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Greetings Ashburn/Lansdowne!

I’d like to take a moment this week to discuss the Hyde Park application to develop 779 housing units on the 57 acres immediately west of the Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) main building on Broadlands Blvd. This site was originally zoned to allow office space, and later data centers were added to the definition of office space. The applicant has proposed a very dense housing development instead. The 2019 Comprehensive Plan identifies this parcel of land as “Suburban Mixed Use” intended to have a mix of 60% - 70% homes, 35% commercial and 5% open/civic space, but no data centers. However, the plan provides an option called “Suburban Compact Neighborhood” which allows up to 90% residential and 10% non-residential if it supports an existing commercial center. The developer has chosen this option. For me, this application clearly does not meet the criteria for a
“Suburban Compact Neighborhood” and adds far too much density to an established residential neighborhood. I should note that, despite the much higher density, county transportation staff projects that the transportation infrastructure can handle the added traffic, and LCPS staff projects all schools can handle the anticipated student load. These factors are critical to my decision for all housing developments.

I wanted to discuss this example project because it clearly illustrates the dilemma we Supervisors are dealing with increasing frequency as data centers proliferate in Loudoun County. Because this 57-acre parcel is zoned to allow data centers, the land sells for about ten times as much as land which does not allow data centers. The developer essentially presents the Board with two options: build a very housing-dense community requiring Board of Supervisors (BOS) approval; or build a data center (in this case, probably a 100MW+ data center possibly requiring at least one overhead transmission line running through or adjacent to existing neighborhoods). Because the underlying zoning allows data centers “by right,” the developer does not need BOS approval to build the data center. So, we either say yes to the houses, or the developer (or a future developer) will exercise their right to build a data center “by right” without BOS approval.

This is the choice the BOS is faced with for this application. Both options do offer advantages. On the housing side, the developer has included a significant number of badly needed middle income housing, reduced the original housing density from more than 825 units to 779 units, proffered intersection and road improvements, and made a significant number of concessions to ensure the community will have sufficient parking, walkable streets, shared use paths, street lighting, bus stops and open space. On the data center side, data centers contribute a great deal of tax revenue, bring less traffic and introduce no children to the school system.

Finally, while I never make up my mind how I’ll vote until I’ve heard all the facts related to an application, I can say without hesitation that, given a theoretical choice between an overly dense new housing development and a data center in the middle of an established community, I will almost certainly choose the housing development. I've been studying data center development intensely since being elected, and one thing I and my colleagues have learned is that data centers adjacent to established residential neighborhoods is a very bad idea due to the sight and noise issues.

One of the great challenges facing every elected official is making tough choices like this one. Invariably, some will not be happy with the outcome. That’s why Supervisor Glass and I have worked so hard to keep the surrounding community updated on this application.
As these types of projects develop, my staff and I are always happy to answer questions you might have. I just thought this one offers some valuable insights into the decision-making process.

Cheers!

Mike Turner
Ashburn District Supervisor

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Ashburn District Town Hall

Virtual Ashburn District Townhall
Wednesday, September 28th at 6:30pm

At 6:30pm on Wednesday, September 28th, Supervisor Turner will hold a virtual town hall to talk to constituents about the work of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors and developments in the Ashburn District. Following a slideshow presentation, Supervisor Turner will take questions from participants.

A WebEx participant link will be emailed out the week of the Town Hall. This townhall will also be broadcast to Facebook Live. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information!

Early Voting in Loudoun County

Early Voting for November Election Begins
September 23 in Loudoun
Loudoun County election officials remind voters of important dates and deadlines for the upcoming general election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

- **Friday, September 23**: First day of **early voting** at the Office of Elections and Voter Registration, 750 Miller Dr. SE, Suite C, Leesburg, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday -Friday.
- **Monday, October 17**: Last day to **register to vote**.
- **Monday, October 24**: In-person early voting expands to **additional locations**.
- **Friday, October 28**: Last day to **request a ballot by mail**.
- **Saturday, November 5**: Last day for **early voting**.
- **Tuesday, November 8**: **Election Day**; In-person voting, 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**What’s on the Ballot**

Offices on the November 8, 2022, general election ballot in Loudoun County will include the 10th Congressional District seat, Loudoun County School Board members for the Broad Run and Leesburg Districts, mayor and town council in Hamilton, Hillsboro, Leesburg, Lovettsville and Purcellville and a town council seat in Round Hill. Three county government bond questions will also be on the ballot.

**Stay Informed**

- Text **LCVOTES** to **888777** to receive text alerts from the Loudoun County Office of Elections and Voter Registration or sign up for the Election Update category through **Alert Loudoun**, the county’s email and text notification system.
- Follow the Office of Elections and Voter Registration on **Facebook** and **Twitter**. Loudoun County Government also posts general information on **Facebook** and **Twitter**.
More information about the November 8, 2022, general election, including links to sample ballots, is online at loudoun.gov/novemberelection.

Opportunities to Serve on Citizen Advisory Boards

Loudoun County Seeks Volunteers to Serve on Loudoun Health Commission

The Loudoun Health Commission has a critical need for volunteer members interested in helping efforts to improve the health of the community. Anyone interested in serving on the Health Commission is encouraged to visit loudoun.gov/advisory for information on how to apply.

At full capacity, the commission has nine voting members who are appointed by the Board of Supervisors and needs a majority of those members for a quorum. There are currently openings for four members.

“Health Commission members play an important role in advising the Board of Supervisors about public health needs in the county. The commission also provides a forum for health care providers, businesses, government and education leaders to exchange ideas,” said Loudoun County Health Department Director Dr. David Goodfriend. “With the Board’s recent disbanding of the Lyme Disease Commission, the Health Commission will also be taking on the responsibility of increasing awareness about Lyme disease prevention in the county.”

Loudoun County encourages residents to become actively involved in their county government by serving on the advisory boards, commissions and committees that advise the Board of Supervisors on a variety of topics. A comprehensive listing of advisory boards, commissions and committees and current opportunities to serve may be found on the county website at loudoun.gov/advisory.
Loudoun County invites members of the community to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the grand opening of the new Hal and Berni Hanson Regional Park on Friday, September 23, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. The ceremony will take place at the park’s Championship Plaza Field #1, located at 23345 Hanson Park Drive in Aldie.

Members of the Board of Supervisors, representatives of the departments of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, and Transportation and Capital Infrastructure as well as other county officials are scheduled to attend the event.

The 257-acre regional park is located off Evergreen Mills Road in Aldie, between the Brambleton and Willowsford communities.

**Hal & Berni Hanson Regional Park Features**

Recreational features of the new park will include:
- Cricket pitch
- Disc golf course
- Four baseball/softball fields with bat cages
- Four tennis courts/pickleball courts
- Outdoor basketball court
- Skate plaza
- Splash pad
- Ten multi-purpose grass fields
- Two artificial turf fields with grandstands and press boxes
- Two playgrounds with rubberized surface

Other features of the new park will include:
- Amphitheater
- Concession/restroom buildings and pavilions
- Fishing piers
- Five ponds
- Hanson House renovation
- Lodge / Event Center
- Nature Center
- Paved and natural surface trails
- Picnic pavilions
- Two off-leash areas for dogs

The park will be operated by the **Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services**.

**Background**

The original owner of the land was Haldore ‘Hal’ Hanson, a writer, U.S. State Department official and nonprofit leader, who died in 1992. In keeping with the wishes of Hanson and his wife Berni, the Hanson Family Partnership agreed to sell the land to Loudoun County only for use as a park. The county acquired the property in 2009 through negotiations with the Hanson family, Dominion Power and the National Park Service as a part of a United States Department of Interior program.

The public helped shape the park’s features, and skate park designer Wally Holladay served as a design consultant. The project also includes road improvements to Evergreen Mills Road, which bisects the park, including a turn lane and a stop light at the entrance of the park. In addition to 17 athletic fields with lighting, the park includes more than 75 acres of passive recreational space and infrastructure.

**For More Information**

- For information about the development of this project, visit [loudoun.gov/hansonparkproject](http://loudoun.gov/hansonparkproject).
- For more information about the grand opening and the park’s operations, email the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services.

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**Loudoun County Announces 2022 Innovation Challenge Finalists**
The Loudoun Economic Development Authority, in partnership with Loudoun Department of Economic Development, announced the finalists for its annual Innovation Challenge, designed to recognize local companies that are pioneering new initiatives in their industries.

This year’s finalists, narrowed from an impressive list of applications, will now compete in a live pitch event for six grants totaling $150,000, including a $40,000 first place prize and a $10,000 People’s Choice Award. The open period for voting on the People’s Choice Award is now open at LoudounInnovationChallenge.com and the public is encouraged to support their favorite company.

The 12 finalists who will participate in the live pitch event on September 24 are listed in alphabetical order according to category:

**Agri-Tech:**
- Kappa AgTech, LLC
- Wheatland Spring Farm & Brewery
- Worm Works, LLC

**Clean Energy:**
- Black Hydrovac, LLC
- Flying Ship Company
- Fuel & Tire Saver Systems Company, LLC

**Highly Specialized Manufacturing:**
- Birdie Everything, LLC
- FireBot Suppression
- Periscope Aviation

**Information and Communications Technology:**
- Capango
- CodeLock Inc
- Gigasheet

“Loudoun County is home to an entrepreneurial environment that encourages and nurtures innovative concepts by established businesses and startups throughout all stages of the business cycle. The distinguished participants in
this year’s Innovation Challenge represent some of Loudoun’s finest entrepreneurs, providing transformational ideas within their fields,” Loudoun Economic Development’s Executive Director Buddy Rizer explained. “We look forward to seeing how these ideas perform in the next round and how they may become the next #LoudounPossible success story.”

During the live pitch event, the 12 finalists will present their concepts to the Loudoun EDA directors, which represent a cross-section of the county’s business leaders and economic stakeholders. After a brief presentation, directors will be encouraged to question the idea’s implementation and viability before scoring.

The highest overall score will be named the $40,000 Innovation Challenge winner, while individual category winners will each receive $25,000. The results of a popular vote, open to the public, will determine the $10,000 People’s Choice Award.

“We are so impressed by the quality of applications we received this year,” Loudoun Small Business and Entrepreneurship Manager Danelle Hayer said. “We are excited to see which of these businesses will join past Innovation Challenge winners like Applied Impact Robotics, I2 Pure, and Frontier Kitchen. Regardless of who wins this year, we are confident that each of these finalists will continue to progress as thought leaders in Loudoun County.”

If you’d like to turn your innovative idea into a business, please follow the steps at LoudounSmallBiz.org or call Danelle Hayer at 703-582-8651.

Voting for the People’s Choice Award will remain open until 11:45 p.m. on September 25, 2022. Learn more and cast your vote at LoudounInnovationChallenge.com.

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September is National Preparedness Month: Create a ‘Lasting Legacy’
Loudoun County officials encourage residents and businesses to take time during September to prepare for emergencies. September is National Preparedness Month, which promotes family and community disaster planning. This year’s theme is “A Lasting Legacy,” highlighting how families can prepare now for disasters to protect their loved ones and create a lasting legacy for the future.

“We want people to take action to prepare themselves and their families for the many types of hazards that could affect Loudoun County. Preparing now for the future will help build a legacy of preparedness so that family members know what to do in case of a disaster,” said Loudoun County Coordinator of Emergency Management Kevin Johnson.

Like many communities, Loudoun has the potential to experience many types of hazards, such as blizzards, flooding, high winds, power outages, tornadoes and even terrorist events. National Preparedness Month comes in the middle of hurricane season and is a reminder that even though Loudoun is inland, the county is vulnerable to the effects of hurricanes, which can produce extensive flooding hundreds of miles from the coast.

There are many local, state, regional and national resources available to help individuals and families with the process of being prepared for emergencies, including loudoun.gov/ready, Ready.gov, ReadyNOVA and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.

In addition to online resources, the Loudoun County Office of Emergency Management will have preparedness information available through displays at the county’s community centers, senior centers, the Loudoun County Government Center and Loudoun County Public Library branches throughout September.

**Emergency Preparedness: Step by Step**

By taking a few simple steps today, you can become better prepared to face a range of emergencies that could occur anytime and anywhere.

- **Step 1:** Make a Plan: Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to plan ahead for how to get to a safe place, contact loved ones and reunite once the emergency is over. Online planning tools for families, businesses and places of worship can be found at ReadyNOVA.
• **Step 2:** Build a Kit. Being prepared means having your own food, water and other supplies to last for at least 72 hours. A disaster supplies kit is a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency, including items that can protect against COVID-19, including hand sanitizer, soap, disinfectant wipes and face coverings. If pets are part of your family, include items such as a selfie with your pet in case you get separated, medicine and grooming items as well as a collar and leash. Find out more at loudoun.gov/makeakit.

• **Step 3:** Be Informed: Know the **types of hazards** that may occur and how you will receive information before, during and after an emergency. Sign up for Alert Loudoun to get emergency information and other Loudoun County news and information. Monitor local weather forecasts from the National Weather Service.

Throughout National Preparedness Month, follow Loudoun County Government on Facebook and Twitter for tips on preparing yourself and your family for all types of hazards. For more information and resources on preparing for emergencies, visit loudoun.gov/ready.

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**Community Encouraged to Comment on Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan**

The Loudoun County **Office of Emergency Management** encourages residents and business owners in Loudoun County to help build community resilience to disasters by providing comments on the proposed **Northern Virginia Hazard Mitigation Plan**.

The plan is a multi-jurisdictional plan that includes Loudoun County and its incorporated towns as well as other Northern Virginia jurisdictions, including Arlington, Fairfax and Prince William counties.

The plan identifies strategies for reducing or eliminating loss of life, injury and property damage caused by disasters as well as the long-term risks that result from hazards such as floods, severe storms, tornadoes, wildfires and winter weather.
In addition to preventing loss of life and injury and damage to buildings and infrastructure, hazard mitigation can prevent damage to a community’s economic, social and environmental well-being.

Members of the community can participate in the mitigation planning process by submitting their comments on the plan by 5:00 p.m., October 8, 2022, by email.

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**Spotted Lanternfly Found in Loudoun; Residents Encouraged to Help Slow Its Spread**

Loudoun County officials say the invasive species of insect known as the spotted lanternfly has been found in Loudoun County, signaling a new stage in efforts to slow the spread of the pest that can damage agricultural crops and more than 100 other plants and trees.

Over the past few years, the invasive insect has been detected in Pennsylvania and in parts of Virginia, including Winchester, Charlottesville and Prince William County. Virginia officials who have been tracking the spotted lanternfly for more than four years anticipated the pest would spread into other communities, including Loudoun.

**How to Help Slow the Spread**

Slowing the spread of the insect in Loudoun will require the efforts of everyone in the community. Anyone who sees spotted lanternflies in Loudoun is encouraged to take the following actions to help slow their spread in the county:

1. Educate yourself about the spotted lanternfly so that you know how to recognize the insect throughout its life cycle.
2. Inspect your surroundings; look for spotted lanternfly egg masses and insects by checking tree trunks, wheel wells, under and around vehicles, lawn furniture, fences, storage sheds, rocks, metal surfaces (especially if they are rusty) and other smooth surfaces.
3. Kill live insects on sight and squash/scrape off their egg masses.
4. Take a photo of the bugs and/or egg masses and report the finding through an online form that is posted on the county’s website at loudoun.gov/spottedlanternfly. Reporting findings of the spotted lanternfly will help track the spread of the invasive insect in Loudoun.

“Increased public awareness and vigilance is a critical tool in slowing the spread of this damaging insect,” said Beth Sastre, a horticulturist with the Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE Loudoun). “Because the spotted lanternfly’s appearance changes dramatically throughout its life cycle, we encourage residents to take the time to learn how to recognize the different stages and to take steps to remove the insect from their property.”

**About the Spotted Lanternfly**

The spotted lanternfly is a native insect of Asia and prefers feeding on a plant called Tree of Heaven. The insect will also feed on more than 100 other plants, including grapes, peaches, apples, maples, walnuts and hops. It is a particular threat to vineyards. In addition, although the spotted lanternfly is not harmful to humans and pets, it is a serious nuisance pest to property owners when present in high numbers. As they feed, the insect secretes a substance called honeydew that can build up under plants and promote growth of black, sooty mold—another sign that the spotted lanternfly may be present on your property.

The spotted lanternfly has the potential to spread to un-infested areas through natural means or through artificial means, such as inadvertently being transported on cars and goods, such as firewood, from areas where the insect is known to be present to new areas throughout the country. This is why Loudoun residents are encouraged to inspect their vehicles for “hitchhikers” before returning from known infested areas.

The life cycle of the spotted lanternfly begins in mid-spring when they hatch from egg clusters that were laid by the prior generation during the previous fall. The immature spotted lanternflies are active in the spring. They are small, no more than a quarter inch in length, and they are black or red with white spots. Adult spotted lanternflies appear in the summer and fall and are about an inch long. Images of the spotted lanternfly’s life cycles can be found at loudoun.gov/spottedlanternfly.

**How to Prevent and Manage Spotted Lanternfly on Your Property**

Property owners and residents are responsible for destroying spotted lanternflies that are found on their own property. There are steps that property owners can take to eliminate the pest and to help slow the spread of the spotted lanternfly to other areas in the county, including:
Removing the Tree of Heaven, which is a favorite host of the insect.
Keeping trees and shrubs in good health because healthy plants better resist and recover from the impacts of the spotted lanternfly.
Checking trees and plants for the presence of live spotted lanternfly, and inspecting for insects and their egg sacs under and around vehicles and their wheel wells, lawn furniture, storage sheds, rocks, metal and other smooth surfaces.
Some commercially available insecticides are effective against the spotted lanternfly. If you consider using an insecticide, there are important safety measures you should take. Before using any insecticide, always read the label and follow the instructions. Learn more about pesticide use at loudoun.gov/spottedlanternfly.

Training

VCE Loudoun offers talks and training designed to equip homeowners associations, farmers and other individuals and organizations in the county with the information they need to help control the population of the invasive insect, including how to identify the spotted lanternfly in different life stages and how to identify and remove the Tree of Heaven from their property. To request a training session, contact VCE Loudoun by email or by phone at 703-777-0373.

Infested Areas in Virginia

Several counties in Virginia—Albemarle, Augusta, Carroll, Clarke, Frederick, Page, Prince William, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Shenandoah and Warren—have been placed under a quarantine by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) due to the infestation of spotted lanternflies in those counties. Loudoun County is not currently included in this quarantine. Because the spotted lanternfly is a very effective hitchhiker on vehicles and goods such as firewood, businesses operating and shipping in the areas of the quarantine are under certain restrictions to help prevent the insect and its eggs from spreading. Learn more about the quarantine in some parts of Virginia on the VDACS website.

For More Information

Everything Loudon County residents need to know about the spotted lanternfly is posted on or linked from the county’s website. County officials encourage Loudoun residents to learn more about this invasive species and to help slow the spread of the spotted lanternfly in the county, as well as to help minimize its impact on our community. For more information, visit loudoun.gov/spottedlanternfly.
Upcoming Events

Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department to hold open house on October 9th, 2022
ASHBURN VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

OPEN HOUSE

OCTOBER 9th / 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Station No. 6 - 20688 Ashburn Road, Ashburn

- Station Tours
- Fire Safety for ALL ages
- CPR Instruction
- Equipment Demos
- Apparatus Displays
- LEGO Competition
- Food Trucks
- Raffles & More!

Sterling Lions Club will be providing instant free eye screenings for those in attendance between 6 months and 80 years of age.

Fun and educational for the whole family!

For parking and additional information, scan the QR Code or visit us at:

ashburnfirerescue.org/go/OpenHouse

VCE Loudoun Master Gardener Information Meeting – September 22
Are you interested in becoming a VCE Loudoun Master Gardener?

VCE Loudoun Master Gardeners are hosting their annual Information Meeting in September in anticipation of opening their application portal. VCE Loudoun Master Gardeners are trained volunteer educators. Working with Loudoun County communities, their mission is to encourage and promote environmentally sound horticulture practices through sustainable landscape management education and training. These volunteers have received extensive training under the auspices of Virginia Tech and the VCE Loudoun office to provide unbiased research-based horticultural information to the community.

**Master Gardener Information Meeting – Loudoun County**

Thursday, September 22 @ 7:00 p.m.
Virtual Event
Registration is Required: [Register here].

- [Learn more about the VCE Loudoun Master Gardener Training Requirements.](#)

For training and application questions, [email Loudoun Master Gardeners](mailto:).  

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**Loudoun Offers Grants Management Training Opportunities for Nonprofits**

Loudoun County is offering professional development opportunities for local nonprofit organizations on multiple dates in October and November 2022. The free training, titled Grants Management Best Practices Series, will highlight resources and tools to help organizations successfully apply
for and implement federal and state grants.

The county’s informational and educational series of in-person and online training is designed to help organizations learn more about government grant opportunities beyond those offered by the county, receive technical assistance with federal grants, determine American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) eligibility and compliance, and receive guidance on performance and fiscal management. Peer organizations and other local grant funding providers will be in attendance to facilitate the training.

**Course Descriptions & Registration**

To register in advance for the county’s training, visit [loudoun.gov/granttraining](http://loudoun.gov/granttraining) and submit the online form. The virtual sessions can accommodate registrations up to the day of the training. The deadline for the October 27, 2022, in-person training is close of business October 21, 2022.

The county’s website also lists detailed information about each training. The current schedule for the training series includes the following in-person and virtual sessions:

- County Grants Announcement & ARPA Eligibility and Compliance: Thursday, October 6, 2022, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m., Virtual
- Prospecting: Is Government Funding Right for You?: Thursday, October 13, 2022, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m., Virtual
- Demystifying Federal Grant Opportunities: Thursday, October 27, 2022, 10:00 – Noon, Loudoun County Government Center (1 Harrison St. SE, Leesburg)
- Performance & Fiscal Management Across Diverse Funding Sources: Monday, November 7, 2022, 10:00 – Noon; Virtual

**More Information**

The sessions listed above are the first in a series of professional development opportunities that will continue to be offered by the county in the coming months, with the next sessions to be offered in 2023. The in-person and virtual training opportunities lasting between 90 minutes and two hours will continue to focus on helping nonprofits and their staff to develop stronger grant applications; hone the skills and knowledge needed to find, apply for and receive grants; learn from subject matter experts and their peers; and receive technical assistance on a broad range of topics.

For more information regarding a broad range of grant-related topics, visit [loudoun.gov/grantopportunities](http://loudoun.gov/grantopportunities).
County Offers Art Workshop for Caregivers of Seniors

The Area Agency on Aging will facilitate a group for caregivers to experience an afternoon of communal art and empathy. The group will practice art forms and techniques together while having the opportunity to relate and build relationships with other caregivers with similar experiences.

The program will take place on Saturday, September 24, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Ashburn Senior Center located at 20880 Marblehead Drive, Ashburn, VA, 20147.

All workshop attendees will receive a Caregiver Art Starter Pack, which will allow them — after the workshop — to take advantage of the relaxing benefits that practicing art provides. Art supplies and a boxed lunch will be provided.

To register for this free program, email the Area Agency on Aging or call 571-258-3490.

For more information about the Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging, visit loudoun.gov/aaa or call 703-737-8036.

VCE Loudoun Opens Registration for Reduced-Cost Water Testing
Are you interested in testing your well, cistern, or spring to find out what’s in your water? VCE Loudoun, in partnership with the Virginia Household Water Quality Program, provides an affordable way to test your water quality through their Fall & Spring Water Testing Events.

Registration for October’s Water Testing Event opens today, Friday, September 9, 2022.

For $65, VCE Loudoun offers a water testing kit that tests for 14 water quality parameters, including pH, lead, and E. coli. A comparative analysis at a private lab is more than $300.

For more information about this program, including how to register online, visit loudoun.gov/watertesting.

Please note that financial support is available for individuals/families who may need assistance covering this cost. Please email VCE Loudoun if you are interested in a need-based scholarship.

Save the Dates:

- Monday, October 17, 2022: Pick up your sample kit(s).
- Wednesday, October 19, 2022: Collect water samples at your home and drop them off.

How Does the Program Work?

1. Register and pay for your sample kit(s) online
2. Pick up your sample kit at the VCE Loudoun office, 750 Miller Drive SE, Suite F3, Leesburg.
3. Collect water samples at your home and drop off at the VCE Loudoun office, 750 Miller Drive SE, Suite F3, Leesburg.

Samples are then analyzed at Virginia Tech’s Research Lab. You will receive your confidential results, an explanation of what they mean, and information about addressing any problems via email about six weeks after the sample drop off.

- Learn More & Register for the Virginia Household Water Quality Program.
- Email Stuart Vermaak, Loudoun County Extension Office
Next Session of Online Initiative to Develop Fatherhood Skills Begins October 4

The next session of the program sponsored by the Loudoun County Department of Family Services to help fathers build skills to become even stronger dads begins Tuesday, October 4, 2022. All fathers are welcome to attend the free, 12-week virtual program.

Area fathers are encouraged to register for the National Fatherhood Initiative’s 24/7 Dad® program to strengthen their relationships with their children. The virtual workshops will take place weekly on Tuesdays, beginning October 4, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Early registration is encouraged as space is limited.

Developed by parenting experts, the 24/7 Dad program teaches fathering techniques and strategies, provides fathers with peer support and guidance and allows fathers the opportunity to discover their own parenting strengths.

To register, sign up online or contact Luther Miller by email or 703-737-8188. Information is also available at loudoun.gov/fatherhood.

If you require an accommodation to participate in this program, contact the department at 703-737-8237. Three days’ notice is requested.

County Offers Tai Ji Quan - Movement for Better Balance®

The Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging offers Tai Ji Quan - Movement for Better Balance® - to promote better balance, coordination, strength, activity and independence for seniors. A research-based balance training, Tai Ji Quan has its roots in the martial arts and uses those movements in a recreational
form to address limited mobility and other functional impairments for seniors of all abilities.

The program begins on September 19, 2022, meeting on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Senior Center of Leesburg located at 102 North Street, N.W. Leesburg, VA 20176. The program is $48 for 24 sessions.

- Register here on WebTrac

For more information about the Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging, visit loudoun.gov/aaa or call 703-737-8036.

Legislative Applications for Development in the Ashburn District

Goose Creek West
Application Number: ZMAP-2022-0013

Description: The applicant proposes a Zoning Map Amendment to rezone 25 acres from PD-OP to the R-16/ADU Townhouse/Multifamily Residential zoning district to develop 222 residential units. The current LCPS School Attendance
Boundary is Belmont Station Elementary School, Trailside Middle School and Stone Bridge High School.

**Update:** This application was accepted by county staff on April 11th, 2022 and is very early in the application process. County staff from multiple departments are reviewing this application with the applicant.

To check for updates about this application, please visit Loudoun County's Online Land Application database at [loudoun.gov/LOLA](http://loudoun.gov/LOLA). To search for this application, click the blue embedded hyperlink titled "Searchable List." Type in the application number for example, **ZMAP-2022-0013**, after “Application Number”. Click “select” and scroll down to comment and/or to review the application documents.

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**Belmont Chase II Commercial Application Numbers:**
**SPEX-2022-0012 & SPEX-2022-0013**

**Description:** The applicant proposed a Special Exception (SPEX) to build an automobile service station (SPEX-2022-0012) and a restaurant with drive-through facilities (SPEX-2022-2013). This application is located along the Ashburn District boundary, but is located just inside of the Broad Run District.
**Update:** County staff from multiple departments are reviewing this application with the applicant.

To check for updates about this application, please visit Loudoun County's Online Land Application database at [loudoun.gov/LOLA](http://loudoun.gov/LOLA). To search for this application, click the blue embedded hyperlink titled "Searchable List." Type in the application number for example, **SPEX-2022-0012**, after "Application Number". Click “select” and scroll down to comment and/or to review the application documents.

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**Application Name:** Belmont Automobile Service Station  
**Application Number:** SPEX-2022-0001

![Image](image-url)

**Description:** The applicant proposes a Special Exeception (SPEX) to develop an automobile service station on approximately 2.13 acres of land in the Belmont Greene Village Center. The Property is currently zoned PD-H3, administered PD-CC(CC), pursuant to the provisions of the Revised 1993 Loudoun County Zoning Ordinance (ZO). The Property is also governed by the proffers of ZCPA 2003-0001 (the 2003 ZCPA).

**Update:** County staff from multiple departments are reviewing this application with the applicant.

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in the application number for example, **SPEX-2022-0001**, after “Application Number”. Click “select” and scroll down to comment and/or to review the application documents.

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**Application Name:** Lansdown Blvd Rezoning  
**Application Number:** ZMAP-2021-0024

![Application Map](image)

**Description:** The applicant proposes a Zoning Map Amendment to rezone 9.22 acres from PD-OP to the R-16 ADU zoning district and to construct 130 dwelling units. The current LCPS School Attendance Boundary is Steuart Weller Elementary School, Belmont Ridge Middle School and Riverside High School.

**Update:** County staff from multiple departments are reviewing this application with the applicant.

To check for updates about this application, please visit Loudoun County's Online Land Application database at [loudoun.gov/LOLA](https://www.loudoun.gov/LOLA). To search for this application, click the blue embedded hyperlink titled "Searchable List." Type in the application number for example, **ZMAP-2021-0024**, after “Application Number”. Click “select” and scroll down to comment and/or to review the application documents.
Description: The applicant proposes a Zoning Concept Plan Amendment (ZCPA) to administer the PD-H3 zoning district as R-16/ADU zoning district, to amend proffers and concept plan approved with Broadlands and to construct 163 dwelling units on 10.19 acres of land. The current LCPS School Attendance Boundary is Cedar Lane Elementary School, Trailside Middle School and Stone Bridge High School.

Update: County staff from multiple departments are reviewing this application with the applicant.

To check for updates about this application, please visit Loudoun County’s Online Land Application database at loudoun.gov/LOLA. To search for this application, click the blue embedded hyperlink titled "Searchable List." Type in the application number for example, ZCPA-2021-0011, after “Application Number”. Click “select” and scroll down to comment and/or to review the application documents.

Application Name: Northstar Square
Application Number: ZMAP-2021-0017
(Formerly known as "Mercer Crossing")
**Description:** The applicant proposes rezoning 110.86 acres from PD-OP to PD-RDP, PD-CC(CC), R-16/R-16 ADU, R-24/R-24 ADU to construct 1349 dwelling units. The current LCPS School Attendance Boundary is Newton-Lee Elementary School, Belmont Ridge Middle School and Riverside High School.

**Update:** County staff from multiple departments are reviewing this application with the applicant.

To check for updates about this application, please visit Loudoun County's Online Land Application database at [loudoun.gov/LOLA](http://loudoun.gov/LOLA). To search for this application, click the blue embedded hyperlink titled "Searchable List." Type in the application number for example, ZMAP-2021-0017, after "Application Number". Click “select” and scroll down to comment and/or to review the application documents.

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**Application Name:** Hyde Park  
**Application Number:** ZMAP-2021-0006
**Update:** At the September 14th Board of Supervisors (BOS) Public Hearing, the BOS voted to send this application to the October 18th BOS Business Meeting. To learn more about providing input during the BOS Business Meeting click [here](#) and call 703-777-0200 to sign up in advance. The deadline to sign up in advance is noon on the day of the meeting.

- **Previous Update:** At the July 14th Planning Commission work session, the Planning Commission voted to send this application to the September 14th, 2022 Board Public Hearing. To learn more about providing input during the BOS Public Hearing click [here](#), and call **703-777-0200** to sign up to speak.
- **Previous Update:** On May 26th, 2022, the Planning Commission voted to send this application for Hyde Park to the July 14th Planning Commission Work Session. To provide input during this phase of the process for this application, please email the Planning Commission at loudounpc@loudoun.gov or make a comment at [www.loudoun.gov/3362/LOLA](http://www.loudoun.gov/3362/LOLA).
- **Previous Update:** This application is scheduled to come to the Planning Commission's Public Hearing on May 26th, 2022. Learn more about participating in planning commission public hearings [here](#).

**Description:** The applicant proposes rezoning approximately 57.61 acres from PD-OP and PD-H3 Zoning Districts to the R-16/ADU Zoning District to be allowed to construct 795 dwelling units. The current LCPS School Attendance
Boundary is Cedar Lane Elementary School, Trailside Middle School and Stone Bridge High School.

To check for updates about this application, please visit Loudoun County's Online Land Application database at loudoun.gov/LOLA. To search for this application, click the blue embedded hyperlink titled "Searchable List." Type in the application number for example, ZMAP-2021-0006, after “Application Number”. Click “select” and scroll down to comment and/or to review the application documents.

Application Name: Belmont Park
Application Number: ZMAP-2021-0005

Description: The applicant proposes rezoning approximately 12.16 acres of property from the PD-OP Zoning District to the R-16/ADU zoning district in order to be allowed to construct 163 dwelling units. The current LCPS School Attendance Boundary is Newton-Lee Elementary School, Belmont Ridge Middle School and Riverside High School.

Update: After working with the applicant, county staff decided to send this application to the September 27th Planning Commission Work Session.

- Previous Update: At the June 28th, 2022 Planning Commission Public Hearing, the Planning Commission voted to send this application to a future work session. County Staff is working with the applicant to determine the appropriate meeting date.
• **Previous Update:** This application is scheduled to come to the Planning Commission's Public Hearing on June 28th, 2022. Learn more about participating in planning commission public hearings [here](#).

To check for updates about this application, please visit Loudoun County's Online Land Application database at [loudoun.gov/LOLA](http://loudoun.gov/LOLA). To search for this application, click the blue embedded hyperlink titled "Searchable List." Type in the application number for example, **ZMAP-2021-0005**, after “Application Number”. Click “select” and scroll down to comment and/or to review the application documents.

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**Resources**

### 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](#).

### 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
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](#).

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](#).
Report a road problem

VDOT created an easy to use online form to report unsafe and hazardous road conditions. Similarly, work requests for state-maintained roads can also be made here.

Paving Schedule

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

Find VDOT's Paving Schedule here.

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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