Direct newsletter. I hope the start of the school year has gone well for students, families, and teachers and that all of you are healthy and well. We continue to be in challenging times with imperfect solutions, but I'm glad that children are back in school and that many of our businesses are once again thriving.

At the Board's September 8 Business Meeting, I presented my annual resolution proclaiming September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Loudoun County. In the United States, nearly 16,000 children under the age of 19 are diagnosed with cancer every year. We have several groups here in Loudoun doing amazing work to bring awareness to childhood cancer, support patients and their families, and fundraise for research. Unfortunately, we have children right here in our community who are diagnosed with cancer and fighting it every day. We do this resolution not only to serve as a reminder, but to give hope, as the dollars raised over the years are being put to good use in the quest to find cures. Mark Miller from Smashing Walnuts and Chris and Roya Giordano from Team Mathias joined me on the dais for presentation of the resolution. Other organizations such as Hope Faster, Ellie's Hats, and iPromise15 are also part of our Loudoun community and are recognized in the Board's resolution.

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Last week, I presented a resolution from the Board of Supervisors honoring Dulles Airport Manager Mike Stewart, who is leaving the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority after 14 years of service, the last four at IAD. I've gotten to know Mike over the years working on several initiatives and I appreciate his stewardship of our major international hub during this challenging time. The Loudoun County Health Department is the agency of record for health-related issues at the Airport, which required close cooperation between Dulles and the County as the pandemic hit. Mike leaves MWAA to take the helm at Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport, where he worked much earlier in his 38 year career in the aviation industry.

Yesterday, the Board held its Energy Strategies Workshop where we heard updates from County and Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments staff on regional initiatives and Loudoun-specific data. The good news is that despite leading the Commonwealth in population growth, residential sector emissions have actually declined in Loudoun. The largest sources of emissions are commercial buildings (data centers) and vehicles. Members of the Board gave input on the formation of an updated County energy strategy, with a focus on leading by example through construction

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of efficient buildings and infrastructure. Many energy issues are not handled on a local basis, which limits options for County governments.

Finally, it has been one year since my baseball injury that caused so much damage. I can't help but reflect on the past year, which was the most challenging of my life. However, in the midst of the bad memories and frustration I also think back to the support I received from my family, my colleagues, and you - my constituents, who have been incredibly kind and thoughtful throughout all of this. While I wish it was completely "over," at least there has been tangible progress, and if you see me around, it may be with a new pair of prescription glasses to help equalize the vision in both eyes. I've had some recent visits to eye surgeons and the thinking is that my remaining issues may actually be related to the vestibular system, which happens to be located behind the right eye and may have been disturbed during the impact of the ball. We are fortunate in the DC region to have access to advanced medical care, so at the end of next month I will be seeing a highly specialized neurotologist at Georgetown who deals with these kinds of issues and then we'll go from there.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Latest Numbers and Updates

According to the official numbers released today by the Virginia Department of Health, there have been 32,662 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Loudoun County. 290 individuals have died from the virus in Loudoun. Virginia now has 866,776 confirmed cases with 12,750 deaths. You can see these numbers yourself at the Loudoun County COVID-19 [GeoHub](#).

Loudoun's latest percent positivity rate is 5.6%, down from the 5.8% reported last month but still

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significantly higher than the rates for most of this year due to the continued prevalence of the Delta variant. Loudoun remains on the list of localities with “high community transmission” according to the CDC. The vast majority of newly infected people are unvaccinated and includes individuals in all age groups. Governor Northam’s indoor mask recommendation is still in place for all individuals, regardless of vaccination status.

The majority of new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in Northern Virginia and the United States in general are now the Delta variant, which is highly contagious. It is crucial that everyone follow proper mitigation practices, especially if you haven’t received a vaccine or are around those with immune system issues. In addition to vaccination, the Health Department recommends everyone wear a mask in indoor public settings and practice prevention measures that include staying 6 feet away from people who do not live in your household; covering your coughs and sneezes; washing your hands frequently; staying home when sick; avoiding contact with sick people; knowing the signs and symptoms of COVID-19; and getting tested if you’re symptomatic or if potentially exposed to COVID-19, regardless of your vaccination status.

Latest News on Vaccination Efforts

In preparation for the CDC and VDH recommendations for COVID-19 vaccine booster doses and future recommendations for vaccinating children ages 5-12, Loudoun County has resumed vaccination operations **by appointment only** at its Dulles Town Center site, located at 21090 Dulles Town Circle in Sterling. In addition, because the Dulles Town Center site has reopened, the Health Department has ceased operation of the COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Sterling Elementary School at this time.

The Virginia Department of Health has authorized local health districts to begin administering booster

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doses of the Pfizer vaccine for certain individuals as [recommended](#) by the CDC. Loudoun is now offering booster doses of the Pfizer vaccine to these groups at its Dulles Town Center clinic by appointment only. The boosters for these specific populations are to be administered at least six months (180 days) after the second dose of the Pfizer vaccine. You can find the date of your second dose on your vaccination card. If you received your second dose in Virginia and have misplaced the card, you can find the date of your second dose by [searching for your vaccine record online](#). If you need assistance over the phone, call 877-VAX-IN-VA (877-829-4682). Assistance is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The recommendations from the CDC and VDH do not include people who received the Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccines. Anyone who received the Moderna or J&J vaccine should not seek a booster dose of the Pfizer vaccine, and should instead wait for future recommendations from the CDC and VDH. Recommendations for the Moderna and J&J vaccines are expected in the future. The CDC recommendations on boosters are based on the information currently available at this time, and serve as interim guidance. People who received the Moderna or J&J vaccines are encouraged to stay informed.

The following groups have been approved by the CDC and authorized by the VDH for a booster shot. Residents seeking a vaccine booster are not required to offer any proof of risk.

- People 65 years and older
- Residents of long-term care facilities
- People 18-64 years old with [underlying medical conditions](#)
- People 18-64 years old who are at [increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission](#) because of occupational or institutional settings, such as, but not limited to, health care workers and

caregivers for frail or
immunocompromised people

State health officials have been working with pharmacies, medical offices, and other providers to make sure there are convenient options available for Virginians to receive a booster dose. All residents who need the initial series of COVID-19 vaccine or a booster may receive one from many providers in the community, such as medical offices and pharmacies including, but not limited to, CVS, Giant Food, Harris Teeter, Safeway, Walgreens, Walmart and Wegmans. These locations have the benefit of being able to also provide the flu vaccine at the same time. Visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find a vaccination site near you.

To make an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccine at the County's Dulles Town Center site, visit loudoun.gov/covid19vaccine. The flu vaccine is not available at the Dulles Town Center clinic.

The [Virginia Department of Health has added a scannable QR code to vaccination records](#). The technology allows anyone vaccinated in Virginia to show proof of vaccination with a digital or printed QR code instead of a paper card. If you have moved to Loudoun from another state since receiving your second dose, you should check with the health department from your previous jurisdiction for your vaccination record.

Loudoun County encourages everyone to stay informed about COVID-19 and the upcoming vaccination recommendations.

- Sign up for email and text updates about Loudoun's response to COVID-19 at loudoun.gov/coronavirus.
- Opt in to receive text message updates regarding the COVID-19 pandemic:

English: Text LCCOVID19 to 888777

Spanish: Text LCCOVIDESP to 888777

- Follow the Loudoun County Government [Facebook page](#) and [@LoudounCoGovt](#) on Twitter.

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](#).

DULLES UPDATES

VDOT Pavement Resurfacing Update

- Pending final review and acceptance, all pavement marking work on **Gum Spring Road** is now complete.
- Handwork on non-long line items on **Millstream Drive, Riding Center Drive, and Eastgate View Drive** is now complete.
- **Route 606 northeast of the Greenway** is undergoing pavement marking until the end of next week. Pavement markings on the latex portion have been completed, as well as the majority of long lines on the paved portions. Last week, the contractor performed detail work at the intersection of the ramp from Route 267.

Eastgate View Drive

In my last newsletter, I requested your feedback on VDOT's new lane configuration on Eastgate View Drive. The new configuration reduces the roadway from four lanes to two and adds bike lanes on both sides of the road. Street parking was added on the segment between Tall Cedars Parkway and Pleasant Valley Road to accommodate additional parking needs within the Eastgate community.

I heard from quite a few of you with a range of perspectives. While there were some concerns expressed, the majority of feedback was positive. Your input has been valuable as we continue to evaluate the situation and have further discussions with VDOT. In light of the feedback, I don't anticipate any changes in the short term to the current configuration. However, we will continue to monitor this road.

Dulles South Recreation Center Pool Filtration System Replacement

At our September 21 Business Meeting, the Board voted to initiate a capital project to replace the competition and leisure pool filtration system at the Dulles South Recreation and Community Center. For those of you who followed this project closely and remember some of the challenges we had both getting it opened and then operating the pools once they did open, you'll recall the filtration system was at the top of the list. The equipment manufacturer for this system went out of business shortly after our facility was built, which over time will present issues with obtaining parts. We've had continued issues with filter pressure which cause the filters to wear out prematurely and require more staff work to replace. Given the time, money, and effort that staff has put into fixing issues with the current system, staff recommended to the Board that we move forward with installation of a new system using a different type of filter that we have experience with at Claude Moore and will be installing at the Ashburn facility in the future. The project will cost about \$625,000 and funding will come from leftover funds in the original construction project, which had a surplus. I'll keep you updated when we are aware of a timeline for the project, which I have asked be timed to coincide with the normal annual maintenance shutdown window (typically in June). Obviously, it is frustrating to have to spend these funds just five years after the facility opened, but I think it is for the best in the long run.

Pedestrian Access to John Champe High School

With students back in school, concerns about pedestrian access to the John Champe High School campus have come back. As some of you may recall, there was a crosswalk across Northstar Boulevard at the Stone Cutter/Sacred Mountain intersection up until two years ago. When the crosswalk was in place, we had several instances where a pedestrian was struck or nearly struck, despite flashing warning beacons. After these incidents occurred, the crosswalk was reviewed by VDOT and LCPS and it was determined that the location wasn't a safe crossing point and the crosswalk was removed in the summer of 2019. During the 2019-2020 school year, John Champe and LCPS worked to inform families that this wasn't a safe place to cross and to direct students to use the crosswalk at the controlled intersection of Northstar and Conejo/Mattingly Drive. I have seen that communication continue this school year.

I have observed this intersection during the school drop off and pick up times, and it is very difficult to navigate for many reasons. Traffic volume is high at those times and large buses use that entrance to access the school and block safe sight distance. The intersection does not meet warrants for a traffic signal and VDOT has consistently recommended against placing crosswalks at uncontrolled intersections for safety reasons.

Northstar Boulevard will be extended directly to Route 50 and up to Brambleton, likely bringing more traffic to that corridor and adding a signal at the intersection with Tall Cedars. The bottom line is that this is not a safe place to cross. If you are a JCHS parent, please discuss this with your student! Despite repeated warnings from school Administration, there are still students who cross here every day. We are also discussing this issue with the Sheriff's Office and I know that the SRO for Champe has been made aware of this concern.

Long term, the County has plans to widen this section of Northstar. I have asked that the design for that widening evaluate the feasibility of an underpass for pedestrian and bicycle access to the school campus at a location between the two intersections. However, this project is still years off, though I am looking for opportunities to expedite it in our Capital Improvement Program. It may be helpful during budget season for concerned residents to tell the rest of the Board about this issue and advocate for advancing funding to help support any efforts I may make. Stay tuned on that subject.

In the meantime, I encourage parents to discuss with their students how to reach John Champe safely using the traffic signal controlled crossing at the Northstar and Conejo/Mattingly intersection. This is the safest location for students to cross Northstar. Also, if you see drivers that aren't respecting the speed limit or school zone speeds, please report those issues to the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office using their online reporting [form](#).

Route 7 & 50 Renaming Update

The Board of Supervisors approved the task force's shortlist of potential new names for Route 50 & 7 at our September 21 Business Meeting. The recommendations came after 752 suggestions were submitted online, and the task force deliberated over the options.

The Board has focused on the historic names for each of these roads: Little River Turnpike for Route 50 and Leesburg Pike for Route 7. Route 50 was Little River Turnpike until 1982, when it was changed to John Mosby Highway. Leesburg Pike continues to be the name of Route 7 in Fairfax County, and it would make sense to simply continue that in Loudoun.

Both names would require changes to other streets in Loudoun, since each name is also utilized on a small street (one of which is private). One concern I have

had with this process is that we select names that will fit on the existing pole structures in order to keep costs down, which both of these names do (assuming that Turnpike is abbreviated with “Tpk” as it usually is). There were several other names put forward for consideration for both roads, most of which do not meet that standard. For Route 50, they are Middleburg, Piedmont Heritage, and Little River. For Route 7, they are Potomac Gap, Loudoun Trail, Potomac Heritage, Catoctin Valley, and Leesburg. The committee suggested Virginia Piedmont, Loudoun Heritage, and Piedmont Gateway for either Route 50 or 7.

Two public information meetings took place yesterday to discuss the potential names. If you submitted a new name for consideration during the public proposal process or took part in one of the meetings, thank you for your input; your contribution was reviewed by the task force.

Beginning today, an online [survey](#) will be available for members of the public to rank the shortlist of proposed names. The Board will be reviewing that feedback and further guidance from staff at one of our December business meetings, after which we will send a formal request for the name changes to VDOT and the Commonwealth Transportation Board. You can find more information as the process moves forward at the County’s dedicated webpage [here](#).

DULLES LAND USE UPDATES

The Shops and Tech at Arcola Center

[ZMAP-2020-0007](#), [SPEX-2020-0017](#), [SPEX-2020-0018](#), [ZMOD-2020-0011](#), [ZMOD-2020-0012](#), [ZMOD-2020-0013](#), [ZMOD-2020-0014](#), [ZMOD-2020-0015](#), & [ZMOD-2020-0016](#)

At our September 14 Public Hearing, the Board voted to send the applications for the Shops and Tech at

Arcola Center in the Blue Ridge District to the October 5 Business Meeting for action. The applications seek to convert nearly half of the existing retail-zoned land on the north side of Dulles West Boulevard to flex industrial. The argument made by the applicant is that there is much more commercial zoned property than demand, and the flex uses will allow for a variety of services and business types which ultimately will benefit the area. Typically, we see these spaces utilized for small businesses such as offices, medical providers, dance/gymnastics/sports, and breweries - among others.

I generally agree with the applicant's analysis. Arcola Center still retains some commercial-only zoning, as do several other large sites in the 50 corridor. The problem has never been the availability of zoned property; it has been the lack of tenants for those developments. I'd rather have some of this land develop with business uses that could potentially help attract other commercial tenants down the road.

Most of the discussion around the application has been centered around data center uses. The applicant has "proffered out" (meaning they cannot build) substations, but asked for up to 50% of each building to be allowed for data center uses. They told the Board that the types of users they have in these buildings are different than the traditional large data centers that we see built. They are typically specialized data storage for individual companies, and the buildings look the same as the commercial buildings. Larger data centers require substations, so the elimination of this possibility on the site ensures that we won't see them.

Nevertheless, I want to see more activity on this site with uses people can actually benefit from, so since the Public Hearing I have been negotiating with the applicant to reduce the amount of data center. We discovered that part of their request was driven by a lack of clarity over what an "accessory use" was. The applicant envisions a scenario in which a medical

office user also needs some rack space for patient record storage, for instance, and was counting that as “data center” in the application. County Planning and Zoning has clarified that it is not “data center” and instead is an accessory to an office use (which is the primary use).

With that clarification, I have reached an agreement with the applicant to reduce the amount of dedicated specialized data center down to 67,500 square feet, which amounts to a maximum of 20% or a minimum of 15% of the total project, depending on which type of buildings are actually built. This will ensure that most of the project is available for flex type users that will drive traffic and encourage other development. I think this is a reasonable compromise. The applicant has also made some specific visual commitments to what the buildings will look like.

The updated application will come back to the Board on October 5 for action.

Arcola Grove Commercial
[ZMAP-2020-0010](#) & [SPMI-2020-0013](#)

At our September 8 Business Meeting, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Arcola Grove Commercial applications to rezone 23.44 acres from Rural Commercial (RC) zoning to Planned Development – Industrial Park (PD-IP) in the Arcola area. The property is located just to the north of the future Dulles West Boulevard and west of the future Arcola Boulevard in the Arcola area. The applicant will develop 600,000 sq. ft. in either warehouse or data center uses.

The proposal was consistent with the 2019 General Plan for employment uses in the area, and the applicant assuaged my concern over how power would be supplied to the site by proffering underground transmission lines and ensuring that an above-ground onsite substation was removed from the application so that it would require a separate

commission permit from the County if needed in the future. Additionally, the applicant agreed to reduce the maximum height of their buildings to 30 ft. to qualify for any reduced setback request. The applicant had requested setback reductions from the road regardless of building size which I was not okay with. The application had a staff and Planning Commission recommendation of approval. Given the applicant's willingness to work with us on our outstanding concerns and staff's recommendation of approval due to the application's consistency with the General Plan, the Board voted to approve.

LOUDOUN UPDATES

Unmet Housing Needs Strategic Plan Adopted

At our September 8 Business Meeting, the Board voted to adopt the Unmet Housing Needs Strategic Plan. The Board directed staff back in 2019 to begin developing a process for the Board to address unmet housing needs over the short and long-term.

Goals throughout the process have been to:

- Establish a coordinated, collaborative, and integrated housing network
- Secure land resources needed to address unmet housing needs
- Obtain viable funding sources
- Reduce barriers to the development and preservation of affordable housing
- Implement policy changes to support affordable housing production and preservation

With the plan approved on September 8, the Board has refined development targets to establish the 2040 goal that 20% of the forecasted homes to be built under the direction of the 2019 General Plan include

8,190 new affordable home and maintaining affordable access to 7,800 existing homes.

Staff will provide quarterly updates on the progress of the Unmet Housing Needs Strategic Plan now that it is adopted. You can see the plan for yourself, as well as any updates made to it in the future, [here](#). Throughout the process, we have heard from many residents on the importance of affordable housing in the County. Your feedback is much appreciated, and please feel free to continue reaching out with your comments, questions, or concerns.

It should be noted that in my opinion, availability of infrastructure is still the primary limiting factor to residential units. As individual projects come forward, that will continue to be one of my major concerns. We have a lot of housing units now proposed for the Route 50 corridor, some of which will include affordable units, and I'm going to need to see major infrastructure commitments as we consider those. That said, I acknowledge the increasingly serious problem of housing affordability, which is leading to staffing shortages in many industries. Businesses simply don't have enough available workforce and can't afford to pay the wages necessary to support high housing costs. It's a nationwide problem that is felt acutely in affluent areas such as Loudoun.

Hanson Park Construction Update

Crews at the Hal and Berni Hanson Regional Park construction site are installing the retaining walls, sports netting posts, and scoreboards at the athletic fields and are installing fence posts in the off-leash dog area. Workers have begun painting the historic Hanson House and are continuing both interior and exterior work on various buildings throughout the park. Completion is still expected next spring.



Construction progress on the athletic fields



Construction progress on the playground

Proposed Cigarette Tax

At our September 8 Business Meeting, the Board voted 6-0-2-1 to approve an ordinance update implementing a cigarette tax at the rate of 40 cents per pack of 20 cigarettes with an effective date of November 1. Staff will return to a future Business Meeting with the final agreement between the County and the Northern Virginia Cigarette Tax Board for administration, enforcement, and collection of the tax.

I don't have a problem with the cigarette tax, but I abstained from the vote because the alternative motion I supported did not pass. I backed an alternative proposal to phase in the tax increase over two years (20 cents this year, 20 cents the next). The main reason is that we heard from several independent convenience store operators who told us that they do not benefit from the same large scale tobacco purchasing agreements that exist for big chains, and thus will be at a competitive disadvantage because their costs will be higher. They asked for a two-year phase-in to give them time to update their technology and negotiate with tobacco companies to enter into these agreements. I also thought a two-year phase-in might be helpful to encourage those seeking to quit, which disproportionately are lower income individuals. However, that motion failed 2-5-2.

Overall, Virginia has had one of the lowest levels of cigarette taxes and until this year, only cities and towns could tax cigarettes (and many did) - not counties. Enacting this tax will bring us in line with other jurisdictions in the region and closer to national averages in cigarette costs.

Joint BOS-School Board Initiative on Impacts of Segregation

The Board of Supervisors voted 6-3 to approve a new initiative tasking the Joint Board of Supervisors-School Board Committee to investigate instances of segregation and racial discrimination in Loudoun's past and recommend potential actions, including reparations, to address it. I could not support that motion, as I'll explain below. The Board also voted 9-0 to specifically identify actions surrounding the sale of private land for the construction of the former Douglass High School, which served the black community in Loudoun until integration and continues serving students today.

Loudoun County was one of the last school systems to de-segregate, and there is no question that the

history of how these issues were handled was shameful. I think it is valuable to understand that history and to ensure that it never happens again. However, I could not support an initiative that is so open-ended, without clear definition or direction for staff and for the Joint Committee. Although not in the motion, it is my understanding that the intent may be for the Joint Committee to set up their own “truth and reconciliation committee” to hold detailed hearings on the past and make recommendations on compensation or ways to address it. I can foresee this type of effort being time consuming and, without direction on what the Board's parameters are, confusing for all involved. Some of this discussion will fall under the School Board's jurisdiction, not that of the Board of Supervisors.

I would prefer our focus, attention, and resources be placed on looking forward. Yes, we must understand our history, but the County government and the school system have made concerted efforts to provide access to opportunities for citizens and students of all backgrounds. Substantial investments have been made in numerous areas that are helping to achieve this goal, and we continue to discuss new ways to approach this issue, such as focusing on helping to grow minority-owned small businesses in the County.

I do think that more information about the history of the Douglass High School property would be valuable, especially since the school structure is being renovated and the County is working on an interpretive playground that will help teach some of the history. The Board usually sees much more productive results when giving specific direction, which is why I was able to support this second motion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friends of the Gum Spring Library Used Book Sale

Friends of the Gum Spring Library will host a used book sale in early November at the Gum Spring Library, located at 24600 Millstream Drive. Here are the dates and hours of the sale:

- Friday, November 5: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 6: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 7: 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Recycling Guide

[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.

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.

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 about the county's recycling and waste management programs is available by calling 703-771-5500 or visiting loudoun.gov/wastemanagement.

Dulles South Soup Kitchen

Dulles South Soup Kitchen provides fresh and nutritious hot meals to anyone in need within Loudoun County.

Donations to the Dulles South Soup Kitchen can be made on their [website](#) or at their location by appointment. Call (202) 930-3775 or [email](#) to make an appointment.

Dulles South Soup Kitchen distributes food every Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the StoneSprings Hospital Center parking lot by Route 50. [Registration](#) is required on their website.

Donations to Local Food Banks

Donations to the Dulles South Food Pantry can be made in person at their temporary location at the Arcola Volunteer Fire Department Annex, 24300 Stone Springs Boulevard, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM, or [online](#). Donations to the Dulles South Food Pantry, Inc. are

tax deductible. The Dulles South Food Pantry provides food assistance up to twice a month to any person who resides in the attendance zones for the following high schools: Freedom, John Champe, Lightridge, Independence, Rock Ridge and Briar Woods. Call 703-507-2795 or email <mailto:info@dsfp.org> to schedule an appointment. See the Pantry's [website](#) for information on how you can help fight local hunger.

Donations to Loudoun Hunger Relief can be made in person at 750 Miller Drive SE in Leesburg or via their [website](#).

Blood Donation

The American Red Cross continues to have an urgent need for blood and platelet donations. Donation sites follow the required social distancing during the collection events. No drop-in donations are allowed. To schedule an appointment, please visit redcross.org/give-blood.

Inova Blood Services has blood drives scheduled and takes donors by appointment.

Visit <https://www.inovablood.org/> to schedule an appointment.

Medical Reserve Corps Volunteering

The Health Department continues to seek volunteers for the Loudoun Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). With the COVID-19 pandemic a reality, the need for Loudoun Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers - both medical and nonmedical personnel - is greater than ever. The MRC is asking medical doctors, nurses, physician assistants, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, dentists, veterinarians, and other medical professionals to consider volunteering their time to help protect the community's health during the pandemic and beyond. Nonmedical professionals can operate the Loudoun County Health Department's information line or help support testing activities, contact-tracing efforts, logistics support,

and other nonmedical functions. For more information, visit loudoun.gov/mrc. Register through the [Virginia Volunteer Health System](#).

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